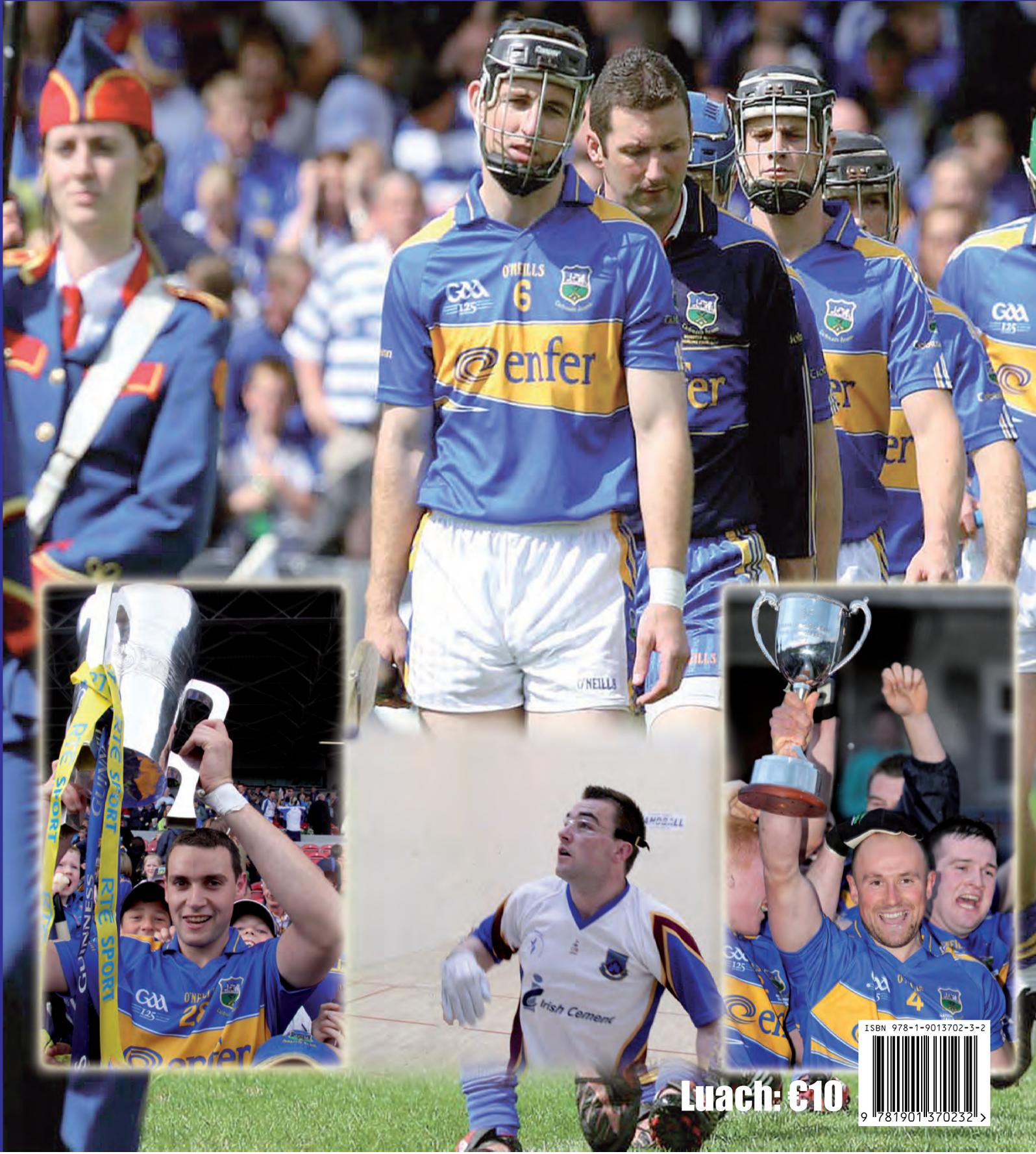


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Kilruane MacDonagh 1975 Footballers honoured



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Failtiú riomh an BhFoilseachán

Is mor an anoir domsa mar Cathaoirleach ar an gCoiste Chontae failte a chur roimh blianiris Thiobraid Arann 2010.

The time of year has again arrived for the publication of the Tipperary GAA Yearbook. This book has become part of our lives each year and provides us all with the opportunity to look back at and review another year just ending, and begin a preview of what we hope will be a fruitful year for the GAA in Tipperary.

Looking back on 2009 I am sure that the majority of gaels in the county will have mixed feelings on our inter-county season in both hurling and football. It was certainly a year in which we had occasion to feel agony and ecstasy in equal amounts. On the football front will we ever forget the agony felt at the final whistle in Semple Stadium that ended our valiant efforts to win a Munster u21 football title and compare this to the ecstasy when the referee sounded the whistle at the completion of extra time in the Division three League Final in Longford. What a night! Our minor footballers battling their way to a Munster final in which the only ingredient they were missing to achieve success was a bit of self belief. A great group of young men who will with time and experience achieve the success which they deserve. We faced the Senior championship with guarded optimism but unfortunately our first half performance against Limerick did not reflect the ability of this team and pessimism was the general feeling at half time. Our season could have ended on a very sad note if we continued like this but thankfully John Evans encouraged his men to go out in the second half, throw off the shackles of expectation and play the type of football that had given us such enjoyment with up to that point in the year. We had given ourselves too much of a mountain to climb but what a second half effort, commitment, strength, hunger, skill and toughness combined to show that this panel of players and their management are not in the business of providing anything other than a stern test for any opposition. Success in Drogheda against Louth was followed by a defeat to Sligo in Semple Stadium leaving us with Division 2 football in 2010 and a feeling that football in Tipperary is going in the right direction, with a new sense of confidence and optimism and plans and structures being reviewed and updated to ensure that the journey undertaken by footballers and football people in Tipperary will lead to success in the future.

On the hurling field we can probably look back and reflect on what might have been. Cork beaten in Thurles in Minor, u21 and Senior surely meant that this was going to be a good year. Good yes, Great yes, Enjoyable yes, Entertaining yes, Good enough for the Premier County ! ????????

Our expectation in hurling is always at a level that winning Provincial and All Ireland honours is what is required to deliver on the expectation within the county. Are we right to have this level of expectation ? I believe we are because with the talent available allied to the level of commitment demonstrated by our players, the professionalism of our team managements and the structures in place within Tipperary for developing our young players we must set the bar at the highest level and ensure that the aspiration of all our players is not just to wear the Tipperary jersey but to win wearing the Tipperary jersey. Our minor hurlers were probably unlucky not to make the All Ireland final but all those involved will have learned from the experience and hopefully this will benefit everyone in 2010. Our u21 hurlers must surely be disappointed with the manner of their exit from this championship and this will add to the determination to do well in this grade in 2010. Our senior hurlers under the very capable management of Liam Sheedy, Eamonn O'Shea and Michael Ryan gave every Tipperary supporter a year to be remembered. From the low of Nolan Park in the league to the true grit performance in Semple Stadium in the league final, and onto the powerful display in Croke Park on the 6th of September we finished the year as Munster champions and with huge pride in our players for their efforts throughout the year. I know that these players will not be happy until they bring the Liam McCarthy cup back to the premier county and I can assure them that they will have the support of the entire county in 2010 and beyond in their quest to achieve this goal.

2009 was a memorable year also because of the central part that Tipperary had in the celebration of the 125 years of the GAA. The turning on of the lights in Semple Stadium, The song contest which brought forward from the pen of Seamus Doran a song that will be played and sang by Tipperary people in support of "The Mighty Blue and Gold" and is destined to become part of our culture, the celebrations around the Munster Final weekend especially the arrival of the torch in Liberty Square from Michael Cusack's home in Carron, the November 1st celebrations in Thurles topped off by a wonderful game of hurling between Thurles Sarsfields and Newtownshandrum.

A memorable year which leaves with us great memories and has us looking forward to 2010 with the sense of optimism and expectation that is part of the attitude of Tipperary people wherever they may be.

I would like to congratulate Seamus King and his committee on another fine publication which will give enjoyment to all who read it. I extend the sympathies of Tipperary County Board to all those who have being bereaved during this year.

In conclusion i would like to extend to all our members and supporters my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a year of prosperity both on and off the playing fields in 2010.

Barra O'Briain, chairman, Tipperary County Board



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Glimpse of Glory in September Epic

by John O'Grady

In retrospect, the twin peaks of '09 stand out. In both instances Tipperary gained high honour. In both, Kilkenny took the honours.

My brief is the championship. We entered on it a month after taking Kilkenny to extra time in the league final at the Stadium. As in the league we went the full distance in the main event. It's easy to identify our height of hope and – almost – a glimpse of glory. It was when we went four up on the holders and favourites. Regrets at the decline from that height are still poignant. Part of the pain is the sense we have to climb the same ladder in 2010 – and, if we do, are very likely to find the Cats waiting for us again, with the same severe demands to be met. We have, though, been elected as Tanaiste to the Kilkenny Taoiseach and hope to be the successor in due time.

Cork at Stadium

The season gone by was a saga of five chapters. We took the direct route to September 6th, retaining the Munster crown in the process. First chapter was the Munster opener against Cork on May 31st. A brilliant day in terms of weather – the summer did not live up to it, or even get close – it had very different build-ups for the old rivals. Tipp were feeling good after the league. Eoin Kelly was about to return. Conor O'Mahony's lengthy absence was also set to end. As to Cork, they had occupied huge media exposure for several months in the off-season. Bitterness on the home front, wonderment at such a domestic civil conflict from external observers. Players against managers and board, a replacement team beginning the league with predictably adverse results from, at best, a third-string selection. Blame directed by people in Cork at whichever side was tagged to be in the wrong. Eventually, resignation by Gerald McCarthy and election of Denis Walsh. The dissident squad returned having kept together in attitude and in alternative training sessions. Their motivation coming to Thurles could not have been stronger. A victory would be seen as proof of vindication – a loss could be put down to official obstinacy and un-ideal preparation. Or, maybe not!

Loss it proved to be – a third win in a row for Tipp – one goes back to 1963-65 for a parallel. We lined out as follows: Cummins, Stapleton, Curran, O'Brien, Fanning, O'Mahony, Maher, Woodlock, S. McGrath, N. McGrath, Callanan, J. O'Brien, Kelly, Corbett, Webster.

With Shane Maher still injured, young Padraic was given wingback – he was to man other berths in the course of the championship and raise his profile. With 35,000 on hand – good for a quarter-final that had no terminal consequences – the game took its time in suggesting its outcome. It was level five times in twenty minutes before a Tipp surge of seven points against two encouraged home hopes. Shane McGrath led off. With midfield going well, our possession was converted twice by Callanan, three times by Noel McGrath, two more by Corbett. Ben O'Connor cut us back to four up at the break – he got eleven on the day.

Lead Reduced

Home cheers erupted soon after re-starting play, Webster to Corbett to Callanan – goal! Seven ahead! Were Cork on the rack? What happened next set a pattern to be much remarked upon after the next two games – a Tipp lead of good size seen to shrink dangerously; victories gained in a backward sort of way. Jerry O'Connor and Tom Kenny came into it at midfield. Newcomer Cadogan shone at full-back. Aisake Ó hAilpín also came to notice at full-forward. Subs Naughton and Cronin were assists. Cummins had to be a saviour several times – his head deflected a Horgan drive; he raced out for a vital intercept. Two further escapes brought gasps of relief – a Horgan rasper just wide was a particularly close thing. For seventeen minutes – it



Eoin Kelly retains possession despite the attentions of Kilkenny's Michael Kavanagh at Croke Park on All-Ireland final day.

seemed an age – we went flagless while Cork crept nearer and nearer – one up was certainly near as Gardiner pointed a '65'. O'Mahony had to retire – young Brendan Maher on as a wingback, Padraic taking centre. Keeper Cummins too had to go off after his saving advance from goal, Darren Gleeson the reserve. Cork had nine wides in the half, a measure of their seizure of initiative. Crisis time was at hand with only eight minutes to go. The arrival of Benny Dunne for Woodlock was to be a large uplift. His two long-range hits, a Kelly free and a clinching Corbett point against Cork's by Gardiner and O'Connor left Tipp three up at the call of time, 1-19 to 0-19. We had the precious victory and a lesson on concentration. Cork – no Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Joe Deane or Brian Murphy – had come so very close to redemption. They had a 'goal' by Timmy McCarthy called back for an unproductive penalty and many near things in their spell of control. Eoin Kelly's comeback had been a definite plus as he opened the scoring and added four frees. Noel McGrath had made a youthful impact. On next to Limerick for a semi-final with Clare, relegated as bottom of the league standings but bidding to reverse the '08 Munster final. The Banner had beaten us in a Waterford Crystal game but done little afterwards.

Queries Arise

Our two-points victory provoked renewed questions in each camp. From the angle of another loss of a large lead – twice in this game – why had Tipp let Clare back in? For the Banner the thought was – why did we let them build up these margins? Straightforward trap-to-line victories are, of course, rare – most teams get an innings at some stage, unless they are simply outclassed. 'Falling asleep' has been a facile and uncomplimentary answer. At any rate we suffered late stress, which seemed remote in our state of scoreboard luxury – Cork all over again – but the basic aim had been achieved. Liam Sheedy was modest in victory – his homilies for future games had been prescribed by experience..

The retirement of Frank Lohan removed the last of the great Banner defence, which had been such a barrier in the great years of double All-Irelands. Young James McInerney was handed the fullback berth to mark Corbett. Tipp's lineout was as against Cork in defence and midfield. A variation in attack saw Kerwick

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at right-half forward and Noel McGrath moved to left-corner, Webster losing out.

Banner Adrift

In twenty-seven minutes Tipp stood eleven up – disastrous for the Clare defence. Corbett finished off O'Brien's lay-off. Callanan bagged a second goal to reach that eleven. Even Fanning advanced to join in the spree. A mild Banner retort of 1-1 reduced the deficit to six at the break, 2-11 to 1-8. We kicked on again. Nine in front at 3-14 to 1-11, all looked serene. John O'Brien had turned a Stapleton clearance into our third goal. It had a terminal look about it. Not – very much – not so. For fourteen minutes we went scoreless. Clare half-backs began to win ball, midfield too improved. A string of points – Colin Ryan a prolific free-taker – chipped away at the lead. McMahon, Carmody and Clancy got to work as Tipp won little possession. With the gap at a meagre two agitation spread among followers. Eoin Kelly was replaced by Paul on 67 minutes. Brendan Maher was on earlier for O'Mahony. Willie Ryan replaced Kerwick. Benny Dunne for Shane McGrath and Hugh Moloney for Callanan indicated our disarray. A vital flag by Noel McGrath off a free was very welcome. A great stop by Cummins from Gilligan now took on added worth. It ended at 3-18 to 1-22. to our immense relief – shaken but happy to be still owning the Munster title. The shape of the game intensified the debate about concentration and consistency.

A Thurles Munster final! Over 42,000 on hand. An event of tradition, identity and a title to be fought for. Quite absurdly some see benefit in ending our provincial championship and putting the trophy into a museum as a relic of former times. Our selection showed only the cosmetic change of a McGrath-Kelly-Corbett format up front. The visitors lacked Ken and Eoin McGrath, plus Gary Hurney. Their CV against Tipp was good – the '08 semi-final well remembered as the exit of Munster champions.

Busy Umpires

The pattern of big lead diminishing was repeated in a game of six goals and thirty points – little rest for umpires. Three of the goals were ours in the opening half – the first was theirs off a Kelly free, the second a Mullane pounce which led to Curran's surprise exit. Callanan and our Kelly cancelled those blows. Corbett, from a Shane McGrath delivery, gave Tipp the odd goal in five. Spectacular, crowd-stirring stuff as we got to the break at 3-10 to 2-4. All our forwards had scored. Curran's place went briefly to Stapleton, later to Padraic Maher – Brendan Maher the substitute. Before the Tipp goal surge, six points in a row had edged us ahead, 0-7 to 1-3. Dan Shanahan appeared late in the half. Eoin Kelly – Tipp version – did not resume due to groin trouble, Willie Ryan the replacement.

High-water mark – and apparent security – came on Corbett's second and our fourth goal off a Callanan cross at Killinan. Eleven up – what need to worry? To the hour mark, no Decies impact. Six in a trot as they found their touch from a Walsh-led half-back line. Cummins saved from Dan. Padraic Maher's tackle halted Maurice Shanahan – denying them the goals they needed but signs also of revived threat. Brendan Maher rescued another situation. Not quite the late crisis as endured in the first two rounds, but another victory on retreat from seeming assurance. Two titles in a row – very pleasing and a visa to August 16th at Croke Park. A plus had been evidence of Conor O'Mahony's greater fitness, a minus the continued query over Eoin Kelly's. Woodlock and Kerwick had given way to Dunne and Moloney in the last quarter.

Kilkenny, after a bold effort by Waterford, were already into the All-Ireland final a week before we met Limerick for the right to meet the favourites. We were favourites ourselves to get there, Limerick, losers to the Decies in a replay, had worked their way back with wins over Wexford – a good 'away' performance –



Kilkenny's Tommy Walsh gains possession with Tipperary's John O'Brien challenging in the All-Ireland Final.

Laois and Dublin. Justin McCarthy was a respected manager. Thoughts went back to 2007 and the three-tier marathon in which Limerick ultimately prevailed over Keating's side. It might not be that easy.

Facile Semi-Final

It was. Amazingly easy – not a bother on Tipp racking up 6-19. A Lucey slip gave Eoin Kelly a prompt three-pointer. Noel McGrath on fifteen minutes, Kerwick on seventeen – the date was booked for September 6th at half-time at 3-8 to 0-4. Nine wides testified to a shooting gallery. Kerwick, Fanning, Kelly and Corbett interpassed for the fourth. Goalie Murray improved his personal balance with a hard-hit penalty – not a ripple of expectancy from his followers. Lar Corbett, inconspicuous so far became the focus of all eyes with a quick-fire hat-trick. In eight minutes he converted off a Dunne to Noel McGrath exchange, another Noel provision and, for better measure, from a Webster lay-off. Such topping-up was almost embarrassing to the tearaway leaders – and certainly to the losers – who simply never performed. Pity our surplus couldn't be carried over as in election counts. Our adverse record in Croke Park – two wins from nine visits – had been at last improved. The revision in defence – Padraic Maher at 'full' between Stapleton and Curran – had worked promisingly. We used five subs – Dunne, Gearóid Ryan, Webster, Paul Kelly and Willie Ryan – for purely 'give them a run' purposes. Eoin Kelly's gradual recovery of readiness was a pleasing sight vis-a-vis Kilkenny. Perhaps for the first time ever, Tipp had beaten every Munster county of senior rating. An external foe awaited.

Tipp Redeem Final

Final chapter: the ideal All-Ireland final should be the climax of the year. Neither '07 or '08 came remotely near to it. They were one-way letdowns. So it was that the hurling world looked for better – and to Tipp to make it so. Kilkenny's standard could

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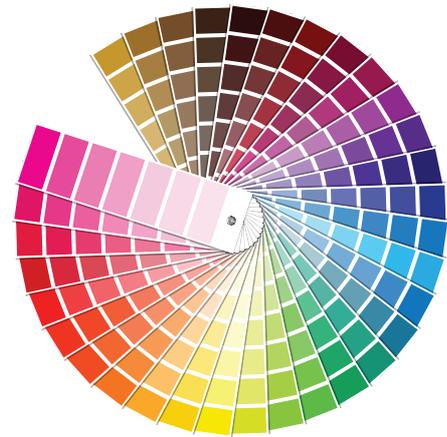
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Micheál Webster goes high to gain possession against Kilkenny in the later stages of the All-Ireland Final.

be relied upon, ours was less obvious. The odds makers had no problem in identifying favourites so strong as to make an emphatic margin a reasonable expectation. The major credit for what was seen by 82,000 in Croke Park and a vast audience looking in or listening has to go to Tipperary – our challenge made it a gripping decider. Many rated it among the best ever. We did more than stay with Kilkenny. But for several bad breaks late on we could be champions. Break number one was self-inflicted. Number two was a crucial refereeing decision. The loss of Benny Dunne had no instant effect – we went three up with fifteen men. The penalty which lifted the Cats from pursuers to leaders has had few defenders as regards justification. The cost of losing a player came in the final passages of play, Kilkenny's defence enabled to clear with purpose to an attack sharpened by reserves, Comerford and Reid. Even Tyrell advanced for a score, Kavanagh to Larkin to Comerford – a second goal in a minute, like torpedoes disabling our vessel. The eventual margin of five was a travesty of the game's general shape.

It was a noble effort. Not since 2001 had we been to the ultimate day. Only Kelly, Corbett and Cummins survived. Kilkenny were so used to finals as to make it a routine experience – and to winning most of them. Four in a row as a target would freshen their attitude to this one. Tipp as opposition would add to the incentive. We had taken only one title per decade since the riches of the 1960s – '71, '89, '91, '01. Goodwill to Tipp was widespread – monopoly only appeals to the monopolists. It became warmer when we were seen to be rising to the task, and got to the stage of genuine threat to the holders.

Great Spectacle

The spectacle, the build-up, the Anthem, and down to business. Some anxiety was natural, the first few Kilkenny advances watched with a degree of dread. Cummins had to go down and smother one of possible damage – and then Tipp got settled and closing down in defence. The Cats got a handy initial free for openers after a crushing charge on Callanan was waved aside. Close to the break we were a re-assuring two up. Kilkenny came back to reverse the scoreboard – not really reflecting the course of play. Eoin's eight and Lar's three had been Tipp's lodgments.

Would their lead have psychological impact on the restart? Far from it. The game entered on its most encouraging phase. Had P.

J. Ryan in goal not blocked from Kelly and Corbett – as later from Noel McGrath – an even better situation would have given us a cushion. The goalie on this day carried on from his late save against Waterford's Kelly and kept a clean sheet against a Tipp who had scored ten goals in the two games leading up to this. His All-Star display is a measure of the calls made on him. Had Eoin not lost power by slipping on the strike; had Seamus placed elsewhere . . . The Drom Inch forward was a potent force – his points squared accounts immediately and ignited our challenge. Noel McGrath too found touch and range as Corbett's mobility also served us well. Somewhat of a crisis faced the favourites, 'Tipp', 'Tipp' grew in volume, reaching a peak on Corbett's flying point for four ahead on 59 minutes. Five minutes earlier there was the rare sight of a player dismissed in the national final – and he wore the wrong colours. The consequences were deferred but inevitable.

O'Mahony lost footing. Comerford dashed forward. His lay-off to Power saw the move carried on towards the square. What happened next will forever be debated. Did Power over-carry. Was the defensive action a foul or legitimate in terms of the hard game of many severe chucks? Ref Kirwan's decision drew indignation from Cummins and company but Shefflin – well held in play and below his usual leading role – rammied the penalty at shoulder-height. They had taken the lead in most hurtful manner and at a critical stage. Worse followed at once. Kavanagh rescued a ball on left touchline, found Larkin, who fed Comerford to beat Cummins low to his left. Calamity on the double. Relieved and euphoric, Kilkenny surged forward off easy defensive clearances and their powerful bench was a large late factor. Sailing points from Larkin wrapped it up. The predicted result, in unpredicted manner and immensely to the loser's credit. For the Cats, history in equalling Cork's four – beating it in a sense, since Cork took only three of those Munster titles. That story is well-known, though not relished by the Lee.

For the record, our lineout in a final that will rate very high for many reasons: Brendan Cummins, Paddy Stapleton, Padraic Maher, Paul Curran, Declan Fanning, Conor O'Mahony (capt.), Brendan Maher, James Woodlock, Shane McGrath, Pat Kerwick, Lar Corbett, John O'Brien, Eoin Kelly, Seamus Callanan, Noel McGrath. Subs: Benny Dunne for O'Brien (46), Willie Ryan for Kerwick (65), Micheal Webster for Woodlock (68).

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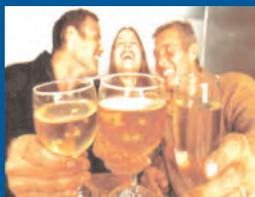


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League rehearsal for championship fate

By J.J. Kennedy.

2009 will be recalled as the year of the Tipperary\Kilkenny saga. An epic league final at Thurles in early May whetted the appetite for a championship re-match in September. Two memorable finals delighted the hurling world, but Kilkenny remained unbeaten. The year served to underline Kilkenny's status among the all-time great teams, while for Tipperary there was the lesser, consolation prize of undisputed seconds to the 'Cats'.

Waterford Crystal

We began the year with three trophies from '08 and eventually relinquished two of them. The first to go was the Waterford Crystal in January. This all-Munster season preliminary had an unusual opener for Tipperary playing midweek under lights against Waterford at St. Molleran's in Carrick-on-Suir. The panel was just back from the sun of Tenerife and faced a wet and windy season opener against the team that dumped us from the '08 championship.

The story of the game is easily told: we began brightly, led by five at half time, 0-10 to

0-5, lost our way in the third quarter and slipped two behind before rallying to eventually win by 0-14 to 1-9. Of historic interest is the line-out that began our '09 season: Gerry Kennedy; Conor O'Brien, Declan Fanning, Brendan Maher; Benny Dunne, Paul Curran, Diarmaid Fitzgerald; James Woodlock and Hugh Maloney; Seamus Hennessy, John Devane, Patrick Maher; Willie Ryan, Darragh Egan, Paul Kelly. We introduced two subs, Shane Maher for the injured Declan Fanning and John O'Brien for John Devane.

It's interesting also to recall the panel adjustments made by the management at the start of '09. Eamonn Corcoran had retired and 'out' too went Ryan O'Dwyer, Seamus Butler, Joe Caesar and Paul Ormond. In came the U21 contingent, the three Mahers, Padraic of Sarsfields, Patrick of Lorrha and Brendan of Borrisoleigh as well as Gearoid Ryan of Templederry and Seamus Hennessy of Kilruane. Noel McGrath would be added shortly afterwards. An interesting recall to the panel was John Devane of Clonoulty.

The following Sunday Tipperary faced UL in the Crystal semi-final at Cahir. There were several changes from the Waterford game. Gerry Kennedy was again in goal but this time he was fronted by Eamonn Buckley, Paul Curran and Brendan Maher. Shane Maher was back at number six between Benny Dunne and Diarmaid Fitzgerald. Midfield featured Patrick Maher and Hugh Maloney. John Devane was again centre forward with Seamus Hennessy and Pat Kerwick on the flanks this time. The inside line was unchanged with Willie Ryan, Darragh Egan and Paul Kelly. Under the new experimental rules we had a number of enforced replacements. Conor O'Mahony came on for Shane Maher, Conor O'Brien for Eamonn Buckley, James Woodlock for Patrick Maher, Lar Corbett for John Devane and Pa Bourke for Willie Ryan.

The story of the game is one of initial difficulty – we trailed 1-4 to 0-4 at half time – before the introduction of Lar Corbett sparked a second half improvement, which saw the team run out winners by 3-9 to 1-8. Corbett, Paul Kelly and Hugh Maloney scored the goals.

Final v. Clare

The Crystal final was originally fixed for Meelick but was switched to Ogonnelloe on the shores of Lough Derg. It was played on January 25th in pleasant conditions but there was to be no three-in-a-row for Tipperary as the Banner out-stayed us in the second half to take the first hurling trophy of the year.

The most interesting newcomer for Tipperary was Noel McGrath at right corner forward. It was to be the start of a phenomenal year for the youngster. Brendan Cummins was back in goal and he was fronted by Conor O'Brien, Declan Fanning and Paul Curran. The half line featured Benny Dunne, Conor O'Mahony and Diarmaid Fitzgerald. Midfield had James Woodlock and Seamus Hennessy. Pat Kerwick, Hugh Maloney and Lar Corbett formed the half forward line with Noel McGrath, Patrick Maher and Paul Kelly on the inside. We



Shane McGrath shows his pace against Cork in the League in February.

introduced four subs: John O'Brien for Lar Corbett, Willie Ryan for Kerwick, Shane Maher for Hennessy and Pa Bourke for Hugh Moloney.

We began the game brightly but squandered a number of scoring chances. Eventually we led by 1-4 to 0-05 at the interval thanks to a Patrick Maher goal. However, it was Clare who stepped up the pace in the second half. Alan Markham had a crucial goal for them and they won in the end by five, 1-12 to 1-7. Forward failure was a talking point afterwards among Tipperary followers.

Surrendering the Waterford Crystal was no disaster, instead more of a mild regret. It did underline, however, that the second year of Liam Sheedy's management was going to be difficult if the progress of '08 was to be sustained. A new league format was put in place with seven rounds to be played followed by a top-two final. Retaining the league title was going to be arduous.

League Opener

We began the league on February 8th with a trip to Walsh Park for an assignment that always has the potential to be awkward. We were without the likes of Corbett and Maloney because of injury but Waterford were even more depleted. Goalie and defence was the same as in the Crystal final. We had a new-look midfield, however, featuring Shane Maher and Thomas Stapleton. Woodlock was at wing forward – that would be a frequent option during the league. Patrick Maher was centre with Kerwick on the other wing. The inside line featured Paul Kelly, John O'Brien and Willie Ryan, recently appointed captain for the season.

It was a muddy outing with the pitch being badly churned up by the end. Tipperary had the better of it all through and won in the end by four. Impressive defending laid the basis for Tipperary's win with Waterford managing a very slender return from play. We led by six at half time, 1-6 to 0-3, the goal an admirable item as John O'Brien fielded and fed Kerwick for the finish.

There was a moment of worry near the end when Clinton Hennessy came up field to blast a close in free to the net. That goal cut the lead to a single point but Hennessy was scarcely back on his goal line when he was picking the ball out of his own net. Paul Kelly was the finisher of a classy score after Thomas Stapleton supplied from midfield. We introduced four

subs during the action: John Devane for Kerwick, Shane McGrath for Stapleton, Pa Bourke for Willie Ryan and Seamus Callanan for Patrick Maher.

Cork under Lights

Round two of the league brought Cork to Semple Stadium the following Saturday night. It was a strange event. For some time the Tipperary County Board had earmarked this game for the switching on of the new floodlighting system. It was to be a highlight game of the league series. However, the dominating story from Leeside throughout the winter and springtime was the player strike which was convulsing that county. Gerald McCarthy brought his alternative team to Thurles having lost to Dublin the previous week.

Many expected (some hoped!) that Tipperary would 'cream' the Cork replacements and thereby force McCarthy's hand in the long-running dispute. However, it didn't quite happen that way. Tipperary won alright (2-15 to 0-9) after leading by a mere three at the interval, 0-7 to 0-4. It was a lethargic performance from the home team, perhaps lacking motivation given the nature of the opposition.

The game allowed Liam Sheedy experiment somewhat and for record purposes it's important to list the line-out. Gerry Kennedy was given another 'run' in goal, fronted this time by Eamonn Buckley, Declan Fanning and Paul Curran. Brendan Maher, Conor O'Mahony and Diarmaid Fitzgerald manned the half line with Shane Maher and Shane McGrath at midfield. The forward sextet featured James Woodlock, John Devane and Pat Kerwick on the half line with Paul Kelly, Patrick Maher and Pa Bourke on the inside line. The following subs were used: John O'Brien for Kerwick, Seamus Hennessy for Devane, Benny Dunne for Shane Maher, Noel McGrath for Woodlock, Gearoid Ryan for Shane McGrath and Tony Scroope for Paul Kelly.

Overall it was an occasion of ceremony and curiosity but the hurling deserved little praise. A John O'Brien goal in the second half turned the screw decisively on Cork but Liam Sheedy was quick to point out that this form would win little.

Clare at the Stadium

A fortnight later, March 1st, Tipperary were back at the

Stadium to face Clare in round three as they searched for maximum points. The Crystal defeat had given warning that Clare might be difficult. For this game Brendan Cummins was back in goal with Paddy Stapleton getting his chance at number two beside Declan Fanning and Paul Curran. The half line was familiar: Benny Dunne, Conor O'Mahony and Diarmaid Fitzgerald. Midfield featured Thomas Stapleton and Shane McGrath. Noel McGrath played wing beside Seamus Callanan and James Woodlock. On the full line Paul Kelly teamed up with the Toomevara pair, Willie Ryan and John O'Brien.

As a game it failed to live up to expectations. Tipperary looked quite comfortable early on as Willie Ryan led the point scoring. However, a surge by Clare before the break retrieved a lot of ground; we led by just two at the interval, 0-12 to 0-10. Any unease though was set aside on the resumption and Tipperary eventually eased through comfortably winning by 0-23 to 0-16 in a goal-less tie. The use of five Tipperary subs indicated growing confidence in the outcome: Corbett for Willie Ryan, John Devane for Noel McGrath, Pat Kerwick for James Woodlock, Shane Maher for Benny Dunne and Gearoid Ryan for Shane McGrath.

Mauled by the 'Cats'

Three games in and the league was moving smoothly for Tipperary with maximum points and our title defence very much on course. Round four, however, promised something stiffer as we headed for Nowlan Park on March 22nd. Kilkenny had already lost to Waterford and were sure to be keen to avoid another reversal, which in theory could scupper their chances of making the final.

It was mothers' day and we got the father and mother of a hiding. At half time Tipperary followers sat bewildered as the locals gave an ovation to their players who trooped off leading by 5-9 to 0-4. For whatever reason we seemed ill-prepared for the task and, as Sheedy said afterwards, Kilkenny pressed the destroy button. Our defence was 'skinned', Martin Comerford hitting a hat-trick of goals from wing forward. A twenty-point deficit at half time was embarrassing and Kilkenny loving every bit of it.

The management wrung the changes at half time, wing backs,



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Benny Dunne and Diarmaid Fitzgerald, immediately identified as a core part of the defensive difficulties. Shane McGrath too gave way and in fairness the team steadied matters in the second half. Micheal Webster came on and scored a consolation goal; we eventually lost by 5-17 to 1-12, a chastening experience and one surely that would steel the side for when the teams met again in the final.

For the record we lined out as follows on that pitiful day at Nowlan Park: Cummins; O'Brien, Fanning, Curran; Dunne, O'Mahony, Fitzgerald; Brendan Maher and Shane McGrath; Noel McGrath, Callanan, Woodlock; Scroope, O'Brien, Paul Kelly; Subs used: Shane Maher for Dunne, Gearoid Ryan for Fitzgerald, Micheal Webster for Shane McGrath, Seamus Hennessy for Paul Kelly, Patrick Maher for Callanan.

Back on Track

A week later we hosted Dublin at the Stadium and got back on track with a win, though a shaky one as our defence was again riddled for several goals. The hangover from Nowlan Park was clearly evident but on the positive side the team pulled through to keep our title defence on track.

After Nowlan Park it was inevitable that there would be changes. For the Dublin game Cummins was fronted by Eamonn Buckley, Curran and O'Brien. On the half line Conor O'Mahony was flanked by Brendan Maher and Shane Maher. Gearoid Ryan and Shane McGrath were midfield. The forward formation featured Hennessy, Callanan and Woodlock on the 'forty' with Noel McGrath, Webster and John O'Brien inside.

We led by five at half time, 2-10 to 2-5, Seamus Callanan and Seamus Hennessy the goal scorers for Tipperary. However, with the Tipperary defence looking porous we fell behind in the third quarter and looked rattled. We had a real battle on our hands with the game on the edge for the final moments. Substitute Tony Scroope made a significant input scoring one and making another as we just about edged out winners. It ended 2-19 to 4-11, a win but a decidedly shaky one. For the record we introduced five subs: Patrick Maher for Gearoid Ryan, Tony Scroope for Seamus Hennessy, Padraic Maher for Shane Maher, Lar Corbett for Micheal Webster and Benny Dunne for James Woodlock.

Versus Galway

The following week Tipperary travelled to Salthill in Galway with a win needed to secure their place in the league final against Kilkenny. Going west was a tough task and the mentors adjusted their team once again for the job. Darren Gleeson was given his first outing in goal with Buckley, Curran and O'Brien in front of him. Paddy Stapleton was introduced to wing back with Padraic Maher at centre and Shane Maher on the other wing. The McGrath\Woodlock partnership was restored to midfield. At half forward Callanan was flanked by Patrick Maher and Lar Corbett. The inside line featured Scroope, Webster and John O'Brien.

By the end of a tame first half Tipp led by two, 0-8 to 0-6. We'd lost Paul Curran to a yellow card after a sideline scuffle; Shane McGrath would later be suspended for his involvement in the same incident. The second half was very eventful. On resuming Galway levelled and then went ahead through a Niall Healy goal despite some great saves by Darren Gleeson. Galway went five-up. Tipperary's resolve was truly tested but they found the required response. A Lar Corbett goal was central to regaining the lead but there was still a heart-stopping conclusion in store. Galway levelled again but once more Tipperary went three ahead. With the lead cut to two Tipp endured some nail-biting moments. Eamonn Buckley was red carded and the likes of Paddy Stapleton and Conor O'Brien made some crucial interceptions. But the most crucial interception of the lot came from Brendan Maher right at the 'death' when he denied Galway a late winner. Seamus Callanan's eleven points was a huge personal contribution to the win.

It was Tipperary's finest display in the league rounds and it ensured their place in the final against Kilkenny.

Versus Limerick

However, before the final, Tipperary had a last league round to play, with Limerick coming to the Stadium. There may have been nothing tangible at stake but Tipperary still wanted to keep a winning momentum and they duly delivered. This time Brendan Cummins was back in goal with Paddy Stapleton at corner back. Declan Fanning was centre with Padraic Maher on his right. There was a new midfield partnership with Thomas Stapleton and Benny Dunne. John Devane was back at centre

forward. By now injuries and illness were proving a problem for the management.

The match was a low-key prelude to the league final. The game lacked intensity given the circumstances. Tipperary led 0-12 to 0-4 at half time. On resuming Tipperary stretched further clear with a Gearoid Ryan goal but thereafter their intensity slackened and Limerick had more of the play in the final quarter. In the end a quite lacklustre game finished with Tipperary comfortable winners by 1-17 to 1-11. Again we used our quota of substitutions: Brendan Maher for Shane Maher, Seamus Hennessy for Benny Dunne, Micheal Webster for Patrick Maher, James Woodlock for Thomas Stapleton, Michael Cahill for Paul Curran and Tony Scroope for John O'Brien.

League Final

And so the stage was set for a league final at Semple Stadium on May 3rd featuring the dream team from Kilkenny and the reigning league champions, Tipperary. The memory of that earlier round at Nowlan Park provided a painful backdrop for Tipperary. Some might have worried about a repeat but I think most pundits expected something altogether different this time. In fact that Nowlan Park mauling was sure to act as a spur for Tipperary to exorcise the ghost.

There were fitness worries for several players ahead of the final including Conor O'Mahony who was recovering from mumps. Eoin Kelly had missed the entire league series and was once more unavailable for the final. On the day we sent out the following fifteen: Cummins; Stapleton, Curran, O'Brien; Fanning, Padraic Maher, Shane Maher; Stapleton and McGrath; O'Brien, Callanan, Woodlock; Noel McGrath, Webster and Corbett.

What followed was a truly memorable final, one that went all the way to extra time before being shaded by Kilkenny. Gone was the ponderousness of the Nowlan Park form and instead Tipperary rattled into the 'cats' from the off and sustained the momentum right through. Shefflin had two early points but then Tipp pulled the lever and everyone in the 17,000 attendance knew that we had a real collision of heavyweights on view. Webster 'nailed' James Ryall as he tried to bring the ball out; in the follow up Woodlock kicked a Tipperary goal. Soon there came a second, Shane McGrath's cross-field ball finding John O'Brien who planted one low to the net. Callanan met Brian Hogan with a thunderous shoulder and the centre back had to be stretchered off with shoulder damage. This was high-voltage stuff and the 'cats' were rattled.

Shane Maher departed injured for Tipperary and then Fanning and Comerford walked the plank after a jostling match when the Kilkenny man came on. Emotions were running high. Significantly Padraic Maher was in towering form at centre back for Tipperary outplaying no lesser an opponent than Shefflin. And the Kilkenny man didn't like it, eventually getting the yellow card after several escapes.

Late in the first half Brendan Cummins made a flying save from Shefflin and on the counter attack Noel McGrath pointed to send Tipp to the dressing rooms five-up. They were cheered to the rafters as they trotted off. This was all a far cry from Nowlan Park and that dismal first half humiliation.

But now the job was to sustain the effort against the wind. The second half began in a whirlwind with Callanan blasting home Tipperary's third goal only for Richie Hogan to get an immediate cancelling score. The intensity continued, scores flying over at either end. An Aidan Fogarty goal helped bring Kilkenny level with twenty minutes still to play. With full time looming Richie Hogan sent Kilkenny ahead for the first time but the coolest boy on the pitch, Noel McGrath, had the final word with a free that sent the game to extra time.

The first half of extra time saw Kilkenny edge one ahead. On the turnover, however, Noel McGrath goaled for Tipperary to regain the lead, having been set up by Lar Corbett. But the encore was Kilkenny's with a final flurry of points to eventually edge them home on a final tally 2-26 to 4-17. It was epic stuff. Tipp lost their crown but regained their honour. Nowlan Park was banished and already the public was looking ahead to a possible September re-match. Epic and extraordinary as this was, it was merely the dress rehearsal. To complete the record Tipperary used the following subs: Brendan Maher for Declan Fanning, Hugh Maloney for Shane Maher, Benny Dunne for Hugh Moloney, Seamus Hennessy for James Woodlock, Diarmaid Fitzgerald for Thomas Stapleton, Patrick Maher for Micheal Webster and Eamonn Buckley for Patrick Maher.

Under 21 Hurling Review

by Shane Brophy

To say that people were flabbergasted to hear that the Tipperary Under 21's were beaten by ten points on a scoreline of 3-21 to 2-14 by Waterford in this year's Munster semi-final would be an understatement.

A lot of the positive vibes behind the Tipperary senior set-up within and outside the county were based on the All-Ireland minor success of 2006 & 2007. Ten players from those two teams were on the senior panel in 2009 and the prospect is that as they mature slowly, Tipperary will develop into squad that will be winning All-Irelands over the next 5-10 years.

Positive Beginning

Things appeared to get off to a positive start with an extra time (2-22 to 0-25) victory over Cork in early June which was perceived as the major stumbling block which would deny Declan Carr's men back-to-back provincial titles.

The sides were level an incredible 13 times over the eighty plus minutes but it was the influence of the considerable number of the senior panellists on the under 21 which helped swing the game in Tipperary's favour. Indeed while the greater fitness levels of the Tipp players stood to them, their achievement is even more remarkable considering that quite a number of them had contracted a bug following the senior game against Cork and it certainly accounts for the sluggish nature of the performance in the first half.

Pa Bourke was top-scorer on the evening with 1-9 with the goal coming from a penalty won by man of the match Patrick Maher whose direct style and ball-winning ability proved a huge problem for the Cork defenders with three of them finding their way into the referee's book for fouling the Lorrha man.

Shane Bourke picked off a fine 1-1 while John O'Neill (having sat his Leaving Cert earlier in the day) shot three vital points when coming off the bench and Kilruane's Shane Quinlan had his hand in quite a number of scores when brought in at full forward.

Tipperary team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic Maher (Thurles

Sarsfields), Kevin Maher (Lorrha); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Thomas Stapleton (Templedeery), Thomas McGrath (Ballingarry); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Gearóid Ryan (Templedeery); Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields 0-1), Seamus Callanan (Drom & Inch 0-6), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney 0-2); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields, Capt 1-9), Patrick Maher (Lorrha), Shane Bourke (JK Brackens 1-1).

Subs: Brian Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty) for T McGrath (28 inj); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Gleeson (40); John O'Neill (Clonoulty Rossmore 0-3) for Hennessy (51); Shane Quinlan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Carey (58); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy) for K Maher (10 ET inj); Seamus Hennessy for S Bourke (17 ET).

In many ways, the manner of the defeat in Dungarvan could be a seminal moment in the development of these players, provided the lessons are learned from it.

It was also a reminder that success at minor level doesn't automatically carry through to under-21 and senior level. You only have to look at what Limerick have done, or not done, following their much-heralded three under-21 All Irelands in a row between 2000 and 2002.

So what exactly went wrong?

First of all when you have ten players on the senior panel, preparation for the under-21 championship is never going to be ideal with the senior players only fleetingly training with their under-21 colleagues.

We have seen it before in Tipperary when in 1982, a star-studded under-21 team, which included Nickey English and current under-21 selector, Ken Hogan, and a number of other players that were on the senior panel were chasing a four-in-a-row of All-Ireland titles only to be dumped out by Limerick in a Munster semi-final.

Secondly, the three-day turnaround following a Munster senior final success was always going to count against the four players that saw action against Waterford, namely Padraic Maher, Noel McGrath and Seamus Callanan while Brendan Maher also played for more than half of the game.

However, both Brendan Maher and Noel McGrath were Tipperary's leading performers on the evening while Padraic Maher was a literally a pale shadow of his true self having been



Tipperary U-21 team that went down to Waterford in the Munster U-21 semi-final at Fraher Field Dungarvan. Standing: (from left) - Michael Cahill, Seamus Callanan, Padraic Maher, Bill McCormack, Patrick Maher, Pa Bourke (captain), Gearóid Ryan, Seamus Hennessy. Kneeling: Shane Bourke, Donagh Maher, Thomas Stapleton, Kevin Maher, Noel McGrath, Brendan Maher, John O'Neill.

sick on the day of the game and in hindsight despite Maher's importance to the side, the management might have opted not to start him.

What will be of most concern will be the performance of the remaining seven of the senior panel. Seamus Callanan will continue to win praise from some and criticism from others in equal measure and his performance in this game wasn't that of a supposed senior star.

Of the remaining six members that did not feature at senior level during the championship, you would have expected much more from them. It was their chance to put on a Tipperary jersey and show the senior management what they could offer and put their hand up as a genuine option if needed in the All-Ireland semi-final, rather than warming the bench.

That the majority of those players never rose above the mundane in terms of performance raises questions as to the perceived strength of the Tipperary senior squad and provided answers as to why some of them have not been blooded so far during the championship.

Could it be that some of these players have become too comfortable on the Tipperary senior panel and are happy to be there rather than pushing hard to get into the first fifteen?

Also to Blame

The senior management can also be attributed with a share of the blame for this defeat.

Following the Munster senior final win over Waterford and knowing that 10 players had a crucial under-21 game just over 72 hours later, the Tipp senior management had a duty to ensure that the players were handed over to the under-21 management in the best shape possible and that should have meant any celebration of the retention of the provincial title should have been postponed.

Since everything we do in Tipperary hurling nowadays is compared to Kilkenny, the question has to be asked whether Brian Cody would have allowed his players to celebrate a Leinster title if some members of his panel had another important game three days later?

It brought into mind the 2004 All-Ireland under-21 final between Kilkenny and Tipperary in Nowlan Park. Kilkenny's preparations were taken so seriously that the under-21 players were prevented from attending the All-Ireland senior final, six days beforehand against Cork, instead staying behind, training and watching the game from a Marble City hotel. Now that's dedication and it was rewarded in spades as they thrashed Tipperary in the final!

Tipperary have not won enough silverware in recent years to throw away the chance of winning an All-Ireland which was certainly within the capability of a highly skillful squad such as this year's under-21s. When next year's under-21 squad is assembled, 15 years will have elapsed since the Cross of Cashel trophy spent Christmas in the premier county.

That's far too long for one of the so-called aristocrats of hurling.

The Game Itself

The early minutes of the game itself were encouraging, particularly for the inside forward line of John O'Neill and Shane & Pa Bourke who all started very well but as the supply began to dry out with the half back line and midfield being outplayed.

Tipp's bright start was rewarded by a fine goal as a Seamus Hennessy delivery was well fielded by Pa Bourke who turned inside Noel Connors before shooting to the net from close range.

John O'Neill and Kevin Maher added fine points to open a five point lead which was an ideal start to what was a difficult fixture. Waterford got back into the game with a peach of a goal with the pacy Thomas Ryan getting in behind Michael Cahill before firing a dipping shot to the roof of the net. Tipp were still recovering from the daze when they were hit with a second goal within a minute as Thomas Stapleton and Padraic Maher both had opportunities to clear before Thomas Connors was



Tipperary goalie Bill McCormack moves away from the path of Waterford's Brian O'Sullivan in the Munster U-21 semi-final at Fraher Field Dungarvan.

presented with the chance to fire past Bill McCormack from close range.

Poor discipline in the Tipp defence allowed Waterford to take a one point half time lead with Maurice Shanahan punishing very indiscretion and finished with a impressive tally of twelve points, ten from frees.

One hoped that half time would provide the players the chance to settle down and refocus the mind but Waterford outscored Tipp by three points to one in the opening four minutes of the second half with the home-side pulling away with Thomas Ryan nipping in behind the Tipp defence to shoot to the net with a minute of normal time remaining.

Trailing by eleven points, the game was up despite John O'Neill putting in substitute Michael Heffernan for a consolation goal to leave the final score 3-21 to 2-14 in Waterford's favour.

Tipperary team: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Kevin Maher (Lorrha, 0-1); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney 0-7, 3 frees), Seamus Callanan (Drom & Inch, 0-1), Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields, captain, 1-2, 0-2 frees), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore, 0-2), Shane Bourke (JK Brackens, 0-1). **SUBS:** John O'Keefe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for D Maher (38); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Ryan (45); Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg, 1-0) for S Bourke (48); John Coghlan (MoynemacCarthy) for Stapleton (56).

Other panellists: James Logue (Ballinacorney), Thomas McGrath (Ballinacorney), Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins), Brian Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty), Kevin Moran (MoynemacCarthy-Borris), Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields), Shane Quinlan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Eoin Hogan (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Éire Óg), Johnny Ryan (Drom & Inch).

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by Darragh McManus*

There's an old line in sport – and life, I suppose – that goes something like this: it doesn't matter whether you win or lose, what matters is how you played the game.

I never really believed that line until this year; specifically, until shortly after 5pm on Sunday, September 6. I agreed with it in principle, in a cerebral sort of way, and had myself half-convinced that I genuinely felt it, too. But I didn't know it was true – on a bodily level, down in the gut, somewhere deeper than the brain and heart – until that moment.

Shortly after 5pm on Sunday, September 6, the last whistle of the 2009 All-Ireland hurling final blew, we had lost...and I never felt as proud to be from Tipperary in my life.

Don't get me wrong: this was a horrible defeat to have to endure; the disappointment and regret seem to get sharper, oddly, the further we move from the event itself. We'll look back on this for a long time and curse fate or fortune or a certain referee suffering an attack of the heebie-jeebies at the worst possible time. This was bad.

And yet, and yet...those feelings of pride are my keenest memory of that day. The game had just ended. Tipp players slumped to the grass, their opponents leaped into each others' arms; the gigantic stadium was a riot of colour and noise, that almost visible electricity you find at a big match.

We had lost, to the oldest foes. Four-in-a-row at our expense. Another year without Liam. Another disappointment. Turmoil in the head and bitter gall in the mouth. And yet, and yet...

I felt so proud of that team – players, management, backroom, everybody – that I nearly burst. I looked down at the pitch and thought: what a fine collection of outstanding men who had given absolutely everything for the cause: for themselves, their families,

their clubs and county. For that iconic old jersey and what it represented. What a fine bunch to represent it today.

And they really had given everything. One vignette encapsulated it perfectly: a Kilkenny player – Larkin, I think – marauding towards the Tipp goal, the game more-or-less gone from us. The indomitable Declan Fanning in pursuit, still struggling, still battling, still indomitable at the end of a long, draining season.

And then he had nothing more to give. He slowed to a halt; he almost collapsed onto the turf, he was so emptied-out. The Kilkenny player ran on to score the coup de grace. And Declan Fanning lost absolutely nothing in the incident. He proved himself to be a mighty man all season and proved it to the end.

Our beloved neighbours will no doubt haughtily declare, Well that proves our superiority – Tipp threw everything at us and still couldn't beat us. And sure, let them off.

Cold statistics don't modify or lessen that feeling of pride one infinitesimal bit. Pride in how a young team showed no fear or nerves or doubt on the biggest day of the year. Pride in the beautiful, stylish hurling they play, a lovely retort to the current obsession with safety-first hustling and physicality. Pride in four young lads, not yet aged 21, giving life to the old saw about being old enough if you're good enough. Pride in Eoin Kelly's resounding declaration that class is permanent.

Pride in the collective effort, the individual efforts, the grace, the skill, the courage and fire. Pride in the jersey, massive, undiluted, immeasurable.

Jaysus, what'll it feel like when we actually win the thing next year? And we will. These lads will.

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Tipperary Institute/St. Patrick's College GAA Club

Having won their first ever All-Ireland Division 2 League Final in December 2007 with a victory over NUI Maynooth, Tipp Institute/St. Pat's College Hurlers were promoted to Division 1 in the League and the opportunity of competing at Fitzgibbon Cup level during the 3rd Level

2008/2009 season. This was no small feat for a club formed back in 1999/2000 with a relatively small pool of players to pick from, compared to other competing colleges.

However, it was a step too far for this young club combination of Tipperary Institute and St. Patrick's College, as the more established colleges with huge numbers of players to choose from, proved too strong in the hurling League Division 1 and Fitzgibbon Cup competitions.

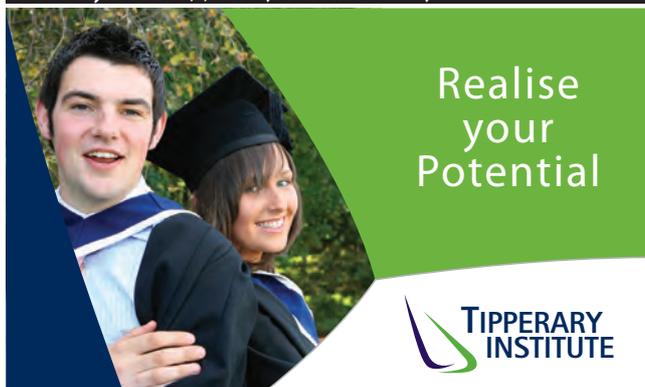
Tipp Institute/St. Pat's GAA Club were also involved in 3rd Level Gaelic Football and Ladies Football, having achieved All-Ireland success in both these codes in recent times. This club also actively supported the promotion of camogie in the county by their involvement in the hosting and organisation of a 'Sport agus Spraoi le Coláisti' for Tipperary Secondary School students with Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, The Irish Sports Council and Tipperary Sports Partnerships.

With Tipperary Institute and St. Patrick's College having achieved a high intake of 1st year students for academic year 2009/2010, the future is bright for this young club.

TI/St. Pats Panel of Hurling & Football Players: Thomas Gleeson (Aravale Rovers), James Power (Moycarkey Borris), Aidan Dwyer (Borrisoleigh), Stephen Dorney (Thurles Sarsfields), Justin Dermody (Graigue Ballycallen, Kilkenny), Andy Kerins (O'Loughlin Gaels, Kilkenny), Shane Prendergast (Clara, Kilkenny), Kieran Shortall (Moycarkey Borris), Darragh Spooner (Roscrea), Michael Lawlor (Conahy, Kilkenny), Barry Whelan (Moyle Rovers), Pronsias Matthews (Clonakenny), Mark Kavanagh (Portlaoise), Pierce Dargan (Erins Own, Kilkenny), Mark Murphy (Killenaule), Shane Dorney (Thurles KRF) Simon Hensey (Ballinamore, Offaly) Tony Greene (Éire Óg, Clare), Con Brennan (Churchtown, Cork) Robbie McGann (Éire Óg, Clare), Michael Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Brian O'Donoghue (Dicksborough, Kilkenny), Pdraig McKeogh (Ballina), Denis Keating (Cappamore, Limerick), Denis McGrath (Moyle Rovers), Gerard Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore), David Shannon (Thurles Sarsfields), Tony O'Brien (Pallasgreen, Limerick), John Lalor (Ballyfin, Laois), Aidan O'Neill (Paulstown, Kilkenny), Martin Bourke (Holycross Ballycahill), Kevin Dunne (Doheny, Cork), Russell Roche (Ballygunner, Waterford), James Moloughney (Ballacolla, Laois), Barry O'Nuallain (Round Towers), Kevin Foley (Moyle, Meath), David Brophy (Ballyfin, Laois), Kieran Murphy (St. Saviour's, Waterford), Arron Keenan (O'Dwyers, Dublin), Gerard Murphy (Castlebar, Mayo), Ian Walsh (Claremorris, Mayo), Philip O'Brien (Wexford), Ian Hennessy (Graigue-Ballycallen).

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Minors won the respect and support of Tipp folk

By Noel Dundon (*Tipperary Star*)

Tipperary's minor hurlers had an eventful season in 2009 as they took to the championship arena on six occasions, winning three ties, drawing one, playing extra time in two, but crucially, also losing two.

It was an epic championship for the Premier County with some superb games of hurling, the squad led by manager Mark O'Leary were to end up trophy less as they exited the All-Ireland series having come a cropper against Kilkenny in a fantastic finale in Croke Park in August. However, although they didn't see any silverware on their journey through the summer, the Tipperary lads certainly won a lot of admirers for their honest and forthright approach to the games, and for their high skill levels which were evident throughout. Unfortunately for Tipp, the minors proved to be a little flat for periods of both the Munster final and the All-Ireland semi-final – the two games they lost – and paid the ultimate price as a result.

Perhaps it was the big occasion which got to the players at the end of the day. However, multiple club and inter county fixture pressure didn't help either as Mark O'Leary and his management team struggled to keep players fresh, hungry and eager for the play. This was to be a major focus for them throughout the summer and was one of their biggest concerns at the end of the day. Could a fresher Tipperary have beaten Kilkenny in the semi-final? Possibly. Could they have defeated a rampant Waterford in the Munster final? Probably not, considering the nature of the Deise challenge and the massive appetite for victory they brought.

Here's how the year unfolded.

First step on the journey was a trip to Pairc na nGael, Limerick for a tilt with the home county. Curious game this – the sides were locked at the break at 0-8 apiece, but Tipperary turned in a fantastic second half to run out 1-21 to 0-11 winners, the goal coming from Ruairi Gleeson right at the end.

Tipperary outscored Limerick by 1-13 to 0-3 in the second half having gotten exactly the same amount in the first half. It was a case of the Tipp lads really finding their range as they exploited the space discovered, while Limerick capitulated.

The next step was to be the most talked about of the championship. A pulsating game of end to end hurling with Cork in Pairc Uí Chaoimh could not be decided, even after extra time, as the two sides blasted a massive 5-17 apiece in as exciting a game as one could wish for. This match really did have it all – high drama, super scores, brilliant defending, excitement. It was real edge of the seat stuff and when Cork midfielder David Drake pointed a 65 metre free in injury time in the second period of extra time to force a replay, nobody complained. Truth was, neither side deserved to lose this one, even if it seemed as though both would win out at different stages in the encounter.

Cork were 1-7 to 1-6 to the good at half time, but by the end of normal time it was 2-15 to 3-12 with Tipp's goals coming from John O'Dwyer in the 4th minute and Brian Stapleton in the 44th. Further goals from David Butler and David Collins in the first period of extra time seemed to steer the initiative in Tipp's direction, but Cork blasted back with Brian Hartnett and Dean Brosnan in the second period as did John O'Dwyer for Tipp to end the tie on an all-square basis.

Back to Thurles then for the replay a few days later and quite a different game altogether. It would have been very

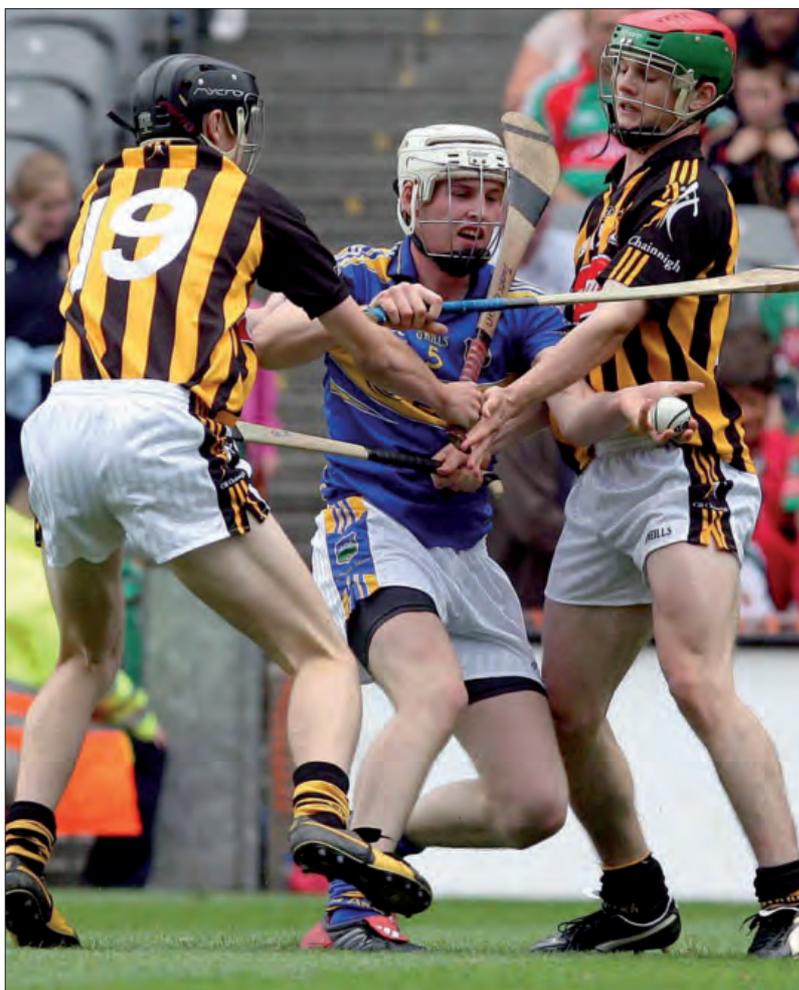
hard to reach the same level of excitement in the replay but Tipperary folk didn't mind too much as the Premier lads more or less controlled the game all the way through. Leading by 1-11 to 0-8 at the break with the goal coming from David Collins in the 17th after being set up by Denis Maher, Tipp went on to win out comprehensive winners by 2-21 to 1-12, the second Tipp goal coming from David Butler in the 7th, again after Denis Maher was involved.

Munster Final Day then in Semple Stadium – a huge day for the participating teams, especially with all the razzmatazz associated with the 125 celebrations. Tipperary squared up to Waterford and found the Deise in very determined form. In fact, this Waterford team, backboned by successful victorious Munster and All-Ireland Colleges driven players was very anxious to make it's own little bit of history – they did just that.

Tipperary were simply not allowed to get into stride in this match but as Waterford went in 0-11 to 0-8 in front at the break having played with the breeze, there was much optimism that the Premier lads would mount a challenge in the second half. It didn't happen though until very late in the clash. With Waterford on their way to victory John O'Dwyer blasted a 21 yard free to the back of the net to throw Tipp somewhat of a lifeline. The score came too later though and Waterford held on to win an historic title by 0-18 to 1-13.

Defeat was a huge disappointment for Tipperary and they now faced the prospect of having to pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and get back on the horse in time for the All-Ireland quarter final against Wexford. This was to prove another massive game with extra time once more in the offing.

A 76th minute point from Eanna Murray was the difference as Tipperary overcame Wexford after extra-time at Portlaoise. Ahead by 0-7 to 0-6 at the interval, Wexford were pushed all the way by a Tipperary side that lost forward Michael O'Brien through a second yellow card on the restart. Tipperary broke in



Denis Maher breaks through two Kilkenny players in the later stages of the ESB All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final.



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front for the first time in 27 minutes thanks to a superb score from defender Alan Hogan, but this game was closely contested throughout. The sides were level on four further occasions in the second half, with a point from Tipperary centre-back Brian Stapleton ensuring extra-time.

Wexford began strongly in extra-time with Jack Hobbs slotting over a point after just six seconds as the beaten Leinster finalists quickly built up a two-point advantage. But a brace of Eanna Murray points ensured the sides were deadlocked at half-time in extra-time. However, Tipperary proved strongest in the closing period and outscored Wexford by two points to one with top scorer Murray landing his ninth and most important point with four minutes remaining. The scoreline ended up Tipperary 0-20 Wexford 0-19 – the slenderest of wins possible.

So, Tipp made it to Croke Park then. And, who was waiting in the wings? You guessed it – Kilkenny and they were made to sweat by Tipperary before eventually advancing to the final.

The Cats led by eight points after 15 minutes and by six at half-time, before they were pegged back midway through the second half. Tipperary had the momentum, after clawing level at 2-12 to 0-18, but Kilkenny full-forward Walter Walsh fired home a 46th-minute goal to turn the tie back in favour of the Leinster champions.

Tipp hit back again to trail by just a single point in the closing minutes and were left hanging their heads when Brian Stapleton, who had hit a 44th-minute equaliser, missed a chance to level matters once again. Buoyed by that let-off, Kilkenny worked the ball to the other end of the field and, with just seconds remaining, substitute Martin Gaffney fired over an insurance free. There was little indication of the drama that was to come as Kilkenny roared into a 0-10 to 0-2 lead against the beaten Munster finalists midway through the first half. David Collins breathed life into a flat Tipperary challenge in the 19th minute with a cracking goal, but Kilkenny still led by 0-15 to 1-6 at half-time, having played with the breeze in the first half.

Tipp's top scorer, John O'Dwyer, netted four minutes after the half-time interval to bring Tipp within striking distance -- 2-7 to 0-16 -- and they were level 10 minutes later as Stapleton fired over a superb leveller from the Hogan Stand side of the field. Crucially, though, Tipp failed to get ahead and they paid the price when Liam Butler coughed up possession under pressure and Walsh tucked home a super goal at the Hill 16 end. Walsh was Kilkenny's most dangerous attacker during the game, but all six starting forwards scored from play, as Geoff Brennan and Seán Kehoe helped themselves to five points apiece as Kilkenny held on to win by 1-21 to 2-16.

It was the end of the road for Tipp in what had been a roller



David Collins about to put the ball in the Kilkenny net in the opening half of the ESB All-Ireland Minor semi-final.

coaster year. The minors of '09 might not have won any titles, but they certainly won the support and respect of their followers. Both games lost were surrendered by just two points; two of the matches went to extra time – this Tipp team showed huge battling qualities and character throughout the season. And, with quite a few young enough again for the 2010 championship, the signs are positive for The Premier County.

We thank the men of '09 and their management team for their efforts and look forward to them donning the blue and gold again at various levels in 2010 and beyond.

The team on the day was: Dan McCormack (Borrisisleigh), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Liam Butler (Moyne-Templetuohy), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-3, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, David Collins (Drom Inch) 1-1, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-8, Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry). Subs: David Butler (Kickhams) for Adrian Cleere, Pdraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Liam Butler, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg) for David Collins, John Forde (Silvermines) for Alan Hogan. Also: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane, Davin Flynn (Roscrea), Eoin O'Connell (Fethard), Conor O'Meara (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny), Ruairí Gleeson (Kiladangan).

Management team: Mark O'Leary (Kilruane MacDonaghs) manager, Damian Young (Drom & Inch) coach, Pat Buckley (Emly), Kevin Shelley (Ballingarry).



Tipperary minor hurlers at O'Moore Park Portlaoise where they defeated Wexford in the All-Ireland quarter-final (act). Tipperary minor hurlers went down narrowly to reigning champions Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final. Back l-r: Andrew Ryan, Dan McCormack, Paudie Heffernan, Thomas Butler, Brian Stapleton, Alan Hogan, Willie Ryan, Eanna Murray, Jason Forde, Adrian Cleer, Seamie Curren, John Condon, John O'Dwyer. Front: Pa Ryan, David Collins, Ruiri Gleeson, Liam Butler, Denis Maher, John Maher, Stephen Maher, Mickey O'Brien, David Butler, Liam Tracey, Paul Ryan.

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Tipperary Supporters' Club had a busy and rewarding 2009

2009 was another year of progress for the Tipperary senior hurling team retaining the Munster senior hurling championship for the first time since 1989 and finishing a close runner-up in the All-Ireland final. The competitive season stretched from January to September with 16 competitive games yielding 12 wins including victories over Limerick, Waterford, Cork and Clare in both league and championship and wins over Galway and Dublin in the league. Unfortunately it ended in narrow defeat to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final but progression was maintained and Tipperary supporters are again looking forward with hope to the new hurling year. Since 2008 both Eamon Corcoran and Paul Ormond had retired from the panel and the club would like to thank them for all the marvellous talents they brought to hurling, both on and off the field. Go néirí libh, Eamon agus Paul.

Tipperary reached the final of the Waterford Crystal Munster Cup, being beaten by Clare. Like the senior team, the Tipperary Supporters' Club was out in the first month of the year with the launch of the 2009 membership in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on 29th January. A great turnout of Tipperary supporters on a night of bad weather heard Liam Sheedy launch the membership scheme for 2009. Liam outlined his plans for his second year at the helm and urged all Tipperary Supporters to join the club. Adding to the vibrant atmosphere were Brendan Cummins and Paul Curran along with Barry O'Brien, chair of the county board and Seán Nugent, county board vice-chair.

The membership scheme in 2009 has been a great success and, in hard times for many people, a record number of supporters again joined up and received the free gift which was a specially designed stylish Tipperary Supporters' lapel pin. Other features of 2009 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 hHurling 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. Details of all prize winners are on www.tippsupportersclub.com and more members than ever joined on line there. In 2009, the club rolled out the new direct debit scheme, which will save greatly on administration and costs, a major point for any organisation which relies totally on voluntary effort.

Supporters are invited to the 2010 launch which takes place in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Thursday 21st January 2010. We want to extend the membership base further and anybody who would like to sell Supporters' Club membership is welcome to contact Supporters' Club PRO and Membership Officer, John Coman on 087-9087105 or by email at info@tippsupportersclub.com. If joining by post please send a cheque or postal order for €30 payable to Tipperary Supporters' Club to John Coman, 52 Hazelbrook Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W.

Tipperary's first home game in the 2009 Allianz GAA National Hurling League was against Cork in Semple Stadium to coincide with the opening of the new floodlights at the venue. The club provided free face-painting for junior supporters on the occasion of a major milestone in the re-development of the stadium and its official re-opening.

The club annual general meeting attracted a fine attendance to the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin on 18th March. Louis and his staff provided a great Tipperary welcome for our first AGM at the new venue. Louis has kindly provided an attractive 25% discount on accommodation at the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel for Tipperary Supporters' Club members, log on to www.tippsupportersclub.com for further details. The AGM attendance included Liam Sheedy, Barry O'Brien, county board

chair and his fellow officers Tim Floyd, secretary, and Ger Ryan, PRO as well as Liz Howard, Uachtarán, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael who had previously served as a committee member of the club. Michael Fenton, chair, Tipperary Association, Dublin was also present. On behalf of the players Willie Ryan (captain) thanked the club for the support during that year and previous years. Liam Sheedy urged all Tipperary supporters to assist the club and spoke of the strong commitment, talent and enthusiasm within the SH Panel. Also present at the meeting were Conor O'Mahony (Vice-Captain), Diarmaid Fitzgerald and Benny Dunne. Ger Ryan had given outstanding service to the club as assistant treasurer, secretary and chair and had kindly agreed to remain on as a committee member. Fulsome tributes were paid to Ger who had been unstinting in his commitment to the club. He was wished



Aidan Carroll of Clonoulty, Tipperary Supporters' Club Match Mascot, with Tipperary captain, Conor O'Mahony, Cork captain, Ray Ryan and Referee, Michael Wadding at the Tipperary v Cork NHL match in Semple Stadium on 14th February 2009.

every good luck in his new role as PRO of the county board. John English, who had also served as chair, had also decided to step down after many years of tremendous service and well deserved tributes were paid to John's wonderful contribution. Both Ger and John pledged to continue to work for the club, a promise which has already been delivered. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: John Tierney of Shannon Rovers (chairman), Joe Tuohy (secretary), Eamon Buckley (treasurer), John Ryan (assistant treasurer) and John Coman (PRO and membership officer). During the year, David O'Dwyer was co-opted on to the Supporters' Club Committee. David was a driving force in the Thurles Sarsfields Supporters' Club.

Following an extra-time defeat to Kilkenny in the Allianz GAA National Hurling League Division 1 Final in Thurles, the annual golf classic was again a major fund-raising and social success in the club's calendar. For the ninth year in succession the County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel was the venue on 14th and 15th May, just before the championship season began. The Crowe Family again provided excellent facilities and a friendly welcome (<http://www.dundrumhousehotel.com/golf-hotel>). The event was again very enjoyable with almost 60 teams taking part and was a great fundraising success thanks to the generosity of the sponsors of teams and tee boxes. In conjunction with the event, we were

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honoured to welcome Criostóir Ó Cuana, newly-elected Uachtarán of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to Dundrum to launch the All-Ireland Under 16 championship and to preside over the draw for it.

Following the Munster Championship wins over Cork and Clare, the focus was firmly on the Munster SH Final against Waterford in Thurles, a venue which had been chosen to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the GAA in the town. Tipperary supporters were delighted to retain the coveted trophy against the team which had ended Tipperary's championship campaign in the previous year's All-Ireland Semi-Final. Direct qualification for another All-Ireland Semi-Final was a further reward. The Supporters' Club was delighted to assist team management with financial and logistical support towards the expenses of training, travel, accommodation and specialist injury treatment, including elements of the intensive training week in Spain. The club also offered assistance to the county board in managing medical claims relating to the senior hurling panel.

In August, a stylish and clearcut win over Limerick in the All-Ireland Semi-Final marked further progress for the senior team. To help meet the costs of Tipperary's participation in the final for the first time since 2001, the club organised a second golf classic at the PGA National Course, Johnstown, Co Kildare on 3rd/4th September. While notice was naturally very short, and economic conditions difficult, the event proved a great success, largely due to a massive effort by committee members. 55 teams took part and we must thank Adrian Killigrew and the team at PGA National for providing a lovely venue and superb back up support <http://www.palmerstownhouse.com/>.

In the All-Ireland final, which Tipperary entered as outsiders, the team provided an outstanding display of top-class hurling in what was widely acknowledged as one of the greatest finals for many years. Having lead for most of the game, unfortunately we had to accept a narrow defeat to a Kilkenny team who are generally accepted as being of a consistently high quality. That evening the panel and management got a rousing and well-deserved reception from the Tipperary supporters gathered in the Burlington Hotel for the traditional banquet organised by the Tipperary Association, Dublin.

The minor team reached the All-Ireland semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by Kilkenny. The Under 21 team were knocked out of the Championship by Waterford. The Tipperary Supporters' Club provided significant support for under age hurling in Tipperary, including financial assistance with the expenses of underage hurling teams. Also, the Tipperary Supporters' Club was again delighted to sponsor the All-Ireland Under 16 championship, which is organised very professionally every year by County Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Tipperary won this year's final, beating Galway in Semple Stadium.

Measures of the success of the season can be seen in the nomination of 13 players for Vodafone GAA All Star Awards. The four Tipperary winners, Conor O'Mahony with his second award and first time winners Pádraig Maher, Lar Corbett and Noel McGrath, meant that Tipperary was for the second year in a row the county with the second highest number of award winners. Noel was also the winner of the Young Player of the Year award while Pádraic Maher was also a nominated for that award. Congratulations also to Brendan Cummins who was selected as Munster Hurler of the Year. We wish James Woodlock all the best for a speedy and full recovery from the broken leg he sustained in an accidental clash in the county senior hurling final.

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 2010 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!

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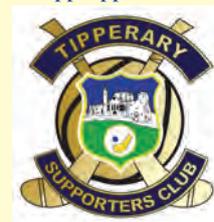


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Tipperary National Football League 2009 Review

By Jackie Cahill

IT started and ended with Down but the contrast in emotions at the end of both clashes with the Ulster outfit was huge for Tipperary manager John Evans and his 2009 Division 3 National Football League champions.

On Sunday, February 1, Tipp began their campaign with a stutter as the Mourne men travelled to Thurles and travelled back north with a 0-18 to 1-9 victory.

But these two teams would meet again and when they did, on Saturday April 25 at Longford's Pearse Park, Tipp ended a gripping afternoon with precious silverware.

Seán Carey was the scoring hero with a precious 90th minute fisted winner for Tipperary and who will ever forget the sight of captain Andrew Morrissey hoisting the Division 3 trophy aloft as darkness descended.

This victory handed Tipperary their first National Football League title for 38 years and after the teams were level on no fewer than eleven occasions, Carey popped up with the score of a lifetime.

At half-time, the scores were level at 0-7 to Down's 1-4 but with 16 minutes remaining, Tipp had surged 0-12 to 1-6 clear and looked good for victory.

Down came roaring back to level and then wasted chances to ram home their superiority during a real purple patch.

Tipp edged ahead again through a Grogan free but in a seesaw battle, Down ensured extra-time when Daniel Hughes pointed in the 67th minute.

Hugh Coghlan could have avoided the additional twenty minutes but perhaps the St Vincent's man wanted to make the travelling contingent from Tipperary sweat as he lost possession when well placed to score!

At half-time in extra-time, Down had inched 1-13 to 0-15 ahead but two Grogan frees turned the tide in Tipperary's favour again.

Down's Aidan Carr levelled the tie at 1-14 to 0-17 but there was still time for Carey to emerge as the matchwinner with that late, late score.

And so, any lingering memories of the opening day league defeat against Down were finally banished as Tipperary celebrated wildly in Longford.

Tipperary lined out as follows: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow). Subs: Robbie Costigan (Cahir) for A. Morrissey, Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Fitzgerald, Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers) for C. Morrissey, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Mulvihill, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Jones, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Coen, Brian Coen (Fethard) for Tierney, Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan) for Fox, Eamon Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercial) for Aylward.

February 1 was a red-letter day for Tipperary as they received a rude awakening on their Division 3 debut.

Few would have predicted that Tipp would finish the season promoted and even fewer picked up on the 125/1 odds on the team achieving that feat!

At a damp and gloomy Semple Stadium, Tipp were level at 0-7 apiece at half-time before visitors Down surged clear in the second half to secure a 0-18 to 1-9 win.

Chris Alyward scored a second half goal for Tipp while Grogan top-scored with six points but John Fegan, with five

points, was in good form for Down as they got their campaign off to an ideal start.

Tipp needed to bounce back quickly but on paper, a trip to Kingspan Breffni Park on February 15 looked a daunting task.

However, Tipp came away with a hard-fought 0-13 to 0-11 victory and this success kick-started a remarkable run.

Barry Grogan was the scoring hero once again with seven points from frees while Brian Fox, who caught the eye all year with those dashing bursts from defence, chipped in with two points from play.

This was Cavan's second defeat in two starts and crucially, Tipp were more clinical in attack and led by 0-7 to 0-4 at half-time.

Cavan were back to within a point quickly after the break but Tipperary regained control and that man Grogan was in the form to punish any defensive indiscretions by the Breffni men.

Ger Pierson hit five points for Cavan but it wasn't enough as Tipp left for home with maximum points and restored belief following that opening day defeat at home to Down.

On Sunday March 8, that belief increased even further when Tipp travelled to Kilmallock and defeated Limerick by just a single point, 1-11 to 1-10.

Limerick were clinging onto a one-point lead in the closing stages but when Grogan was tripped by home goalkeeper Seán Kiely, the ace marksman slotted home the resultant penalty to secure a precious win.

With the aid of a strong wind, Limerick had established a 1-7 to 0-4 half-time lead and Tipp were very much on the back foot.

Ger Collins landed the first point of the second half for Limerick but the Shannonsiders went 26 minutes without a score thereafter as Tipp came surging back.

Tipperary returned to Semple Stadium a week later, March 15, for a meeting with Offaly and a 1-16 to 1-8 victory made pundits sit up and take notice as they wondered if the Premier County could really do it again?

Evans was not yet prepared to talk about promotion but this win saw Tipp sitting pretty at the head of affairs in Division 3 alongside Down and Roscommon on six points.

Of more importance at the time was the fact that Tipp were now just one point off the Evans target of seen to secure survival and with two of the remaining three matches on home soil, that target now appeared most achievable.

But the emphatic nature of the Offaly win evoked memories of the heroic Munster final draw against Cork in July 2002 and yes, it was that good.

Tipp played with a real togetherness, confidence, cohesion and a touch of swagger as Evans continued to get the very best from the bunch of players at his disposal.

Offaly were held to just 1-4 from play while Tipp's ability to work the ball calmly out of defence and attack at pace was eye-catching.

Interestingly, this notable victory represented a 15-point turnaround from when the two counties met previously, in the 2008 Division 4 final.

During that Portlaoise decider, Brian Coen kicked 0-10 for Tipperary and the Fethard clubman was the ace in the pack once again as he grabbed 1-3 from play.

At the midway point, Tipp had established a 0-11 to 1-4 advantage, despite playing against a slight breeze throughout an opening half that was level five times.

And in the second period, the home side outscored their opponents 1-5 to 0-4 en route to a third successive Division 3 success.

The games were now coming thick and fast for Tipperary and the stakes were rising ever higher as the men in blue and gold travelled to Dr Hyde Park in Roscommon for a clash with the hosts on Sunday, March 22.

A 2-13 to 1-10 win for the visitors ousted Roscommon at the top of the Division 3 table and Tipp had to do it the hard way as they fought back from behind to secure the win.

Tipperary led by a point at half-time and with the wind



THAT WINNING FEELING: The Tipperary squad and captain Andrew Morrissey celebrate with the cup after their Allianz GAA National Football League Division 3 Final success over Down.

behind them in the second half, they fired nine points to move to within touching distance of promotion.

Barry Grogan starred once again with eight points but two crucial goals from Aylward and Mulvihill midway through the first half were crucial scores.

Roscommon had raced into an early 1-3 to 0-1 lead but those two goals tilted the balance of power in favour of the visitors, who looked very good in the second half.

Tipperary now had promotion in their grasp and on Sunday, March 29, they achieved it with a 0-18 to 1-11 victory against Louth at Semple Stadium.

With this win against the Wee County, Tipp achieved what many believed to be impossible with a game to spare, having collected five incredible victories from six outings.

The previous day's shattering Cadbury Munster U21 final defeat to Cork was a huge blow to morale in the Tipperary camp but Evans managed to lift spirits for a glorious promotion push.

A stirring second half display proved good enough to see off relegation-threatened Louth by four points.

It's extremely rare to see the footballers outshine their hurling counterparts in Tipperary but this was a Sunday to savour.

2,000 spectators were present at Semple Stadium, many of them for the hurling clash with Dublin, and they afforded the footballers a standing ovation at the finish.

For the second successive weekend, Tipperary came from behind to secure maximum points after Louth roared into a 1-5 to 0-2 ahead after 25 minutes.

Crucially, Tipp rallied before half-time and the deficit was far more manageable as they trailed by 1-5 to 0-5 at the break.

Sixteen minutes after the restart the home side had moved 0-12 to 1-8 in front thanks to a run of five unanswered points kick-

started by Niall Fitzgerald in the 44th minute.

The sides were level twice more before the finish but playing with real freedom and sensing that their opponents were there for the taking, Tipp managed five of the game's final six scores to record a famous win.

Top-scorer Barry Grogan took his NFL tally to 1-40 from six matches while in-form Brian Coen enjoyed another fruitful afternoon as he kicked four points from play.

Damian O'Brien also came off the bench and the long-serving Éire Óg Anacarty man, older brother of senior hurler Conor, kicked three lovely points.

And so promotion was secure, allowing Evans to experiment for the final home league fixture against Longford on Sunday, April 12, which ended in a 0-10 to 0-9 defeat.

The group stages of Tipp's group campaign ended as it started, with a home reverse, but the hard work was done in between as five successive victories clinched promotion.

Coen enjoyed a hugely-productive league campaign and with four points against Longford, the Fethard forward took his scoring tally to 1-12, second only behind Grogan's massive haul of 1-40.

Damian O'Brien, so impressive when introduced against Louth a fortnight before, added two points to the three he collected against the Wee County.

Tipp did start well and with 16 minutes on the watch, they led by 0-5 to 0-0 but the visitors rallied to within two points at half-time, trailing by 0-5 to 0-3.

Longford, led by their brilliant forward Brian Kavanagh, racked up ten wides in the opening half but tightened up considerably after the break to outscore the hosts 0-7 to 0-4 in the second period.



Tipperary Junior Football panel versus Limerick. Back l-r: Gerard Hally, Ian Browne, Pa Morrissey, Pat Hally, Richard Power, Diarmuid Foley, James Farrelly, Benny Hickey, Kevin Hally, Kevin Fox, Mark Cahill, Donal Lynch, Timmy Byrnes, Michael Lynagh. Front l-r: Odran Lloyd, Colin Morrissey, Paul Brennan, Aidan Savage, Louis Everard, Pat Marnane, Tony Doyle, Barry Shortall, Paddy Flaherty, Denis Kelly, Aaron Kelly.

Senior Football Championship Review

by Shane Brophy

- 24 May Munster Q/F Semple Stadium
Limerick 1-11 Tipperary 1-9
4 July AIQ1 Drogheda Tipperary 2-10 Louth 1-12
11 July AIQ2 Semple Stadium Sligo 1-13 Tipperary 1-12

Following on from the euphoria of Saturday, 25 April in Pearse Park in Longford when Tipperary won the Division 3 title, expectations were high for John Evans men going into the championship.

The draw was a favourable one with both Kerry and Cork on the other side of the draw. For the second year in a row, Tipperary were paired with Limerick in the opening round and there was plenty of optimism that Tipperary could overturn the three point defeat from the previous year.

Tipperary had already gone down to Limerick and beaten Mickey 'Ned' O'Sullivan's side in the National League but that defeat had put the Shannonsiders on red alert.

Tipperary suffered a huge blow in the build-up to the game when Vodafone player of the month for April, full back Ciaran McDonald was ruled out through injury.

All the plaudits from the victory over Down in the league final had created an expectation but with expectation comes pressure and certainly in the first half, Tipperary looked as if they had been weighed down by it.

Poor Display

Limerick used their physical advantage to its fullest but were helped by poor Tipperary play, particularly in defence. Poor passes, fumbling, dropped balls, poor support play, poor off the ball running; it all characterised the first half performance.

In fact, it took Tipperary 32 minutes to score and at half time, trailed 1-8 to 1-1 with Brian Coen getting the goal on the stroke of half time.

John Evans didn't make drastic changes at the break, giving the players a chance to redeem themselves and despite an early wide, the signals were good as Tipperary were much more confrontational. Barry Grogan set up Brian Coen once again and a foul on Brian Mulvihill in the 40th minute saw Grogan converted and reduce the margin to a manageable five points. The real Tipperary had finally shown up and a superb long-range effort from Coen had the supporters off their feet.

Aidan Fitzgerald had been introduced and he immediately put Sean Carey into a dangerous position and as he was about to pass to Barry Grogan in a good goal-scoring position, Patrick Ranahan managed to dispossess the Moyle Rovers clubman. Tipp kept piling forward and good points from Hugh Coghlan and Aidan Fitzgerald reduced the margin to just two points with a full twenty minutes remaining.

Limerick were on the wrack but managed to slow Tipp's march by slowing down the kickouts and drawing some soft frees and their first score of the second half from Stephen Lucey with fifteen minutes to go looked to have settled them down.

Tipperary struggled to create good scoring positions and went 14 minutes without a score when Barry Grogan pointed a free after Aidan Fitzgerald was hauled down at the edge of the square but Tipperary were never able to draw level with their opponents and Limerick progressed to the next round.

Tipperary team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincent's, 0-1), Brian Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers, 0-1); James Tierney (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard, 1-2), Barry Grogan (Aherlow, 0-4 Capt).

SUBS: Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers) for Morrissey (21); Kevin Mulryan (JK Brackens) for Jones (31); Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard, 0-1) for Tierney (41); Damian O'Brien (Éire Óg Annacarty) for Austin (51 inj).

All-Ireland Qualifier

Just under six weeks later, Tipperary travelled to Drogheda for a first round qualifier against Louth. John Evans made quite a number of changes to the side, with the most noteworthy being the change of goalkeeper with Matthew O'Donnell making his championship debut with Paul Fitzgerald dropping to the bench. Indeed, the Killenaule keeper was to have a debut to remember for all the wrong reasons.

Tipperary scraped home by one point to record their first championship victory in six years.

It was a strange game where Louth enjoyed the vast majority of the possession but Tipperary's discipline to the gameplan was outstanding as they defended superbly in numbers, forcing the turnovers and breaking forward at pace in support of Barry Grogan and Brian Coen who always looked dangerous even though their supply of ball was limited.

The Tipperary effort was summed up in a 13-minute period in the second half when they played with a man less following the red card to Matthew O'Donnell. In that spell prior to Louth also having a man dismissed, John Evans charges conceded just two points despite wave after wave of Louth attacks.

Tipperary led 1-8 to 0-5 at half time with the goal coming from a superb individual effort by Barry Grogan, with George Hannigan, Brian Fox and Brian Coen chipping in with good points.

Despite playing against a strong breeze, the visitors maintained a stranglehold on the game early in the second half, frustrating Louth until they finally cut through with Colm Judge being pulled down in the square by Matthew O'Donnell who



Brian Mulvihill studies his options against Sligo in the All-Ireland SFC Qualifier at Semple Stadium.

was issued with a straight red card for the high tackle.

The penalty was missed but Louth only reduced the lead to four when they had a player dismissed. When Philip Austin found the back of the net with nine minutes to go, Tipperary looked home and hosed but the concession of a second penalty which was converted by J.P. Rooney ensured a nervy finish as Louth kicked two further points but ran out of time as Tipp progressed to round two.

Tipperary team and scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers, Capt); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Hugh Coghlan (St Vincent's), Robbie Costigan (Cahir 0-1); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers 0-1), Kevin Mulryan (JK Brackens); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane 1-0), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty 0-1); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Brian Coen (Fethard 0-2), Barry Grogan (Aherlow 1-5).

SUBS: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard) for Mulryan (41); Damian O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) for Carey (58); Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) for Austin (64 inj); Eamon Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials) for Coghlan (70+3); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Mulvihill (70+5).

Against Sligo

Seven days later, Tipperary were back in action with a home tie against Sligo, and a very winnable game at that, but in the end another poor first half display proved too much for the team to come back from.

After starting well against the breeze, Tipp were competing well with the 2007 Connacht champions but the Yeats men upped a gear, helped by a dominant midfield and a live-wire forward line which caused the Tipp defence no end of problems with Adrian Marren, Stephen Coen and David Kelly in particular doing the damage.

Even Tipperary's star performers this year in defence, Ciaran McDonald and Paddy Codd were under pressure while Robbie Costigan was tied up with his defensive duties rather than raiding forward effectively from wing back.

Trailing by six points at half time, Tipperary suffered a huge blow early in the second half when Stephen Coen found the back of the net to put the visitors in a commanding position.

However, as they had done against Limerick, Tipperary fought back and took the game to Kevin Walsh's men with a tactical switch with Aidan Fitzgerald coming in, in place of Chris Aylward with Brian Fox reverting to wing back working a treat.

Two points in a minute from sub Damian O'Brien and Brian Coen lifted the Tipp mood and the margin was back to six points again. Following a harsh free against Brian Fox which led to a Mark Brehony pointed free for Sligo, Aidan Fitzgerald put himself on the scoresheet in the 54th minute.

However, it only took a further two minutes for the goal to arrive as a swift move out of defence via a George Hannigan free saw Brian Mulvihill play a one-two with Philip Austin before finding his way to the 20 yard line where he sent a crisp shot to the roof of the net.

The change in momentum of the game was startling as Tipp began hoovering up the breaking ball around the middle of the field with Hugh Coghlan raiding forward to great effect as he set



Tipperary's Christopher Aylward attempts to block down a shot from Sligo's Alan Costello with Kevin Mulryan supporting in the All-Ireland SFC Qualifier at Thurles on Saturday.

up Brian Mulvihill for a point before firing over himself to reduce the margin to a minimum with six minutes remaining.

Defining Moment

Then came the game defining moment as Damian O'Brien failed to get any kind of score from a superb pass from Barry Grogan and even at that stage, you felt that Tipp would rue that missed opportunity as Sligo added a further point to hold out for victory.

A lot of progress has been made under the stewardship of John Evans over the last two years; the team still remains very green around the edges, but you cannot be but impressed by the enthusiasm of what is a relatively young panel.

In the end, reflecting on the championship, manager John Evans and his selectors now have a clearer indication of the further improvements that are required to compete more consistently at championship level next year.

Midfield remains an area of major concern and John Evan's main aim will be to unearth some more options for the sector, particularly those able to win clean possession in the air.

Tipperary team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers, Capt); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og), Hugh Coghlan (St Vincent's 0-2), Robbie Costigan (Cahir); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Kevin Mulryan (JK Brackens); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers 1-1); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Brian Coen (Fethard 0-1), Barry Grogan (Aherlow 0-6).

SUBS: Damian O'Brien (Éire Óg Annacarty 0-1) for Carey (45); Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard 0-1) for Aylward (48); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Mulryan (56); John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Austin (68).

Other Tipperary panel members: Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Ian Barnes (Clonmel Commercials), Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan), John Coghlan (Moynemount), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Liam O'Gorman (Cahir). Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Shane Kearney (Clonmel Óg), Ciaran Kendrick (Moyle Rovers)

Manager: John Evans

Selectors: John Cummins, Tommy Toomey.

District Inspector Thomas St George MacCarthy, RIC (1862-1943), one of the G.A.A. founders

by Turtle Bunbury

A founder member of the GAA - airbrushed from history because of his membership of the Crown forces - is rehabilitated as part of the "Rededication of Founder's Graves" programme to mark the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the GAA.

District Inspector MacCarthy of the Royal Irish Constabulary must have wondered what he had got himself into. It was a wet Sunday afternoon in November 1884 and the 22-year-old policeman and former Irish rugby international was seated in the billiards room of a hotel in Thurles listening to a dozen or so men engage in a passionate discussion about the future of Irish sport. MacCarthy did not know all these men, but he knew several were prominent members of the illegal Fenian Brotherhood.[i] It is believed that he came as a guest of the well-to-do developer, JK Bracken, a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.[ii]

The most verbose speaker in the room was MacCarthy's former teacher, Michael Cusack (1847-1906), clad as ever in a big black hat and knee-breeches, the blackthorn stick by his side. Before the meeting was concluded, the names of MacCarthy, Bracken, Cusack and four other men would be recorded for posterity as the founding fathers of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, the Gaelic Athletic Association for the Preservation and Cultivation of National Pastimes. It was arguably the boldest step for Irish nationalism since the ill-fated Fenian Rising was crushed back in '67. And it was most certainly not the sort of place where an RIC officer should have been warming his seat.[iii]

In 1879, five years before he helped found the GAA, Thomas St George MacCarthy arrived in Dublin from his home in Bansha, Co Tipperary. The 17-year-old came to the City to study at Michael Cusack's Civil Service Academy, a cramming school in Gardiner's Place which specialized in preparing young men for entry examinations into the RIC, as well as to medical and law schools, the army and navy, and Trinity College. Cusack and MacCarthy struck up a strong friendship, with MacCarthy playing rugby for the Academy team and Cusack coaching the young Tipperary man to take first place in the RIC cadetship examinations.

In January 1883, MacCarthy was promoted 3rd Class District Inspector and, the following June, he was allocated to Templemore, Co. Tipperary.[iv] Meanwhile, his rugby career was booming. He won his first (and only) rugby cap for Ireland when he played in the three quarters against Wales in 1882.[v] That same year, he played for Dublin University Rugby Club (Trinity College) when they won the Leinster Senior Cup. His parents must have been proud.

Thomas's father, George MacCarthy, was born in Spa Hill, Tralee, Co Kerry, in 1832 and joined the RIC at the age of 25.[vi] While serving in Rathmullen, Co Donegal, he met Thomas's mother, Mary Doherty. In 1858, George was transferred to the village of Bansha in the Galtee Mountains where he remained for the next ten years, before being transferred 20 miles north to Ballynonty, near Thurles. Thomas St George MacCarthy was born in Bansha on 9 June 1862 and educated at the Tipperary Grammar School, known as the Abbey School, in nearby Tipperary Town.[vii] At the Abbey, he became an enthusiastic cricket and rugby player. As a young man, he also enjoyed watching the young men of Bansha – the forerunners of the Galtee Rivers GAA – hurling in the meadows around the village. However, there is no record of MacCarthy ever actually having played himself.

There is much about MacCarthy which makes one question what he was doing in Hayes Hotel that day. Some say he was there because, as a sporting fanatic, he simply wished to support



District Inspector 3rd Class, Thomas St. George McCarthy, who attended the foundation meeting of the G.A.A. at Hayes Hotel, Thurles in 1884. This photograph was taken circa 1886 and was discovered about ten years ago in the RUC Museum in Belfast.

anything that promoted sport amongst young people. Sport, he believed, would deter the youth from excessive drinking. Others inevitably hold that the rugby-playing policeman was a British spy, not least since his father was by now one of Co Tipperary's four Residential Magistrates.[viii]

At any rate, he must have flinched when Cusack described rugby as 'a denationalizing plague [carrying] on through winter the work of ruin that cricket was doing through the summer'.

MacCarthy had maintained his friendship with Cusack after he joined the RIC. However, the older man had since embarked upon a new and rather more perilous journey. A Fenian since childhood, Cusack was a nationalist of almost absurdly romantic proportions. His dreams were frequented by the likes of Wolfe Tone, Napper Tandy, Speranza and Charles Kickham. In one such dream, he encountered the elderly rebel leader Thomas Meagher who 'darted up from the Missouri on a ray of the morning star and fiercely asked what had become of Irish hurling'.[ix]

Feeling a tremendous sense of personal embarrassment that indigenous games had fallen by the wayside, Cusack swore to Mother Erin that he would make a new beginning for Irish sport. He soon secured the backing of Maurice Davin, a world champion runner and weight-thrower, then considered one of the best athletes in the world.[x] The duo decided to host a gathering of all persons interested in creating an organization for Irish sports at Miss Hayes Commercial Hotel in Thurles on 1st November 1884.[xi]

MacCarthy was the only founder excluded from honoured memory. The reasons for this are straightforward. In 1888, the GAA prohibited any of its members from serving with either the RIC or the British Army. MacCarthy was a policeman and thus he too was banned.[xii]

It is not known what MacCarthy thought about his being airbrushed from GAA history. He had probably already started to distance himself from the organization, particularly after March 1885 when Cusack declared that no athlete would be allowed to compete at GAA meetings if they competed elsewhere under other rules.

The former rugby star must have also baulked when Archbishop Croke, the foremost patron of the GAA, penned a magnificently vitriolic epistle slating British fashion, mannerisms, language and, above all, sport.

However, investigations into MacCarthy's personal file at the RIC reveal that the officer may have had other things on his mind.[xiii] In 1885, for instance, he was rapped on the knuckles for tampering with an official document in Templemore. In November 1887, he married a solicitor's daughter from Dublin and relocated to Limavady.[xiv] Four years later, he received a further black mark for 'serious and continued neglect of duty' while stationed in Limavady. Again, the exact nature of this misconduct is not recorded.

In 1894, he was transferred to Dundalk, where he played cricket for a local Catholic team. Yet another unfavourable comment in his personal file refers to his being reprimanded for disobedience and a warning for his future career should he 'again refuse to carry out his duties loyally or give cause for complaint to the Inspector General'.

Thereafter he served in a series of rural villages, before retiring in 1912, five months before his 50th birthday. A comment in his file from this time declares that he had been deemed unfit for further duty on account of his 'general conduct' and unspecified injuries received while serving in Dundalk in 1894.

No further details as to MacCarthy's misdemeanours are yet known. In later life he lived on Oakley Road in Ranelagh where he frequented the local pub. He regularly attended matches at both Croke Park and Lansdowne Road until his death, aged 81, at Linden Convalescent Home, Blackrock, on 12 March 1943.

District Inspector MacCarthy, the last of the seven original GAA founders, was buried in an unmarked pauper's grave in Dublin's Deans Grange Cemetery.[xv] Renowned RIC historian Jim Herlihy subsequently located the grave and set in motion the idea of rehabilitating MacCarthy's memory. Jim McDonald, chairman of the George Cross Foundation, duly put the idea to Jarlath Burns, the former Armagh star who heads the GAA's 125th anniversary organizing committee. Burns took up the challenge and on the morning of 18th November, a granite commemorative stone will be unveiled by MacCarthy's grave. PSNI Chief Constable Matt Baggott and Garda Commissioner Fachtina Murphy have both been invited to the ceremony. The two police forces have already honoured the mysterious policeman by presenting The Thomas St. George MacCarthy Cup for an annual football competition between the two sides.

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FOOTNOTES

[i] Although legend holds that there were just seven men in the room, there were in fact at least fourteen. Nonetheless, it wasn't a great turn out. At least sixty men issued apologies that they could not make it. The original seven were 37-year-old Cusack, Marcus Davin (then Ireland's best-known athlete), John Wyse Power (a Dublin journalist then working with the Leinster Leader in Naas and with the

'extreme section of Irish nationalists'), John McKay (a Co Down journalist working with the Cork Examiner), J.K. Bracken (an IRB man and builder from Templemore), P.J. Ryan (a solicitor in Thurles and Callan, Co Kilkenny) and 22-year-old Thomas St. George MacCarthy, a young policeman, then stationed in Templemore. As several of the attendees were press, they ensured good coverage in the media. Wyse Power's report began with a reference to this 'well-attended meeting' but McKay was more honest and admonished the Examiner's readers for their failure to show up. McKay is credited with penning the infamous two words 'etc. etc.' after the seven names that he said attended that first meeting in Thurles. Local press reports indicate that at least six more men were present - William Foley of Carrick-on-Suir, and five locals from Thurles, namely Dwyer, Culhane, William Delehunty, John Butler and William Cantwell. Also present was Frank Moloney of Nenagh, who was left off the records as his particularly strong Fenian credentials would have drawn flak from the Authorities.

[ii] Others say MacCarthy just happened to run into some of the organizers on the street shortly before the event began and decided to take a seat. Bracken was born at Ardvullen House, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick and died in 1904). His son was Viscount Brendan Bracken (1901-1958), the politician and publisher who became Winston Churchill's closest friend and his Minister of Information from 1941-45.

[iii] There is no record of MacCarthy having spoken at the meeting.

[iv] He was appointed on 3 January 1883.

[v] The rugby match was played on 28 January 1882. Ireland lost.

[vi] George Thomas MacCarthy (1832-1902) served as a County Inspector with the Royal Irish Constabulary. He was born on 21 May 1832 at Spa Hill, Tralee, Co Kerry. In 1855, 25-year-old George joined the Irish Revenue Police as a lieutenant. Two years later he joined the RIC and was posted to Rathmullen, Co Donegal, where he met his wife Margaret Doherty. Lt MacCarthy and Miss Doherty were married circa 1857. The following year, he was transferred to Bansha. In September 1865, he received a reward of £15 for his efforts in 'quelling a mini-riot by race-goers patronizing a mobile shebeen at the Cashel races'. (de Burca). In 1867, he received special payment for an unspecified good service. In April 1870, the 39-year-old was appointed Resident Magistrate and he remained one of County Tipperary's four RMs for the next 20 years. It is not known precisely where he lived but it was probably in or around Tipperary Town. It is entirely possible that George was the inspiration behind Darby Ryan's satirical poem, 'The Peeler and the Goat', aka 'The Bansha Peeler'.

The St George connection may have been something to Howard John St George of Kilrush House, Freshford, Co Kilkenny, whose youngest son - and eventual heir - John Edward St George was also in the RIC, rising to become Private Secretary to the Inspector General.

[vii] He was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in Bansha on 11 June 1862. His sponsors were Thomas McCarthy and Clara Doherty, most probably his uncle and aunt. (Cork Examiner 14 June 1862). The Tipperary Grammar School was an Erasmus Smith foundation. The school had an extensive sporting ethos and was particularly strong at rugby. MacCarthy was one of nine Tipperary Grammar School pupils who played rugby for Ireland between 1882 and the schools' closure in 1923.

MacCarthy's sister Kathleen died at an early age and is buried in Bansha Cemetery.

[viii] That said, MacCarthy's background need not have worked against him. Other prominent early supporters of the GAA included Douglas Hyde, son of a Protestant clergyman, and the Rev Maxwell Close, a respected geologist and son of an Ulster Unionist.

[ix] Joyce based the character of the Citizen in Ulysses on Cusack.

[x] Davin had a particularly noble motive to create sports specifically 'for the humble and hard-working who seem now to be born into no other inheritance than an everlasting round of labour'.

[xi] At the meeting, Archbishop Croke, Parnell and Davitt were invited to become patrons - and accepted - and the spirit of the GAA spread like a prairie fire across the island.

[xii] The 'ban' was only lifted this century.

[xiii] Much of this information came from Marcus de Burca's excellent study. In September 1894, MacCarthy was presented with a complimentary illuminated address accompanied by a purse of sovereigns from the magistrates, clergy and inhabitants generally of the county of Londonderry on the occasion of his transfer to Dundalk; expressive of regret at his removal from amongst them, bearing testimony to the ability, tact and firmness with which he invariably discharged his duties while stationed at Limavady and as a token of their esteem and regard. Resolutions were also passed by the presiding at Limavady and Claudy Petty Sessions on the 4th and 7th December 1894 respectively, expressing regret at his leaving. On 1 December 1894, he was transferred to Dundalk, Co. Louth. He was promoted to 1st Class District Inspector on 1 August 1896. On 15 December 1903, he was transferred to Robertstown, Co. Kildare. On 1 April 1905, he was transferred to Newpallas, Co. Limerick. On 25 July 1909, he was transferred to Newport, Co. Mayo. On 15 September 1911, he was transferred to Ballymahon, Co. Longford. He was awarded the King Edward VII Visit to Ireland Medal, 1903. He was pensioned on 23 January 1912.

[xiv] On 1 March 1885, he was transferred to Derrygonnelly, Co. Tipperary. He was promoted to 2nd Class District Inspector on 16 March 1887 and transferred to Limavady on 15 November. However, on 18 November 1887, he married Dublin-born Lucie Josephine Lynch in Dublin's Pro-Cathedral. Her father was born in Galway and practiced as a solicitor in Great Charles Street, off the North Circular Road, Dublin. They had a son, who practiced law at Edmonton, Canada, and a daughter, Kathleen (b. 1891, Derry) who, after acting in the Abbey Theatre, moved to Melbourne, Australia.

[xv] Registry No.55580; Grave No.53, Section L3.

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Tipp's Dream of Munster Final success shattered in final minutes of Munster decider

By Liam Hogan

Tipperary's hopes of that elusive Munster U-21 Football crown were dashed with a late goal by a fourteen man Cork side in a very exciting Munster U-21 Final played in Semple Stadium last March.

In the most heart breaking defeats this county has suffered Tipp seemed destined for victory after overturning a half time two point deficit to take 2-5 to 0-9 lead with playing having entered injury time.

In those final seconds Tipp faced an anxious time in defence before a stroke of bad luck allowed Cork corner back, Noel Galvin to fire first time to the net through a crowded goalmouth, setting Rebel fans into orbit.

It was a cruel way to lose and to think that Cork would go onto win the All-Ireland final only adds to the heartache.

Hopes had being high in the Tipp camp who had Tipperary senior manager, John Evans at the helm accompanied by his senior selectors, Tommy Twomey and John Cummins with Pat Moroney, Aherlow, and Jonathan Cullen, Loughmore -Castleiney being added to the ticket.

Afterall, there was reason for the optimism as the team had reached the two previous Munster deciders with nine of the team experiencing both occasions including Matthew O'Donnell, John Coghlan, Paddy Codd, Brian Fox, Christopher Alyward, Brian Jones and Timmy Dalton while Seamus Grogan and Tony Dunne were also there but the selectors would have to plan without them as both were sidelined due to injury.

In addition, eight players had experience of last year's fare which included Ciaran McDonald, Sean Carey, David Buckley, Sean Mullins, Brian Quinn and Donal Lynch. Philip Donnellan was in trouble with a leg injury.

Semi Final March 21

Tipperary travelled to the picturesque setting of Cooraclare for their semi-final clash with Clare who had experience of a championship quarter-final win over Limerick the previous week

The injury list had had grown as Cathal Dillon and Paddy Codd were added to the absentees.

This would not be an easy game as Clare were also seen as a strong team with ten senior panellists on the side including the half back pairing of Liam Markham and Keith Whelan along with midfielders, Gary Brennan and Cathal O'Connor.

In the opening half, Tipp faced a stiff breeze and conceded early points but a seventeenth minute goal by Sean Carey turned the tables. Tipp did not score again until close to half time when Timmy Dalton pointed a free on the right flank leaving half time score at 0-7 to 1-1.

With the comfort of the breeze for the second half, Tipp stormed into action hitting 0-3 without reply, including two points from Sean Carey. The Tipp goal mouth had some anxious moments but John Cagney made a few great runs from his own half with the latter leading to a Timmy Dalton score which levelled matters after forty minutes.

Another Cagney run created panic stations in and around the Clare goalmouth. Dwaine Burns was denied by Clare keeper Peter O' Dwyer from close in but Timmie Dalton met the rebound only to see his snap shot go inches wide of the posts.

Tipperary's tails were up and five minutes later, the quick



Brian Jones wins an aerial dual during the second-half of the Cadbury Munster U-21 Final at Semple Stadium.

hands of Brian Quinn put Peter Acheson into a dangerous position on the left wing. With good foresight he transferred to fellow club man, Carey, who riffled past the helpless O'Dwyer.

The excitement mounted as Clare began to make things difficult for Tipp in the last ten minutes. One minute into added time they reduced the margin to a point after chief scorer Mark McCarthy drilled over another free from 23 metres.

Alan Moloney won Matthew O'Donnell's immediate kickout. The Rockwell man then won a free which he converted. The score was enough to see Tipp in the final for the third year in a row.

The Tipp win pleased manager, John Evans. Tipp worked the ball cleverly but missed a few very very scorable kicks, he said after the win.

Scorers: Tipperary: S Carey 2-1; A Moloney 0-2; T Dalton 0-2 (1f). Clare: M McCarthy 0-5 (3f); E Lyons 0-2 (2f) D Cusack and K Whelan 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY Line out on the day was: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Sean Mullins (Aherlow), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), David Buckley Inane Rovers); Christopher Alyward (Clonmel Og), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy) Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), John Cagney (Clonmel Og) Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Dwaine Burns (Clonmel Og), Brian Quinn (Burgess).

Subs: Subs: Donal Lynch (Commercials) for Mullins, David Keogh (Silvermines) for Coghlan [inj], Tony Dunne (Burgess) for Acheson, Diarmuid Foley Ardfinnan) for Burns.

CLARE: Peter O'Dwyer; Dean Ryan, Darren Hickey, Niall white; Kevin Hartnett, Liam Markham, Keith Whelan; Gary Brennan (capt), Cathal O'Connor; Diarmuid Cusack, Sean Collins, Daniel Gallery; Enda Lyons, Sean Crotty, Mark

McCarthy.

Pádraig McMahon for Hartnett (h/t), Matthew Moloney for Cusack (43m), Cathal McNerney for Lyons (55m)

The Final ...March 28

Semple Stadium housed the final on March 28th which was played in splendid sunshine in front of 4,000 supporters.

Cork had reached the decider on the back of an eleven point quarter-final win over holders, Kerry, followed by a ten point win over Waterford in the semi-final.

This made them hot favourites as John Evans suggested in a pre-match quote two weeks prior to the game.

In the first quarter Tipp defied the odds and made Cork fight all the way. Trailing 0-2 to 0-1 Tipp came level after Brian Fox made a great run from his own half to level matters after 15 minutes.

The score gave Tipp added confidence but they failed to increase their tally as the sides were deadlocked for the next 12 minutes. Colm O'Neill then gave the Rebels the lead with a free and David Gould scored from play in added time.

Meanwhile referee, Aidan Mangan, had dismissed Cork midfielder Chris O'Donovan for a second bookable offence just before the half-time break as Tipp trailed 0-4 to 0-2.

But Tipp turned the game on its head in the second half and by the 40th minute they had two goals from Timmy Dalton and man of the match, Brian Fox, which helped open a 2-4 to 0-6 lead

A Jamie Fitzpatrick point from play followed by a free by David Gould kept Cork in touch as the teams entered the final quarter. Brian Fox roamed up field once again to give Tipp a three point lead and eleven minutes remaining.

Gould replied in the 53rd minute but in the dying moments the title appeared to be heading Tipp's way until Galvin, took advantage with 61 minutes and 22 seconds on the watch, firing right-footed to the Killinan End net.

Afterwards, team manager John Evans admitted: "Let's call a spade a spade. Cork had 14 men, they were playing against the breeze (in the second-half) and won the game. That shouldn't happen."

That said, Tipp's display earned a lot of credit. Perhaps there's better luck around the corner in 2010 where Tipp will avoid the big two once more and should get to the final. They meet the winners of the Clare v Limerick in the semi-final.

Eight players are under age from last year campaign where Ciaran McDonald and John Coghlan will provide excellent leadership with Peter Acheson, Alan Moloney, Sean Carey, Kieran Kendrick, Donal Lynch and Conor Sweeney making up



Tony Dunne gains possession ahead of Cork's Noel Galvin at a sunny Semple Stadium.

the remainder of the octet.

The future looks bright.

The teams and scorers -- Tipperary: B Fox 1-2; T Dalton 1-0; J Cagney, D Burns, A Moloney (f) 0-1 each. Cork: D Gould 0-6 (4f); N Galvin 1-0; J Fitzpatrick 0-2, C O'Neill 0-1.

TIPPERARY: Matthew O'Donnell; David Buckley, Ciaran McDonald, Paddy Codd; Christopher Aylward, John Coghlan, Brian Fox; Brian Jones, Peter Acheson; Alan Moloney, John Cagney, Sean Carey; Timmie Dalton, Dwaine Burns, Brian Quinn. Subs: Tony Dunne for Quinn; Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for Acheson.

CORK – Darren Farry; Sean McLoughlin, Jamie O'Sullivan, Noel Galvin; Conor O'Driscoll, Aidan Walsh, Bart Daly; Chris O'Donovan, Kevin O'Driscoll; Ciaran Sheehan, Shane McCarthy, Colm O'Driscoll; Colm O'Neill, David Gould, Paul Honahan. Subs: James Fitzpatrick for Honahan; Mark Collins for McCarthy [inj]; Paul Honahan for O'Driscoll.

Referee: Aidan Mangan (Kerry).



Tipperary U21 Football panel Munster finalists against Cork. Back l-r: Tony Dunne, Donal Lynch, David Keogh, Kieran Kenrick, Diarmuid Foley, Brian Jones, Christopher Aylward, Peter Acheson, Alan Moloney, Ciaran McDonald, Sean Mullins, Paddy Codd, Paul McEvoy, Brendan Walsh. Front l-r: Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Tony Flanagan, Brian Quinn, Timmy Dalton, John Cagney Dwaine Burns, Brian Fox, Matthew O'Donnell, John Coghlan, Sean Carey, David Buckley, Richard Power.

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Tipperary Minor Football panel. Munster finalists against Kerry. Back l-r: Owen Byrne, Brian O'Hara, Shane Foley, Roger Peters, Darragh O'Dwyer, Paddy Dalton, Gerard Mulhair, Michael Ivors, Graham Quinn, Jack Lonergan and Luke Murphy. Front l-r: Joseph Carroll, Sean O'Meara, Johnny McMahon, Eoin Kent, Ross McGrath, Aaron Wall, Eddie Kenrick, Liam Treacy, Thomas Hill, Jonathan Ryan, Billy Hewitt, Shane Power and Aldo Matassa.

Minor footballers provide a highlight of 2009

By John Guiton (*Tipperary Star*)

Sadly, they may not have silverware to show for their endeavours over the season, but, Tipperary minor footballers took great pride in their eye-catching defeat of Cork following 'extra time' of an absorbing provincial semi-final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

It was a case of unlucky thirteen for the rebels! Wednesday May 13th, and a fired-up tenacious Tipp grabbed one of the sporting headlines of the Summer when they sent the fancied Corkonians crashing from the championship in their own backyard. Another memorable chapter in a celebrated season for Tipperary football was unveiled in the fading light of the Cork Marina when Tipp edged out their old rivals by three points (0-13 to 0-10 AET).

Newspaper coverage of the game referred to Tipp football on the crest of a wave. The senior side had been making the headlines following their league success and promotion, and the county received another massive fillip with this unexpected victory for a very well-drilled minor outfit. That they bearded the Cork lion in its own den, and came away with a victory after eighty minutes of hard-fought and entertaining football was no mean achievement.

There was little indication of Tipp's overall worth when they struggled to contain favourites Kerry in the opening round of the Munster championship in Semple Stadium. They lost that game by five points, but, nothing short of a huge improvement was required of them going into the losers section against Waterford. However, on the strength of a comfortable victory over the Decies in the losers group final they got their hopes of reaching another decider firmly back on track. Clearly, they put in a huge effort in the training ground, between the Waterford and Cork games, and the fruits of their work were plain to be seen when they played a far more attractive brand of football, and displayed heart and character in abundance against the rebels.

Tipp had improved in leaps and bounds since the first round of the championship, and the victory over Cork was all the more significant and praiseworthy when it is considered that they spurned two goal chances in the second-half of normal time, and yet, showed great resolve to hold out for a draw under pressure. Granted, for whatever reason, Cork never quite came to grips

with the occasion, but, nothing could detract from the spirit of the Tipp performance. The fact that Cork had to wait until 30th minute of the first half to put their first score on the board, after driving a litany of wides, underlined their difficulties on the evening, but, it also spoke volumes for the attitude of well-focussed Tipp. The Premier County took the game by the scruff of the neck from the start, and played the better football for the most part. Their ploy of playing corner-forward Michael Ivors in a 'sweeper' role between the half-back line and full-back line worked a treat, and had a huge bearing on their productive first half performance, at the end of which they led 0-6 to 0-2, having played with the advantage of the breeze. Tipp were nicely poised at the halfway stage considering that they had lost classy corner-forward Liam Treacy to injury in 24th minute.

Tipp, well prepared by Manager David Power (Kilsheelan-Kilcassagh) and selectors Liam Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Pat Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Fergal McDonnell (JK Brackens), Kevin Hally (Rockwell Rovers), and Christopher Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcassagh), could have killed off the game when they led 0-8 to 0-3 after forty five minutes. However, Cork took a grip on the contest in the last quarter, and amid high drama, they earned a draw thanks to the equalising point from substitute Dean Brosnan (0-8 each). Had Tipp lost their chance? Not a bit of it! Indeed, the break before the extra period suited them. They were able to recharge the batteries, and were helped enormously by the influence of their subs, particularly Johnny McMahon who sealed Cork's fate with a marvellous 78th minute score. Tipp had led 0-12 to 0-9 at half time of extra time. Victories over Cork in any grade of football are rare. No wonder, Tipp team and supporters danced with joy as darkness descended on the famous Cork venue.

Alas, there were no such scenes of jubilation among Tipp folk when the side played Kerry in the final at the same venue in July. What a pity that their good form deserted Tipp, and, they never quite reached their potential, bowing out on a 0-12 to 0-6 scoreline. They outscored Kerry in the second-half, but, the Kingdom were for the most part the better team. Mayo's eight point winning margin over Tipp in the All-Ireland quarter-final (3-10 to 1-8) was deserved, but, the final scoreline did not reflect the merit of Tipp's overall performance. David Power's team may have started and finished the season on a losing note, but, their victory over Cork in the interim showed clearly that the county has great potential at underage level to work on. In a year in which the status of football in the county received a massive boost, the minor side provided solid grounds for optimism.



An old Tipperary photograph, which has been tentatively dated May-June 1922. Mick Egan has named some of the players. Perhaps someone can name the remainder? Back row (Man with moustache) - Anthony Carew (sec), Bill Barrett, next two players not identified, Jerry Shelley, Bill Ryan, Mick Tobin, With hat at side Tommy Ryan south sec. Middle row: ? Anthony Carroll, Tommy Powell ? ? . Front row: Mick Nolan, Jim Ryan, Jimmy McNamara, Jimmy Doran, ? ?



Tipperary New York won the senior hurling championship of New York in 1974 and the had a reunion of players in East Chester, New York on December 5. This is the photograph of the successful panel twenty-five years ago. Back row, left to right: Tony Cullinane, Liam King, John Flanagan (RIP), Devere Reynolds, Bill O'Brien (RIP), Pat Ryan, Tom Joyce, Jimmy Walsh (RIP), Seamus Power, Johnny Murphy, Henry Condron, Oliver Spillane (RIP), Tom Larkin (RIP), Mike O'Brien, Sean Cullagh (RIP); middle row, left to right: Jim Cullagh, Brendan Maher, Joe Carney, Austin English, Donal O'Brien, Jim Keane, Jimmy Doyle, Monty Maloney, Oliver O'Donnell, Mike Ryan, Oliver Barrett; kneeling, left to right: Billy McLoughlin, Paddy Hennessy, Liam Condon, Sean Brennan.

Milestones from The Stadium Story

1901 – Joseph Molloy, a Thurles shopkeeper, sold the property containing eleven acres and now known as Semple Stadium, to Thurles Agricultural Show Committee for the sum of £300.

1910 – April 5th. A group of local Thurles Gaels, led by James Maher and including Canon M. K. Ryan, purchased 'The Sportsfield' from Thurles Agricultural Show Committee for the sum of £900. The grounds were to be used for the promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes. The first working committee of twelve comprised: James Maher, John Walsh, Thomas Semple, Denis O'Keeffe, E. T. O'Meara, Hugh Ryan, Willie Butler, D.A. Butler, John Lambe, James J. Ryan, L. J. Ryan and Denis McCarthy.

1920-'26 Major Development Work, Enclosing the Field, Raising the Embankments, and providing Sideline Seats.

1934-'37 Agreement was reached between the local committee and the Munster Council for the erection of a stand (largely timber built, with galvanized roof), also an open stand and some sideline seating. Enlargement of all embankments would make 'The Sportsfield' the largest embanked playing area in Ireland. The cost of these developments, approximately £4,000 was shared between the local committee and the Munster Council and brought its capacity to 45,000.

1960s – Bord na bPáirc select Thurles Gaelic Sportsfield for major ground development.

1968 – June 9th .Official Opening of Ardán Uí Chuinneáin. This stand is dedicated to the memory of Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly and Patron of the G.A.A. It accommodates 17,500 patrons and cost in excess of £125,000. It was completed in 1967. The stand was partially covered, with the expectation that in later years it would be fully extended.

1971 – Jan 31st. The A.G.M. of Tipperary G.A.A. County Board passed a Thurles Sarsfields motion naming Thurles Sportsfield as Semple Stadium. This commemorated the legendary Tom Semple, famed captain of the Thurles Blues and a driving force in the development of these grounds. The first finals of Féile na nGael were played at these grounds in 1971.

1978 – Launch of Semple Stadium Centenary Development programme in December. This project, costing £500,000 included the erection of Ardán Ó Riain to replace the old embankment with covered seating accommodation for 11,000. It also planned the further development of terracing at the 'Town' and 'Killinan' ends of the grounds.

1979 – Development Programme begins with the successful launch of a Ten Year Ticket Scheme.

1980 - The new stand – Ardán Ó Riain was completed. This stand honours the memory of Canon M. K. Ryan, who in 1910 spearheaded, with others, the purchase of these grounds for Gaeldom.

1981 – G.A.A. Congress voted in favour of Thurles being the venue for the All Ireland Hurling Final in 1984, G.A.A.'s Centenary year.

1983 – Double Your Money scheme launched to help finance the completion of the development. Sideline accommodation was installed to extend the capacity of the grounds to 60,000. Massive drainage project carried out on the pitch.

1984 – Completion of Semple Stadium Centenary Development programme. Official Opening May 31st 1984 by Uachtarán C.L.G. Pádraig Ó Bogaigh. The 'Town End' is renamed to the memory of Maurice Davin, Carrick on Suir – First Uachtarán of the G.A.A.

G.A.A. celebrates the centenary of its foundation in Thurles with the staging of the All Ireland hurling final at Semple Stadium on Sept. 2nd.

Final Score: Corcaigh 3-16, Uibh Fhailí 1-12

1990-1994 Semple Stadium was the venue for the Féile, Rock Music Festival. At the height of its success, an estimated 100,000 people attended Féile, also known as the 'Trip to Tipp'.

Proceeds of the Féile cleared the outstanding debts due to the Centenary developments.

A wide variety of acts performed including: Meat Loaf, Van Morrison, Elvis Costello, The Saw Doctors, Bryan Adams, Simply Red, Extreme, Chris de Burg, Inxs, The Sultans of Ping, Blur, The Cranberries, Bjork, The Prodigy, The Pogues, Something Happens, Rage Against the Machine, Deacon Blue, Happy Mondays Christy Moore and many more.

1995 - A plaque remembering Bloody Sunday was unveiled by Séamus Ó Riain, under Ardán Uí Chuinneáin. This year marked the 75th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

1999 – In April, the Killinan Terrace is renamed Lochtán Ó Meachair – The Maher Terrace. This acknowledges the contribution of the Maher family, Killinan, to the G.A.A. and especially to this stadium.

2003 - Ardán Uí Chuinneáin extended and roofed. New seating and improved safety features installed. (Cost in excess of €2.5 million).

2007 – Refurbishment of Ardán Uí Chuinneáin, Four New Dressings Rooms, Referees Room, Drug Testing Room, Upgraded Toilet facilities, Medical Treatment Rooms, New Ticket and Programme Sales Facility, Modern Turnstiles and new Ticket Booths.

2008 – Refurbishment of Ardán Ó Riain, New Seating, New Public Address Installed, V.I.P. Rooms, Medical Rooms, Stewards Room, New Press Facilities and Control Room, Pitch Irrigation System installed, The Dome (Multipurpose Sports Building), Hot and Cold Food Outlets, Merchandise Shops, Picnic Area, Toilet Facilities, Upgraded Carpark and Signage. New Entrance from the Nenagh Road

2009 – Feb. 14th. New Floodlights Switched on at Semple Stadium by Uachtarán C.L.G. Nioclás Ó Braonáin. The total cost of this refurbishment programme (2007-'09) was €18 million.

G.A.A. celebrates 125th Anniversary of its foundation in Thurles in 1884.

David Morgan appointed as the first Director of Semple Stadium.

Nov. 13th '09 – First Concert at The Dome, Semple Stadium with Tommy Fleming.

Dec.14th '09 – Tipperary G.A.A. Annual General Meeting (Convention) held in The Dome for the first time.



Liam Ó Donnchú, Semple Stadium P.R.O.



Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Team

Tipperary Intermediate hurling panel v Cork: Back Paudie Ryan, Cian Maher, Philip Donnellan, Ray Darcy, Mark O'Meara, Bill McCormack, Jody Ryan, Sean Haran, Cathal Dillon, Christy Coughlan, Matthew Ryan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Shane Walsh, Willie O'Dwyer, Denis Stapleton, Sean Keating. Front: Eoin Buckley, Alan Byrne, Danny Lyne, Michael Ring, Adrian Ryan, John Coghlan, John Harkin, Lee Mackey, Timmy Dalton, Martin Dunne, Timmy Minogue, Fergal Horgan, Niall Teehan.



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Thurles Sarsfields - County Senior Hurling Champions



Thurles Sarsfields panel - County SHC Winners. Back: Michael Collins, Bill McCormack, Eoin Russell, Liam Cahill, Pa Bourke, Ger O'Grady, Michael Cahill, Kevin O'Gorman, Shane Ryan, David Kennedy, Padraic Maher, Lar Corbett, Colm O'Rourke, Patrick Leahy, Front-David Dwyer, Tommy Collins, Barry Dwyer, Declan Ryan, Richie Ruth, Alan Kennedy, Patrick McCormack, Stephen Lillis, Johnny Enright, Denis Maher, Michael Gleeson, John Maher, Jim Corbett.

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The County Senior Hurling Championship

By Seamus J. King

The Dan Breen Cup

Thurles Sarsfields won their thirtieth county senior hurling title when they defeated Drom Inch by 0-14 to 0-5 in the final at Semple Stadium on October 18. Drom Inch, who were appearing in their third final, suffered their third defeat since 2005

It was expected to be a great final, with two Mid teams contesting it. Thurles Sarsfields may have been slight favourites, some of the thinking behind it based on their superior fire power. On the other hand Drom Inch were given a chance based mainly on their impressive defeat of Toomevara in the semi-final. As well it was their third final so any first-time nerves should be absent. It was expected to be a good game with free-flowing play and a feast of scores.

Instead it was one of the worst finals for years, a game that never sprang to life. Drom Inch were dreadful and Thurles Sarsfields not much better. Most of the players, bar Padraic Maher and Michael Cahill, seemed to have been inhibited by the occasion. Sarsfields adopted the tactic of a hectic workrate that closed down the opposition and gave them neither time nor space to hurl at ease. This was exemplified in the play of Michael Cahill, who stuck to Seamus Callanan like a leech and prevented him from performing. Since Callanan was the main hope on which a Drom Inch victory rested, preventing him from playing was the greatest contribution to a Sarsfields victory. On this basis Cahill probably deserved the Man of the Match, doing more than anyone on the field to prevent Drom winning.

At the end of the day the quality of the game didn't make a bit of difference to the Sarsfields players. Whereas playing the game and performing well may be the noble ideal, winning is why players go out to play and in the vast number of cases it doesn't make much difference to them whether it was pretty or not.

Winning captain Johnny Enright, touched on these matters in his speech afterwards. He had no argument about it being a poor final, but there was no apology either.

He said: "It was, but I still felt our work-rate was phenomenal, we closed them down. We missed chances, they missed chances, but it's all about getting that cup and taking the next step forward. We lost enough good finals – I remember one that finished 3-19 to 3-16, played great and lost. You win whatever way you can, and I thought our attitude and our work-rate was fantastic today. We felt if we could match them on work-rate we had the hurlers to come through, and that's how it turned out. This one was huge for Thurles; everyone was talking about Drom & Inch having lost in 05 and 07, no title won yet, but we lost six finals this decade, four-in-a-row early on and then last year again, so this was as important to us as it was to them, though I know the pain they're feeling now."

Similar Form to 2008

The format of the county senior hurling championship remained essentially the same in 2009 as it had been in 2008. It was divided into two competitions, the Dan Breen Cup and the Seamus Ó Riain Cup. All teams that made it to the divisional semi-finals qualified for the former while all the remaining teams took part in the latter competition.

There was a bit of variation on 2008 with thirty rather than twenty-nine teams taking part, as 2008 intermediate champions, Templederry Kenyons, joined the senior ranks. Under the new structures brought in in 2008 any club had the right to enter the senior hurling championship. With the intermediate winners advancing to senior ranks every year there may come a day when there won't any longer be an intermediate grade! On the other hand any senior team had the right to be relegated intermediate if it felt it wasn't strong enough to be in senior ranks. As of yet there are no takers of this option.



Thurles Sarsfields captain Johnny Enright lifts the Dan Breen Cup presented by County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien.

Another change from 2008 was the granting of entry to the Dan Breen Cup to the finalists of the Ó Riain Cup. This was done in order to give greater stature to the Ó Riain Cup even though there was a belief in many quarters that the competition had proven itself in 2008 and Carrick Swans' success and the euphoria it generated had established the competition as capable of standing by itself, without the prop of qualification to the Dan Breen Cup.

As a result of this change it was necessary to find a way to bring the two Ó Riain Cup finalists into the Dan Breen Cup. In 2008 the eight beaten divisional semi-finalists played the eight divisional finalists in the first round of the Dan Breen Cup. The change made in 2009, in order to allow the entry of the Ó Riain finalists, was to give recognition to the divisional winners by excluding them from rounds 1 and 2 of the Dan Breen Cup. Round 1 therefore brought together the eight beaten divisional semi-finalists and the four beaten finalists in a playoff of six games. The six winners were joined by the two Ó Riain Cup finalists in Round 2 to produce four winners. The four winners played the four division winners in Round 3 to produce the semi-finalists.

As stated above thirty teams in all participated in the senior hurling championship 11 from the North, 8 from the Mid, 6 from the West and 5 from the South. The fourteen teams who didn't qualify for the divisional semi-finals entered the Ó Riain Cup.

First Round

The first round of the Dan Breen Cup was played on the weekend of the 12/13 September. Two games were played at Boherlahan on September 12 and resulted in victories for the two North teams over two from the South. Portroe defeated Ballybacon-Grange by 3-13 to 0-19 and Toomevara defeated Carrick Swans by 3-20 to 1-10.

Four games were played on September 13, two at Templemore and two at Cashel. At Templemore Upperchurch-Drombane defeated Cappawhite by 2-18 to 0-17, and Borris-Ileigh defeated neighbours and rivals, Loughmore-Castleiney by 1-20 to 0-14. At Cashel, Killenaule proved too good for Golden-Kilfeacle on a scoreline of 1-21 to 0-11. while Thurles Sarsfields defeated Kickhams by 0-18 to 1-8.

Second Round

The six winners joined the finalists in the Ó Riain Cup, Kilruane MacDonaghs and Lorrha, for the second round and this produced four games. Two of these were played at Templemore on September 19. Upperchurch-Drombane defeated Portroe by 1-16 to 0-11, and Toomevara overcame Killenaule by 4-16 to 1-14.

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Thurles Sarsfields captain Johnny Enright leads his side to victory on County Final day.

The remaining two games were played on Sept 20. At Dolla Thurles Sarsfields defeated Kilruane MacDonaghs by 2-22 to 1-10, and Borris-Ileigh defeated Lorrha by 2-17 to 1-13 at Nenagh.

Quarter-Finals

All was now set for the quarter-finals in which the winners of round two played the four divisional champions. All the divisional finals were played on August 23. In the Mid final at Holycross Drom-Inch retained their title when they weathered a great challenge from Upperchurch-Drombane, who were appearing in their first ever senior final, to win by 2-11 to 0-14 in one of the best finals of recent times.

There was also a first in the North final at Nenagh where Portroe were playing in their first North senior final. There was no dream ending for them as Nenagh Éire Óg bridged an eight-year gap to take the title comfortably on a scoreline of 2-24 to 2-12.

In the South final at Kilsheelan, Killenaule were dreaming of a third-in-a-row but had victory snatched from them in the final minute when Mullinahone sub, Donal Cody, sent over the bar for the winning point on a scorline of 1-17 to 1-16.

In the West final at Golden Clonoulty-Rossmore completed a hat-trick of titles, when they defeated Cappawhite by 2-11 to 0-12 in a game that appeared to be going Cappa's way at the interval, when they led by ten points to four.

Only one divisional champion came through the quarter-finals, which were played at Semple Stadium on the weekend of September 26/27. On the 26th Thurles Sarsfields defeated Nenagh by 1-18 to 0-18, chiefly through the good marksmanship of Pa Bourke, who hit ten points, six from play. Nenagh Éire Óg had the better of the exchanges in the first half, leading by 0-10 to 0-5 at the interval and looked likely to win, but Thurles were the superior outfit in the second-half.

Drom Inch were the only divisional champions to make it through to the semi-finals. It didn't look likely after forty-five minutes when their opponents and near neighbours, Borrisoleigh, led by 0-15 to 1-9 and looked poised for victory. But Drom Inch levelled with a goal soon after and Seamus Callanan's ability to get points when they mattered, helped them on to a 2-15 to 0-19 victory.

Toomevara proved too good for Clonoulty-Rossmore in their quarter-final. In a classy display they led by 1-10 to 1-5 at the interval, went further ahead on the resumption, were hauled back to level following a couple of goals by Clonoulty, but then reeled off some fantastic points to win comfortably by 1-24 to 4-8.

Upperchurch-Drombane made no mistake when they defeated Mullinahone by 3-23 to 3-17 to qualify for their first senior semi-final in history. It did take extra time after the sides finished 3-12 to 2-15 in normal time but Upperchurch came on strongly in the second period of extra time to run out deserved six-point winners.

Semi-Finals

The county semi-finals were played as a double-header at Semple Stadium on October 3. Drom-Inch drew the county champions, Toomevara, and went into the game as underdogs, on the basis of the brilliance shown by the North side the previous Sunday. However, the mid champions, the only divisional champions still in contention, proved themselves powerful contenders for ultimate honours by taking the scalp of the Greyhounds.

Co. Senior Hurling Championship 2009

DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM SCORE	AWAY TEAM SCORE	REFEREE
Round 1				
12/09/2009	Boherlahan	Portroe 3-13	Ballybacon G 0-19	John Ryan Bob
12/09/2009	Boherlahan	Toomevara 3-20	Carrick Swans 1-10	Richie Barry
13/09/2009	Templemore	Upperchurch D 2-18	Cappawhite 0-17	Ger Fitzpatrick
13/09/2009	Templemore	Borris-Ileigh 1-20	Loughmore C 0-14	Noel Cosgrave
13/09/2009	Cashel	Killenaule 1-21	Golden Killeacle 0-11	John Cleary
13/09/2009	Cashel	Thurles Sarsfields 0-18	Knockavilla K 1-08	Seamus Roche
Round 2				
19/09/2009	Templemore	Upperchurch D 1-16	Portroe 0-11	Keith Delahunty
19/09/2009	Templemore	Toomevara 4-16	Killenaule 1-14	Johnny Ryan
20/09/2009	Dolla	Thurles Sarsfields 2-22	Kilruane MacD 1-10	Paddy Russell
20/09/2009	Nenagh	Borris-Ileigh 2-17	Lorrha Dorrha 1-13	Seamus Roche
Quarter Finals				
26/09/2009	S Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields 1-18	Nenagh Eire Óg 0-18	Seamus Roche
26/09/2009	S Stadium	Upperchurch D 3-23	Mullinahone 3-17	Tommy Ryan AET
27/09/2009	S Stadium	Drom & Inch 2-15	Borris-Ileigh 0-19	Sean Bradshaw
27/09/2009	S Stadium	Toomevara 1-24	Clonoulty Rossmore 4-08	Noel Cosgrave
Semi Finals				
04/10/2009	S Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields 2-17	Upperchurch D 0-10	John Cleary
04/10/2009	S Stadium	Drom & Inch 0-19	Toomevara 1-12	Seamus Roche
Final				
18/10/2009	S Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields 0-14	Drom & Inch 0-05	Sean Bradshaw

They led by 2 points at the interval, 0-10 to 1-5 and put in a great performance in the second-half to keep the county champions at bay. They fully deserved their 4-point victory on a scoreline of 0-19 to 1-12. The major contributor to the victory, as he was the previous Sunday, was Seamus Callanan, who contributed twelve points of the total, five of them from play.

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The second semi-final was less gripping as Thurles Sarsfields showed too much class for Upperchurch-Drombane, who had shocked them in the Mid semi-final. Sarsfields led by 1-7 to 0-4 at the interval and were well ahead by 2-17 to 0-10 at the final whistle. Pa Bourke, with nine points, played a leading role for the winners..

The Final

And so it was on to the final at Semple Stadium on October 18, 2009. A crowd of close to 10,000 turned up for the occasion. The day was fine but dull and there was an expectation in the air that this might be a special final, because of the number of talented players on the field.

The tension between the sides broke out in a bit of argy-bargy between two of the centrefield players even before the ball was thrown in. And, eventually the game was on its way.

It never really took off. Drom never got moving. By the twelfth minute Sarsfields were 5 points to nil in front. Drom got their first score in the fourteenth minute. They made something of a fightback in the second quarter if you could term three points a fightback, but Thurles had four themselves to lead by 0-9 to 0-3 at the interval.

The second half brought no great change. The sides shared two points in a very poor third quarter and another two over the next ten minutes. Ger 'Redser' O'Grady, whose year had been dogged by injury, came off the bench in the closing stages to grab two great points for Sarsfields and give a lift to a very flat game.

Thurles finished nine points to the good. They had two stars in Padraic Maher and Michael Cahill, while Johnny Enright, Pa Bourke and Denis Maher deserve mention. It was a game that Drom Inch will want to forget as there wasn't a single memory from it that they will want to remember.

Thurles Sarsfields: Patrick McCormack, Kevin O'Gorman, Padraic Maher, Barry O'Dwyer, Liam Cahill, Michael Cahill, Stephen Lillis, Alan Kennedy, Michael Gleeson (0-1), Pa Bourke (0-4), Shane Ryan, Denis Maher (0-1), Richie Ruth (0-1), Lar Corbett, Johnny Enright (capt.), 0-5. Subs: David Kennedy for Shane Ryan, Ger O'Grady (0-2) for Richie Ruth, John Lalor for Liam Cahill, David O'Dwyer for Alan Kennedy, Michael Collins for Kevin O'Gorman. Also: Bill McCormack, Colm Rourke, John Maher, Patrick Leahy, Eoin Russell, Tommy Collins, Stephen Mason, Wayne Cully, Jim Corbett, Tony Ruth, Garry Mernagh, John Connors.

Drom Inch: Damien Young, Matin Butler, Edward Costello, Michael Costello, Donncha Kennedy, Paul Stapleton, Micheál Butler, James Woodlock (capt.), Seamus Butler, Eric Woodlock, Seamus Callanan (0-2), John Kennedy (0-1), David Butler, Michael Long, Johnny Ryan (0-2). Subs; Eamonn Buckey for Paul Stapleton, Declan Ryan for Michael Long, Matthew Ryan for Eric Woodlock, David Collins for Declan Ryan, James Ryan for James Woodlock. Also: Ciarán Hassett, Liam Ryan, Paddy Kennedy, John Lillis, Shane Delaney, Paul Collins, Philip Looby, Enda Walsh, Michael Everard, Tom Cantwell, Padraig Butler, Matthew McGrath, Paul Connors, Brian Costello, Kevin Butler, Paul Ryan.

Man of the Match Award: Padraic Maher.

Referee: Sean Bradshaw (Kickhams).

Attendance: Approx. 10,000

Seamus Ó Riain Cup

As stated above all teams that failed to make their divisional semi-finals qualified for the Seamus Ó Riain Cup, fourteen in all.



Padraic Maher Thurles Sarsfields full-back receives the County Final Man of the Match award from John Quirke (Sponsor).

Two teams, Moycarkey-Borris and Kilruane MacDonaghs, got byes to the quarter-finals, while the remaining twelve played first round games. These games were played earlier than in 2008 because of the need to have the finalists ready to join the Dan Breen Cup in the third round.

Five games in the first round of the Ó Riain Cup were played on the weekend of July 18/19. Boherlahan-Dualla defeated Ballingarry by 1-16 to 0-10 at Cashel on the 18th. Two games were played at Templemore on the 19th. Moneygall defeated Holycross-Ballycahill by 1-16 to 2-8 and Lorrha defeated Cashel King Cormacs by 3-17 to 1-9. The remaining two games were played on the same day. At Nenagh Roscrea defeated Burgess by 1-10 to 1-7 and at the Ragg J. K. Brackens defeated Templederry Kenyons by 0-17 to 1-12.

The final game in the first round was played at Boherlahan on July 26 when Kildangan defeated Eire Óg by 1-15 to 2-9.

Quarter-Finals

Three weeks separated the quarter-finals. Two games were played on August 1 and were won by 1-point margins. At Toomevara Roscrea defeated Moneygall by 4-8 to 1-16 and Kilruane-MacDonaghs defeated Moycarkey-Borris by 1-13 to 1-12 at Templemore.

The remaining two quarter-finals were played on August 22. Kildangan defeated J. K. Brackens by 1-12 to 0-12 at Toomevara, and Lorrha defeated Boherlahan-Dualla by 0-26 to 2-4 at Moneygall.

Semi-Finals

The stage was now set for the semi-finals, which were played on the weekend of September 12/13. At Toomevara Kilruane-MacDonaghs had little difficulty in disposing of Roscrea by 3-14 to 1-8. Three first-half goals gave Kilruane a 3-9 to 0-6 lead at the break and though Roscrea fought back well in the second-half they found it difficult to get through the stout defending of Seamus Hennessy at centre-back.

There was a lot of tension in the second semi-final between Lorrha and Kildangan over a refusal by Kildangan to accede to a Lorrha request to put back the starting time in order to allow three of the panel to return from a family wedding in Spain. As it was they returned early and missed the wedding. Lorrha had the better of the exchanges in the first half and led by 1-8 to 0-5



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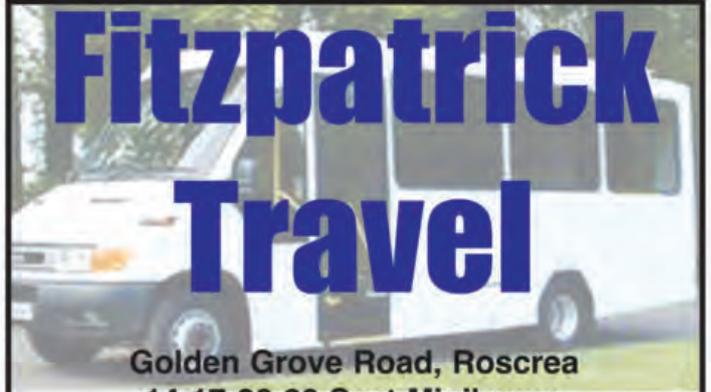
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at the break. Lorrha went further ahead in the third quarter but Kildangan fought back and only three points separated the sides at the final whistle, Lorrha 1-16 Kildangan 0-16.

Final

It was a case of second time lucky for Kilruane-MacDonaghs when they defeated Lorrha by 1-21 to 0-17 in the final of the Ó Riain Cup, which was played at Borrisokane on October 11. In the previous year's final they lost to Carrick Swan. However, it was Lorrha who got off to the better start and were six points clear after ten minutes but some poor marking allowed Kilruane back into the game and they led by 1-10 to 0-11 at the interval. Kilruane confirmed their superiority in the second half, when Lorrha could only score six points. Many good point opportunities were wasted as players tried for goals. Kilruane thoroughly deserved their seven-point victory after a very impressive display.

Kilruane MacDonaghs: David Reddan, Brian Gaynor, Stephen Murphy, Gavin McAvinchy, Liam Gibson, Seamus Hennessy (capt.), 0-1, Niall O'Meara (0-1), Mark O'Leary (0-2), Ray Moloughney (0-4), Kevin Quinlan (0-2), Brian O'Meara (0-6), Jonathan Cahill, Darren Killackey (0-1), Shane Quinlan (0-2). Subs: Diarmuid Cahill for Jonathan Cahill, Declan Barrett for Darren Killackey,, Denis Cahill for Shane Quinlan.

Lorrha: Kevin Hough, Graham Houlihan, Rory Coen, Tadhg Nevin, Ciaran Hough, Stephen Hogan, Kevin Maher, Patrick

Seamus Ó Riain Cup 2009

DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM SCORE	AWAY TEAM SCORE	REFEREE
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19/07/2009	Templemore	Moneygall 2.18	Holycross Ballycahill 1.16	Phil Ryan
19/07/2009	Templemore	Lorrha Dorrha 3.17	Cashel King Cormacs 1.09	Tom McGrath
19/07/2009	Nenagh	Roscrea 1.10	Burgess 1.07	Michael Cahill
19/07/2009	The Ragg	JK Brackens 0.17	Templederry K 1.12	Keith Delahunty
26/07/2009	Boherlahan	Kildangan 1.15	Eire Óg Anacarty 2.09	Martin Ryan
Quarter Finals				
01/08/2009	Toomevara	Moneygall 1.16	Roscrea 4.08	Willie Clohessy
01/08/2009	Templemore	Kilruane MacD 1.13	Moycarkey Borris 1.12	Seamus Roche
22/08/2009	Toomevara	Kildangan 1.12	JK Brackens 0.12	Seamus Roche
22/08/2009	Moneygall	Lorrha D 0.26	Boherlahan Dualla 2.04	Paddy Russell
Semi Finals				
12/09/2009	Toomevara	Kilruane MacD 3.14	Roscrea 1.08	Sean Bradshaw
13/09/2009	Nenagh	Lorrha 1.17	Kildangan 0.16	Johnny Ryan
Final				
11/10/2009	Borrisokane	Kilruane MacD 1.22	Lorrha Dorrha 0.17	Johnny Ryan

Maher, Noel Hogan (capt.) 0-6, Michael Cleary (0-1), Ronan O'Meara (0-6), William Maher (0-2), Cian Hogan, Trevor Hogan, Ciaran Duggan (0-2). Subs: William Hough for Trevor Hogan, Donal Kennedy for Stephen Hogan.

Referee: Johnny Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla).

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The County Senior Football Championship

By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

Moyle Rovers capture their seventh County Senior Football Championship in fifteen years

Founded in 1928, Moyle Rovers had to wait 67 years to win their first county senior football championship. But since their breakthrough year in 1995 the Powerstown/Lisronagh club, based on the outskirts of Clonmel, has made up for lost time by winning seven of the fifteen championships played since then.

Their latest success came on the last Sunday in October when they beat Aherlow by a point after an exciting and closely-fought final at Semple Stadium. As well as securing their seventh crown, the 3-6 to 1-11 victory was also sweet revenge for their 2006 final defeat by the same opponents.

In a departure from recent years the final was switched from its recent home of Leahy Park in Cashel to Semple Stadium. The move may have deprived the footballing showpiece of much of its atmosphere, with the relatively small crowd of approximately 2,000 lost in the vast stadium. However the change of venue didn't affect the quality of the football, as the teams served up a highly entertaining game and one that Moyle Rovers manager, Jim Cahill, accurately described as a great advert for Tipperary football.

Not for the first time, Declan Browne was Moyle Rovers's talisman. The former All-Star scored 2-4 of his team's total of 3-6 and was coolness personified as he tucked away a goal seven minutes from the finish that offered his side the lead at a critical stage.

That proved the crucial score of the afternoon but Rovers weren't out of the woods yet. They had to ride out the closing stages with only 14 players – after Paul Johnson was sent off for a second yellow card offence - and in the face of fierce pressure from Aherlow. The West champions came within a whisker of forcing a replay but one of their best players, Seamus Grogan, saw his shot for a point agonisingly drift a couple of feet wide deep in added time.

Moyle Rovers manager Jim Cahill sportingly admitted that Aherlow probably deserved a draw but was nonetheless delighted with the victory.

Meanwhile, Aherlow manager Liam Kearns described himself as “gutted” at the finish, and while he believed that the better team had lost he paid tribute to Rovers for making the most of their chances.

The match also proved a personal triumph for four members of the Moyle Rovers panel – captain, Liam Cronin; Declan Browne, James Williams and Robbie Boland – who each won their seventh county senior football championship medal, having featured in all of their victories since the club won its first crown in 1995.

Corner back Liam Cronin played a captain's role and was one of the stars of the performance. Ronan Desmond was another stalwart in defence, while Paul Johnson and Martin Dunne kept things ticking over in midfield.

Peter Acheson and Sean Carey also played their part while the introduction of substitute Diarmuid Foley in the 42nd minute proved something of a masterstroke, as his expertly-taken goal four minutes later hauled his team back into contention at a time when they were clearly struggling.

Aherlow contributed richly to a memorable occasion, especially players such as Seamus Grogan, Stuart Moloney, Laurence Coskeran, Barry Grogan and John Hennessy.

If they manage to reach next year's final they'll be keeping their fingers crossed that it won't be played in Thurles, having lost all three finals that they've contested in Semple Stadium.



County Football Board chairman Noel Morris congratulates Declan Browne after winning the Man of the Match award in the football county final. Also present John Quirke (sponsor holding the prize), County Board chairman Barry O'Brien and County Board vice-chairman Sean Nugent.

The teams lined out as follows on County Final day -

Moyle Rovers - Ciaran Kendrick, Ronan Desmond, Richard Power, Liam Cronin (captain), Sean Keating, Niall Fitzgerald, Dara O'Dwyer, Paul Johnson, Martin Dunne, John Shanahan, Sean Carey, Peter Acheson (0-1), Brian Mulvihill (0-1), Padraig Foley and Declan Browne (2-4 including 1-0 penalty and 0-3 frees).

Substitutes - Diarmuid Foley (1-0) for Dara O'Dwyer (42 minutes) and James Williams for Declan Browne (62 minutes).

Aherlow - Shane Leonard, Mark O'Brien, John Hennessy, Sean Mullins, Tommy Russell (captain), Ciaran McDonald, Mark Hanley, Cathal Dillon, Stuart Moloney, Bernard O'Brien (0-2 frees), Derry Peters, Barry Grogan (0-5 frees), Thomas Hanley (1-0), Seamus Grogan (0-3) and Laurence Coskeran (0-1).

Substitutes - Chris McDonald for Sean Mullins (48 minutes) and Conor O'Shea for Bernard O'Brien (48 minutes).

Disappointing Semi-Finals

While there was seldom more than a kick of a ball between the teams in the final, both semi-finals (also played at Semple Stadium) were disappointingly one-sided, with the beaten teams, Killenaule and Loughmore/Castleiney, each failing to score from play.

In the first game of a double bill Moyle Rovers had a facile win over surprise packets Killenaule by 2-12 to 0-2. Killenaule went into the game understrength – with their midfield pairing of Declan Fanning and Niall O'Dwyer suspended - and when midfielder Thomas Fitzgerald was sent off four minutes after half-time their chance was as good as gone.

Rovers were in control to such an extent that they had the luxury of withdrawing Declan Browne with 20 minutes remaining to keep him fresh for the final. That was after he had scored 1-3, a total that Peter Acheson matched.

In the other semi-final Aherlow enjoyed an equally comfortable victory, beating Loughmore by 2-8 to 0-4. The first half was relatively even, with Aherlow leading at the break by 0-4 to 0-2. James Egan cut the deficit to the minimum early in the second half but goals from Thomas Hanley and Bernard O'Brien quickly re-established Aherlow's superiority, and they ran out easy winners.

Senior Football Championship (O'Dwyer Cup)

Preliminary Round

19/04/2009 in Fethard Ardfinnan 0.9 JK Brackens 0.5 Referee, David Grogan

Round 1

01/05/2009 in Borrisoleigh Moyne/Templetuohy 3.15 Fr. John Kenyons 0.7 Referee, John Ryan B
 04/05/2009 in Golden Eire Óg Annacarty 0.8 Arravale Rovers 0.7 Referee, Derek O'Mahoney
 09/05/2009 in New Inn Commercials 1.8 Aherlow 0.6 Referee, John Kelly
 09/05/2009 in Clonmel Ardfinnan 1.13 Cahir 2.6 Referee, Brian Tyrrell
 09/05/2009 in Kilsheelan Fethard 0.11 Clonmel Óg 0.9 Referee, Keith O'Brien
 10/05/2009 in Cashel Moyle Rovers 3.8 Loughmore/Castleiney 1.6 Referee, Paddy Russell

Round 2

07/06/2009 in New Inn Moyle Rovers 1.10 Eire Óg Annacarty 1.7 Referee, John Kelly
 07/06/2009 in New Inn Galtee Rovers 0.15 Commercials 1.6 Referee, Paddy Russell
 07/06/2009 in Cashel Killenaule 3.10 Moyne Templetuohy 2.10 Referee, John Ryan Bob
 07/06/2009 in Cashel Fethard 2.13 Ardfinnan 2.5 Referee, David Grogan

Quarter Finals

27/09/2009 in Boherlahan Loughmore/Castleiney 0.11 Fethard 1.4 Referee, David Grogan
 27/09/2009 in Boherlahan Aherlow 2.13 Thomas MacDonaghs 0.10 Referee, John Kelly
 04/10/2009 in Boherlahan Killenaule 3.6 Galtee Rovers 0.13 Referee, Tommy Ryan

Semi Finals

11/10/2009 in Semple Stadium Moyle Rovers 2.12 Killenaule 0.2 Referee, Paddy Russell
 11/10/2009 in Semple Stadium Aherlow 2.8 Loughmore/Castleiney 0.4 Referee, Derek O'Mahony

Final

25/10/2009 in Semple Stadium Moyle Rovers 3.6 Aherlow 1.11 Referee, Derek O'Mahony

Before bowing out of the race Killenaule, better known for their hurling exploits, caused what was possibly the upset of the championship when they defeated the holders, Galtee Rovers, at the quarter-final stage.

Both teams were reduced to 13 players midway through the second half in a feisty affair, but there was no doubting the merit of Killenaule's 3-6 to 0-13 victory. Eddie O'Brien made a major contribution, scoring 2-2, while Michael Farrell, Gerry Kennedy, Declan Fanning, Paddy Codd and Declan Ryan were also outstanding. However the dismissals of Fanning and Niall O'Dwyer ultimately dealt a fatal blow to their championship prospects.

In the other quarter-finals an off-form Fethard were beaten by Loughmore by 0-11 to 1-4. Fethard never got out of the blocks and a late goal from John Paul Looby was only a consolation. Loughmore were the dominant team from the start, thanks to the performances of Evan Sweeney and Derek Bourke and the accuracy of county hurler Michael Webster, who kicked 7 points, 6 from frees.

Aherlow, meanwhile, secured their place in the last four after they were made fight all the way by North Tipperary combination Thomas Mac Donaghs. Crowned West champions just five days earlier, the men from the Glen needed a goal in each half to secure the win, with Laurence Coskeran's goal five minutes from the end providing the insurance score.

The North team lost little in defeat and their best on the day included Philip Austin, George Hannigan and Brian O'Meara.

In the year that the club celebrated its 75th anniversary, Clonmel Commercials' challenge came to grief in New New Inn in June, when they were outgunned by the champions Galtee Rovers in Round Two.

John Harney, Niall Kelly, Eamon Hanrahan, goalie Jon O'Mahony and Ian Barnes gave their all for the Clonmel team. But it wasn't enough to prevent them slipping to a 0-15 to 1-6 defeat against a Bansha team who were grateful that Declan Peters, Colin Morrissey, Denis Peters, Andrew Morrissey, Vincent Murphy and Pa Morrissey were at the top of their game.

Fethard beat Ardfinnan by 2-13 to 2-5 on June 7th. The accuracy of Brian Coen, who scored 1-8 from set-pieces and open play, and who was well supported by John Paul Looby, Cian Maher and Aidan Fitzgerald, sent them to the quarter-finals with confidence. But it was to prove a false dawn for the Blues.

In another second round tie Eire Óg Annacarty – for whom county player Damien O'Brien, Eoin Kennedy, county hurler

Conor O'Brien and the veteran John Quinn were prominent - put up a brave performance before bowing out to Moyle Rovers by 1-10 to 1-7.

In a high-scoring contest at the same stage, Killenaule advanced with a 3-12 to 2-10 victory over Moyne/Templetuohy. Goalkeeper Joe Leahy kept the game alive with a string of fine saves for the Mid team, while Odhran Lloyd, Simon Everard and Denis Kelly ensured that Moyne stayed in the hunt right to the very end.

Clonmel Óg Debut

In the first round, played in May, Clonmel Og made their debut in the county senior championship when they took on Fethard. And if they hadn't kicked 13 wides over the hour they could well have made that first appearance in the senior ranks a winning one.

The displays of Dwayne Burns – who scored all but a point of his team's total - Christopher Aylward and Conor Morrissey ensured that Clonmel Og played their part in an entertaining encounter, although Fethard hung on for a 0-11 to 0-9 win.

The first round also featured the clash of the 2005 winners Ardfinnan and the 2003 champions Cahir. A tense derby, a repeat of the 2003 final, was shaded by Ardfinnan, with Paul Kennedy's 50th minute goal steering them towards a 1-13 to 2-6 victory.

With Michael Hickey, Paul McEvoy, Benny Hickey and substitute James McGrath giving their utmost, Cahir came close to forcing a replay. However Ardfinnan just prevailed thanks mainly to the performances of Brian Lonergan, Paul Kennedy and Brendan Walsh.

Elsewhere in the first round a strong first half sent Clonmel Commercials on their way to a 1-8 to 0-5 defeat of Aherlow; Moyle Rovers served adequate notice of their intentions when they got the better of Loughmore by 3-8 to 1-6; Eire Óg Annacarty pipped their fellow West side Arravale Rovers by a point (0-8 to 0-7), while Moyne Templetuohy had a comprehensive 3-15 to 0-7 win over Fr. John Kenyons.

Arravale Rovers' main focus during the year was on hurling, as their minors and intermediates reached county finals. But they will also be concerned that they haven't won a county senior football championship since 1985 although Michael O'Sullivan, Damien Kiely, Timmy Dalton and Brian Jones ensured that they went close in that first round against Annacarty.

The championship started with a preliminary round on April 19th, when Ardfinnan beat J.K. Brackens by 0-9 to 0-5.

Club Development in the County

Ballylooby-Castlegrace New Club Development

In June of 2005 Ballylooby Castlegrace purchased land at Kilroe approx 1 mile from the village of Ballylooby. Since then the club has set about developing 2 full size playing pitches, a training area and a clubhouse comprising four dressing rooms, a referee's room, club room and public toilets. The people of the parish have given the club terrific support and the development has also received great financial assistance and support from the National Lottery, Munster Council, South Tipperary County Council and the county board.

Once the land was purchased, the club set up a separate committee comprising of Finance & Development. The goal of the finance group was fundraising with a weekly lotto commencing in November 2005, while the development committee focused on grants and ground development. National Lottery approval for phase 1 (pitch development) was received in May 2006 and work commenced later that year on August 7th. On receipt of a further National Lottery grant in April 2007, Phase 2 (dressing rooms and associated facilities) began in October 2008 and the new grounds were officially opened for La Na gClub on May 10th 2009.

On the day our juveniles played an exhibition game while the Adult Parish League football final was played in which 57 players had played over the previous 6 weeks. This league provided the platform for fielding junior A & B hurling & football teams for the first time in over 25 years. For the first time in the club's history we now have a place we can call home and one that young and old club members can be very proud of.

The hard work of the last 5 years has finally been rewarded with a state of the art facility and in challenging times for the GAA and for the country, at least the future is looking bright for Ballylooby-Castlegrace GAA Club

Lattin-Cullen Pitch Opening

The events of May 5th, 2009 will be forever etched in the memory of the members and supporters of Lattin-Cullen GAA club, as it was the night when the newly-redeveloped club facilities where officially opened by Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Christy Cooney.

This wonderful occasion was the culmination of many years labour by the loyal servants of the Lattin-Cullen GAA Club. This first decade of the 21st century has seen the club in a constant state of development. Earth moving machinery moved in on August 2001. The pitch was drained and levelled, top soil replaced and it was seeded in 2002. The removal of the roadside ditch then cleared the way for the construction of a concrete block wall, new entrance and a covered 600 seated viewing stand. Much of the work on the stand was carried out by FAS workers. The all-weather training area, ball alley and fencing were completed by 2006. The old dressing rooms were demolished and now the final stage of the development has seen the completion of a complex comprising 4 dressing rooms, referees rooms, first aid room, gym room, kitchen and meeting room overlooking the pitch. The efforts of club members intensified in the 2 weeks prior to the opening to ensure that everything was as it should be. The perfect state of our grounds on the night was testament to the hard work put in by all.

Our celebrations on the night began with a challenge game between the senior hurlers of Tipperary and Limerick. Tipperary were looking to bounce back from their heartbreaking



Ballylooby Castlegrace new Clubhouse & Playing Pitches at Kilroe, Ballylooby

league final defeat to Kilkenny, while Limerick were continuing to experiment ahead of championship clash with Waterford. A two point victory for Tipperary (2-21 to 1-22) was the perfect tonic for Liam Sheedy's men. The game featured many players who would go on to feature prominently in the championship, such as Limerick's Ollie Moran and Tipperary's Eoin Kelly. The half-time entertainment was provided by the next generation of Lattin-Cullen GAA club, who displayed their many skills to the appreciative spectators.

After the game, the official opening ceremony took place. First to speak was Christy Matthews, chairman of Lattin-Cullen GAA club. He thanked everyone for coming, and paid particular tribute to the women of the club for all that they have done. Next up was Christy Cooney, President of the GAA. He congratulated the club on what they had achieved, and Jimmy Hannon on what he had done for the club. He jokingly mentioned that Cork had played a big part in the development of Nicky English's career, as he had been a student of UCC. He then officially declared Hannon GAA Park open. Munster Council Chairman Jimmy O'Gorman and County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien also spoke. The final act of our ceremony involved Fr. Egan P.P. blessing the venue. Also present on the night were Sean Kelly, former President of the GAA and Minister for State, Dr. Martin Mansergh T.D.

The playing area at Lattin-Cullen GAA club will now be known as Hannon GAA Park. This is to honour one of our greatest members, Jimmy Hannon. A noted player, he won an All-Ireland Junior hurling medal with Tipperary in 1953, and had a distinguished playing career with his club. As an administrator, he joined the club committee in 1954, served as chairman twice (1963-66, 1985-86) and has been club president since 1993. It is his selfless dedication to the betterment of his beloved club, however, that will live in the hearts and minds of its members and followers. Club historian Jackie Hannon summed up his efforts throughout the years as follows: "He led by example, no half measures, always striving for perfection. No job was too demanding ... The club owes him a deep debt of gratitude for service and commitment over the years". Jimmy, his wife Peggy, and many of his family members were present on the night, and everyone associated with Lattin-Cullen GAA club would like to thank him for his lifelong service to our club.

A renowned international company once advertised with the slogan "There are some things that money can't buy." For the members and supporters of Lattin-Cullen GAA club, the events and memories of Tuesday, May 5th certainly fit into that category. We thank everyone who helped in any way contributed to our wonderful occasion.

Development of Toomevara Club facilities

While our facilities have been complimented by all who use them, we in Toomevara are not content to rest on our laurels and have recently completed an ambitious development to provide even better facilities for the youth of Toomevara.

Since 2004 Toomevara GAA and Camógie clubs have implemented a development plan, which focuses on the capital development of our clubs. The aim of the project is to provide state of the art playing facilities for the community of Toomevara.

The GAA and Camógie clubs are part of the fabric of life in our parish. They help to build pride and contentment in who we are and where we're from. They are helping re-energize our community and are providing activities for hundreds of children under the age of 18 as well as adults.

The members of Toomevara GAA and Camógie clubs believe that a vibrant and energetic GAA/Camógie club in Toomevara is not just desirable but essential.

We have built a new clubhouse with four new dressing rooms and shower facilities, referees room, medical/physiotherapy room, hydrotherapy room, laundrette and kitchen as well as a fully equipped gymnasium, an office, large and small meeting areas. Our facility also includes an indoor hurling alley and full car parking facilities on site. All our new facilities have been fully utilised for the 2009 season.

Toomevara is one of the most progressive clubs in the country in terms of the facilities offered to both players and the community as a whole. We take great pride in our club grounds and have a very active field committee who spend many hours quietly preparing and maintaining the large facility from which we operate. We conform to the highest standards of Health and

Safety and indeed took it upon ourselves to commission a Health and Safety report long before it became necessary to comply with modern standards.

Our grounds are used extensively by the North Board and



Club development at Toomevara GAA and Camogie Clubs

County Board for games in both codes at all levels as well as some intercounty games. In recent years Toomevara has become a popular location for high profile practice games between counties preparing for important championship fixtures. In 2008 Toomevara also became a regular venue for ladies football games at inter county level. Both primary and post primary fixtures as well as third level games are all played in St Michael's Park regularly. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of those who prepare the grounds so diligently on our behalf.

Moyne/Templetuohy G.A.A. Club Development

by P.J. Leahy

Phase One of our club development commenced way back in 1998 to 2002 under the chairmanship of both Billy Sweeney and Willie Fogarty, with the building of our dressing rooms which includes a kitchen and storeroom.

Between 2002 and 2006 Connie Costigan, the then chairman of the club oversaw Phase Two of the developments. This involved: 1) the purchasing of adjacent lands; 2) the widening of the entrance to the property; 3) the erection of fencing and gates around main pitch; 4) the development of a second playing field; and 5) the levelling and draining of the old pitch.

2006 to the present under the chairmanship of Dominic Everard sees almost the completion of Phase Three. This includes: 1) the erecting of flood lights; 2) installing an electric scoreboard; 3) building a ball wall and; 4) constructing a 700-seater stand.

The overall costing of the above projects to date is in the region of €500,000.

Funding

While an enormous amount came from the National Lottery

with the help and advice of Sean Fogarty and Dominic Everard the club also wishes to acknowledge the work and advice given by John Ryan, Holycross, in his role as county and now Munster Development Officer. This help enabled the club to receive handsome grants from the Munster Council and the Tipperary County Council.

Other fundraising was undertaken by club members themselves which included the "Buy a Block Scheme", two "Nights at the Dogs", and a couple of Race Nights. The Juvenile Club were the chief organisers of the Golden Goal on the All Ireland football finals of 2008 and 2009.

When this development is completed, we will have one of the finest developments in the county of Tipperary.

Field Development in Rockwell Rovers

During August and September 09, the club erected a sideline fence and footpath. In September/ October they erected a Hurling Wall 96ft long by 16ft high with 5ft fence on top and playing area of 25m. A footpath leads from the Boys NS down the length of the sideline to the Hurling Wall to facilitate them for training. In October the 2 goal areas were resurfaced out to the 45 from each goal. With all the development that has taken place our field will remain closed until March 2010.

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Jimmy O'Gorman, chairman Munster Council cuts the tape at the official opening of the Durlas Óg new training facility at Pairc na nÓg, Thurles.

Durlas Óg's new training facility

Durlas Óg officially opened their new training facility dedicated to the memory of the late Pat Stakelum on Saturday 31st October. It was a very proud day for Durlas Óg who celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. The official opening was performed by Jimmy O'Gorman, Chairman Munster Council and Archbishop Dermot Clifford blessed the new facility. The new facility consists of a hurling wall, astro turf training pitch and floodlights. It was fitting that Durlas Óg dedicated the new facility to the memory of the late Pat Stakelum who gave 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 and he was President of the club at the time of his death in April 2008. Pat's wife Nancy, his son Paraic, his brothers, sisters and many members of the extended Stakelum family were present for the official opening. The hurling wall, astro turf training pitch and floodlights will further enhance the facilities already available at Pairc na nÓg and they will be a major addition in the development of Durlas Óg players in the future.

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Cill Beag Gaels Celebrate Lá na gClub

by James Holohan

In last year's book we told you about Cill Beag Gaels state of the art facilities. At the annual general meeting in January chairman Frank Purcell complimented everyone who made it possible. In his address to the large gathering he said that we should avail of every opportunity to show off our premises and he was open to suggestions.

Early in February Frank could not believe his luck when he opened the GAA website where there was a Press Release from Croke Park stating that this year being the 125th Anniversary of the foundation of the GAA and that Sunday 10th May was to be designated Lá Na gClub.

At a club meeting two weeks later a sub-committee was set up and their remit was to put on a programme of events that would embrace the whole community together in the sportsfield. Frank said we would have to pull out all the stops and make it a day to remember. He said that the local GAA club was the heartbeat of every rural parish and Cill Beag was not going to be an exception. One week later this group came together and a long discussion took place as to how best we could portray our national games. At subsequent meetings further persons were co-opted and new ideas continued to crop up.

Participation by the Schools

In the meantime Friday 24th April was to be Lá Na gClub in the schools. Liaison officer Dan O'Connell met the principals in the two national schools. Both have a close affinity with the Association and were only too happy to co-operate. When the day arrived club officers together with county player Pat O'Leary visited the schools. The pupils made a great effort with both schools bedecked with the club colours and they

themselves sported their club or county jerseys. Chairman Frank addressed the pupils on the importance of the playing of our games. He asked the pupils had they any questions and he was surprised that so many of them logged in to the club website. Following the success of the U/12 team last year when they won the county title they regularly visited it when they saw their own names and team photo on the site. He said that Pat was the only member of the club to ever win an All-Ireland senior medal and he hoped that they would take inspiration from him.

Following this Pat took them to the playground for a coaching session and none were more enthusiastic than the Yevgen brothers from Poland and all were intrigued by Zbynek from Nigeria who had mastered the skills of hurling and is now a valued member of the U/12 team. The pupils were also given an essay on "Why I would like to play for Cill Beag Gaels". They also did some wonderful artwork with a GAA team which ultimately would be on display in the GAA rooms on the 10th May. Before departing Dan said that looking after the schools was very important to the club and he provided each school with hurleys, sliotars and footballs.

Plans Unfolded

Meanwhile back at the club plans were progressing well and with the day fast approaching publicising the event was stepped up. Signage outside the entrance was certainly eye-catching and others were erected on the roadside in suitable locations. Flyers were given to each family through the schools and every household in the parish. There was a special emphasis on the new housing estate where we needed to introduce the club to the new occupants with many of varied nationality. Frank said we should be proud to show off our indigenous games to those who came from foreign parts and indeed perhaps their children would play for the club. He also commented, in an off beat remark, how would the secretary cope with spelling their names in Irish for the teamsheets?!!!

On the preceding Friday night there was a table quiz in Tony



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Nagle's lounge in aid of the juvenile club. 32 teams took part and the winning team very generously handed back their winnings to the club. Frank said he was delighted with the turnout and encouraged everyone to be in attendance on Sunday to either take part or help out in some capacity.

On Saturday the hard working members left no stone unturned in readiness for this unique occasion. Liaison officer Dan put his 40 ft trailer in place to be used by the local Comhaltas group, Ceili dancers who took part in the recent Scór and any other use deemed necessary. A PA system was also set up.

Any fears about the weather were quickly dismissed as the sun shone early on Sunday morning. 11am Mass was offered for the current and deceased members of the club and a GAA theme prevailed including the blessing of the 125 flag. During the ceremony Fr Kennedy spoke of his great interest during his playing days which were cut short when he chose religious life as his vocation. He admired the many volunteers in clubs just like "the Gaels" who helped to keep the games thriving. He said that today's youth have so many other attractions and distractions. He said that sport was important in looking after ones health and also for self discipline. While we may not always agree with mentors' tactics they have to be listened to and respected.

Colourful Parade

In the warm sunshine the village was a sea of colour in readiness for the parade to the pitch. Led by the local pipe band the parade moved off at 1.30pm followed by the boys and girls from the juvenile club, senior players and mentors and many loyal supporters.

On arrival club President Billy Somers delivered a few well chosen words. The 125 Flag was then hoisted which was followed by a tree planting ceremony.

With three pitches available it was time for the games to begin. The games were meant to be sporting, all embracing and non-competitive. The large attendance was fascinated with the spirit and enthusiasm shown by those younger ones from U/6 upwards and the skill and determination shown by some players from foreign parts in their attempts to master this strange game of hurling. For the adults there were games

Marrieds V Singles. The golden oldies were also catered for as they entered into the spirit of the occasion. Some of the wise cracks commented that the club defibrillator should be at the ready. The ladies were not forgotten either as the girls took on the mothers - the latter coming out on top thus proving that the younger ones still have some learning to do.

Throughout the afternoon there was a photographic exhibition going on in the clubhouse. A video of matches involving the "Gaels" was also on view including the never to be forgotten county final victory in 2004.

Like all clubs when teas are to be served the ladies of Cill Beag, as usual, provided a wonderful array of homemade goodies and served up a welcome cuppa to those enjoying the performance on stage.

Time Capsule

As the games were coming to a close attention was turned to the BBQ as the aroma of good food wafted the area. It was time to mingle among neighbours and friends, the older ones chatted about times past and the changes which have come about since their playing days. People were in no rush as this was a lovely sunny evening.

There was still one final act to perform. A time capsule was to be filled, then buried, and was not to be opened until the 10th May 2034. Items included in it were a hurley & ball, a video and photos of the day's activities, relevant newspaper cuttings of recent events in the club, minutes of meetings pertaining to Lá Na gClub, team sheets for the various teams representing the club in 2009, 2008 AGM report and the 125 Flag.

In his closing address Frank Purcell thanked all who came along and not forgetting those who helped out. He said that the numbers present were beyond his wildest dreams and it demonstrated that the club had a very important role to play in our community. He urged all to come along to support the various teams on match days and maybe get involved in coaching and team preparation.

Lá na gClub has come and gone. For Cill Beag, who struggled in years gone by, but with good men at the helm they are now a well organised club. With the response they got on this occasion one would feel that it can only go from strength to strength in the future.



Pictured at the handing over of the Torch from Jimmy Butler Coffey Newport to Mick Caplis, Sean Treacys. Included at the back from left, are John Carey, County vice-chairman Sean Nugent, Pat Stapleton and Phil Ryan, Sean Treacys.

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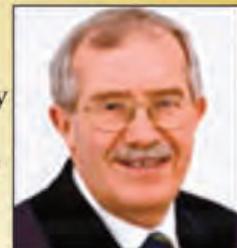
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By Paul Hogan

My knowledge of the game of shinty was relatively limited before myself and my wife took our holidays in Scotland in September. It was completely coincidental that the Cup Final took place in the middle of our holiday, and when we discovered this we changed our plans so as to end up in the picturesque port town of Oban in the firth of Lorn where the game was to be played.

The game was brought to Scotland approximately two thousand years ago by the Irish and has developed into the game of shinty as played today. Because of the origins of the game there are similarities to our game of hurling but the differences are probably more.

The game is played on a pitch of between 140 to 170 yards long and 70 to 80 yards wide. The goals are 12 feet wide and 10 feet high. Goals are the only score as they have no uprights for points. The game is made up of two 45 minute halves and the teams have 12 players in total including a goalie. Players can only use their caman for playing the ball and are not allowed to touch the ball with their hand except for the goalie who can hit it away with his hand when inside the ten yard area in front of the goal. A player cannot kick the ball, but can stop it dead with his foot. A ball that has been hit over the goal line by a defender is a corner, and is taken from the corner flag. A ball hit over the side line is referred to as a hit in. This is taken by throwing the ball over your head and hitting it with the back of the caman.

The comanachd final was played on the 19th of September in Mossfield Park in Oban between Fort William and Kyles Athletic. The game began very lively with Kyles having most of the chances in the first twenty minutes. But against the run of play Fort William got the opening and only score of the half with a tight angle shot from Victor Smith in the 28th minute. Kyles were unlucky not to equalise on a couple of occasions during this half.

Fort William had a great opening to the second half when Jim Clarke scored a goal within the first minute after being introduced as a sub. Clarke is a veteran for Fort William and is the second highest scorer of all time with over 900 goals. Gary Innes then got the third goal for Fort William in the 69th minute and the game looked over for Kyles. But then the comeback began. Fraser McDonald got a cracker of a goal in 76th minute from a move that had started from a corner. Then in the 80th minute Duncan Kerr scored from 40 yards to put one goal between them and he scored again two minutes later to level the game. 3 goals in 6 minutes and Fort William could not believe it. At this stage the excitement around me was palpable.

The intensity of play from both sides increased and the game looked to be heading to extra time but then Jim Clarke got his second goal to deny Kyles their first camanachd

Cup in 15 years. It was a brave decision by Drew McNeil, the Fort William manager, to bring on Jim Clarke as he had been injured for a lot of the season, but it paid off. This was Fort William's third Camanachd Cup in a row and they were talking about four in a row straight after the game.

I really enjoyed my first game of shinty but it will not be replacing my love for Hurling. The game is very popular in the highlands but does not have the support in the south of Scotland where most of the population live and mainly follow soccer. On



a personal level, I found it strange after attending the All Ireland final with over eighty two thousand people and then less than two weeks later being at the Scottish final where only approximately three thousand people attended. Would I go again? Probably.

Fort William: S McNeil; J MacLeod, A Robertson, N Robertson, N McPhee, C Bamber, G Innes, J MacDonald (capt), G MacKinnon, D Rodger, V Smith (M Lawrie, 70), B Simpson (J Clark, 45).

Kyles Athletic: K Macdonald; D Irvine, C MacColl, A King, R MacDonald, D Martin (C Milar, 60), G Irvine (capt), R MacLeod, F Macdonald, T Whyte, D Kerr, C Macdonald.

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Tipperary's 'Irish Twins' play on opposite sides in All-Ireland Final

by P. J. Maxwell.

It happened on only one occasion that brothers played for opposing teams in an All-Ireland senior hurling final. This historic meeting happened on October 28th 1917 when Martin Hackett, a native of Toomevara, lined out at right corner back for Dublin against Tipperary, who had his brother Stephen also from Toomevara playing in his regular position left corner back. Both Hackett brothers were born in 1892, and were baptised and christened in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Toomevara by Rev. Fr. Dan Fogarty P.P in that same year. Martin was born on the 4th January and Stephen was born on the 26th December to Patrick and Mary Hackett, nee Dawson from that popular and highly respected old Fenian family who hailed from Borrisoleigh.

Historically Toomevara had been noted for its hurlers before the birth of the G.A.A. in Thurles in 1884. It was in Hackett's of Coole that all the local young men of the area assembled, learned and practised their hurling skills. With crooks and "bothuns" or anything that could be found that had a "curve" on it or that resembled a "camán", the boys and older men watched by the neighbours played matches in the "Road Field", which could last up to 3 hours. The local lads included Tom and Pat Doughan, Ned Maher, Tom, Jack and Pat Hackett, Mick Ryan (S), and Tim Hassett, who were all born and bred in Coole and went on to play a prominent part in Toomevara's first ever county title in 1890 after losing one the year before in 1889, beaten by Moycarkey. (Incidentally nearly all of the above mentioned had descendants who captained Tipperary to success and brought home national silver ware to Toomevara.) Strangely enough the Tipperary county semi-final between Toomevara and Holycross was played in Dublin, as a Tipp venue could not be agreed upon. The Hacketts and their neighbours in Coole were serious G.A.A men who supported Parnell and were pro I.R.B., which was noted in the R.I.C. files currently housed in Kew Gardens, London.

The local club hurling scene went into "snooze" mode for a couple of years but during this period of club inactivity the Coole boys were enjoying their local matches in the Road Field. By this stage there were new kids on the block: Martin, Stephen, Tom, Bill, Pat (Rev. Bro. Kilian) and Jack Hackett, Paddy "Wedger", Jim, Joe, and Jack Maher, John, Pat and Matt Hassett, Andy Ryan (S) who were constantly leathering the "ball" up and down this local arena, and would subsequently make their way up to O'Meara's of Grawn which was now the "official" club field for club matches.

Grew Up Together

Martin and Stephen being "nearly the same age" did most things together. They went daily to school in Toomevara to Mr. Tom Ahern the Master and Miss Ellen Dunlea the Mistress. In the evening after doing their chores they, like a lot of youngsters of that time, went fishing both with home made "fishing rods" for daytime and other colloquial implements that were conducive to landing a salmon in the Ollatrim river at night times. The two boys hunted all the surrounding area with their dogs and were handy with a gun. The outdoor pursuits prepared them physically and mentally for their activities later on. As a young teenager Martin worked hard, farming and tilling at Cuneens of Knockane and also spent some time working at Lewis's stables. Stephen and Martin worked in Lewis's stables together for a while and it was mostly here that they hid during The War of Independence when the going was tough. The two Hacketts had many a near miss with local water bailiffs, gentry agents who didn't like the landlord's orchard being raided, and a local JP who was adamant that nobody else would eat his pheasants. All these pursuits were preparing the Hacketts for the demands of being a member of "Wedger's Greyhounds", as the Toomevara team became known, because of their fleetness of foot when they burst on to the club-hurling scene in 1910

Martin Hackett went to serve his time to the bar trade in Dublin

where his cousin Martin Whelan had already got a start. Tom Hackett headed for the "Big Smoke" the year after as Martin had laid the way for him. Andy Harty from Toomevara was well established in The Faughs hurling club at this time and when Harry Boland introduced the "Coole Dudes" to the famous club, sure 'twas home from home.

Martin won 5 Dublin county final medals, 2 All-Ireland medals, 3 Leinster medals with Faughs and Dublin. But it was the 1917 final that was bitter/sweet for him.

Martin had travelled home to Coole on the Thursday before the All-Ireland final. He got a natural warm welcome from his parents Pat and Mary but a frosty one from Stephen. They kind of waltzed around one another. Mary washed Stephen's togs and stocking and got the few bits and pieces together for him. At the kitchen table Martin at one end Stephen at the other end and not a word between them. 'Mam, pass me the salt', 'Mam, pass me the butter', 'Mam, pass me the milk', and no eye contact being made between the two "bucksos". Both were proud, passionate and intense men. Stephen made a little short run up to Tom Nolan to collect the hurley he had "shaved" for him; he went in to Bill Donoghue the Cobbler in Toom to collect his boots and visited Peter Larkin who had a nice new suit ready for him for this special occasion. All was now in the ready.

Came Saturday morning and Bill Hackett yoked up the pony and sidecar and transported his brother Martin and his parents to Cloughjordan railway station where they caught the "slow" Dublin train coming from Limerick.

Stephen Hackett walked into Toom and met Jack "Skinny" O'Meara where they were picked up by Frank McGrath and Jimmy Leahy and driven to Thurles to get the "mail" train to Kingsbridge. Pat and Mary Hackett spent the night at Mrs. O'Donerty's house in Connaught Street (a friend of Dan Breen's) all arranged by Martin.

The 1917 All-Ireland

To the game itself, Sliabh Ruadh reports " Tipperary suffered a sensational defeat after a sensational game". Dublin had beaten Tipp for the first time in an All-Ireland final. Dublin won on a score line of 5-4 to 4-2.

Martin Hackett went home to his residence in Dublin with an All-Ireland title under his belt and Stephen went home to Coole empty handed. Martin hurled away in Dublin for a few, more years and emigrated to Australia, knowing it would be warmer there than the cold and misery of the Bridewell, which would be at His Majesty's pleasure. Martin died in 1968 and is buried in Australia.

Stephen, who first played for Toomevara in 1909, won 7 county finals, 4 Munster finals, 1 All-Ireland, 1 Croke Cup, several prestigious tournaments including 4 Thomond Feis, toured America with Tipp in 1926, returned and hurled in New York, 1 National Hurling League medal, was honoured by being picked on the Team of the Millennium in North Tipperary. Stephen was in hard luck in 1916 when Tipp won the All-Ireland. He was selected but couldn't travel as Toom were in dispute with the county board. Stephen was again unfortunate in 1930, the Triple Crown year; when he was injured in Thurles. Whilst training with the Tipperary senior team, he had his shoulder dislocated (something that had happened previously whilst he was " on his holidays in Belfast Jail").

Stephen and Martin whilst unique in the Annals of G.A.A. were ordinary men. Neither man had any children but passed on all of their wonderful attributes and talents along with "the Torch" that was lit for them in Coole by their forefathers, to their nephews, Paddy, Liam, Jimmy, and Ger, who in turn passed it to Bernard, Ray, Padraig, Willie, Brian, Kevin, and Enda in all whom that flame still burns brightly. The Hacketts of Coole have served the G.A.A. in both club and county well and the memory of "The Irish Twins" from Toomevara who lined out in Jones's Road in 1917 will be forever etched and cherished in our hearts and minds.



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Tipperary G.A.A. Archives

by P. J. Maxwell

In 2005 whilst researching for Nenagh Eire Og's upcoming production of our club history from 1884 to present date I was drawn to exploring the possibility of producing a full and complete record of all those great Nenagh men who were fortunate enough to wear the famed Blue and Gold of Tipperary. Heretofore all that appeared in newspaper reports and history books was just the initial followed by the surname. I could find no mention of a full Christian name or what club the player came from and invariably there was absolutely no mention of substitutes or the full panel members or indeed even the selectors. I was keen to list all the players and selectors from Nenagh who gave their services to Tipperary teams in all grades and in both codes.

As I started my trawl through the local newspapers housed with the sacredness that they deserved in the Local Studies section of the County Library, Thurles I quickly decided that I wanted to do the same for all North Tipperary clubs and clubs that I have a family connection with, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Moycarkey/Borris, Ballingarry Gaels, Loughmore/Castleiney, etc. Ah to hell with it, 'twas going to be far easier to do the whole fecking lot.

I was afforded the full use of all the excellent facilities at the local studies unit in Thurles Library and was able to call on the wisdom and expertise of Mary Guinan-Darmody and John O'Gorman. I found it easy going at the start with the first flush of excitement and boundless energy. I was using as a reference point the invaluable information contained in Canon Fogarty's book and Seamus J.King's two excellent productions on Tipperary's G.A.A. history.

As the months went by boredom, regret, impatience, and self-pity kicked in. I fortunately met John Devane of Boherlahan-Dualla a kindred soul and a like-minded guy who re-energised me and encouraged me to stay with it and offered me any help he could. The load was shared and I struggled on and when Martin Bourke, who was also researching the Mid-Board history entered the fray, the small project gathered a head of steam. With the opening of the new Source Centre and the new facilities that were now available and all that lovely bright light shining in I put the head down and drove on.

Jimmy Butler Coffey to the Rescue

The most magical thing about it at this stage was my visit to Jimmy "Butler" Coffey at his home in Newport. Jimmy was extremely clear and accurate and filled in a lot of the gaps for me in identifying men and the clubs they came from going back to the 1920s. With every name that came up Jimmy either knew him personally or had a story to tell, which brought a more human and personal aspect to my research. All these names came to life. I saw them as people not data and afforded each and every one of them the reverence that they deserved.

From there I started to visit the older men around the whole county who were surviving members of those teams (too many to mention here). When I met Mick Gavin of Clonmel he clarified and identified a lot of football gaps that had emerged. Jimmy and Mick had both touched a sacred spot in me and I was now on fire. Some people I visited were clear, some were hazy, and some just couldn't remember their own playing days or their fellow teammates.

One thing that is very important is that being a G.A.A. man was a ticket or an automatic licence to be allowed in to ex players homes, meet their families, share in their stories with an absolute consistency of hospitality and generosity with information, stories, clarification, insights, and sometimes myth busters that have gained legs with the passage of time. It was a privilege and a very humbling experience to meet all these great men and to be received with such warmth and friendship by them and their families, some with 8 All-Ireland medals some with none but they all played our national games and represented their clubs, county, and province with absolute pride.

Jack 'The Memory' Gleeson

I called regularly to see an old friend of mine Jack Gleeson of Moyaliffe who possesses the most in-depth knowledge of players, teams, matches, that I ever witnessed. He could recall score lines, incidents before, during and after the match. Jack was the man when I was stuck. Jack solved all the awkward ones. He knew most of the county players from about 1934 onwards. Unfortunately we laid him to rest in lovely Moyaliffe on 02.04.09 and with him went a treasure trove of information, a unique G.A.A. library who was still attending matches up to the end.

John Coffey of Boherlahan was identifying a Tipp minor team of 1935, which contained a J.Coffey. All the head honchos said it was Jer Coffey but John explained that on the morning of the match when Johnny Leahy called to the Coffey household to take Jer to the game as he had been selected to play, his mother said no, Jer had a bad flu! Johnny was perplexed a bit, so being practical, Mrs. Coffey said: "Take off that young fellow with you", and so started unexpectedly John's intercounty career.

When I had grave difficulties I had to use forensic and detective skills, which involved using school records, voting registers, birth, marriage and death records to get players identified. This meant long trips to Dublin. The one that nearly beat me was M.Ryan. He cropped up sometimes twice,



At the launch of the new Tipperary Archives website in Thurles were front l-r: Barry O'Brien, County Chairman; Special guest Jimmy Butler Coffey and Seamus King, chairman of Tipperary's GAA 125 Committee. Back l-r: Mark O'Leary, web site designer, Ed Donnelly, County IT Committee and PJ Maxwell, project researcher.

sometimes three times but in 1930 and in 1980 M.Ryan was listed 4 times on the same team. I solved it with all my contacts. Then I came to M.Ryan in the 1970s who was a dual player, recorded as being on Tipp football and hurling teams. I gave up, I was beat, I was disgusted, and who was this man? It would kill me not to afford this poor man his full identification. Fecking Matt Ruth, a Kilkenny man based in Clonmel, who played under the name of Mick Ryan!!!!

Launch of Website

But finally on the day of the launch of the website, Timmy Floyd, Mark O'Leary, Ed Donnelly, John Devane and myself were talking to Jimmy "Butler" Coffey when I produced a 78 year old photograph which contained a mistake. Listed among the Triple Crown winning teams and officials of 1930 was the name J.Heaney in two different locations in the photo. To the boys' amazement Jimmy went through the whole lot and without a murmur identified players, officials, stand ins et al. He correctly identified Gerald Heavey who had been misidentified in the photo taken and published in 1931 as J.Heaney. Nobody else would have known it!

The Local Studies unit in Thurles have a full collection of: *The Nationalist*, *The Nenagh Guardian*, *The Tipperary Star*, *The Midland Tribune*, and *The Cashel Sentinel* available on microfilm. They also have a full Census returns for Tipperary, which were recorded in 1901 and again in 1911. You can also access Griffiths Valuation of 1850 and the Tithe Applotments. There is a full complement of Tipperary Year Books from 1970 to present date, and a computerised index of articles therein available also. It is possible to look at all the Tipperary club histories and some of the major National G.A.A. productions coupled with autobiographies. A new dimension is the cataloguing and availability of a large repository of match programmes and several private scrapbook collections. The most famous memorabilia and scrapbook collector of all is Sam Melbourne of Horse and Jockey fame, and his total collection can be viewed here as well.

A Labour of Love

It was a labour of love for me (but not my Wife) to be gone every day, tearing around the roads of Tipperary meeting with old hurling and football players gathering valuable information and getting teams and photos identified. It would have all been for nothing only for a phone call I made to Ed.Donnelly our then county P.R.O. who was able to look at all this valuable work that was done and devised a way of getting it out there for the pleasure of the maximum amount of people in Tipperary and beyond. Ed proposed the idea to the board of a new Tipperary GAA Archives website and the committee set up to organise events for the 125th Anniversary of the GAA, under the chairmanship of Seamus J.King supported and sponsored the proposal. Seamus chaired the unveiling of the website at the Anner Hotel on Saturday 26th October which was officially launched by county chairman Barry O'Brien.

The technology to bring to life all of this content was provided by Irish Web Headquarters led by former Tipperary All-Ireland winner Mark O'Leary. The website will be updated on an ongoing basis in to the future to ensure the content is kept up to date with the latest information. All the information was sent to the relevant clubs for editing, verification, additions, corrections etc.

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Celebrating the 125 Anniversary of CLG in County Tipperary

By Seamus J. King

The Tipperary county board took seriously the request from Croke Park that each county celebrate the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the G.A.A. in a fitting manner. A committee was set up to investigate appropriate ways in which the event could be honoured. The committee consisted of chairman, Seamus J. King, secretary, Liam Ó Donnchú and committee members John Costigan, Ed Donnelly, Sean Nugent, Seamus O'Doherty and Denis Floyd. At different times county chairman, Barry O'Brien, county secretary, Tim Floyd, and county P.R.O., Ger Ryan, sat in on discussions. On a couple of occasions chairman of the National 125 Committee, Jarlath Burns, and chairman of the Munster 125 Committee, Jim Forbes, attended.

The committee drew up a number of planned events for the year, the first of which took place on Saturday, February 14. This day commenced with an historic meeting of Coiste Bainistí in Hayes's Hotel at 9 am. It was followed by an Árd Comhairle meeting in the Davin Room of the hotel at 2.30pm. The Davin Room was decorated with items from the Lár na Páirce Collection. There was a reception for the visiting dignitaries in the Dome at Semple Stadium at 5 pm and this was followed at 6.45 pm by the official opening of the newly-refurbished Semple Stadium and the turning-on of the floodlights by An t-Uachtarán, after which the National Hurling League game between Tipperary and Cork was played. The Thurles Gospel Choir provided entertainment at half-time. It was a very successful event with close to 10,000 people in attendance enjoying the novelty of hurling under lights on a clear, crisp night.

Lá na gClub

The clubs in the county were exhorted to remember the 125 anniversary in their own way by holding events on Lá na gClub, Sunday, May 10. The day was left clear of any interclub engagements so that clubs could hold a special celebratory day for their members.

One club, Grangemockler, had flagged their intention from very early on to celebrate the event in a very special way. The home of Michael Hogan of Bloody Sunday fame, the club organised a series of events on the weekend of May 16/17. Included was a wreath laying ceremony, the unveiling of a memorial to Michael Hogan by Christy Cooney, a lecture by Paul Rouse and Mark Duncan, a Bloody Sunday exhibition and an inter-county tournament with a hurling game between Tipperary and Kilkenny, and a football game between Kerry and Dublin. Unfortunately the events, spearheaded by Mick Pendar and an enthusiastic local committee, were severely hit by most unseasonable weather. The unveiling ceremony was postponed but was eventually performed on November 1. A full house attended the lecture but the matches had to be called off.

As a result of the county board making successful representations to Munster Council to have the senior hurling final played at Semple Stadium, regardless of the teams involved, the 125 committee set about building a number of events around the weekend of July 10/12. Thurles Town Council hosted a civic reception for Munster Council and Tipperary County Board members in the Tipperary Institute on Friday evening and this was followed by an Historical Presentation, chaired by Dr. Willie Nolan, in which Seamus Leahy gave a Personal Perspective on the Founding Members of the G.A.A., Corkman, John Arnold, spoke of Different G.A.A. Rivalries between the Counties of Munster, and Damian Cullen spoke of the Treatment of Hurling in Film.

Night at the Dogs

On Saturday there was a juvenile hurling blitz, a long puck competition and a special Mass. As well there was a Night at the Dogs, which included four races with a Munster hurling flavour and an inter-county dimension. At the same time there was a gig rig in Liberty Square.



At the unveiling of a plaque to Michael Hogan on the new clubhouse at Grangemockler by G.A.A. President, Christy Cooney, on November 1: left to right: Eamon Hogan (nephew), Christy Cooney, Michael Hogan (nephew) and Louise Hogan (grandniece) of Michael Hogan.

One of the most exciting events was a torch run from the home of Michael Cusack in Carron, Co. Clare which started on Saturday with the torch borne by club members through the parishes between Carron and Thurles. The Clare clubs handed over to Limerick at the edge of the city and they in turn passed it on to the Tipperary clubs when they reached the county boundary. The torch arrived in Liberty Square on Saturday evening and the run continued from Hayes's Hotel to Semple Stadium on Sunday afternoon, arriving at 3-15 pm and the torch was carried into the stadium by Jimmy Doyle. The Munster final followed, before which the captains of the winning teams of the past twenty-five years were introduced to the crowd. The Artane School of Music was in attendance and provided entertainment at half-time. Earlier in the day they had played in Liberty Square. It added to the success of the weekend that Tipperary won.

The Mighty Blue and Gold

One of the most unusual events planned around the 125 celebrations was a song contest to find a new song to represent Tipperary, not necessarily to replace the inimitable *Slievenamon*, but to give a greater choice to the Tipperary supporter. In conjunction with Fran Curry and Tipp FM a good interest was generated, the entries were aired on the station, a short list of nine songs was agreed and the grand final was held in the Premier Hall at Thurles. The Roscrea song, *The Mighty Blue and Gold* by Seamus Doran, a rousing ballad, was declared the winner of the special prize of €1,000.

Probably the most lasting project of the 125 committee was the setting up of the Tipperary G.A.A. Archives Website, www.tippgaarchives.com. Three people were responsible for this outstanding contribution to the G.A.A. in County Tipperary, P. J. Maxwell, Ed Donnelly and Mark O'Leary. P. J. Maxwell compiled a list of over 17,000 players, who have represented the county at championship level in hurling and football in all grades since 1886. The huge merit of this compilation is that it includes full christian names and club identification of all the players involved. Ed Donnelly compiled a list of club champions and captains, which includes the divisional and county championship Roll of Honour for all grades in hurling and football from minor C to senior since each competition began. The name of the winning captain is included for over 75% of all county champions. Mark O'Leary set up the website and supporting database to make all this

information easily accessible. The use of modern technology will ensure that not only can the information be easily searched online, the website can be updated in real-time and includes all teams and champions for 2009 to date.

Sean Ghael Awards

The concluding events of the year included a wreath-laying ceremony at the Archbishop Croke Memorial in Liberty Square, Thurles and a speech by G.A.A. President, Christy Cooney, on November day. This was preceded by a special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Clifford at Thurles Cathedral, and a parade of dignitaries to the Croke Memorial. The presentations to the 2009 recipients of the Sean Gael awards were made in the Dome with an t-Uachtaran as guest speaker. On the evening before the postponed football match, between Cork and Tipperary, from the Grangemockler weekend was played under lights at Semple Stadium.

The final event was the laying of a wreath at the grave of Maurice Davin on November 26th. The oration at the grave was given by Jack Ryan, son of Seamus Ó Riain, who wrote the biography of Maurice Davin

Other events of the year organised by the committee included a Primary Schools ground hurling blitz in the spring. The 125 committee also encouraged every club in the county to set up its own website. At the beginning of the year twenty-nine clubs had websites and Ed Donnelly made a template available to the remaining clubs so that they could set them up. As well clubs were encouraged to include their information on the club database in Croke Park. Twenty-seven clubs had provided data and the remaining clubs were to be targeted. Finally clubs were exhorted to get their histories written and, where they already existed, to have them updated in 2009.

Conclusion

At the end of the year the committee looked back with a certain amount of satisfaction at the success of their initiatives to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the G.A.A. Whereas it was difficult to assess the impact the events had on the public at large, there was a strong belief that most people in the county had at least heard of the 125th anniversary. The variety of events focused in different ways on the past, the present and the future of the Gaelic Athletic Association in the county.

There was an understandable emphasis on the origins of the association with the Torch Run from Michael Cusack's home in Carron, through the reading of Croke's letter to Cusack by Maurice Davin's nephew, Pat Walsh, at the Croke Memorial in Thurles and the wreath-laying and oration at the grave of Davin at Churchtown,



Jarlath Burns, chairman of national 125 committee, and Michael Hogan, Grangemockler, make presentations to the respective captains, Conor Counihan (Cork) and John Evans (Tipperary) before the game between the sides at Semple Stadium on November 1.

Carrick-on-Suir. The Grangemockler Weekend also looked back to the past and the place of their native son, Michael Hogan, in the history of the G.A.A. while the lectures and talks sought to put the G.A.A. into perspective in the context of Irish society.

The celebrations were also very much about the present in the switching on of the lights at Semple Stadium in February with the first National Hurling League game, the Primary Schools' hurling blitz, Lá na gClub, when each club celebrated their achievements in their own parishes, the Munster final and the events surrounding the weekend, the hosting the first round of the Munster Club hurling championship at Semple Stadium and the presentation of the Sean Gael awards in the Dome.

And the future wasn't forgotten. Towards the end of the year the county board were drawing up the strategic plan for the future of the G.A.A. in the county over the next decade. The setting up of the extended Tipperary G.A.A. Archives website ensures that the achievements of the past will not be forgotten but will be available through modern technology to be accessed in the future by the public at large. The creation of club websites and the writing or updating of club histories will ensure that the achievements of the past will be available to club members in the future and, the existence of the *Mighty Blue and Gold*, will allow us to express in a new way our loyalty to the county in the years to come.



JK Brackens GAA Club members and members of the Bracken family pictured at the unveiling of a plaque at Kilmallock GAA clubgrounds in memory of JK Bracken one of the seven founders of the Association in Thurles on November 1st 1884. J K had moved from Templemore to Ardvullen Kilmallock in 1902 and died there two years later on May 2nd 1904. Earlier in the day mass was celebrated in Tankerstown Cemetry where JK was buried. Left to right: Jarlath Burns (National Chairman 125 Committee), Martin Bourke, Aoife Percy and daughter Roisin, Mervyn Bradish, Francie Bourke, Brendan Bracken (grandson), Tom Collum, John Arnold (125 Committee), John Costigan, Willie Fogarty, Paul Barrington (grandson).

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Pupils from Skeheenarinky N.S. pictured at their school sports day in conjunction with the celebration of 125 years of the G.A.A. which took place in June. The pupils took part in a variety of activities including dancing, football, hurling, athletics and novelty events. The emphasis was on participation and fun for all.

Back Row (l-r): Michael Kennedy, Ciaran Cahill, Kevin Slattery, Amy O'Callaghan, Tara Curtin, Conor Bradley, Pdraic Dennehy, Mikie Peters, Eddie Barrett.

2nd Row (l-r): James King, Pat Landers, Terri Ann King, Gearoid O'Brien, Carol Goff, Niamh Curtin, Rebecca Murphy, Julie Landers, Tomas Vaughan, Dean Finn.

3rd Row (l-r): Rebecca Connolly, Shannon Brennan, Jack Murphy, Chloe Tracey McLoughlin, Darragh Brennan, Joel Fitzgibbon Kavanagh, Oisín Brennan, Mary Barrett. Front Row (l-r): Heather King, Vincent Fitzgibbon, Jason English, Bill Curtin, Roisin Maher, Joey Connolly, Adam Dennehy, Amy Delaney.

Absent from photo: Michaela King, Ricky Morrissey and Gemma King.



Picture taken on the Port Rua CLG, Portroe, Co Tipperary grounds on 10 May 2009. In excess of 200 people helped the club celebrate 125 years of G.A.A.



Left to right: Liam Ó Donnchú, Michael O'Dwyer, Donal O'Gorman, Rosemary Hanafin, Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Ann Eviston, Cathal Ryan, Andrea Loughmane, Con Hogan, at the altar of Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles on November 1st after presenting symbols of the GAA during Mass.



GAA 125 CELEBRATIONS - Flags of all 32 counties were carried in the procession from Thurles Cathedral to Croke Monument in Thurles.



Artane Boys Band stand to attention outside Hayes Hotel, Thurles on November 1st. The GAA was founded at Hayes Hotel on November 1st 1884.



The final event of the 125 celebrations, the laying of a wreath at the grave of Maurice Davin at Churchtown Cemetery, Carrick-on-Suir on November 26. Left to right: Jack Ryan (Moneygall & Dublin), who gave the oration, Pat Walsh, nephew of Maurice Davin, Barry O'Brien, county board chairman, who laid the wreath.

Thomas Cahill's journey to Kilrush in 1903 or 1904

(This article first appeared in the mid-fifties in the *Clare Champion*. It came to the Yearbook from Liam Ó Duibhir, Clonmel, who received it from Mathúin Mac Fheorais of Kilrush. The picture is courtesy of Brigid Hogan, a grand-daughter of Tom Cahill. The article has relevance in the year of the 125th Anniversary of the G.A.A., when we remember J. K. Bracken and the other founders of the Association. Ed.)

Just over 50 years' ago I used to work as foreman and supervisor for the late J. K. Bracken of Templemore. He was a contractor on a big scale, with quarry, yards and machinery / of his own and a large staff. He was probably better known to you all as: one of the founders of the Gaelic Athletic Association with Michael Cusack and the rest. But we knew him as a decent and upright employer.

He got the contract for the erection of the memorial at Kilrush to the Manchester Martyrs'. This was organised by the people of Kilrush and West Clare and I remember yet some of the names and people of their committee. They were: John Doyle, Thomas Barry, Carroll and Reidy. There were more but I cannot think of them. I think Carroll had a hotel.

Mr. Bracken employed the Dublin sculptor O'Reilly to carve the figures and medallions. He got the stone for the figure of Éire: at Ballinasloe and Mr O'Reilly carved that figure in Bracken's yard in Tipperary town. There also, out of Carrara marble, he carved the medallions and slabs. The remainder of the cut stones in the monument was raised in Bracken's quarry in Templemore and dressed there by a stonecutter named Joe Connors, a native of Tralee.

Transport to Kilrush

When all was ready Mr. Bracken entrusted to me the transport and erection of the monument. The main portion of the material was sent by rail from Templemore to Kilrush. The cost of the insurance of the statue and medallions: was so high that Mr. Bracken decided to send them by road from Tipperary to Kilrush. He gave me his strongest cart, his best driver, Dan Maher, and his finest animal, a big bay mare we called "Biddy."

In the summer of either 1903' or 1904 - I forget which - with the help of Dan, I loaded the figures securely on the cart in Tipperary Town. Next morning we tackled the mare to it. She was a powerful animal and needed it all as we had about 27 cwt on the cart and about 75 miles to take it to Kilrush. And remember we had no tarred roads in those days. They were soft, boggy and full of holes and rough stones. But Maher had no doubt but she would land it safely, and he set his pace at three miles an hour.

We reached Limerick on Wednesday evening and spent the night there. Next day we travelled to Ennis. The mare was full of fettle and so, were we, as there was a good drop to be got here and there on the road and we had, for those days, liberal travelling expenses. You can get both hungry' and thirsty on at hot day. We had to keep an eye on the load and an even slow pace. Friday and Saturday we spent in Ennis, transferring the rest of the material from the wide gauge railway to the narrow gauge wagons of the West Clare Railway. We saw these wagons pull out on Saturday night and then we returned to prepare for the last leg of our journey.

Public Reception

I must tell you that we had to time ourselves to arrive near Kilrush town about 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon because a public reception was prepared for the advent of the Memorial. So we left Ennis bright and early on Sunday morning - a grand

fine day and the mare's shoes were ringing on the road. We arrived in Lissycasey well in time for Mass about half-past eight. After Mass the people got to know what was on the cart tied to the railings and we had to uncover the load and show them the statue: I asked them to mind it for a few minutes and Dan and I went across the road and on to a boreen to a public house [Kearney's] where we had refreshments. This was our breakfast, you know, that day. I remember we drank the stout out of wooden noggins. I took a fancy to one of them - a nice piece of carved beech - but the old woman would not part with it. She would sell the stout, but not the container, she said. I suppose she was right.

Free Dinner

We had six hours journey yet to Kilrush so Dan headed off without delay and we kept a steady pace till we came to a public house named Brown's [Tullycrine] about 2' o'clock.

There we pulled up and fed the mare. While we were having a drink, the man of the house, a fine decent fellow [John Brown], invited us to have our dinner. He said he couldn't let the men bringing the load we had away half-fed. We had a fine meal and thanked him, so ourselves and the mare were in great form facing Kilrush.

About two miles outside Kilrush at a cross roads we were met by a crowd of several hundred people and a fife and drum band. A procession was formed and with the cart in the rear we marched behind the band. Light of foot now, we marched thus to Kilrush with the band playing and we singing. Amid cheers, we made the circuit of the Square. To tell the truth there was so much excitement that I was afraid that something might happen to the pieces on the cart, so we slipped away and housed them safely in Reidy's yard. Then dead tired we went to our lodgings.

Monday morning we drew the cut stones from the station and Joe Connors arrived that day from Templemore to help me. I also got a local man named Taylor and a labouring man named Nolan or Nunan - a great worker, if ever there was one. Dan Maher stayed a week with me drawing rough stones and sand from Moneypoint. I then dispatched him home to Tipperary town with funds for the road and five stone of oats for the mare.

Erection of Monument

We spent three weeks assembling the monument. I well remember it was on a Thursday about three o'clock with a big crowd looking on that we hoisted the figure securely into position. On Friday I trimmed it up finally, took down the scaffolding and delivered back some materials I had on loan.

On Friday night the committee gave a party for me and we all celebrated. We had a great night and I was young and healthy then - and the job was done. John O'Dwyer kept a bottle to put in my jacket as I left next evening. I went down to have a final inspection of the monument on Saturday before I left and could not see a thing wrong with it - and with a feeling of pride, I tipped my cap to it and left it to Kilrush. I set out for Drom and home that evening ..

I regret I never got a chance of being in Kilrush since. Before I die maybe I'll visit it again and maybe some of the people I mentioned are still alive. If so, I greet them now for old time's sake. I don't know how it looks now, but I will always remember that monument for the part I took in honouring our patriot dead, and for the big hearted men I met in Kilrush.



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When Men were Men and Wore Caps

by Norman Freeman

(This piece by Thurles native, Norman Freeman, appeared in the Irishman's Diary in *The Irish Times* during the year.

A recent *Irish Times* review of Dermot Keogh's biography of former Taoiseach Jack Lynch was accompanied by a stirringly evocative photograph. It shows Lynch leading out the Glen Rovers hurling team in parade before the 1940 Cork county final against Sarsfields. Immediately behind the clean-cut are two stalwarts wearing flat, wide caps.

Caps have long been discarded or replaced by helmets. But they had their day and they had their aura. Somehow the wearing of a cap seemed to give a player an impression of indomitable grit and toughness. The big tweed brim and the wide peak made him look like a well-seasoned veteran.

The cap seemed to say: "Don't get in my way, if you know what's good for you." And often beneath it was the grim face and tight-lipped mouth of the hardened battler.

There were hurlers who actually wore the cap backwards, in the manner of some of the men in the brigades of the old IRA. Perhaps they felt it signified their fighting spirit and warned opponents not to tread on their toes.

Of course there were practical reasons for the wearing of caps. Big games like county finals took place in late September or later. If the sun was shining, it slanted across the field of play at a low angle, especially in the second half, dazzling the eyes of those facing it. So the cap helped keep the sun out of the eyes of the hurler as the ball came flying towards him.

Unscrupulous Opponents

However, it was known that unscrupulous opponents sometimes waited behind the cap-wearer until the last split second before the ball arrived and then tipped the cap forward with fingers or handle of hurley so that it came down as far as the nose of the rival and he was unable to see what was happening. This trick carried risks. The vengeful cap-wearer might wait for the next time the ball came their way and then pull the hurley across the shins or knuckles of his deceitful adversary.

The cap might not be as protective as the latter-day helmet, but it could cushion blows when hurleys flailed, especially under the dropping ball. And there are tales of melees in which players used their caps to swipe at opponents, holding the brim so that the hard peak became the outer edge of this impromptu weapon, giving them an advantage in reach and effectiveness. I have read somewhere an account of a player being cautioned after firing his cap, spinning like a Frisbee, at a referee who made a controversial decision.

In those years some men rarely went anywhere without wearing a cap. It was part of their daily attire, whether they worked on farm or in factory, in city or town. Some even wore their cap in the house, taking them off - with a certain solemnity - only when they sat down at table or went to bed. They would have felt incomplete without it outside the home, including on the playing field. The cap was part of their being.

Lory Meagher

Famous hurlers wore caps. There's a photograph of two legendary players, Lory Meagher of Kilkenny and Eudie Coughlan of Cork, shaking hands before the All-Ireland final of 1931. For the benefit of the camera both have taken off their caps and are hold them in their left hands. They look a little uneasy, as if removing their headgear has put them at some disadvantage.

Hurling lore has stories about caps, most of them hard to authenticate. One is about a hurler whose cap disappeared in the dressing-room just as the team was getting ready to go out on



Tubberadora All-Ireland Champions 1898. Back row, left to right: Watty Dunne, Will Devane, Ned Brennan, Mikey Maher (capt.), E. D. Ryan, John Ryan, Tim Condon. Seated, left to right: Thomas Leahy, Phil Byrne, John Connolly, Jack Maher, Denis Walsh, Jim O'Keeffe, Dick O'Keeffe, Michael Conlon. Front row, left to right: Tommy Ryan, Jack Maher, Ned Maher, Johnny Walsh.

the field to contest the county final. He was one of those men who never went anywhere without his cap and never played a game without it. He got very upset. He felt bereft. Worried club officials looked everywhere - under seats, in the toilets, on the nearby pathways, at the turnstiles. Some felt it must have been stolen; they went about looking with suspicion among the crowd of hangers-on in the immediate area.

The cap could not be found, but at least a temporary solution was. The club chairman took off his own cap and gave it to the distraught hurler. "We have more or less the same size of cloigeann," he said. "You'll be fine." The hurler played well that day. And the club delved into its meagre funds to provide the player with the price of a new cap - this in an era of hard poverty, when copper coins were valued.

The Cap that Disappeared

Another story concerns the cap of a famous club hurler that was part of a collection of memorabilia - old, browned hurleys, big, weathered sliotars, faded game programmes - kept in a small room in the clubhouse. This was long before the advent of well-organised GAA museums such as that in Thurles or the Lory Meagher Centre in Tullaroan.

One day it was found that the famous cap had disappeared. The committee held a meeting to discuss the matter. It became rancorous. The responsibility lay with the club secretary but he didn't take kindly to criticism of his stewardship.

"I'm not going to the gardai to report a stolen cap," he declared. "And I'm not going round the highways and byways looking for it either, meeting some fellow coming along on a bicycle on a lonesome bog road and stopping him to ask: 'Where did you get that cap?'"

No doubt, in years to come, a fund of stories about helmets will begin to accumulate.



Action shot from a hurling game in the Polo Grounds, New York between Tipperary and a New York selection in 1926. One cap to be seen and the player wearing it backwards. But notice number 7 with his hat on!

Apples at half time

by Seamus Leahy

Of the pleasures of retirement the one I enjoy most is strolling into Clonmel Sportsfield on Saturday mornings from Spring through Autumn and watching a horde of youngsters ranging from four-year-olds to ten-year-olds learning the basic skills of hurling. It's a grand sight to see some seventy to eighty tots wearing jerseys declaring allegiance to weird and wonderful places from Brazil to Barcelona but mainly to Tiobrad Arann and St. Mary's. They wear helmets which make them unrecognisable to their mothers and some of them use hurleys in a way that sometimes makes them recognisable to anyone who saw their fathers hurling.

Another generation of hurlers is in good hands, we tell ourselves, as fellows in their forties who not so long ago were themselves playing for the club and some in their twenties and thirties who are still playing give up a few hours of their morning trying to impart invaluable skills to youngsters. While others of their age are knowledgeable discussing the All-Ireland in the pub or on the golf course, these lads are giving freely of their own hours of freedom to ensuring that children are given a chance to acquire the skills of the greatest game in the world. No euros change hands, few thank them, they are lucky if their name gets into the final shake-up for a big-match ticket, they don't belong to the GPA or anything like it.

Occasionally parents berate them if their kid is not given the attention they would like him to get and they are seldom cited for special praise at the club AGM, much less in the upper stratosphere of the Association's

administration. We all take them for granted.

And yet....and yet...

I think it was John Henry Newman who, to the churchman who had asked sarcastically, "And who are the laity?" gave the withering reply, "The laity are the people without whom the Church would look highly peculiar."

Likewise, though they all too often receive little attention from the great ones of the Association, the voluntary workers – the Saturday morning volunteers, not to mention the Sunday ones or the weekday ones – are a body without whom the G.A.A. would look more than a little peculiar. Perhaps the peculiarity would not become so obvious for a while, but give it a decade or two and then we would see the difference.

Coaching

The strange thing is, of course, that until relatively recent times coaching as a means of producing young players was unheard of. Most of us of a certain vintage – and I am referring specifically those of us who grew up during the World War 2 years - do not recall having at any time in our lives received what would now be considered coaching. If one was lucky enough to have an older brother, he would probably show you how to lift the ball and advise you to hold the hurley with your

writing hand on top – that is if you remembered which hand you wrote with. After that you were on your own.

Apart from being told which hand was to be on top, I can clearly recall the one and only other piece of coaching advice I ever received. It was in a field in Tubberadora about a month after the Allies hit the beaches at Normandy. I was taking my turn in goal while my brother took shots at me and in my own mind I was playing a blinder, stopping ground shots, letting the ball hop head-high, putting up my hand to catch and clear it.

Two well-known hurlers of other days, one a back and the other a forward, strolling up from the river, stood watching and in my own mind they were admiring my performance. The one who had spent his playing days in the full-back line walked over and took the hurley from my hand. "If there's a handy forward around, all he has to do is to pat it into the net ever time you let the ball hop head-high," he said. "You're holding the hurley too tight. Hold it loose and the ball will stop dead at your feet and you can puck it away or pick it up if you want to."

The game has changed since, of course, and there may be other ways of dealing with a fast ball nowadays, but I remember



Nenagh CBS team & subs, winners of the Dr. Croke cup in 1948. (back l. to r.): Patrick Naughton, Ger Lewis, Philip McGrath, Michael O'Connell, Francis Fleming, Paddy Donovan, Gerard Manning, Seán Naughton, Michael Doyle. (front): Phil Hennessy, Michael Devine, Michael Fogarty, Matt Hassett, Alec Reid (capt.), Paddy Kennedy, Dan O'Connor, Tony Geaney, Paudie Costello.

this because I went the rest of my life without ever getting anything that could be described as a bit of coaching.

And as for organised games..... One was lucky if one was taught by a Christian Brother sufficiently enthusiastic to take a crowd of lads to the field after school and pick two teams. But my recollection is that until one was old enough to be considered for the Croke Cup team – at that time under-15 - insofar as they existed at all, games were organised by the kids themselves.

Local Games

I have fond memories of more than once meeting Johnny Gleeson and Tony Burns coming home from school in Nenagh long ago and arranging a match between Dublin Road and the Turnpike for that evening. We collected a crowd from McDonagh Street – none of us could have been over ten years of age and we walked up as far as the old Show Grounds where great games had been played in our fathers' time and there we lined out against Summerhill. I never remember the presence of a referee or even an adult spectator – which may have facilitated the occasional brawl.

And then there were games against Island Bawn – several of them. The first was on a sunlit Sunday afternoon when the

summer holidays had ended. We walked in the middle of the road the couple of miles to a field in Island Bawn where we were astonished to see quite a gathering of local people. Goalposts had been erected, the field was flagged and there were even umpires and a referee.. The gladiators emerging from the tunnel in the Coliseum could not have felt more awed by the swelling throng than we townies were that day by the sight of so many spectators.

We did not distinguish ourselves on that occasion – except when at half-time Murt Barrett appeared with a bucket of apples which he upended on the pitch and many of us showed a turn of speed which we had not shown during the first half of the game.

But for the first time we were made aware of the existence of competent wielders of the caman in Island Bawn. There was Billy O'Brien who within a few years would feature on the front page of the *Evening Herald* on the first Monday in September. In the goal for Tipp minors, he was pinned against the rear stanchion in the goalmouth by a Dublin forward while the ball crossed the line behind him. Unfair it was, but that goal won the All-Ireland title for Dublin. There was Donie O'Brien who would likewise play in an All-Ireland minor final and there was Phil Hennessy who would win an All-Ireland minor title in the company of Tony Wall, Billy Quinn, John McLoughlin and Liam Devaney and who would travel to America as a member of the senior panel.

Fr. Alec Reid

But we did have one man who shone that day. Alec Reid was between the posts for us and only for him our beating would have been more severe. "He stopped bullets that day," I reminisced a few years ago to an old schoolmate. "Well if he didn't stop them that day, he stopped them in Belfast," came the reply, referring to Fr. Alec Reid's part in opening doors to peace

on the island of Ireland. I met Alec a few years ago as I was coming out of Croke Park. He was sitting on the kerb smoking his pipe before going back inside for a camogie match. I reminded him of the great day in Island Bawn and he gazed pensively into the distance. I suspect that he had no recollection of his star performance or even of the occasion, but was much too polite to tell me so. More important events had dotted his life since then.

The kids now are well looked after – organised training for under-6s and under-8s, under-10s and under-12 – and so on. It's grand to see and it's a credit to those who devote their time to ensuring that the old game lives on in the hearts and the wrists of a new generation. We have summer camps and coaching courses for youngsters and coaching courses for those who give the courses. We have an endless stream of emails about such courses and we have emails about meetings about courses. And yet I have been told of two little hurling enthusiasts, one age seven and the other aged four who, under the supervision of their father, have been ordered out of no less than two hurling fields because, they were informed, not being members of the club that owned the field, they were not covered by insurance. Michael Cusack would not have smiled. Then again, he might – he was a big, bluff fellow who could see the funny side of things.

Despite all the training sessions and the rest of it, I still find myself yearning for the sight of just five or six kids on a green patch or in a cul-de-sac pucking a ball, entirely unsupervised by any adult. And I yearn even more for the sight of a team of townies, not yet teenagers, walking a few miles to play a match against a team of country lads – apples or no apples at half-time.



A Nenagh team in the early 1940s: Standing left to right: Dinny O'Brien (Grange) with hat, Christy Hackett (Pound/Sarsfield Street, ----), John Brophy, Queen/Mitchel Street, John (Pee Wee) Whelan, Wolfe Tone Terrace, Rory Leahy, Dublin Road/ MacDonagh Street, Dinny Carey (Pound/Sarsfield Street, Tommy (Digger) Stanley, do, Micky Farrell, Silver Street, Brendan Brennan, Keeper View, Donal Murray, Pound/Sarsfield Street (boy), Sammy Fitzpatrick, St. Joseph's Park, -----, Mickey (Gullet) Cleary, Silver Street, Sean Keogh Queen/Mitchel Street, Pat Nolan, Cunnahurt, Tom Brophy, Queen/Mitchel Street, Paddy Butler, Silver Street, Paddy Geaney, Wolfe Tone Terrace, ---. Middle: Denis Sheehan, Barrack/Kenyon Street, Tony Ryan, do, Joe O'Connor, Dublin Road/MacDonagh Street, Frank Manley, Wolfe Tone Terrace, Sean Fahy, do; Front: Martin Ryan, Barrack/Kenyon Street, Sean Healy, Bank/Enmet Street, Philip Cleary, Church Road, Michael Brennan, Keeper View, Dan Costello, Pound/Sarsfield Street, Michael Geaney, William Street, John Hogan, Dublin Road/MacDonagh Street. Photographs courtesy of Brendan Treacy Archives. Brendan's new publication 'Nenagh Through the Mists of Time' is available now.

Tipperary Year Book Awards

by James Holohan

Once again it is time to announce the winners of the Tipperary Year Book Awards. The first meeting to consider the nominations broke up in disarray as there was no unanimity amongst the committee. Worse was to follow at the next meeting as the secretary was informed, that due to the economic downturn, our long time sponsors Pie in the Sky were no longer on board. The chairman offered to fund it out of his own pocket but there was disagreement on that issue as well.

On hearing of our plight NAMA (for the uninitiated - Never Assume Money After) kindly agreed to be our new sponsors and we thank them for their generosity.

THE KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AWARD: Goes to the players who never remonstrate with the man in the middle or question his family pedigree. They should know, that it's like complaining to your mother-in law about your wife - It does not get you far!!!. Memo to players: Give the Ref a break.

THE MOST VERSATILE PLAYER AWARD: Goes to A N Other. He sometimes gets selected and also appears on the match programme. When the team takes the field he is never to be seen. One doubts if he will ever get the elusive medal before he retires.

THE BELOW THE BELT AWARD: Goes to Tyrone's Ryan McMenamin. In the NFL match against Kerry he tried to "dispossess" Paul Galvin in an illegal manner thus incurring an eight week ban for his efforts. The next time they meet perhaps he might find a more conventional way of gaining possession of the ball

THE TRIP THE LIGHTS FANTASTIC AWARD: Goes to the Semple Stadium powers that be for their Valentine's night show. Due mainly to the shenanigans of the 2008 Cork team the match lacked real bite. For the romantics, there was more bite in the chocolates. .

THE LATE LATE SHOW AWARD: Goes to the Cork and Kerry supporters who arrived late for the replay in Pairc Uí Chaoimh thus delaying the live telecast of the match. When it came to the All Ireland final one could not be up early enough to outsmart those Kerry lads.

THE DIRTY TRICKS AWARD: Goes to the rain man - He caused the abandonment of the double bill in Grangemockler on Easter Sunday. Is it not high time that he was brought before the DRA to explain his actions on this and many other occasions during the summer.

THE NEVER SAY DIE AWARD: Goes to Martin Donnelly for his efforts to keep the Railway Cup on track while the powers that be tried to derail it. Never try to keep a good man down.

THE OPEN THE EYES AWARD: Goes to the umpire who flagged a goal for Clare in the Munster championship match against Tipperary, when in fact the ball never crossed the line. Perhaps, you would make a New Year's Resolution - to pay a visit to Spec Savers.

THE ABACUS AWARD: Goes to All Ireland hurling final referee Diarmuid Kirwan. It would come in handy in counting the number of steps a player will take while in possession of the ball. With modern technology like this who needs a video referee!!!

THE SAT NAV AWARD: Goes to the Dublin football team. The next time they meet one of the big guns in Croke Park they could have it set in the direction of the goal instead of going into cul de sacs. Maybe it might even guide them to the Hogan Stand to pick up Sam.

THE OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH AWARD: Goes to the Kildare supporters who removed Frank Hogan's John 3.7 banner from a train. Memo from Frank "Father forgive them for they know not what they do"

THE TOP CAT AWARD: Goes to Kilkenny goalkeeper P J Ryan for his saves some, by just a whisker, in the All Ireland final thus ensuring that his team took home the cream. One wonders if his side have now used up their nine lives.

THE LORD OF THE DANCE AWARD: Goes to Kerry's Tadhg Kenneally for his unique jig after the All Ireland and Aussie Rules finals. Now that he has decided to remain in Kerry perhaps he will take part in Scór next year - Who knows another medal might be on its way!!!

IT'S THE TAKING PART THAT COUNTS AWARD: Goes to all the teams who go out each year thinking this is going to be their hour of glory but alas - Take heart from the Lotto theme - Next year it could be you!!!

UP UP AND AWAY AWARD: To the many successful teams who set off on foreign holidays to hot spots during the winter. For most players, the highest temperature will likely be found around the turf fire at home.

THE DOWN UNDER AWARD: Goes to the Kerry players who have decided to swop the round ball for the oval version. Rest assured they will tire of the footie and will again seek the keys of the Kingdom.

The presentation will take place on St. Stephen's Day. NAMA, have yet to decide which one of their recently acquired properties they will be using for this momentous occasion.

Recipients will be notified well in advance.



125th Central Council group taken outside Hayes' Hotel, Thurles - February 14th 2009.

Cumann na Sean Ghael awards from GAA President Christy Cooney at the Dome in Thurles

Patron of the GAA Archbishop Dermot Clifford receives his Cumann na Sean Ghael award from GAA President Christy Cooney at the Dome in Thurles. Also present is Cumann na Sean Ghael Chairman John Costigan.



Mid Tipperary Sean Ghael



Cumann na Sean Ghael award recipients from the Mid Division with GAA President Christy Cooney. Seated: (from left) - Peggy Gleeson (Loughmore/Castleiney), Archbishop Dermot Clifford, (Patron of GAA and recipient), GAA President Christy Cooney, Phil Blake (Moyne/Templetuohy), John Costigan (Sean Ghael Chairman). Standing: Fr Phil Barry (Upperchurch Drombane), Sean Grey (JK Brackens), Tommy Casey (Drom/Inch), Paddy Wardick (Boherlahan Dualla), John Ryan.

North Tipperary Sean Ghael



Cumann na Sean Ghael recipients from the North Division with GAA President Christy Cooney. Standing - Pat McKenna (rep. Paddy Gregan (Youghalarra Handball Club), John 'Mackey' McKenna (Borrisokane), Jimmy Morris (Nenagh Eire Og), John Joe Maher (Ballina), Michael Collins (Newport), Mick Minogue (Roscrea), Timmy Floyd (County Board Secretary), Gerard Ryan (County Board PRO), Michael Sheehy (North Board Chairman). Seated: Jim Madden (Portroe), Tom Aherne ((Ballina Handball Club), GAA President Christy Cooney, Noel Morris (Sean Ghael Committee), Tom Lambe (Lorrha/Dorrha), Jim O'Brien (Silvermines).

West Tipperary Sean Ghael



Cumann na Sean Ghael recipients from West Tipperary with Special Guest GAA President Chris Cooney. Seated: (from left) Seamus McCarthy (Sean Ghael Committee), Michael O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), GAA President Christy Cooney, Paddy Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Jerry Fahey (Sean Treacys), Hannie Hanley (Aherlow). Standing: Mattie Finnerty (West Board Chairman), Liam O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers), Willie O'Grady (Rosegreen), John Ryan 'Luke' (Glengar), John Bargary (Golden Kilfeakle), Seamus J. King (Sean Ghael Committee), Pat Moroney (Sean Ghael Committee), Eamonn Buckley (County Board Treasurer).

South Tipperary Sean Ghael



Cumann na Sean Ghael recipients from the South Division. Seated: (from left) Seamus Leahy (St Mary's Clonmel), Jimmy Cleary (Clonmel Og), GAA President Christy Cooney, Michael Hogan (Grangemockler), Pat Walsh (Carrick-on-Suir), Tom Cusack (South Board Treasurer). Standing: Barry O'Brien (County Board Chairman), Tony Newport (Fethard), Bill Martin (Ballingarry), Michael Lonergan (Ballybacon Grange/Ardfinnan), Noel Byrne (South Board Secretary). Absent from photo: Representative of Tom Walsh (Cahir).

Post Primary Schools

Tipperary Post Primary Schools G.A.A. Review, 2009/2010

2009 has been a highly enjoyable one for G.A.A followers in Tipperary. Our senior hurling team, though narrowly defeated in a compelling and intense All-Ireland final, won the respect and admiration of sports fans all over Ireland and beyond. Our county senior football team continued to confound the pundits and to delight their fans by winning Division 3 of the N.F.L., Our under 21 and minor football teams reached the Munster final, and our minor hurlers were narrowly defeated in the All Ireland semi final.. Our underage teams in both codes and at various grades are reaching and winning finals on a consistent basis, and we look to the future with real optimism.

Harty Cup & All-Ireland

Once again, our schools showed that we are a proud G.A.A. county with a winning tradition, with All-Ireland victories and appearances lifting the profile of our schools to even higher levels. The highlight of the year at post Primary schools level was the ending of a 31 year wait for the return of the Dr.Harty Cup to Tipperary, as Thurles C.B.S. defeated St. Caimins, Shannon, to win the coveted trophy. It was school's first win in the competition since 1956. They finished a wonderful year with All Ireland success in Semple Stadium, defeating Good Counsel, Wexford. This was a memorable and well merited achievement, and deserves all of our admiration and acclaim.

Thurles C.B.S. also won the White Cup Munster U-15 "A" hurling final. Colaiste Phobail Ros Cré defeated St.Brogan's, Bandon, to win the Vocational Schools hurling "A" Munster final and reached the All Ireland final. They also reached the Munster junior "A" hurling final. C.B.S. High School Clonmel reached the u-16^{1/2} Frewen Cup "A" football and also reached the final of Corn na Bandann. Our Lady's Templemore reached the final of Corn Piarasigh Munster U-15 "B" hurling. Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, won the All-Vocational Schools senior football "B" final, a fine achievement which highlights the impressive work in the school and community. Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, won the Munster Vocational Schools junior hurling "B" competition, having defeated Nenagh V.S. in the semi final. Nenagh V.S. beat Clonakilty to win the Munster 1st year "B" hurling final.

County Competitions

Our Tipperary competitions provided exciting fare during the season. Nenagh C.B.S. won the Fitzgerald Cup senior hurling "A" defeating Colaiste Phobail Ros Cre. The Abbey C.B.S. retained the Mc Gabhann Cup senior football "A" championship, defeating Our Lady's, Templemore in the final. Cistercian College, Roscrea, won the Fitzgerald Shield U-17 hurling "B", defeating Clonmel C.B.S.. Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, retained the Mc Gabhann Shield senior football "B", defeating Scoil Ruain, Killenaule in the final. In the Croke Cup

U-15 hurling "A" final, Thurles C.B.S. defeated Nenagh C.B.S. . Clonmel C.B.S. defeated Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, in the Hennessy Cup U-15 hurling "B" final. Clonmel C.B.S beat Our Lady's Secondary, Templemore in the Cusack Cup U-15 football "A" final. Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, beat Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, in the Cusack Shield U-15 football "B" final.

Clonmel C.B.S. defeated Our Lady's, Templemore, in the Corn Ui Cathain First Year "A" hurling final, while Borrisokane Community College beat Nenagh in the Sciath Ui Cathain First Year hurling "B" final.

Our annual U-14 football blitz was held in Rockwell College in May, and it was as always a highlight for our students. Our thanks to Peter Creedon, and to the staff and students of Cashel C.S. who helped to organise the blitz. We express our thanks to Rockwell College for the use of their facility.

I wish to express our sincere thanks to Tom Collum, our dedicated and diligent Servicing Officer. Tom is responsible for running our competitions. He spends many hours arranging referees and pitches on our behalf. He is a fantastic officer, whose efficiency and patience allow us to run our competitions in such a professional manner.

I express our thanks to the county board for their financial and administrative support of our schools and competitions with medals, meals and hurleys.

School Budgets Reduced

Due to the savage and destructive cutbacks in education funding in the last year, school managers are forced to operate with greatly reduced Supervision and Substitution budgets to cover teachers attending games or arranging training sessions. Munster Colleges have been forced to fix all games for later evening throw-ins. The future of our games in schools is far from guaranteed. The vast majority of schools have always arranged after school training sessions at least once a week. The stark reality is that we will be forced to arrange most of our sessions for after school hours and we will have to work even harder to promote our games. This will force us to commit more of our own personal time to preparing our teams .

There is an attempt in the right-wing media and commentaries to de-value the role played by participation in sport in our school system as having little economic value in these extraordinary times. If we allow these cuts to continue without expressing our strongest opposition, we will be failing in our duty as G.A.A. men and educators. We must strongly promote the social, health and educational benefits experienced by students who participate in school sport, as shown in numerous studies. We must ensure that parents' councils and parents' representatives on Boards of Management express their support for gaelic games coaching as a vital part of a holistic education and a healthy lifestyle. It is vital that schools organise "Support Groups" and forge links to the feeder clubs in their area.

Finally I wish to express our condolences to members of our school and sporting community who have been bereaved during the year.

Aidan O'Leary, Secretary, Tipperary Post Primary Schools G.A.A. Board.

Review of 2008/2009 Tipperary Post Primary Schools Results and Competitions

Fitzgerald Cup U 17 "A" Hurling: Eight teams participated in this competition. Nenagh C.B.S. defeated Thurles C.B.S. by 2-11 to 0-8 in the first semi final, and Colaiste Phobail Ros Cre beat Borrisokane Community College by 2-15 to 2-13 in an exciting game. Nenagh C.B.S. beat Colaiste Phobail Ros Cre by 1-16 to 1-7 in the final. This will give the North Tipperary school a great boost for the Harty Cup campaign.

Fitzgerald Shield U 17 "B" Hurling: Eleven schools participated in this competition. Cistercian College Roscrea beat Scoil Ruain Killenaule by 2-18 to 2-11 in the first Semi Final, while Clonmel C.B.S. received a walkover from Abbey C.B.S. . Cistercian College beat Clonmel C.B.S. by 2-8 to 0-9 in the final, to win the competition for the second time in three seasons.

Croke Cup U 15 "A" Hurling: The semi finals of this competition were evenly contested close games, with Thurles C.B.S. beating Cashel C.S. by 4-6 to 3-7, and Nenagh C.B.S. defeating Borrisokane C.C. by 2-10 to 2-5. However, the final proved to be a very one sided affair, with Thurles beating Nenagh by 6-13 to 0-6. Thurles C.B.S. went on to win the White Cup Munster U-15 "A" Hurling Final in impressive fashion.

Hennessy Cup U 15 "B" Hurling: Twelve teams entered this competition. In the semi finals, Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, beat Col. Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, by 8-7 to 2-12, and Clonmel C.B.S. beat Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary, by 2-8 to 1-7. Clonmel's superior physique and strength over Ballingarry were decisive in a one sided final which ended in a 2 15 to 1-3 victory for Clonmel.

Corn Ui Cathain First Year "A" Hurling: Seven teams entered this competition. Clonmel C.B.S. and Our Lady's Templemore topped their respective league groups and qualified for the final. Clonmel C.B.S. won a tremendous game by 1-13 to 0-12.

Sciath Ui Cathain First Year "B" Hurling: Twelve teams entered this competition, and after some fine games, Borrisokane Community College and Nenagh V.S. qualified for the final. Borrisokane proved too strong for Nenagh in the final and won by 6-7 to 0-7.

McGabhann Cup Senior "A" Football: Five teams entered this competition. Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary, beat Clonmel C.B.S. by 2-4 to 0-8 in the first semi final, and Our Lady's Templemore beat Cashel by 1-8 to 1-3 in the second semi final. Abbey C.B.S. beat Our Lady's Templemore by 0-13 to 0-2 in the final. Abbey C.B.S. will compete in the Corn Ui Mhuiri Munster Senior "A" Football championship in 2010, a welcome development for the county. Three Tipperary schools, Clonmel C.B.S., Abbey C.B.S. and Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, are involved in a scheme supported by Munster Colleges to support preparation for Munster competitions for 2010. We wish them the best of luck with this initiative.

McGabhann Shield Senior Football "B": Ten teams entered this competition. Unfortunately a number of walkovers were given in earlier rounds, a worrying development in recent years. Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, beat St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh by 1-10 to 2-3 in the first semi final, and Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, beat Comeragh College by 3-5 to 1-5 in the second semi final. Early goals proved decisive as Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, beat Scoil Ruain by 6-8 to 2-10 in the final.

Cusack Cup U 15 "A" Football: Once again this proved to be an exciting and skillful competition. Our Lady's Templemore narrowly beat Cashel C.S. by 2-6 to 2-7 in the first semi final, while Clonmel C.B.S. beat Abbey C.B.S. by 3-7 to 2-6 in the second semi final. Clonmel C.B.S. completed a hurling and football Under 15 double by defeating Our Lady's Templemore in the final by 4-7 to 1-5.

Cusack Shield U 15 "B" Football: Our final competition of the year attracted 12 teams. Unfortunately a number of walkovers were given in earlier rounds. Nevertheless, Col. Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, defeated Thurles C.B.S. by 1-12 to 2-8 in the first semi final, while Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, beat Presentation Secondary, Ballingarry, by 5-5 to 2-07 in the second semi final. Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, defeated Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, in an exciting final by 2-9 to 2-7.



Thurles CBS fans watch the cup presentation for the All-Ireland Colleges final at Semple Stadium.

Thurles CBS make history with Harty and All-Ireland Colleges victories

By Noel Dundon (*Tipperary Star*)

Thurles CBS ended a 53 three year famine to bring the Dr Harty Cup back to the Cathedral Town earlier this season and made history by adding the All-Ireland Colleges Croke Cup for the first time ever also.

A fantastic year ended in huge celebration in Semple Stadium when the Thurles lads, living off the adrenaline of having won the Harty, went on to claim the ultimate honour against Good Counsel in a game which befitted the decider.

Thurles, having come through the round robin process in the Munster competition, found themselves up against neighbours Our Lady's of Templemore again in the Dr Harty Cup quarter final on a day when only the bravest of souls dared to venture out, not to mind tog out.

Six points from Tipperary county minor Kieran Morris helped steer the Thurles lads towards the semi-final in a real mudbath as the Thurles lads ran out 0-11 to 0-5 winners.

Question marks hung over the staging of this game at all considering the water logged condition of the pitch at The Ragg. In fact, word was that referee Shane Hourigan of Limerick had called off the game having inspected the surface, but then changed his mind in favour of action. It was a brave call as conditions bordered on dangerous.

But, in fairness to the Limerick official, he handled the fiercely competitive game very sensibly indeed and contributed to a fine contest, which Thurles more or less controlled all the way through.

On to the semi-final then where Thurles won by 0-15 to, Lismore's Blackwater CS 0-7 in Ardfinnan. The Thurles lads, fuelled by the wonderful displays of Tipperary minors John O'Neill, Kieran Morris and Denis Maher, proved to be just too strong for the Waterford lads who were simply unable to sustain the pressure in the second half. And, Thurles upped their performance big time, from the quarter final clash as they produced a display full of sharp and incisive hurling, with crisp passing underlining the levels of confidence running through the spine of the side.

Thurles led by just two at the interval 0-7 to 0-5 with Morris having provided four of the efforts, matching a similar feat by Finan Murray for Blackwater CS. But, despite the slender margin, Thurles had played quite well in the half and were quite confident as they left the pitch. The first time the famous cup was hoisted by Thurles hands since 1956. Thurles won by 3-15 to St Caimin's, Shannon 0-9.

The emotional roller coaster that had been the Harty campaign in the famed hurling nursery finally came to an end as the Thurles lads blitzed St Caimin's of Shannon with a very efficient performance which saw them dominate from start to finish. Not even the inclement elements could rain on the party as the side led the blue and gold back to the pinnacle of the Munster senior colleges hurling pile. Fifty three years of frustration, near misses, false dawns and dashed hopes were finally put to bed when Barry, the Upperchurch Drombane captain who had entered the fray late on, had the honour of being the man to lift the cup – his uncle Phil had been on the '56 team.

Many Thurles folk had hoped that the fear of losing would not strangle their side in this decider as it had done in the past. But, drawing on the experience of 2008, Thurles CBS under the watchful eyes of the John Stokes, John O'Doherty, Paddy McCormack and their management team, ensured that they would be psychologically and physically ready for the final. They were incredibly focused on the day and their single



Diarmuid Fogarty, Thurles CBS and Pa Ryan, Our Lady's Templemore in the Dr. Harty Cup quarter final in The Ragg.

minded approach was just what the doctor ordered to bridge the ever lengthening gap.

The scenes of unbridled joy which greeted the final whistle gave witness to the five decades plus of frustration which spilled out and was laid bare on the muddy surface of MacDonagh Park. It was sheer joy for everyone associated with Thurles CBS – relief intertwined with elation creating a frenzied atmosphere in the centre of the park as bear hugs, jigs of joy, handshakes and slaps on the back ruled the hour. Indeed, such was the joy, that the job of receiving the cup actually took some time as the players savoured the occasion – a once-in-a-lifetime feeling, not to be rushed.

It was quite a scene as many former players down through the years mingled with the present history makers, teachers – past and present, mentors, parents and well wishers. It was a real coming together to Thurles CBS folk – a fitting reunion at the welcome return of an old friend.

The significance of the victory could easily have overshadowed the actual game itself. In fact, such was Thurles' total domination and sizeable winning margin, that the final whistle was almost an anti-climax. The fifteen point winning margin – maintained from the interval despite the second installment played into the wind and rain – was very welcome from a Thurles viewpoint. Rarely does one get the chance to enjoy such finales – St Caimin's only real threat coming immediately after the turnaround when they fired over three points in quick succession. Their mini-revival was short lived though and it was normality restored for Thurles thereafter.

Thurles hurling was far sharper than Caimin's and the combination play which helped scupper Blackwater in the semi-final was evident once more. The side was totally dominant with no weak lines evident on the day. Rory O'Shea flanked by Michael Doyle and Sean Harty covered keeper Paul Ryan with comfort; Denis Maher marshaling the centre Meagher and Molloy equally as impressive on the wings. Michael Russell and Mossy Bracken proving a potent midfield partnership while Morris, O'Neill and McCormack were mobile, sharp and accurate. Inside, Diarmuid Fogarty and Michael O'Brien with David Butler at full were always winning ball and wrecked havoc in the Caimin's defence. It was fitting too to see captain James Barry and Stephen Maher making cameo appearances at the very death – a lovely touch for the injured duo.

The Harty Cup was back in Thurles for the first time in 53

years. But, the players now had the chance to make even more history by going on to win the All-Ireland Colleges title – the first time ever for the school. When the dust settled on this fantastic Harty win, the focus on making history consumed everyone in Thurles CBS. As Principal Martin Quirke proclaimed - “this is not the end – it is just the beginning.”

The dust did settle and it wasn't long before the All-Ireland semi-final came round. A trip to Nowlan Park to take on Castlecomer Community College proved successful as the Thurles lads came through by 1-16 to 0-10 in rather unconvincing manner.

Not one of Thurles' best performances of the season, it was a case of job done for the Harty Cup champions, as they struggled to reach the heights attained during the Munster campaign. Having said that, Thurles never really looked as though they would lose this game and although they trailed at the interval by three points, they had played into the teeth of a stiff breeze benefited from the elements in the second half. Within three minutes of the turnaround they were level – within four they were in front and in control until the final whistle.

The Thurles lads had rightly celebrated their Harty Cup victory in some style and with a few cobwebs for company they made the trip to Nowlan Park. It took them a while to shake off those cobwebs and they were glad to have had the opportunity of a game prior to the decider which would see them making history on Easter Monday in Semple Stadium. They knew that they had to up their game again though in order to do so – the good news was that this side has proven it's capabilities in this regard on a number of occasions during the season.

And so the making of history. Now Thurles CBS had fallen at the final hurdle twelve months previously when they came a cropper against De la Salle after a replay – two pulsating game of hurling. But, there was to be no mistake in 2009 and after another fantastic game of hurling, Moyne Templetuohy man Sean Fogarty, father of Thurles player Diarmuid, had the honour of handing over the Croke Cup to Thurles for the first time ever.

It was the icing on the cake for Thurles as they overcame Good Counsel by 1-17 to 1-15 in Semple Stadium on Easter Monday.

In an early contender for match of the year, Thurles made up for the heartache of their '08 loss but had to do it the hard way.

Good Counsel, from New Ross, stormed into a 0-3 to 0-1 lead before Walter Walsh stole in for the opening goal for the Leinster side. His first strike was swept off the line by a defender but the full forward made no mistake with the rebound. The Harty Cup champions hit back with three points and then struck for a fine goal from the stick of Michael O'Brien, who poked home after a booming defensive clearance had hit the crossbar.

Thurles led 1-11 to 1-8 at the interval and thanks, in the main, to some superb play by centre-back Denis Maher they managed to keep Good Counsel at arm's length for the remainder of the second half. However, the New Ross lads did mount a superb comeback and hit three unanswered points and went looking for an equalising point as the game went into injury time. But it was not to be, as Kieran Morris fired over a late '65 to hand the glory to Thurles CBS after a brilliant game of hurling.

The following was the team that lined out in the final:

Paul Ryan; Sean Harty, Rory



Thurles CBS Denis Maher goes on a solo run against Good Counsel (New Ross) in the Colleges All-Ireland Senior Final.

O'Shea, Michael Doyle; Pat Molloy, Denis Maher, John Meagher; David Butler, Mossy Bracken; Kieran Morris, Michael Russell, John O'Neill; Michael O'Brien, Aidan McCormack, Diarmuid Fogarty. Subs: James Barry for Harty, Pat Ralph for McCormack, Pdraig Greene for Russell, Philip Looby for Bracken.

History made – life in Thurles CBS for the remainder of the academic season would never be the same. The names of those who delivered the silverware have become household names in and around Thurles CBS. They deserve all the credit and accolades they get because Harty and All-Ireland Colleges silverware don't come round too often.

So, Thurles CBS players, mentors, backroom team and supporters take a well deserved bow. You have returned a old friend to the Cathedral Town and introduced a new one as well.

Thanks for the fantastic memories.



Thurles CBS aftermath celebrations.

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh Crowned All Ireland Champions

Pride, Power and Passion are the only words worthy enough to describe this All Ireland Vocational Schools Senior final. For those fortunate enough to witness this epic sporting drama, it's a memory that will never fade. For Coláiste Dún Iascaigh's Senior boys made sporting history by winning the school's first All Ireland Vocational Schools title in a thrilling final.

Coláiste's opponents were Cnoc Mhuire Secondary School, Granard from County Longford who were justifiably favourites going into this match. But no battleplan survives first contact with the enemy as Coláiste got off to a blistering start within five minutes of the ball being thrown in. However, for all their initial dominance Coláiste kicked three bad wides and this allowed Granard to recover. Granard recovered their composure quickly and tapped over two pointed frees before Captain Micheal Hickey put Coláiste's first score on the board with a pointed free after seven minutes. Worryingly from Coláiste's perspective Granard's full forward was causing all sorts of problems for their full back line.

This concern was fully realised as Granard kicked over two more points. Granard were becoming dominant at this stage and justifiably rattled the back of Coláiste's net with a breath taking goal, leaving goalie Aaron Wall little chance of saving. At 1-04 to 0-01 down another team might have started to falter. Coláiste's boys are made of sterner stuff. The game swung again and it was Coláiste's turn to play power football. Daniel O'Regan at full forward had been causing his marker all sorts of problems earlier on and kicked over his first point. His team mate the wily Shane Tobin scored another fine point and Coláiste started to out think their opponents. Inside in the corner the fantastic Shane Murphy fielded the first of many balls out of the air. Such was the quality of the catch and resultant pass to centre forward

Colm Nugent the ball was destined for one place only. The rattling of Granards net brought a massive cheer from Coláiste's band of supporters as Cully's goal had levelled the match on sixteen minutes. Andy Fitzpatrick scored his first point with a close range free.

Granard obviously had not read the game script; they changed up another gear and went on the score four unanswered points. This was despite the heroic efforts of Evan O' Dwyer, Micheal Murphy and Gearard Beary in the full backline. Further out in the half back line Cormac Crowe, Eoin Walsh and Luke Murphy coped admirably in the face of the Granard onslaught.

However, it was Coláiste that were to finish the half on a stronger note. Midfielders Eddy Kendrick and Micheal Hickey each registered a point; Hickey's being from a free. Aaron Wall made a fantastic save to deny Granard what seemed like a definite goal. Again Daniel O'Regan powered his way through to register another individual effort. It was a cruel twist of fate that corner forward Shane Murphy, who after having a magnificent first half managed to hit the goal post with an open goal at his mercy. The half time whistle saw Coláiste trailing 1-08 to 1-07.

On the resumption of play Shane Murphy traded points with his Granard counterpart. Again Granard refused to bow down and rifled the ball to the back of Coláiste's net in response. The classy Andy Fitzpatrick popped up to settle the ship with a fantastic score a good twenty five yards out. Consequently, Granard were forced to go to the well again as they could not get out of the Coláiste's sights. The pivotal switch of Luke Murphy to full forward opened up new avenues of attack to Coláiste. This was against the backdrop of three unanswered points for Granard before Hickey put over another pointed free.

Nevertheless the turning point in the game came seventeen minutes into the half. Luke Murphy with a Trojan effort managed to keep himself in front of Granard's goal mouth. He was subsequently fouled; the corner back received his second bookable offense and his marching orders and it was a penalty. The man of the hour Shane Murphy stepped up and duly despatched the ball to the corner of Granards net. Suddenly Granard who had been six points up and in the ascendancy were



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh - All Ireland Senior 'B' Vocational Schools Football Champions: Back row (l-r): Denny Whelan (Selector), Eoin Walsh, Eoin Donaghy, Ger Murphy, John Cooney, Kieran O'Donnell, Evan O'Dwyer, Carl Costigan, Robbie O'Brien. 3rd row (l-r): Colum Nugent, Niall Hally, Tommy Sweeney, Aaron Cowan, Daniel O'Regan, Sean Flynn, Shane Ryan, Shane Tobin, Oisín O'Flynn. 2nd row (l-r): Eddie Kendrick, Dean Lonergan, Cormac Crowe, Andy Fitzpatrick, Micheal Murphy, Brendan Walsh. Front row (l-r): Ger Beary, Shane Murphy, Shane Ronayne (Manager), Michael Hickey (Capt), Aaron Wall, Luke Murphy.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh - Munster Junior 'B' Vocational Schools Football Champions Back row (l-r): Denny Whelan(Selector), Nigel Carbery, Oisín O'Flynn, Micheal Murphy, Kieran O'Donnell, Brian M. Hyland, Evan O'Dwyer, Dean Lonergan, Brendan Walsh, Michael Tobin, Brian Hyland, Thomas Lonergan, Luke Byrne, P.J. Hanrahan, Eoin Lambert. Front row(l-r); Shane Ronayne (Selector), Eoin Donaghy, Shane O'Donnell, Danny Morgan, Tommy Sweeney, Cormac Crowe, Sean Flynn, Jamie Butler, John O'Donnell, Ger Murphy, Hayden Maher, Stephen Lambert, Colm O'Flaherty (Manager)

now struggling to hold their grip on the proceedings. Coláiste on the other hand could sense that greatness awaited. In the gripping final minutes of the half Luke Murphy, Andy Fitzpatrick point a piece left the bare minimum between the sides. But who other than Captain Micheal Hickey stepped up to kick over the free to level the match and force extra time. After normal time the scoreline was 2-13 apiece.

Looking at the teams at the break Coláiste looked fitter, hungrier and braver. Granard looked shell shocked. But there was to be no respite for them as in the first half of extra time they only managed a pointed free. It was the Colaiste's turn to apply the pressure. Hickey and Fitzpatrick scored a point each; Fitzpatrick's been an exceptional long range effort. It rallied the troops, for Granard could not penetrate Coláiste's defences. The perverbial brick wall had been built. Shane Tobin kicked a point that glided over the bar. This momentum saw Hickey and Fitzpatrick again add on two points to see Colaiste 2-18 to 2-14.

In the true spirit of the game Granard came back with sheer determination. While Coláiste's forwards had been the heroes in the first half of extra time it was now the turn of Colaiste's backs. Hickey went on to score Colaiste's final score with a point, which meant for Coláiste's supporters it was edge of the seat time. But Coláiste's defence was resolute and despite Granard putting four points on the board it was not enough to secure victory. In the dying moments of the game Granard's final effort fell short into the grateful arms of Aaron Wall and now after almost 120 minutes of play Coláiste's name was surely on the All Ireland Trophy. The referee agreed and the final whistle

was met with scenes of utter jubilation for Colaiste with despair for their opponents Granard after an epic battle.

Captain Micheal Hickey lifted the cup to secure Coláiste Dún Iascaigh's place in the history books. Indeed, great credit must be given to Manager Shane Ronayne, and his selectors Denny Whelan and Colm O' Flaherty on the monumental work and preparation they put into this team. It's only in future years will their contribution be fully realised.

Team and Scorers:

Aaron Wall (Cahir); Ger Beary (Ballylooby Castlegrace); Micheal Murphy (Ballylooby Castlegrace); Evan O'Dwyer (Cahir); Cormac Crowe (Cahir); Eoin Walsh (Ardfinnan); Luke Murphy (0-1) (Ballylooby Castlegrace); Eddie Kenndrick (0-1) (Cahir); Michael Hickey (0-6) (Capt) (Cahir); Dean Lonergan (Cahir); Colum Nugent (1-0) (Ardfinnan); Shane Tobin (1-0); Andy Fitzpatrick (0-5) (Newcastle); Daniel O'Regan (0-3) (Ardfinnan); Shane Murphy (1-1) (Cahir)

Sub used: Robbie O'Brien (Fr Sheehys) for Beary (injured).



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh - Cusack Shield Winners: Back row: Bartosz Opala, Brian Hyland, Alan Condon, Gavin McCarthy, Dean Burke, Stephen Lambert, Michael O'Connor, James Morgan, Brian Hyland, Hayden Maher, James Fitzpatrick, Peter O'Driscoll, Liam Howard. Front row: Conor Casey, Anthony Condon, Daire O'Brien, Keelan Hickey, Ian Flannery, Eoin Donaghy(capt), Conor Ryan, James Fitzgerald, John Fennessy, Christopher Lambert, Brian Littleton, Gerry Cronin.



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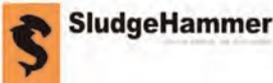
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Reunion of Abbey CBS Harty of 1959

The Abbey C.B.S. victory in the Harty Cup Colleges senior hurling championship in 1959 was recalled in a wonderful day of celebration on Friday, April 3rd. The principal, John Heffernan along with Paddy O'Kelly co-ordinator and entire school staff - present and past - meticulously organised a re-union of surviving members of the team on a day that will long be remembered by all who were present. The variety of activities, the careful planning and the attention to detail ensured that not a single hitch appeared on the day's programme.

The morning opened on two fronts. Some members of the '59 Harty team took part in a game of golf in Tipperary G.C. One member of that team - John O'Donoghue - managed once again to steal the limelight; he had a hole-in-one at the par three seventh hole. Well done, John.

Meanwhile a 'Seven-a-side' Colleges Senior Hurling tournament was being staged in the Abbey's all-weather pitch. Teams from Thurles C.B.S. (Current Harty Cup holders), St. John the Baptist Hospital (Munster Senior Hurling 'B' champion), Cashel Community school, Charleville C.B.S. and, of course The Abbey C.B.S. (two teams) participated. The Abbey teams and Cashel were the respective winners. At the medal presentation that followed Damien O'Brien, a P. E. teacher in the Abbey and a key member of the presently successful Tipperary S.F. county team, acknowledged the legacy of the '59 team in blazing-the-trail for future Abbey hurlers. Damien highlighted the honour bestowed on the school by the attendance of so many of the successful Harty team and by their keen interest in the standard of hurling displayed in the tournament matches. He was grateful for the support of the principal, his fellow sports teachers and the entire staff for their help and support in making the day so successful. Fonsie Condon, the '59 captain, John O'Donoghue and Seanie O'Reilly presented the medals to the winning captains.

Thanks to John Stokes, a former Abbey student and current manager of the Harty Cup Champions-Thurles C.B.S. - we had the cup on display throughout the day. We wished John and his team every success in the All-Ireland Colleges S. Hurling final, and happily this wish came true.

A delightful cup of tea and a variety of 'goodies' were provided from the kitchen by Nuala and Bernie who was a capable 'assistant waiter' for the day. A tour of the school for our visitors followed. Each photograph was carefully scrutinised, cheerful but incisive banter was exchanged while individual contributions and aberrations were recalled. The atmosphere exuded friendship and camaraderie.

Next followed the commemorative presentations to the '59 Harty Cup winners. In a striking address, Paddy O'Kelly welcomed and thanked our honoured guests for being present. He said that the rousing and genuine reception afforded the team on entry to the gymnasium should leave them in no doubt as to their place in the affection and hearts of all associated with the Abbey. Paddy emphasised the magnitude of the '59 achievement, referring to the then size of the school, the strength of Gaelic Football in the area, the economic climate of the time and the personal sacrifices demanded of hurlers and their families. He imagined the hours of individual practice put in by the players and suggested that a return to that approach was necessary for today's young, aspiring hurlers.

He paid a special tribute to the late Br. O'Donnell, coach of the team. He thanked present Principal, John Heffernan, his P.E. school colleagues and the entire staff for their support, patience and forbearance. He acknowledged the help of the secretarial, catering and care-taking personnel for their continued and continuous support with the preparations.

Paddy paid a particular tribute to the members of the Griffin family-relatives of the late Paudie Griffin who died so suddenly and unexpectedly less than two weeks ago. He thanked them for being with us and said that their presence enhanced the occasion in spite of their own personal and private grief.

The principal, John Heffernan, welcomed all to the Abbey. He said that the spirit of co-operation and goodwill that was so evident in the school was something that he and others had inherited from earlier generations of students and teachers-religious and lay alike. The '59 team, he said had a special place in the Abbey story; their names were cherished in Tipperary and in surrounding parishes and their achievements were spoken of with pride when and where ever hurling was discussed. He was delighted that Paddy McMahon - an Abbey teacher during that Harty Cup campaign - was with us. He also had a special welcome for Br. Burke, former Principal, whom he thanked as representative of the Christian Brothers' rich legacy to education and sport in Tipperary. Mr. Heffernan paid tribute to Michael Ryan, Padraig O'Donoghue, Tom O'Donoghue and all teachers, past and present, for their work for and in the Abbey.

When Mr. Heffernan had presented the specially inscribed medals to the '59 team members Fonsie Condon replied on behalf of the team. Fonsie expressed his appreciation and delight at being present and at being given the opportunity of meeting up again with former team colleagues. He said he was hugely impressed with the levels of skill displayed by present Abbey C.B.S. hurlers throughout the morning's tournament and suggested that it should not and would not be long until the Abbey again challenged for Harty Cup honours.

Following the presentation the entire party adjourned to the local golf club where a sumptuous meal was provided by Liam, Sarah and staff. Throughout the meal good-natured banter was the order of the day. 'Incidents' were cheerfully recalled and some members had to take quite a degree of 'stick' from former team-mates for misdemeanours throughout the campaign. Dean Christy O'Dwyer was reminded of his customary 'welcome' for opposing forwards or for fellow team-mates during training sessions.

In conclusion John Heffernan, Fonsie Condon and Dean O'Dwyer all spoke. Each agreed that the day had been an outstanding success and that the celebration offered a worthy and fitting recognition of the team's achievements. All joined in expressing the wish that present school students would soon emulate their illustrious predecessors. Surely Paddy Kelly and company deserve the honour.



The team reunion picture: Back l-r: Aidan O'Dwyer, Michael McCormack junior representing his father Michael RIP, Very Rev. Dean Christy O'Dwyer, Tim Griffin representing his father Paudie RIP, Tadhg Rafferty, John O'Donoghue, Brian Beary and Seamus O'Donoghue. Middle l-r: John Cummins, Michael Cleary, Pete O'Dwyer, Ailbe Heuston, Fonsie Condon Captain, Michael Kirby, Willie Ryan representing his brother Leo RIP, Tommy Greene representing his brother Fr Billy and Seanie O'Reilly. Front l-r: Tom Naughton, Joe McCarthy, Johnny Condon, Derry O'Dwyer, Pat Healy and school principal John Heffernan. Joe Finnan sent his apologies from the Argentine while Bobby O'Sullivan did likewise from New York.

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 2009

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2009 has been a fantastic year for all involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. This year saw Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol host a very successful media launch for the Munster launch of the Primary Go Games. Our hurling finals were very well attended over two hugely successful days in Semple Stadium last June 16th and 17th. Our football finals are due to take place in Clonmel on November 20th and this promises to be a wonderful occasion. Over 150 schools are currently affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol in County Tipperary with a large number of schools contributing to our website:

<http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>. Photos, match reports, player of the week and Cumann na mBunscol events and fixtures can all be accessed on the site.

Cumann na mBunscol would like to extend a special thanks to all the teachers for their total dedication and commitment to the development and promotion of Gaelic games in Tipperary. There is also huge support from parents, GAA development officers and local clubs who provide huge assistance to the schools in their parishes. Well done to all of these people. Finally, best of luck to all the schools involved in this year's competitions and always remember: "Tús maith leath na h-oibre".

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL NATIONAL AWARDS 2009

Many schools from around the county participated in the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards for 2009. The County Cóiste entered in the Categories of Public Relations of the Year and Website of the Year. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol are delighted to announce that entries from our county have been successful at the National Awards. Annacarty NS are nominated in the Gaelic Games Promotion of the Year Category and the County Cóiste have been nominated in the Public Relations of the Year Category. The National Awards Ceremony will take place in the Cusack Suite, Croke Park, Dublin, on Saturday, November 21st, 2009. Congratulations to all involved! Details of this year's awards can be downloaded from <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>.

BEST WISHES TO KATE O'CONNELL OUR FORMER PRO

The start of 2009 saw Kate O'Connell pass over the Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol PRO reins to John Manley. Kate O'Connell had served as PRO for three years, during which time she taught in Kilvemnon NS, Co. Tipperary. Kate was a tireless worker and she invested a large portion of her spare time in maintaining our lovely website. Kate was instrumental in raising the profile of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol and her weekly newspaper pieces were always a very enjoyable read. One of her final duties as PRO was to accept a National Cumann na mBunscol Assessor's Merit Award on behalf of the County Cóiste, which was indeed a fitting way for Kate to end her time with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. Kate will be greatly missed by all involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. We wish her every success and happiness in her new post as principal of Clontuskert NS in Galway.

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Equipment Scheme

The Equipment Scheme has been operated, very successfully, for the past 20 years in Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. The scheme is open to all Cumann na mBunscol registered schools in the county. It offers



2009 Primary Game boys and girls composite football 09 v Limerick 1st round.

subsidized, quality equipment to Primary schools in the County. Cumann na mBunscol is grateful to the Tipperary County Board for their help with subsidies. Approximately 1,400 helmets and 2,000 hurleys are subsidized annually. The volume of equipment subsidized, and distributed, by Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol, would be THE highest in the country, North or South. A full range of equipment, useful for coaching within schools and clubs, is offered, with an updated list made available each January, to all schools. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol has successfully campaigned within the County Clubs, for the use of safe equipment, especially in hurling. Jerry McDonnell, St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S, Clonmel, is Cumann na mBunscol Equipment Officer, in Tipperary.

TIPPERARY CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL PROUD HOSTS OF PRIMARY GAME LAUNCH

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol held a very successful media launch of the Primary Game in Semple Stadium last Tuesday, 28th April. It is a huge honour for Tipperary to host such an event that is representative of what is a landmark occasion for primary school children all over Munster.

The Cumann na mBunscol and Munster GAA communities came out in force to mark the occasion. Different Cumann na mBunscol and GAA officials from all over Munster were present on the night. They included Jimmy O Gorman, Chairman of the Munster Council, Seán Walsh, Vice Chairman of the Munster Council, Tim O'Byrne, Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan, Secretary, Br. James Dormer and Munster Cumann na mBunscol PRO, Joe Lyons. We were also delighted to welcome National Chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol Margaret Cunningham to Thurles for this special occasion.

Tipperary Senior Hurling Captain Willie Ryan, Tipperary Senior Football Captain Andrew Morrissey, Tipperary Lady Footballer Mairéad Morrissey, Tipperary Camogie player Siobhán Ryan and Kerry footballer Tadhg Kennelly were other special guests who turned up to celebrate the event. They all had some lovely words of encouragement for the children who were present and the children were only too delighted to be in such close proximity to some of their idols.

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals 2009

PRIMARY SCHOOL FINALS PROVIDE WONDERFUL SPECTACLES AT SUN DRENCHED SEMPLE STADIUM

The annual Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals took place in Semple Stadium Thurles, over two days on Tuesday, 16th June and Wednesday, 17th June. The finals were an advertisement of all that is great in our native games. The boys and girls put on an exhibition of hurling for the great crowds who turned out on the day. The skill levels of the teams were very impressive and supporters were treated to some fantastic scores. The first touch of the players and their ability to catch balls under pressure were some notable examples of the different array of skills that were on show. The children were very grateful to be given the opportunity to grace the famous 'Field of Legends' and they were very excited at the prospect of trying to emulate some of their heroes. Thanks are due to Semple custodian Philly Butler for the warm welcome he showed to all the schools and to Jimmy Purcell, Jim Max and Andy O'Gorman for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Refereeing of the highest standard was provided by Michael Jordan and Christy McLoughlin. Special praise is also due to Cumann na mBunscol Secretary Aodán Wrenn for organising such a successful two days. DVDs of the 2009 Hurling Finals are available from Michael Trehy Video Productions and all orders will be taken on 086 2755805. Teachers

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.

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of the different schools can place their orders with Michael. Prices: Single Match: €20. Double Match Box Set: €25. All match reports and photos of the Finals are on the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol website <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>. For further information on all matters relating to Cumann na mBunscol please email pro.cnmb.tipperary@gaa.ie. Chairman, Paddy Kelly would like to extend his thanks to Tipperary's County Board and of course to all those at Semple Stadium who contributed to making the Finals so successful.

Tuesday 16th June 2009: UNDER 11 C IOMÁINT
Loughmore NS 1-05 St. Colmcille's NS Templemore 1-05
Referee: Christy McLoughlin

The first game of the 2009 Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals saw Loughmore NS pitted against St. Colmcille's NS Templemore. Organisers could not have wished for a better game to start the finals off with. Two evenly matched teams served up a wonderful spectacle for spectators. Jack Kennedy made a fantastic early save for St. Colmcille's NS to keep an early Loughmore NS shot out. Brian McGrath for Loughmore NS and Paddy Cadell for St. Colmcille's NS were two of the players who made great impressions in the opening half. The sides went in level at half time. A late Luke Quinlan point looked to have won the day for St. Colmcille's NS until a late Brian McGrath point sent the teams into extra time. The same two players exchanged goals in Extra Time which left the sides deadlocked at 1-04 each at the end of extra time. Even after a further 3 minutes a side additional extra time, nothing could separate these two great teams. At the end the two schools decided that each school would share the winning shield for six months each. It was a fitting way to end such an epic contest between two great teams.

Loughmore NS: Conor Ryan, Michael O Connell, Anthony Ryan (Capt.), Jamie Doyle, Eoghan Ryan, Brian McGrath, Stefan Maher, Dermot Leahy, Martin O'Connell, Darragh Sweeney, Jack Guidera, Jack Ryan, Darren Hayden, Pádraig Spillane, Ciara Manton, Bríd Spillane, Emer Treacy, Lorraine Shorley.

St. Colmcille's NS: Jack Kennedy, Andrew Ormond, Steven Quinlan – Captain, Jamie Morrissey, Paddy Cadell, Tom Murphy, Conor Sheedy, Éanna McBride, David O'Shea, Conor O'Brien, Jordan Lyons, Luke Quinlan, Radek Natkaniec, Bartek Cierpicki, Ned Kinnane, Shane Doran, Michael Fogarty, Kuba Beben. Mentors: Kieran Healy, Denis Kelly, Will Ryan.

U13A Camogie: Dunkerrin NS 4-02 Our Lady's Cahir 3-04
Referee: Michael Jordan

Dunkerrin NS and Our Lady's Cahir served up a wonderful contest in the first camogie final of the day. Mairead Teehan scored a wonderful early goal for Dunkerrin NS which was soon cancelled out by an excellent goal for Our Lady's Cahir by Roisín Howard. This was a rip roaring contest with Eimear Gleeson of Dunkerrin NS and Dearbhla Buckley for Our Lady's Cahir very much to the fore in the opening half. Another goal in the second half by the outstanding Mairead Teehan looked to have put Dunkerrin NS out of sight, but some excellent goals by Dearbhla Buckley and Alina Neurnerzhitskya for Our Lady's Cahir ensured a very exciting finish. Ultimately, Dunkerrin NS withstood a great fightback to reign supreme on the day to claim a historic victory.

Dunkerrin NS: Grace Toohey, Monica Kirwan, Margaret Cleary, Evanna McCormack, Orlaith Cleary, Sophie Whelan, Mairead Teehan, Sara Early, Eimear Gleeson, Laura Kieram, Mary Teehan, Caitlín Kieram, Rebecca Whelan, Anna Duane, Laura Larkin, Eimear Gleeson.

Our Lady's Cahir NS: Keely Halpin, Kirsty Arbuckle, Caral Casey, Aoife Collins, Roisín Costigan, Alina Neurnerzhitskya, Aoife Collins, Katie Farrell, Siobhan Lonergan, Roisín Howard, Megan Ward, Joy Arbuckle (Capt), Niamh O' Brien, Laura Casey, Dearbhla Buckley, Shauna Burke.

Mentors: Mary Howard, Martin Halpin, Marie Casey. Principal: Pat O' Malley.

U11A IOMÁINT: Scoil Ailbhe 7-05 Holycross NS 0-05
Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Scoil Ailbhe NS produced what can only be described as a complete performance in seeing off a very determined Holycross NS team. Scoil Ailbhe were a very well balanced team and they produced some outstanding moments of individual skill. Adam Derby and Rory Purcell

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Dunkerrin NS U13 'A' Camogie Winners.



Carrick CBS U13 B.

scored two early goals for Scoil Ailbhe which very much set the tone in this contest. Further goals by Michael Wade and Conor Bowe ensured the title was heading back to a fantastic Scoil Ailbhe NS Team for another year. Darragh Woods and Jerry Kelly were two men who really took the fight to Scoil Ailbhe in the second half. To their immense credit, Holycross NS remained competitive to the bitter end. However, on this day, Scoil Ailbhe NS produced a wonderful team performance as they retained their title in some style.

Scoil Ailbhe: Matt O'Brien, Keith O'Dwyer, Tom Hayes, Gavin Wright, Darren Fahey, Harry Fitzgibbon, Jason Jordan, Adam Derby, Michael Purcell, Mathew Kelly, Rory Purcell, James Symons, Conor Murphy, Mark Purcell, Conor Bowe, Michael Wade, Gavin Gleeson, Dale Loughnane, Kieran Considine, Peter McNamara, Colin O'Shaunessy, Ryan McDonnell, Eoin Kerrane, Aaron Cullen-O'Connell, Edward Cullen, Johnathan Strapp, Jack Croke, Darragh Byrne, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Philip Ryan, Christopher Carew, Aidan Butler, Raymond Ryan, Shane Fitzpatrick, Conor Butler, John Phelan, Páidí Blake, Radik Siwonia, Patrick Bowden, Donal Fitzpatrick, Seamie Doyle, Micheal Mulcaire, Anthony Cooney, Liam Power, Conor Loughnane.

Mentors: Claire Grogan, Denis McCullagh, Colm McGrath, Fergal O' Reilly. Principal: Flan Quigney.

Holycross NS: Mark Dwan, David Manning, David Croke, Colin Nolan, James Ryan, Philip Fogarty, Seán Spillane, Bryan O'Mara, Ewan Bourke, Daniel Matthews, Jerry Kelly, Mikey Nally, Edward O'Gorman, Darragh Woods, Ben Slattery, Cormac O'Connor, Jack Dwan, Fionn McCartan, Seán Fanning, Luke Ryan, Patrick O'Gorman, Joe Hynes, Eoin Ryan, Éanna Ryan, Jack Hehir, Danann O'Dwyer, Jack Ryan, William O'Donohoe, Tomás Caffrey.

U11 B IOMÁINT: St. Mary's Clonmel 4-03 Gaelscoil Durlas 2-02
Referee: Michael Jordan

This brilliant game of hurling sprang to life with a wonderfully taken goal by Niall Connolly for Gaelscoil Durlas. Within five minutes, Conor Stakelum had added to this early lead with an excellent goal and a point to put Gaelscoil Durlas ahead by 2-1 to 0-0 after ten minutes play. St.

Mary's Eoghan Hoctor soon responded with an excellent point much to the delight of St. Mary's supporters. This was followed by a superb long range strike by Michael Murphy which ended up in the Gaelscoil Durlas net. Just before half-time Daniel Prescott made a fantastic save for St. Mary's. Two great second half goals by Sean Anderson and Matt Barlow plus two well taken scores by Michael Murphy ensured that St. Mary's held out for a famous victory. This was a wonderful game of hurling and exhibited all that is great in our native game.

St. Marys Clonmel: Conal Kennedy, Marcel Kowailk, Justin Dowling, Daire Lynch, Niall Hoctor, Aaron Flynn, Leon Barry, Eoghan Hewitt, Niall Campion, Dean Memorrow, Adam Peters, Jordan Croinin, Niall Dempsey, Michael Farrow, Edward Carroll, Sean Adamson, Eoin Hoctor, Matt Barlow, Daniel Pleskacu, Michael Murphy, Jack Murphy, Aaron Owens, David O'Brien, Jack Scauerer

Principal: Jimmy Ryan. Mentors: Paul Curran

Gaelscoil Durlas: Micheal Ó Murchu, Conor Ó Agáin, Loarna Ó Tuathail, Evan Mac Comaic, Daniel Ó Seachnasaigh, Conor Stáicium, Stiofar Ó Flanagan, Niall Condun, Bill Ó Dorchai, Caoimhó Ó Donaille, Conor Ó Gormáin, Adam Ó Hju, Conor Ó Murchu, Micheál Mac Graith, Mikey Stáicium, Seosamh Ó Riain, Dylan Mac Donnachaidl, Aaron Ó Cuaine, Eoin Ó Hjai.

Principal: Seamus Ó Dubhagáin

Manager: Labhaoise Ni Chuinneagain, Eamon Ó Fairin

U11 D IOMÁINT: Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 6-4 Ayle NS 0-4

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

An early goal by Cian O' Meara set Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea on the road to a historic first ever County Final victory. Scoil Eoin Naofa produced a wonderful team performance on the day when it mattered most to defeat a gallant and determined Ayle NS side. James Dean got Ayle NS of the mark with a well taken point. Two Chloe Kirwan goals plus two minors from Jamie O' Meara saw Scoil Eoin lead by 3-03 to 0-01. Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea started the second half in very determined fashion and soon added to their lead with goals by Chloe Kirwan and another from Cian O' Meara. The score of the day went to Scoil Eoin's Jamie O' Meara who blasted the ball to the roof of the Ayle NS net from all of forty yards. There were some wonderful displays on both sides, but Chloe Kirwan from Scoil Eoin and Riain Doody from Ayle NS deserve special praise as both gave great performances. There were great scenes at the final whistle as Scoil Eoin finally captured that elusive first County Title.

Scoil Eoin Naofa: Christopher Murphy, Graham Hogan, Jordan Donovan, Jamie O'Meara, Chloe Kirwan, Johnny Delaney, Cian O'Meara, Joshua Neville, Clive McLeish, Philip Cummins, Laura Spencer, Jack Pyne, Cian Cordial, Viadimir Bodrous, Cathal Nash

Principal: Louis Cooley

Manager: Patrick Kelly, John Manley

Ayle NS: David Kennedy, Christopher Irwin, Rían Doody, Shane Browne, William Armshaw, William Barry, Robert Quirke, James Dee, Bob Purcell, Fionn O Dwyer, Cian Moloney, Kaasim Alam Baloch, Lorcan Stokes Rodriguez, Diarmuid Duggan

Principal Seán O hAonghusa. Manager Pat Buckley

U13 D CAMOGIE: Kilruane 6-01 Powerstown NS 1-0

Referee: Michael Jordan.

Alanna Morris proved to be the star of the show for Kilruane NS as they overcame the brave challenge of Powerstown NS to secure the ROINN D camogie title. This was a game very high on skill and commitment. Alanna Morris Kilruane NS and Hazel Shanahan Powerstown NS exchanged early goals. Soon after however, Alanna Morris really began to impose herself in the game and another goal and a point by the same player had Kilruane NS ahead by 2-1 to 1-0 at the interval. A great team move after half time culminated in a kicked goal by Alanna Morris. Kilruane NS followed this up with three more goals before the end to run out deserving winners against a brave and spirited Powerstown NS. Marian Hogan of Kilruane NS and Hazel Shanahan Powerstown NS were two other players who gave wonderful displays on the hallowed turf of Semples Stadium.

Kilruane NS Camogie: Grace O'Brien, Leanne O'Kelly, Amy Quinlisk, Maria Hogan, Katie Quinlisk, Holly O'Brian, Laura Tierney, Simone Rotani, Emma Kenneally, Alanna Morris, Ruth Kenneally, Emily Healy, Emily Grace, Eleanor Percy, Laura Dwyer.

Manager: Gilbert Williams

Powerstown NS: Emma Hickey, Jade Cullinane, Hazel Shanahan, Aoife Breen, Everena Everard, Megan Shanahan, Aoife Power, Michelle McMeel, Laura Grace, Jenny Everard, Marie Quirke, Niamh O'Sullivan, Eibhlin O'Brien, Sadbh O'Sullivan

Mentor: Niamh Coffey, Olivia Shanahan.

U13 B IOMÁINT: Carrick CBS 3-06 Templederry NS 3-05

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

This was one of the most exciting games of the first day's finals. Two evenly matched teams served up a feast of hurling for all the lucky spectators. The teams exchanged a couple of early scores before a brilliant goal by Templederry's Clíodhna Ryan pushed them into a 1-03 to 0-05 lead with half-time approaching. Shane Torpey soon responded with a point from a sixty five for Carrick CBS. Clíodhna Ryan cancelled



Holycross Roinn A U13 Winners.



Kilcass Under 13 Hurling Team



Kilruane U-13

this out with a free for Templederry NS. Another brilliant Clíodhna Ryan goal saw Templederry NS lead by 2-04 to 0-06 as the game exploded into life. However, Dean Fitzgerald and Darragh Foley goals for Carrick CBS saw them come right back into contention. Another goal by Josh Moroney for Carrick CBS seemed to put them out of sight but Templederry NS had other ideas and another goal by them ensured a nervy finish for Carrick CBS. In a fitting end to the contest, Captain Dean Fitzgerald lifted the trophy for Carrick CBS. His goal and two points were instrumental in taking the title back to Carrick CBS.

Carrick CBS: Danny Walshe, Cian Murphy, Davis Houlihan, Darragh Foley, Scott Hogan, Jack Cooke, Shane Torpey, Josh Moroney, Tommy McGrath, Luke Gahan, Brandon O'Connor, Trevor Murphy, Dean Fitzgerald, Christopher Kerr, Aidan Brunnock, Jamie Houlihan, Sean Dowley, Shane Mansfield, Scott Murphy, Glenn Kerwick, Raymond Cooke, Stefan Maher, Jack Reade, Dean Walsh, Thomas Lacey, Maurice Norris, Darragh Brannigan.

Mentor: Conor Doyle

Templederry NS: Tim McCutcheon, Ryan Carey, Michael O Donoghue, Ross Donnelly, Darragh Carey, Richard O Donoghue, Nicola Butler, Liam McCutcheon, Odhrán Murphy, Clíodhna Ryan, Michael Maher, Denis O Connell, James Clifford, Paul Corcoran, Jack O Dwyer, Niall Slattery, Liam Kennedy, Aisling Carey, Conor Looby, Matthew Ryan, Nessa Murray, Eimear Murphy, Dearbhla Slattery.

Teacher: Maura Carey

Trainers: Gerry Hogan, Richard Collins

U13 E IOMÁINT: Two Mile Borris NS 1-6 Ballinahinch NS 1-03

Referee: Michael Jordan

This was a wonderful game between two very sporting teams. There

was a very high standard of skill on display from both teams. Niall Heffernan opened the scoring for Two Mile Borris. Ballinahinch No. 8 responded with a wonderful score. Another point from Niall Heffernan put Ballinahinch back into the lead. A wonderful David Gleeson from twenty yards out regained the lead for Ballinahinch. Two Mile Borris came storming back into the game with a goal from the outstanding Jack Cleary. Niall Heffernan tapped on two points for Two Mile Borris to stretch the lead to 1-5 to 1-01. David Gleeson cut the lead to 1-6 to 1-3 with a beautiful point on the run. Niall Heffernan and Jason Ryan then exchanged points. As Two Mile Borris battled to get the insurance score, the excellent Shaun Balfry kept Ballinahinch in the game with some excellent saves. However, at the final whistle it was Two Mile Borris who had done enough to secure the title.

Two-Mile-Borris: Anthony McKelvey, Liam Larigan, Jack Cleary, Tom Murphy, Niall Heffernan, Darren Maher Killian Dunne, William Bowe, Shane Ryan, Chris McCullagh, J.J. Darmody, Kevin Cummins, Marty Hayes, William Power, Laura Gleeson, Janie Callinan, Kieran Kearney, Cillian Kavanagh, Jack Fallon, Rory Darmody, Michael Murphy

Mentor: Liam McCullough, Paddy Moore

Ballinahinch NS: Shaun Balfry, Ross Healy, Jason Ryan, Siobhan Gleeson, Shauna Curtin, Tom Hennessy, Davy Gleeson, Liam Lennon, Saoirse McGrath, Emma Hennessy, Evan Hannon, Bernard Ryan, Ben King, Kieran Ryan, Jayne Jones, Caoimhe McGrath, Fiona Maher, Megan Carroll, Raven Williams

Mentor: Tony Hartnett

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 2009

Under 11 B Camogie: Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 8-04 Ballylooby NS 7-02

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

In the first game of the day, spectators were treated to a great battle between two wonderful teams. It was a game where the upper hand changed on several occasions. Scoil Eoin Naofa dominated the early stages with two wonderful goals by Chloe Kirwan. The excellent Caoimhe Condon responded for Ballylooby NS with three excellent goals plus a point for good measure. At halftime the score was Scoil Eoin 5-0 and Ballylooby 3-01. The second half saw Chloe Kirwan and Caoimhe Condon trading scores with some wonderfully taken goals and points. Indeed, these two players gave some of the best individual performances seen in the Stadium over the two days. These players received great support from their team-mates who worked tirelessly at hooking and blocking their opponents. This was another historic first County Title in Camogie for Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea. It was a game that could ultimately have gone either way and the wonderful Ballylooby NS team are to be commended for their wonderful efforts. Scoil Eoin Naofa's Chloe Kirwan and Ballylooby's Caoimhe Condon gave two displays that will live long in the memory, as will this epic battle. At the final whistle, it was a very proud Scoil Eoin Naofa captain Bianca Bergin, who lifted the trophy for Scoil Eoin Naofa.

Scoil Eoin Naofa Under 11 B Camogie: Chloe Kennally, Bianca Bergin, Laura Spencer, Chloe Kirwan, Bianca Guidera, Kathleen Delaney, Karen Hogan, Gambia Stralacute, Orla Delaney, Jessica Mitchell, Ciara Wynn, Rachel Dowling

Principal: Louis Cooley

Manager: John Manley, Patrick Kelly

Ballylooby NS

Reyca Cooney, Chloe Sweeney, Clare Doyle, Lucia Whelan, Marie Ryan, Caoimhe Condon, Ciara Mickey, Laura Morrissey, Fiona Burke, Tara O'Reilly, Caoimhe Reidy, Zoe Velthusen, Kathryn O'Leary, Kathryn Wall, Norma Kennedy, Eilis Kennedy

Mentor: Donal McCarthy

Under 11 A Camogie

Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 4-06 St. Mary's Nenagh 0-01

Referee: Michael Jordan.

This was an excellent game between two very skilful teams. Roisín Howard and Megan Ward scored two excellent early goals to set Our Lady's on the road to a famous victory. At Halftime Our Lady's led by 3-4 to 0-0. They started the second half in the same fashion they ended the first with another goal by Roisín Howard. Aoife Corcoran then added a few points for Our Lady's to leave the final score Our Lady's of Mercy Cahir 4-06 St. Mary's Nenagh 0-01. Roisín Howard along with Aoife Corcoran lit up Semple Stadium with their vast array of skills. Niamh Ryan from St. Mary's gave a tremendous display and along with the rest of her team-mates fought valiantly to the bitter end. This young Nenagh team will no doubt be competing at the highest level again next year, but nothing can take away from the wonderful display by Our Lady's.

Our Lady's Cahir U/11: Dearbhla Buckley, Laura Casey, Carol Casey, Jessica Coffey, Kirsty Arbuckle, Roisín Howard, Aoife Corcoran, Alisa Keating, Megan Ward, Emma O'Donnell, Niamh Costello, Roisín McCarthy, Rebecca O'Connell, Lauren Fitzgerald, Shauna Burke

Principal: Pat O'Malley

Mentors: Mary Howard, Marie Casey, Martin Halpin

St. Marys Nenagh: Alison McGrath, Niamh Ryan, Aoife Deenay, Amy White, Laura Costello, Elaine Slattery, Emma Percy, Meave Coffey, Anna



Gaelscoil Aonach U-13 'C'.



Grangemockler U-13 F.



Loughmore NS U-13.

Dillon, Roisín Moyles, Roisín Dolan, Aine Costello, Aisling Claffey, Eimear Byrne, Niamh Dolan, Aileen Byrne, Clodagh Ryan, Rachel Maher

Mentors: Suzanne Kelly, Tommy Mulcahy

Under 13 G Hurling: Kilcash 1-10 Aglish 0-02

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Two very skilful and well drilled teams served up wonderful entertainment in this exciting Under 13 G Hurling final. Aglish were playing in their first final for a few years and tore into everything in the opening exchanges. However it was the excellent marksmanship of Brendan Martin of Kilcash that secured an early lead for Kilcash NS. Another point by Eoghan Kelly for Kilcash plus a Brendan Martin had Kilcash NS in front by 1-06 to 0-0 at halftime. Gary Ryan got Aglish off the mark with a well taken goal soon after halftime. The game then reached its crucial period with the Kilcash goalie Martin Gibbs producing some wonderful saves to keep the Aglish forwards at bay. Brendan Martin then scored two excellent closing points to see off the very brave challenge of Aglish NS. In a game of many excellent performances, Brendan Martin of Kilcash NS and Sean Raleigh of Aglish NS gave performances worthy of gracing any final.

Kilcash NS: Martin Gibbs, Darragh Kelly, Aaron Fogarty, Brendan Martin, Eoghan Kelly, Sean Martin, Brian Tuohy, Kelly Walsh, Aven O'Neill, Ryan Murray, Katy Mullins, Naomi Ryan, Aaron Dempsey, Thomas Avery, Aoife O'Loughlin, John O'Dwyer.

Aglish NS: Devin Tully, Paraic Keeshan, Sean Raleigh, Michael Gohery, Michael Gavin, Gary Ryan, Conor Hogan, Adam Gorman, Nicole Ryan, Niamh Sullivan, Darren Mooney, Cathal Tighe, Rachel Gleeson, Jack Darcy, Patrick Bailey, Conor Gavin, Stephen Gavin, Eoghan Slevin, Kevin Harding, Ben Gorman, Catherine Tighe, Aoife Sullivan, Den Harding.

Mentor: Liam O'Gara.

Under 13 D Hurling: St. Mary's Clonmel 5-3 Kilruane 3-0.

Referee: Michael Jordan.

This exciting Under 13 D Hurling final burst into a life with an excellent early goal by Jack Kennedy for St. Mary's Clonmel. However, Alanna Morris; who was one of the stars of the Finals soon got Kilruane back into contention with an excellent goal which she created out of nothing. Brian Healy then struck a beautiful goal to regain the lead for St. Mary's. However, Craig Hilmi soon had Kilruane NS on level terms after a beautiful run and strike to match. Another goal by Alanna Morris regained the lead. However, it was at this stage where St. Mary's really put their mark on proceedings with three well taken goals in succession. A brace of points by Jack Kennedy had St. Mary's in front by 5-3 to 3-0 at the final whistle. For St. Mary's, Eric Walsh and Jack Kennedy both gave tremendous displays and were well backed up by their excellent team-mates. For Kilruane NS, Kieran Lillis and Alanna Morris were outstanding in defeat. Kilruane NS fought very bravely to the end, but on this occasion were unfortunate to come up against an excellent St. Mary's Clonmel team. We can be very thankful for the very high standard from both teams that was on display in this final.

St. Marys Clonmel: Colm Galvin, Andrew O Regan, Micheal Murphy, Danny Owens, Jack Kennedy, Gavin Murphy, Brian Healy, Eric Walsh, Patrick Corbett, Ronan O Brady, Joseph Ryan, Conor Lynch, Jamie Blanchfield, Eoin Hoctor, Ren McCabe, Sean Adamson, Christopher Cooney, Matt Barlow, Jeremiah Guiry, Stuart Suannon, Ruys McMorrow, Kevin O'Brien

Manager: Emmet Leahy

Kilruane NS: Conor Lillis, Arran Conroy, Caoilainn, Maria Hogan, James Cleary, Kieran Lillis, Jake Morris, Declan Elderfield, Craig Hilmi, Alanna Morris, Craig Morgan, Cormac Mannion, Sean Quinlan, Holly O'Brien, Tommy Dooley, Grace O'Brien, Thomas Blessing, Paul Swan, Adam Flaherty, Shane Slevin, Alex Jones, Darragh Peters, Chris Donaldson, Leanne O'Kelly, Grady Jones, Christopher Moyles, Sean Clarke, Oisín O'Meara, Shane O'Meara, Mark O'Neill, Seamus O'Meara, Ben Healy, Jake O'Kelly, Alan Spain, Laura Tierney

Manager: Gilbert Williams

Under 13 B Camogie: Presentation Thurles 6-02 Burgess NS 3-0

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Spectators were treated to a great spectacle in this superb Under 13 B Camogie Final. Burgess NS were very determined to win this match as it was the last match in charge for their principal Mr. Denis Floyd. They very nearly got their wish but were just about pipped to the post by an excellent Presentation Thurles team. A hat-trick of goals by Sarah McKeivitt ensured a perfect start for Presentation Thurles. Tara O'Brien had other ideas and her goal on the stroke of half-time sent Burgess NS into the break with renewed confidence. Another goal by Ciardha Maher after the resumption cut the St. Mary's lead even further. However, a brace of goals by Jane Anne McKeivitt and Laura Loughnane soon settled the St. Mary's nerves. Burgess NS were still not done however and another excellent goal by Ciardha Maher gap to four points again. It was at this point that Laura Loughnane really proved her value to her team with a brace of goals to finally see off the brave and battling performance of Burgess NS. In a wonderful game where we witnessed two outstanding team performances, Jane Anne McKeivitt and Tara O'Brien were outstanding in all the different facets of the game. Spectators were captivated from beginning to end in this wonderful final which was testament to the quality and skill levels of both teams.

Presentation Thurles Camogie: Norah Kennedy, Aoife Butler, Nicola Loughnane, Brigid Kemerer, Sinead Lawless, Laura Loughnane, Karen Kennedy, Jane Anne McKeivitt, Sarah McKeivitt, Aishling Brett, Kirsty Harris, Emma O'Brien, Colette Hayden, Robyn Moore.

Mentors: Louise Healy, Catherine Shanahan, Margaret Curran

Burgess NS: Aoife Mulqueen, Shona O'Donoghue, Ciara Floyd, Caoimhe Brassil, Tara O'Brien, Ciardha Maher, Natasha Ryan, Elizabeth Floyd, Danielle Curtin, Mary Reidy, Una McCormack, Tara Hayes, Katie O'Keefe, Ciara Griffin, Kate Darcy, Grace Dunne, Sarah Dunne

Mentors: Denis Floyd

UNDER 13 F IOMÁINT: Grangemockler 2-05 Ballinure 2-04

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

This game was one of the most exciting games of the second day's finals. It had spectators on the edge of their seats from beginning to end. Ballinure were first to score with a pointed free by James Doyle. Cian O'Shea soon responded with a minor for Grangemockler. The same player then scored a fantastic goal on the stroke of halftime to leave the halftime score Grangemockler 1-4 Ballinure 1-3. James Doyle started the second half as he had began the first with another excellent point from the halfway line. Dean Hallinan then kicked a wonderful point for Grangemockler. The same player then scored an excellent goal to push Grangemockler four points clear. Ballinure then storming back with an excellent goal by the outstanding James Doyle. Luke Ryan then made a wonderful save to keep Grangemockler out. Another point by James Doyle brought the teams level with time nearly up. In a tense finish, Cian O'Shea struck a wonderful point to seal the day for Grangemockler NS. This was a wonderful contest that you could not take your eyes off



Loughmore NS Under 11 C Joint Champions.



Munster Final 2009 Hurling and Camogie Teams



Munster final Primary Game camogie

for a second. It contained two excellent teams who contested every ball as if their lives depended on it. It was unfortunate that anybody had to lose, but on this occasion Grangemockler were victorious by the narrowest of margins.

Grangemockler: Jim Power, Oisín Teppan, Pa Connell, Aaron Donovan, Dean Hallinan, Cian O'Shea, Darragh Shelly, Ciaran Phelan, Conor Shelly, Thei Freaney, Jason Houlihan, Padraic Dunne Anderson

Principal: Eileen Power

Mentors: Eamon Phelan, Walter Power, Jerry Shelly

Manager: Andrew Meaney

Ballinure NS: Luke Ryan, Tom Stakelum, Denis Fogarty, Pat Doyle, James Doyle, Mikey Bergin, Padraig Feehan, Philip Fogarty, Jamie Morris, Aodan Hayden, Robert Ryan

Mentors: Tom Burke, Anthony Doyle

UNDER 13 C CAMOGIE

GAELSCOIL AONACH 4-01 YOUGHALLARRA NS 1-02.

Referee: Michael Jordan

In another excellent match, Gaelscoil Aonach did just about enough to see off the very brave challenge of Youghallarra NS. These were two wonderful teams who played a great, crisp brand of hurling. Allison Burke got Gaelscoil Nenagh off to the perfect start with a goal after five minutes. Jennifer Grace then responded with two well taken points for Youghallarra NS. Colleen O'Brien then started to have a big influence on the game as she scored two excellent goals in the space of ten minutes. Another goal by Allison Burke for Gaelscoil Aonach looked to have sewn the game up for them until Jennifer Grace struck an excellent goal for Youghallarra NS, to cut the lead to four points. It was at this point that the class of Gaelscoil Aonach showed as Colleen O'Brien struck another excellent goal to break Youghallarra's hearts. In this game, the standard of hurling was excellent. Both teams had obviously worked very hard to perfect the skills of the game and they picked the perfect day to showcase all their wonderful talents. Jennifer Grace gave another excellent display for Youghallarra NS and received great support from her wonderful team-mates. For Gaelscoil Aonach, Zoey Grattan, Amy

Heffernan and the excellent Colleen O' Brien produced outstanding displays and were instrumental in securing the title for their school.

Gaelscoil Aonach: Zoey Nic Reachtain, Coleen Ni Bhriain, Rachel Ni Hoisticin, Caoimhe Ni Cheallaigh, Roisin Ni Starrai, Sorcha Ni Uallacháin, Amy ní Ifearnáin, Sarah Ni Choigligh, Becky Ni Chochlain, Alison de Burca, Aisling Ni Bhriain, Hazel Nic Amhlaoibh, Clíodhna Ni Eanain, Siofra Ni Shuilleabhain, Saoirse Ni Mhuiris, Saoirse Ni Ghríofa

Principal: Inez Ui Eanain

Manager: Tommy Mucahy

Youghal NS: Caoimhe Reynolds, Sinead Quigley, Andrea Alonso, Jennifer Grace, Ellen Merry, Amy Seymour, Grainne Gleeson, Aine Gillespie, Una Quigley, Lauren O'Keefe, Aideen Nealon, Lisa O'Halloran, Meave Daly, Grace Donovan, Jennifer Molloy, Alice Obrien, Aimee Kearns

Manager: Caroline Forde.

Mentors: Donie Nealon, John Hogan, Pat Grace

UNDER 13 C IOMÁINT LOUGHMORE NS 1-03 BORRISOLEIGH BOYS NS 0-02.

Referee: Michael Jordan

In one of the games of the day, Loughmore NS withstood a tremendous challenge from Borrisoleigh NS to take the Under 13 C Hurling title. Spectators were treated to a wonderful spectacle. This was a game good enough to grace any stadium with some wonderful scores, saves and no shortage of skill. Micheál Carey of Borrisoleigh NS and Brian McGrath of Loughmore NS exchanged early scores. Philip McCormack then put the boys from Borrisoleigh back in front. Brian McGrath then scored an excellent point from the halfway line to bring the teams level. The second half saw some wonderful last ditch hooks and blocks from both defences. Indeed, the standard of defending in this game was excellent as both teams had these very important skills down to a fine art. As scores were so hard to come by, it was increasingly likely as the game developed, that a goal might be enough to win it for one of the teams. Martin O' Connell got the all important goal with seven minutes remaining to put Loughmore NS three points up. As hard as the determined Borrisoleigh Boys tried, they could find no way past the Loughmore NS rearguard. With time nearly up, Brian McGrath struck the insurance point to secure the title for a wonderful Loughmore NS team. In a game full of stars, Shane Kenny and Kieran Maher gave tremendous displays for Borrisoleigh NS. Brian McGrath and Mark Butler were two players who were instrumental in securing the title for this excellent Loughmore NS team.

Loughmore NS U13: Eoghan Ryan, Brendan Leahy, Shane Manton, Anthony Ryan, Kieran Maher, Liam Gleeson, Brian McGrath, Mark Butler, Robert O'Connell, Mairead Eviston, Eilish Hassett, Sean Mongey, Stefan Maher, Martin O'Connell, Dermot Leahy, Darragh Sweeney, Jamie Doyle, Luke Nesbitt, Jack Guidera, Jack Ryan, Michael O'Connell, Darren Hayden, Pdraig Spillane, Conor Ryan

Mentors: Stephen Maher, Pat McGrath

St. Patrick's Boy's NS Borrisoleigh. James McCormack, Franz Leimlehner, Declan O'Connell, Eoin Stapleton, Shane Kenny, Jack Hogan, Kieran Maher, Sam Devanney, Tom Fitzgerald, Philip McCormack, Sean Kenny, Micheal Carey, Brendan O'Dwyer, Jack Prior, David McCormack, Daniel Hogge, Dan Brooks, Liam Devanney, Connor Keane

Mentors: Kay Ryan, Mick Ryan

UNDER 13 A IOMÁINT HOLYCROSS NS 1-08 SCOIL AILBHE 1-06

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

In the last match of the day, spectators were treated to one of the best Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol hurling finals for many a year. It pitted Holycross NS against Scoil Ailbhe NS. Scoil Ailbhe NS are a school steeped in hurling tradition while Holycross NS have been making great strides under Mr. Timmy Delaney. The quality of hurling in this game was of a very high standard. It produced a wonderful spectacle that left supporters in no doubt that Tipperary should hopefully be competing with all the major counties for underage honours in years to come. Darragh Coffey opened the scoring for Scoil Ailbhe NS with a wonderful score from forty metres out. Darragh Woods responded with a great point for Holycross NS. Darragh Coffey then struck a wonderful point on the run to regain the lead for Scoil Ailbhe NS. At halftime Scoil Ailbhe led by four points to three. Robbie Halloran got Scoil Ailbhe off to the perfect start on the resumption with a wonderfully taken goal. Playing against the wind, this left the boys from Holycross NS with a mountain to climb. However, it was a challenge they were more than willing to tackle and a point from Darragh Woods gave them renewed optimism. A minute later, Third Class pupil James Ryan brought the teams level with an excellent goal. James Ryan and Darragh Woods were constant threats at this stage of the game and at times they seemed to have an almost telepathic understanding. Darragh Coffey and Darragh Woods exchanged points to leave the sides level at 1-06 each. With five minutes left, Darragh Woods put Holycross NS in front with an excellent point. Scoil Ailbhe NS threw everything at the Holycross NS defence in the closing minutes, but time and time again, the excellent Jack Skehan would appear out of nowhere to save the day. With time nearly up,



Munster Final Primary Game Hurling Team



Our Lady's Cahir U-11 'A'.



Presentation Thurles U-13 'B'.

Darragh Woods showed amazing vision to pick out John Croke with a cross-field pass from a free and John Croke duly obliged with an excellent insurance point for Holycross NS. Some of the hurling in this game was outstanding and the large crowd that came out for the last match of the day were on the edge of their seats throughout. For Scoil Ailbhe NS, Darragh Coffey gave an exhibition. His long range striking and some of his points on the run were a joy to behold. He was ably supported by Rory Purcell and Cormac Lanigan, who along with their team-mates, battled bravely to the end. For Holycross NS, Jack Skehan gave the proverbial exhibition. He seemed to appear everywhere the ball was at times and his striking and fielding would lead one to believe that here is a player with a very bright future. Third Class Boy James Ryan and Darragh Woods were two other wonderful players for Holycross NS. This was a historic title for Holycross NS and they gave an outstanding team performance to see off a brave and gallant Scoil Ailbhe NS team.

Scoil Ailbhe CBS U13: Dean Bourke, Evan Hughes, Cormac Lanigan, Conor Cassidy, Colm Ryan, Jack Derby, Tom Hayes, Rory Purcell, Darragh Coffey, Michael Purcell, Damian Ryan, Gary English, Robbie Hanrahan, Shane Lanigan-Ryan, Mark Purcell, Sean Dwan, Gary Kerrigan, Glenn Kerrigan, Thomas Fogarty, Brian Fullan, Matthew Kelly, Jack McDonnell, Lukas Buta, Harry Hodgkins, Adam Derby, Conor Bowe, Darren Fahy, Liam Meaney, Jake Moore, Daniel Taylor, Brendan Callanan, Sean Connors, Jack Fitzgibbon, Maris Baltins, Dean Campion, Joe Hennessey, Jason Jordan, Sean Fitzgibbon

Principal: Flan Quigley. Mentors: Fergal O'Reilly, Colm McGrath, Claire Grogan, Denis McCullagh

Holycross NS: Joe Doran, David Croke, Eric Fanning, Paul Callanan,

Philip Fogarty, Jack Fogarty, Jack Skehan, Aaron Ryan, Jerry Kelly, Eddie Murphy, Darragh Woods, Peter Gavin, Shane Maher, John Croke, Bryan O'Meara, James Ryan, James Flynn, Simon Byrne, Dean O'Neill, Lorna O'Dwyer, Bill Purcell, Mark Dwan

Mentor: Timmy Delaney, Donal Ryan.

WINNERS OF THE TIPPERARY ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS 2008

UNDER 13 BOYS FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Carrick CBS, Runners Up Templemore.
Roinn B: Winners Tipperary CBS, Runners Up Scoil Ailbhe.
Roinn C: Winners Gaelscoil Durlas, Runners Up Fethard.
Roinn D: Winners New Inn, Runners Up Ardfinnan.
Roinn E: Winners Moycarkey, Runners Up Lisonrath.
Roinn F: Winners Mount Bruis, Runners Up Gortnahue.

UNDER 11 BOYS FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Scoil Ailbhe, Runners Up St. Marys.
Roinn B: Winners Powerstown, Runners Up Killenaule.
Roinn C: Winners Clerihan, Runners Up Loughmore.
Roinn D: Winners Clonoulty, Runners Up Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea.

UNDER 13 LADIES FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Our Lady's Cahir, Runners Up Sisters of Charity.
Roinn B: Winners Gaelscoil Cluan Meala, Runners Up St. Joseph's Templemore.
Roinn C: Winners Rathkeevin, Runners Up Grange.
Roinn D: Winners Moycarkey, Runners Up Clonoulty.

UNDER 11 LADIES FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Our Lady's Cahir, Runners Up Sisters of Charity 'A'.
Roinn B: Winners Powerstown, Runners Up Sisters of Charity 'B'.
Roinn C: Winners Rathkeevin, Runners Up Gaelscoil Cluan Meala.
Roinn D: Winners Mount Bruis, Runners Up Upperchurch.

I.N.T.O Mini Sevens FOOTBALL

Girls INTO Sevens: Winners Our Lady's Cahir, Runners Up Gaelscoil Durlas.

Still to be played:

Boys Sevens County Final on December 3rd, venue to be confirmed.
Boys Under 13 H final on December 1st, in Cashel, between Castleiney and Kilcash.
Boys Under 13 G final to be played this week.

INTO MINI SEVENS 2009 Hurling 2009

Winners: Borrisoleigh. Runners Up: Loughmore.

Camogie 2009 Winners: Carrig, Birr. Runners Up: Dunkerrin.

Boys and Ladies Football Sevens 2009 is to be played in November 2009.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES:

Final selection for the Football Primary Game 2009

The following players were selected for the Tipperary Primary Go Games Boys Football Team v Limerick this year.

Patrick Fitzgerald, Ballylooby, Danny Owens St. Marys, James Walsh Grange, Faolan O'Linneáin Gael Durlas, Dean Hallinan Grangemockler, Conor Clancy Drangan, Shane Lonergan Lisonrath, Dean Morrissey Silvermines, Alan Tynan Scoil Eoin Naofa, Thomas Conway Ballina, Daniel Nevin Youghalarra.

They were mentored by Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, Brian Boyle Sacred Heart NS, Fergal O' Reilly Scoil Ailbhe NS and Liam O' Sullivan Ardfinnan NS.

Tipperary Primary Go Games Girls Football Team

The following players were selected for the Tipperary Primary Go Games Girls Football Team v Limerick this year.

Team: Shannon Breheny - Cappawhite N.S., Hazel Shanahan - Powerstown N.S., Megan Bourke - Grange N.S., Mairead Evison - Loughmore N.S., Cait Ryan - Upperchurch N.S., Mary Rose Hourigan - Shronell N.S., Aisling Ní Agáin - Gaelscoil Durlas Éile, Thea Lonergan - Ardfinnan N.S., Sophie Meehan - Moyglass N.S., Niamh Brennan - Kilsheelan N.S., Niamh Mackey - Rathkeevin N.S.

They were mentored by: Labhaoise Cunningham Gaelscoil Durlas, Mary Ryan Upperchurch NS and Mary Moore Clerihan NS.

PRIMARY GAME TEAMS V CORK SUNDAY MAY 31ST

Tipperary took on Cork in the Primary Game camogie competition in Semple Stadium on Sunday, 31st May. Team: 1. Laura Dillon Grange N.S., 2. Jennifer Grace Newtown N.S., 3. Marie Cooney Littleton N.S., 4. Laura Loughnane Presentation Thurles, 5. Maria Kinane Pouldine N.S., 6. Aoife Kennedy Boherlahan N.S., 7. Lorna O'Dwyer Holycross N.S., 8. Fiona Shortt Upperchurch N.S., 9. Rebecca English Ballylooby N.S., 10. Mairead Teehan Scoil Mhuire Dunkerrin, 11. Clíodhna Ryan Templederry N.S.

Tipperary also played Cork in the Primary Game hurling competition in Semple Stadium on Sunday, 31st May. Team: Kieran Maher, Borrisoleigh, Willie Connors, Carrig Nenagh, Shane Hennessy, Ballinree, Andrew Coffey, Nenagh CBS, Billy McCarthy, Gael Durlas, Liam Fahey, New Inn, John Ryan, Annacarty, Evan Fitzpatrick, Scoil Eoin Naofa, Paul Maher, Kilsheelan, James Casey, Golden, David Gleeson, Ballinahinch.

PRIMARY GAME HURLING AND CAMOGIE TEAMS V CLARE

The Tipperary Primary Game teams in hurling and camogie played Clare on Sunday June 21st in the Gaelic Grounds Limerick. Congratulations to all the boys on being selected and the best of luck for Sunday. Team: Ronan Heffernan Rossmore NS, John McCabe Sacred Heart NS Roscrea, Jamie Ryan Corville NS Roscrea, Enda Moloney Dromakeenan NS, Martin Delaney Clonmore NS, Jordan Moloney St. Colmcille's NS Templemore, David Russell Ballyporeen NS, Eric O' Halloran Gaelscoil Charraig, James Doyle Ballinure NS, Mattie Stakelum Ballycahill NS and Jody Sheehan Fethard NS.

Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team V Clare Sun June 24th: Margaret Grace, Drom N.S., Rachel O' Dwyer, Sisters of Charity Clonmel, Julie Murphy, Clonoulty N.S., Amy Ryan, Dromakeenan N.S., Leanne Hayes, Annacarty N.S., Gillian McKenna, Scoil Mhuire Borrisokane, Aideen Hogan, Kyle Park N.S., Alanna Moore, New Inn N.S., Shauna Curtin, Ballinahinch N.S., Holly O' Brien, Kilruane N.S., Coleen O' Brien, Gaelscoil Aonach.

MUNSTER FINAL V WATERFORD PRIMARY GAME TEAMS.

Hurling: 1. Evan Dwan Boherlahan NS, 2. Eric Walsh St. Mary's Clonmel, 3. Jamie Franks Mount Bruce NS, 4. Gary Ryan Aghlish NS, 5. Jack Skehan Holycross NS, 6. Brendan Martin Kilcash NS, 7. Darragh Coffey Scoil Ailbhe NS, 8. Ronan Burke Ballina NS, 9. Thomas Nolan Barnane NS, 10. Ronan Teehan Gortnahoe NS,



Primary Game Hurling Team v Clare 2009



Scoil Ailbhe U11A

11. Niall Heffernan Two-Mile Borris NS, 12. Shane Kenny Borrisoleigh NS. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, Brian Boyle Sacred Heart NS Roscrea, John Manley Scoil Eoin Naofa NS Roscrea, Patrick Kelly Boys NS Roscrea and Denis Kelly St. Colmcille's NS Templemore. Maor Uisce: Jerry Kelly, Holycross NS.

Camogie: Team: 1.Mairéad Sheridan, St.Mary's Nenagh, 2.Sinéad Seymour, Kildangan N.S, 3.Kate Ryan, Knockavilla N.S, 4.Gerarda McGrath, Boher N.S, 5.Lauren O'Gorman Corville N.S, 6.Eimear Teehan Dunkerrin N.S, 7.Louise Barlow Thomastown N.S, 8.Bernadette Hayes Ballina N.S, 9.Jane Ann McKeivitt Presentation Thurles, 10.Danielle Curtin, Burgess N.S, 11.Laura Grace Powerstown N.S. Roghnóirí: Dónal McCarthy Ballylooby N.S and Mary Kelly Corcoran Upperchurch N.S.

TIPPERARY CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL HANDBALL RESULTS 2009

BOYS Under 13 Singles Quarter Finals

Conor Monaghan (Ballina) beat Emmet Maloney (Barnane).
Tieran O'Brien (Ballyporeen) beat William Ryan (Ardcroney).
Stephen Ryan (Silvermines) beat Liam Gillespie (Youghalarra).
Josh Moroney (Carrick on Suir) beat Paul O'Sullivan (Ballinaclough).
Semi Finals

Josh Moroney (Carrick on Suir) beat Stephen Ryan (Silvermines).
Tieran O'Brien (Ballyporeen) beat Conor Monaghan (Ballina).

FINAL

Josh Moroney (Carrick on Suir) beat Tieran O'Brien (Ballyporeen), 22-14.

BOYS Under 13 Doubles Quarter Finals

John Ryan and Mikey Maher (Ballyporeen) beat Eamonn Corcoran and Peter Kennedy (Silvermines).
Ronan Bourke and David Bradshaw (Ballina) beat Daniel Neville and Jack Gill (Youghalarra).

Semi Finals

Ronan Bourke and David Bradshaw (Ballina) beat Brandon O'Connor and Dean Walsh (Carrick on Suir).
John Ryan and Mikey Maher (Ballyporeen) beat Conor Doheny and Niall Shinnors (Ardcroney).

FINAL

Ronan Bourke and David Bradshaw (Ballina) beat John Ryan and Mikey Maher (Ballyporeen), 18-17.

BOYS Under 11 Singles Quarter Finals

Aiden O'Flaherty (Youghalarra) beat Mark Daniels (Ballinaclough).

Semi Finals

Kevin Shinnors (Ardcroney) beat Aiden O'Flaherty (Youghalarra).
Josh Macken (Ballyporeen) beat Mark Power (Ballina).

FINAL

Aiden O'Flaherty (Youghalarra) beat Josh Macken (Ballyporeen), 22-8.

BOYS Under 11 Doubles Semi Final

Jerome Cahill and Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney) beat Adrian English and Jason English (Ballyporeen).

FINAL

Jerome Cahill and Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney) beat Ronan Tucker and Paul Ryan (Youghalarra), 22-10.

GIRLS Under 13 Singles Only one entrant.

WINNER: Roisin Cahill (Ardcroney).

GIRLS Under 13 Doubles FINAL

Evie Kearney and Breda Martin (Ballyporeen) beat Meabh Gardiner and Shelley Buckingham (Ballina).



Holycross captain Paul Callanan lifts the County Primary Schools 'A' trophy for the first time.

Holycross N.S. win their first ever county U-13 A hurling title

Having won the 'B' title in 2008, St. Michaels N.S. Holycross were promoted to Section 'A' of the County Primary Schools hurling championship for 2009. With most of the 2008 team having moved on to secondary school, a daunting challenge lay ahead for the 2009 players as the opposition would comprise of Nenagh C.B.S., Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S., Thurles and St. Peter & Pauls, Clonmel, all well used to the higher standard of the 'A' competition.

Having used Autumn for an inter-class league, we returned to school in January 2009 and the focus immediately turned to the County Hurling Championship. Training was held at lunchtime every day so the boys and girls devoured their sandwiches quickly in transit from the classroom to the school pitch. Spring sprung and daily training defied the weathers worst wishes before the matches began. A March trip to play Cashel Community School first years proved very helpful, and the first round of the championship arrived on 3rd April against St.

Peters and Pauls in Clonmel. A 3-8 to 0-7 win in that game gave a great boost to the team, but further improvement would be needed as games against Thurles and Nenagh approached. First came Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles on Wednesday 14th April in Holycross. Playing with a gale force wind, Holycross half time lead of 1-1 to 0-2 seemed hopelessly inadequate but a most courageous second half display saw the lead not only held but increased for an encouraging win. In the weeks that followed, we welcomed the Harty Cup and the Heineken Cup to the school, but our hearts and minds were set on a different trophy. Reigning County 'A' schools champions Nenagh C.B.S. would soon test our credentials. On a sunny May day in Borrissoleigh, Nenagh led four times in a fantastic contest, but Holycross N.S. kept coming back before scraping through, 3-6 to 3-5, to secure a place in the county final.

Training intensified again, moving across the road from the school to the open spaces of Fr. Breens field in preparation for the broad expanse of Semple Stadium. Challenge games against Carrick C.B.S. and the local under 14's kept our team sharp, and County final day Wednesday 17th June wasn't long arriving. Scoil Ailbhe had, as expected, come through their other games and would provide the opposition.

Despite playing with the wind, Holycross N.S., with seven under 11 players, started slowly but, inspired by centre back Jack Skehan, drew level 0-3 a piece by half time. Scoil Ailbhe started the second half strongly, scoring a goal and a point to lead by 1-4 to 0-3 with a quarter of an hour to go. But Holycross N.S. dug in, and James Ryan's great goal turned the tide that saw the boys in green win out on a 1-8 to 1-6 scoreline. Scenes of jubilation followed the final whistle as huge numbers of Holycross N.S. supporters happily crossed the famous Stadium sod to greet the team and watch gallant captain Paul Callanan hoist the trophy. The electric atmosphere of the packed dressing room reflected the enormity of what had been achieved; St. Michael's National School, Holycross had become Cuman na mBunscoil primary schools hurling champions of Tipperary for the first time ever.

The team was: Joe Doran, David Croke, Eric Fanning, Paul Callanan, Philip Fogarty, Jack Skehan, Aaron Ryan, Jerry Kelly, Eddie Murphy, Lorna O'Dwyer, Peter Gavin, Shane Maher, John Croke, Darragh Woods, James Ryan, Bryan O'Mara, Simon Byrne, Dean O'Neill, James Flynn, Bill Purcell, Mark Dwan, Ewan Bourke, Sean Spillane.



Nenagh CBS U-17 Fitzgerald Cup Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Ray Cowan (principal), Daire Quinn, Eoin Hogan, Justin Cahill, Eddie Darcy, David Reddan, Darragh Walsh, Sean Kelly, Sean Quinlan, Jason Forde, Tony Slattery (mentor), Donnacha O'Donnell (mentor). Seated: Peter Gill, Jack Peters, David Williams, Paudie Fogarty, Damien Maher, Brian Stapleton (Captain), Colm Canning, Michael O'Flaherty, Padraic Shanahan, Mark Tuite, Keith O'Neill.

Recent & Forthcoming G.A.A. Publication

By Seamus J. King

First of all I should like to address publications within the county. The good news is that two more club histories are nearing completion. The most immediate is the *Newcastle club history*, which is due for publication at the Park Hotel, Clonmel on November 28. I haven't seen the book but understand it contains about 300 pages and is a comprehensive history of the club in the Newcastle area since it was founded in the late 1920s.

The second *history is of the Cahir club* and it isn't clear yet whether it will be ready this side of Christmas. Colm Ó Flaherty and Mattie Hussey have been working away on this work for some time. Mattie Hussey is a distinguished ex-patriate of the town, living in Dublin, and has numerous books to his credit so we can expect a high standard with this publication.

The county 125 committee exhorted clubs during the year to get working on their club histories where these didn't exist or, where they were written around the time of the Centenary Year, to update them. Sean O'Donnell is working away on an update of the history of St. Mary's. The original volume covered the first sixty years of the club, 1929 to 1989, and Sean is covering the next twenty years. He hopes to have it completed during 2010.

Another update is the Toomevara club history, which appeared first in 1985. Paddy O'Brien and a team of researchers are working on this. The work involved on such updates is made easier by the availability of records and published material now, in contrast to the early years of a club. In some cases this ease is offset by the sheer number of competitions being played.

Work in Progress

Work is in progress on a number of publications. Liam Ó Donnchú is hoping that the first volume of the Thurles Sarsfields story will see the light of day during 2010. Liam has been somewhat derailed from his task by the publication of the history of Pouldine National School, which is due for completion this year.

P. J. Maxwell, who has contributed so much to research into the G.A.A. in the county, is working on the Nenagh Éire Óg history. This is a big story and P. J. is hoping it will be published by the end of 2010. Ardfinnan G.A.A. Club have also started work on their history and have drafted in former South Board secretary, Micheal Ó Meara to write it up. The Galtee Rovers club are hoping their history will see the light of day next year, which will be the 125th

year of the club's existence.

Martin Burke's monumental volume 2 of the Mid board pictorial history is due for publication at the Templemore Arms on November 21. Everyone familiar with volume 1 will know what a comprehensive visual record this will be. Martin has been an indefatigable researcher of pictures from the past and he has done the Mid and the county some service in this publication. The textual history of the board will be commenced in the New Year and is expected to take two years to complete.

On a much smaller scale but instilled with a lot of local pride and belief in one's club is a booklet entitled *Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the G.A.A. 1884-2009* and published by the Clonoulty-Rossmore G.A.A. Club. The club didn't get round to doing anything for Lá na gClub in May but had their own special Lá na gClub in October. They decided to produce a booklet telling about their achievements in the past and the present. And, because the club is so much a part of the parish and so many parishioners are part of the club, the achievements are as much about the parish as they are of the club. So, the booklet invites the people of Clonoulty-Rossmore to be proud of their achievements and with this in mind a copy of the booklet was distributed to every household in the parish. There is also a longer aim in producing the booklet, that it may whet the members' appetite for a fully-fledged history of the club. The booklet is available from the secretary of Clonoulty-Rossmore for €5 (plus postage).

Without a doubt *The Gaelic Athletic Association 1884-2009*, a collection of fourteen essays edited by Mike Cronin, Paul Rouse and William Murphy, is a major contribution to the 125th Anniversary of the foundation of the G.A.A.

Apart from the intrinsic worth of each essay and its contribution to the history of the G.A.A. over 125 years, the book brings together a collection of eminent historians, who turn their attention to an organisation, which has been a pivotal force in Irish life since its foundation, and yet has been ignored by cultural historians, who have always believed that the interests and pursuits of the hoi polloi in society are of more importance than the occupations of the masses, of which sport is an example per excellence.

It is not the intention of this review to give detailed comment on



Officers and honoured guests at the launch of the Mid Tipperary GAA Pictorial History Book in the Templemore Arms Hotel. Back l-r: Tom Maher Secretary, John O'Donovan Treasurer, Bob Stakelum President, Michael Bourke Chairman History Committee, Jim O'Shea Mayor of Templemore, John Devane Incoming Vice-Chairman. Front l-r: John Costigan County Chairman, Tommy Barrett President County Board who launched the book, Martin Bourke Author, Dr Dermot Clifford Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, PJ Maher Chairman.

the essays. Suffice it is to say that Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh has a must-read piece 'The G.A.A. as a force in Irish Society'. If you want Michael Cusack in concise form, read Paul Rouse, who spoke at the Grangemockler weekend. American academic, Angie Gleason, has a challenging piece on 'Hurling in Medieval Ireland'. There are more, such as 'Gaelic Games and the Movies', most of them stimulating, and all of them readable. The book, published by the Irish Academic Press, retails at €29.95, but can be got for less.

A companion to the above work is *The G.A.A.: A People's History* by two of the above authors, Mike Cronin and Paul Rouse, together with Mark Duncan, and published by the Collins Press at €29.99. Containing over 400 pages it reflects the diversity, the passion and the sheer fascination of 125 years of G.A.A. history. Lavishly illustrated and including photographs that have never appeared in print before, the book outlines how Gaelic games and the social world which revolves around the Gaelic Athletic Association, has shaped the lives of generations of Irish people at home and abroad. From parades and ballads to epic journeys across land and sea, this history of the G.A.A. is as much about what happened off the field as what happened on it. As the cover sleeve caption puts it 'this book is about how generations of Irish people have spent their time in the hours between work and sleep, in thrall to their games and the Association that organises them.'

Related thematically to the above and covering much of the ground is *An Illustrated History of the G.A.A.* by Eoghan Corry, published by Gill & Macmillan for €16.99. It traces the history of the Gaelic Athletic Association in pictures from its foundation in the late nineteenth century through to its continuing success at the heart of sporting culture in Ireland. Again it includes some very rare photographs.

Serving its purpose in a different way is *The Liam MacCarthy Cup* by Sean Óg Ó Ceallacháin and Owen McCann, which deals with the famous cup from the year it was first presented to Limerick captain, Bob McConkey, after winning the 1921 All-Ireland, which wasn't played until 1923. Did you know that more goals were scored by Limerick in that final, eight, than by any other team in all the finals since? A number have scored seven, including Tipperary in their 1951 win over Wexford. Another point the authors are at pains to emphasise is that his name is MacCarthy and not McCarthy, which has been used for so long. As well as giving short accounts of each final – and O'Ceallaghan attended his first in 1932 – there are a number of appendixes giving facts and figures, scorers and teams, the winning captains and winning rankings.

The only disappointing thing about the book is the use of the initials rather than the full first names of the players. In the light of the wonderful research that P. J. Maxwell has done in including the full christian names of all 17,000 players who have played for Tipperary in hurling and football championships in all grades, the omission of full Christian names is a glaring one. The book, which is published by Gill and Macmillan and costs €21.99, was launched in the old House of Lords in the Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin. It was ironic to see King Billy on horseback staring down on the proceedings from one of the fine tapestries on the wall.

It's been getting better by the year but this year's *county senior hurling final programme* excels anything that went before it. A lavish production of sixty-four pages, it has everything and is a credit to programme editor, Ger Corbett. I would go so far as to call it a mini-Yearbook, including as it does even an obituary section! The quality of the pictures is outstanding, the amount of information is phenomenal. Nobody involved is forgotten and the previews of the two games are extensive. A lovely section is called County Final Memories in which players from different clubs recall their first county final. As a gesture to the 125 Anniversary of the G.A.A. there is a fine appreciation of the oldest surviving All-Ireland senior player in the county, Jimmy Butler Coffey by P. J. Maxwell, as well as some pictures out of the past. There's a six-page spread on the Borrisoleigh teams of 1981, 1983 and 1986, who were honoured on the day. Definitely deserving a McNamee Award!

There's an article in the *Tipperary Historical Journal 2009* that everyone should read. It's a socio-economic profile of Tipperary Hurlers, 1895-1900 and its done by County Waterford man, Tom Hunt, who is a teacher at Mullingar and who has done similar studies of sports, including G.A.A. in County Westmeath. Players and officials from Tubberadora, Suir View Rangers, Horse and

Jockey and Two Mile Borris were used in the analysis, 96 players in all.

It's not the usual kind of analysis we get in G.A.A. books as it investigates the social background, occupations and family ties of the men who played Gaelic Games in these clubs.

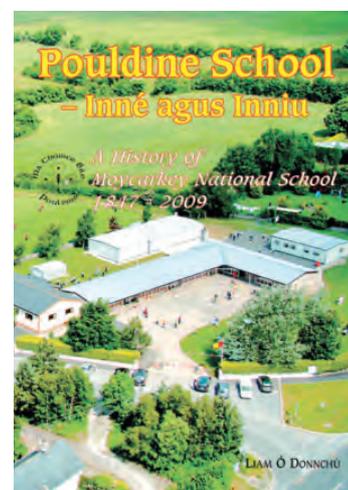
And what does the study tell us? The men who played hurling were 19-30 years of age and only 6% of them were married. Most of then, 83.3% were involved in agricultural pursuits with the vast number of them from the bigger farms. Farm labourers were under-represented. While they were represented 2-1 in rural society they were only 3.4 to 1 on the teams. Just as most of the players came from bigger farms, they also lived in the better houses. Houses were divided into four classes and most of the players resided in class 2 houses. Well worth a read. The report concludes:

'The G.A.A. in mid-Tipperary in the 1890s attracted its support mainly from the farming community but all classes of rural society involved themselves in the association. The G.A.A. thus provided those who were previously recreationally disenfranchised with an outlet for sporting involvement. No other sporting organisation of the day promoted a similar inclusiveness. The organisation gained its greatest strength from the more substantial farmers in the region.'

From across the border in Limerick comes a very controversial book which sets out to examine the inside story of Limerick hurling. One All-Ireland since 1940 is something that all true followers of the game in the county find it difficult to swallow. What is the reason? *Unlimited Heartbreak* by Henry Martin, published by the Collins Press for €19.95 looks for the answers through interviews with over 100 passionate players, dedicated mentors and officials, who witnessed everything first-hand and have a story to tell. The interviews provide a unique perspective on victories, defeats, controversies, rows and had-luck stories of what went wrong and where it went wrong. The prone form of Dave Clarke stretched on the grass at Semple Stadium after Limerick's shock defeat by Clare in the 1995 Munster senior hurling final, which illustrates the cover, says a lot about the theme of the book.

Pouldine School- Inné agus Inniu, A History of Moycarkey National School 1847 – 2009. This publication traces, not alone the story of the school, but also the Local History of the area. An area steeped in the G.A.A., where hurling and athletics were to the fore since the early years of the association. It is compiled and edited by Liam Ó Donnchú, long associated with Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook. The all-colour production contains 340 pages, hundreds of photographs and is available, costing €20, from local shops or from the Pouldine School.

Finally I want to mention two more books, Brian Cody's and Donal Óg Cusack's autobiographies, both of which are immensely interesting. The Cody book is ghost written by Martin Breheny and retails at €19.95. The Cusack book has got huge publicity because of the revelation of his sexual orientation, while the book has so much more to say. It is ghost written by Tom Humphries.



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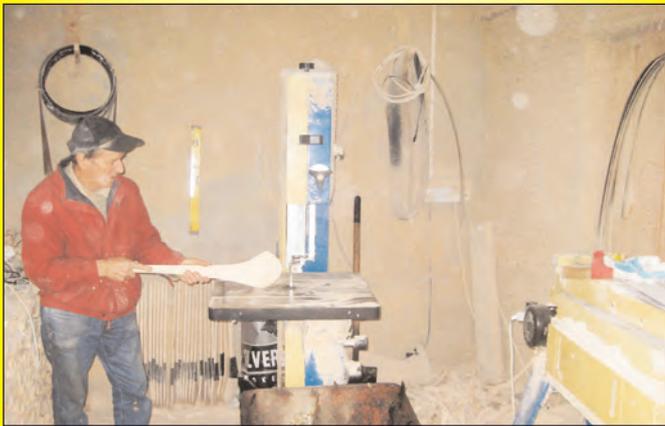
Valerie Connolly South Tipp Sports Partnership, Students of St Annes Secondary School, Tipperary Town pictured with Liz Howard, Uachtarán of the Camogie Association, Siobhán Ryan, teacher St. Annes Secondary School, and Elaine Cullinane North Tipp Sports Partnership pictured at the Sport Agus Spraoi Camogie event hosted by Tipperary Institute in Dr. Morris Park in March this year.



At the recent function commemorating the Glory Years of Tipperary Hurling, from left, Tony Wall chatting to Matt Hassett and Musha Maher.

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Tipperary Ladies Football

2009 was a very successful year for Ladies' Football in Tipperary. It has become one of the fastest growing sports in the county and this year saw an increase in the number of clubs participating in championships to 22. The All-Ireland success of last years Intermediate Tipperary team seems to have made the ladies of the Premier county hungry for more silverware.

The Under 14 county team had a short run in the championship. Unfortunately defeats by Limerick, Waterford and Clare put an end to their campaign. Tipperary U-14 Squad: Aisling Mc Carthy, Emma Corcoran, Kirsty Downey, Emma Buckley, Aisling Armitage, Lorna McEniry (Cahir), Judith Purcell, Emma Lacey, Gemma O'Dwyer, Sinead Kendrick, Elaine Butler (Moyle Rovers), Dara Walsh - captain, Sally Quinlivan, Rachel O'Dwyer, Michele Kehoe (Clonmel Commercials) Sinead Kennedy, Jackie O'Gorman, Micheala Maher (Brian Borus), Dervla Hennessy & Shauna Quirke (Cappawhite), Ciara Walsh & Bridget Doyle (Killenaule), Edel Nyland (Templemore), Maura Condon (Emly), Denise O'Donnell (Lattin Cullen) & Aine McCarthy (Thurles Sarsfields).

The Under 16 county team had a fantastic year and were crowned All-Ireland B winners. On the 8th of July in Lismore they beat Waterford in the Munster final on a scoreline of 3-12 to 5-5. Beating Westmeath in the All-Ireland semi-final they played a much-fancied Roscommon in the final. However, it was to be Tipperary's day. The Tipp girls scored 1-11 to Roscommon's 8 points. Eimear Myles (captain) lifted the cup after a memorable victory, the first in 31 years. Well done to all the players and the management team of Libby Grogan, Conor O'Dwyer, Derry Peters and Team Doctor Kathleen O'Sullivan. Team: Ciara Corcoran, (Upperchurch/Drombane); Maebh Corr, (Moyle Rovers); Clodagh Quirke, (Upperchurch/Drombane); Aisling Condon, (Brian Borus); Clare Nolan, (Clonmel Commercials); Treasa McGrath, (Ballymacarbry); Jessica Newman, (Clonmel Commercials); Siobhan Condon, (St. Ailbe's, Emly); Eimear Myles, (Brian Borus); Niamh Myles, (Brian Borus); Lorraine O'Shea, (Mullinahone); Lydia Aherne, (Moyle Rovers); Aisling O'Connor, (Cahir); Katie Crowe, (Aherlow); Sarah Fryday, (Upperchurch / Drombane) Subs used: Shauna Maher replaced Maebh Corr, Deborah Kennelly replaced Aisling Condon. Subs: Imelda O'Donovan - Grangemockler, Clodagh Cummins - Cappawhite, Lisa Kirby - Moyle Rovers, Aoife O'Gorman - Cahir, Shauna Maher - Ballyporeen, Deborah Kennelly - Brian Borus, Roisin McGrath - Aherlow, Marese O'Connell - Templemore, Josie O'Dwyer - Cappawhite, Laura Keating - Brian

Borus, Roisin Trehy - Killenaule, Aisling O'Donovan - Moyle Rovers, Alice Quirke - Aherlow, Aine Quinn - Cappawhite, Shauna O Dwyer- Galtee Rovers, Aoife O' Reilly - Clonmel Commercials, Elaine Devane - Boherlahan, Aoife Magner - Galtee Rovers, Emer Lyons - Moyle Rovers, Amy Hannigan - Killenaule.

The county minor team had similar success reaching the U-18 All-Ireland B final. They won the Munster title defeating Waterford in the final by 4-12 to 3-10. Beating Westmeath in the semi-final, the girls came up against Roscommon in the final. However, on a wet and windy evening in Febane, Co. Offaly the



Tipperary - All Ireland Under 16 Ladies Football Champions 2009: Front row: Grainne Condon (Mascot), Clare Nolan, (Clonmel Commercials); Laura Peters (Mascot), Roisin Trehy (Killenaule), Elaine Devane (Boherlahan), Lisa Kirby (Moyle Rovers), Josie O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Maebh Corr, (Moyle Rovers), Clodagh Quirke, (Upperchurch/Drombane); Eimear Myles, (Brian Borus), Lydia Aherne, (Moyle Rovers); Clodagh Cummins (Cappawhite), Aisling Condon, (Brian Borus) Jessica Newman, (Clonmel Commercials); Aine Quinn (Cappawhite), Treasa McGrath, (Ballymacarbry). Back: Libby Grogan (Aherlow), Aisling O'Donovan (Moyle Rovers), Marese O'Connell (Templemore), Siobhan Condon, (St. Ailbe's, Emly), Alice Quirke (Aherlow), Roisin McGrath (Aherlow), Deborah Kennelly (Brian Borus), Sarah Fryday, (Upperchurch / Drombane), Shauna O'Dwyer (Galtee Rovers), Laura Keating (Brian Borus), Ciara Corcoran, (Upperchurch/Drombane), Imelda O'Donovan (Grangemockler), Amy Hannigan (Killenaule), Shauna Maher (Ballyporeen), Niamh Myles, (Brian Borus), Aoife O'Gorman (Cahir), Aisling O'Connor, (Cahir); Aoife O' Reilly (Clonmel Commercials), Lorraine O'Shea, (Mullinahone); Katie Crowe, (Aherlow), Conor O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields), Derry Peters (Aherlow) Absent from photo: Aoife Magner (Galtee Rovers) and Emer Lyons (Moyle Rovers).

conditions proved difficult for the girls to play the type of football they had been accustomed to playing all year. Even though Roscommon were victorious by a single goal (2-7 to 1-7) the girls and their mentors Shane Roynane, Martin Ryan and Ciara Ormonde, should be very proud of their achievements. Team: Jennifer Russell (Moyné Templetoouy), Rachel Kenneally (Aherlow), Aoife Casey (Cahir), Caoimhe Bowles (Clonmel Commercials); Eimear Myles (Brian Borus) , Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Maeve Hackett (Moycarkey Borris); Cliona O'Dwyer (Brian Borus) , Kelly Hackett (Moycarkey Borris);



The Tipperary senior panel that was defeated by Down in the National League Division 2 final.

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The Tipperary senior ladies football team had a fantastic year in the National League. They reached the Division 2 final on the back of seven straight wins. Even though this was an impressive statistic, Tipperary would have gone into the final against Down as underdogs as their opposition were a Senior side with the previous six years and would have become accustomed to competing in top flight football. Two quick goals at the beginning of the match proved a mountain too high to climb for the Tipperary team. They battled tirelessly but the end result was 2-12 to 0-11 in favour of the Down side.

This year, because of the tremendous Intermediate All-Ireland win in 2008, the county had to play as a Senior side. Experience is all that was lacking in their competitive matches where they played Kerry and Laois. Even though they were beaten by much stronger, experienced teams, the girls and their management of Shane Roynane, Conor O’Dwyer and Lenny Fitzgerald, can only learn from these games and should be commended for their performances, in this their first year playing at the highest level. Senior team; Team and scorers: Nora Nooran (Brian Borus); Aoife O’Dwyer (Brian Borus); Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey Borris); Cliona O’Dwyer (Brian Borus); Anne O’Dwyer (Cappawhite), Kelly Hackett (Moycarkey Borris); Siobhán Costello (Cappawhite); Angie McDermott (Cappawhite); Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus) (captain); Gillian O’Brien (Moyle Rovers), Ann Marie O’Gorman (Cahir); Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan); Claire Peters (Ballyboden St. Enda’s); Edel Hanley (Shanahoe); Catriona Walshe (Moycarkey Borris), Edith Carroll (Cahir), Siobhán Crotty (Ballyporeen).

On the home front, championship games were played at the following grades, U-12, U-14, U-16, minor, junior and intermediate. The winners of each level are as follows; U-12 A Cahir, U-12 B Galtee Rovers, U-12 C Lattin Cullen, U-12 D Fethard, U-12 Blitz Mullinahone, U-14 A Cahir, U-14 B Thurles Sarsfields, U-14 C Brian Borus, U-14 D Boherlahan, U-14 Plate Arravale, U-16 A Cahir, U-16 B Killenaule, U-16C Aherlow. The Minor and Junior championships were still in progress at time of printing. The Intermediate final was between old rivals Cappawhite and Brian Borus. Brian Borus were crowned county champions. They progressed to the Munster club championship where the club made history by beating the Kerry champions (Abbeydorney), the Clare champions (The Banner Ladies) to reach the Munster final where they beat Athea from Limerick

to take the Munster club title. They went on to play and win the All-Ireland semi-final against the Ulster champions St. Paul’s from Antrim. They are now awaiting the All-Ireland against St. Brigids from Dublin.

Very successful U-13 and U-15 blitzes were held in the County this year. An U-13 development squad was also set up and ran for eight weeks and was also a great success. The future of Tipperary Ladies Football looks very promising at the moment.

A special mention must also go to Jennifer Grant who was



The Tipperary ladies' minor football panel

our only All-Star nomination this year. Congratulations to Sally Duggan of Moycarkey Borris on being inducted into the Ladies Football Hall of Fame at the TG4 Ladies Gaelic Football All-Star Awards at the CityWest Hotel, Dublin on 16th November. The Premier County native was present at the inception of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association in the Hayes’ Hotel, Thurles in 1974. Sally had a glittering inter-county career winning three All Ireland medals as well as a National League and four Provincial titles.

In 1998, Sally and her sister Ann reformed the Moycarkey Borris club, which had been disbanded in 1985 and led the club to success in the Junior A Championship. Sally has fulfilled many administrative roles at both Club and County level and is a worthy recipient of the Hall of Fame Award.



Sally Duggan (Moycarkey/Borris) receives the Hall of Fame award from Mary Davis, M.D., Special Olympics Europe and EurAsia and Pat Quill, president, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan at the TG4 O’Neill’s Ladies Football All-Star Awards at the Citywest Hotel, Dublin.



Brian Borus County Intermediate champions: Back row: Jennifer Grant, Patricia Hickey, Fiona Fahey, Michelle Slattery, Katie Sweeney, Cliona O'Dwyer, Karen Barry, Eimear Myles, Sarah Fahey, Aishling Kenneally, Claire Grogan, Denise Fitzgerald, Laura Keating, Niamh Kenneally, Niamh Myles. Middle row: Joanne Peters, Aoife O'Dwyer, Carmel Condon, Mairead Morrissey, Orla Fleming, Nora Noonan, Nicki Gilmore, Claire Ryan, Linda Grogan, Sinead Norris, Aisling Condon. Front: Marie-Claire Murphy, Allannah English, Deborah Kenneally.

Brian Borus Ladies' Football

The Brian Borus Ladies Football club plays out of the small villages of Clogheen and Ballylooby in the south of the county. They have very much been the dominant force in the ladies code in the Premier County. The club first came to prominence when winning the 1986 Gaelic Football Community Games. During the 1990s they won six junior football championships. They claimed the county Intermediate crown (the highest honour available to ladies clubs in Tipperary) for the first time in 2002 and have since added five more titles.

A cup that has eluded the clubs of the county has been for the All-Ireland 7 a side competition that is played every year in Dublin. Brian Borus had been successful in winning the Shield in 2006. This year an outstanding team effort captured the Intermediate Cup title. Ten of our players travelled to Portmarnock last September. They beat Newry Shamrocks (Down), Clanna Gael Fontenoy (Dublin), Milltown (Galway) and Kilanerin (Wexford) in the group stages. Brian Borus saw off the challenges of Railyard (Kilkenny), and Breaffy (Mayo) in the quarter and semi finals. In a thrilling final Brian Borus overcame 'An Fhairce' from Galway (7-8 to 2-10) to achieve a historic victory.

This year within the county it was business as usual as Brian Borus stormed to yet another county championship. Having beaten rivals Cappawhite in the County final they then progressed to the Munster Intermediate Club Championship. Impressive wins over the Kerry champions Abbeydorney (5-26 to no score) and the Clare champions The Banner Ladies (3-5 to 0-3) saw the Brian Borus team get to their first ever Intermediate Munster Club Final. After a tough, highly entertaining game against Athea from Limerick, Orla Fleming lifted the Munster cup for Brian Borus on a scoreline of 2-14 to 1-8. It was a fantastic achievement for both the club and the county.

To put themselves once again on the record books, Brian Borus played St. Paul's from Antrim who were the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final. This resulted in another magnificent victory for the Tipperary girls and they crowned a great year by winning the All-Ireland on November 22 when they defeated St. Brigid's, Dublin by 1-9 to 1-8..

The Intermediate panel was as follows; Nora Noonan, Karen Barry, Aoife O'Dwyer, Aishling Kenneally, Claire Ryan, Carmel Condon, Katie Sweeney, Orla Fleming, Jennifer Grant, Eimear Myles, Mairead Morrissey, Cliona O'Dwyer, Michelle Slattery, Patricia Hickey, Claire Grogan, Linda Grogan, Nicola Gilmore, Denise Fitzgerald, Joanne Peters, Sinead Norris, Sarah Fahey, Fiona Fahey, Deborah Kenneally, Niamh Myles, Aisling Condon, Helen Norris, Niamh Kenneally, Laura Keating and Marie Claire Murphy. The Management team were John O'Dwyer, Frank O'Brien and Mary Fahey.

As regards the Tipperary County team, six of our players were on the senior panel that reached the National League Division 2 final. We were represented by Nora Noonan, Mairead Morrissey, Jennifer Grant, Trisha Hickey and Aoife O'Dwyer. Jennifer Grant, captain of the Tipperary team was the only footballer nominated for an All-Star for her performances during 2009.

Brian Borus have always had a very strong underage structure.

Almost all of the Intermediate panel have played at underage level for the club. This year our U-12 team got to the county B final, our U-14s won the county C title and the U-16s were finalists in the U-16 A grade. In the minor championship, the club have qualified for the county A final.

The Brian Borus club has been very well represented in all of the County teams. At U-14 level, the players on the panel were Jackie O'Gorman, Sinead Kennedy and Michaela Maher. Brian Borus's Eimear Myles captained the U-16 County team. Eimear was joined by Niamh Myles, Aisling Condon, Shauna Maher, Deborah Kenneally and Laura Keating. At minor level, Eimear Myles, Cliona O'Dwyer, Aishling Kenneally, Aisling Condon, Olivia McCarthy and Niamh Kenneally were all part of the panel who reached the All-Ireland final.

2009 has indeed been a fantastic year for Tipperary Ladies Football and without a doubt the Brian Borus club has played a huge part in this success.



Orla Fleming receiving the Munster Club Championship cup from the Munster Chairman Dan O'Mahoney.



Brian Borus All Ireland Intermediate 7-a-side champions: Back Row: Aishling Kenneally, Patricia Hickey, Carmel Condon, Nora Noonan, Mairead Morrissey, Karen Barry, Jennifer Grant. Front row: Cliona O'Dwyer, Joanne Peters, Aoife O'Dwyer, Orla Fleming, Katie Sweeney.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh - Munster Ladies Senior Football Champions: Back row (l-r): Denny Whelan, Laura Keating, Siobhan Heffernan, Sarah Fahy, Niamh Myles, Bronagh Higgins, Jane O'Donnell, Nicola Armitage, Eimear Myles, Kelly Maher, Ann Marie O'Gorman, Aisling Condon, Emma Sweeney, Shane Ronayne, Geraldine O'Donnell. Front Row (l-r): Emma Buckley, Emma Tobin, Fiona Rees, Leanne Hickey, Ruth Cummins, Dawn Doolan, Samatha Lambert(capt), Michelle Walsh, Olivia McCarthy, Aisling O'Connor, Edith Carroll.

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh – Munster Senior Ladies Football Champions

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh claimed the Munster Pat the Baker Senior B Ladies Football Championship on an excellently prepared Staker Wallace venue. They defeated their opponents John The Baptist from Limerick in a comprehensive fashion with a winning scoreline of 4-12 to 3-05.

Coláiste fielding a number of county stars. Apart from the opening minutes of the game when they conceded 1-01, they blitzed their opponents scoring 2-06 without reply. After that Coláiste never looked back. At times showing excellent footballing skills and well executed passages of play they left John The Baptist fighting for scraps which were becoming rarer as the game went on.

Corner forward Aisling O'Connor opened Coláiste's scoring with the first goal and together with Edith Carroll and Michelle Walsh proceeded to torment John The Baptist's full back line for the rest of the match. Also Carroll and Walsh's individual efforts adding points to the first half tally. O'Connor being the tricky corner forward that she is scored a hat trick of goals, two in the first half with her third an excellent strike into the low left corner. O'Connor ran her team mate Ann Marie O'Gorman very close for the player of the match award. But the centre forward dominated for the majority of the game scoring a total of seven points with six from open play. Also up front the Myles sisters Emer and Niamh put in a trojan work effort that paid dividends in scoring opportunities. Half forward Olivia McCarthy passing set up some lovely scores for her team mates.

While in defence apart from a couple of unforced errors which saw John The Baptist take the lead initially, they quickly closed ranks and proceeded to strangle whatever attacking effort that came their way. It was made to look very easy at times by a full back line with Emma Sweeney at full back dealing comprehensively with any threat. Sweeney was ably assisted by her corner backs Bronagh Higgins and Aisling Condon. Further

out in the half back line Captain Samantha Lambert took charge and her consistent defending broke down many an attack. This coupled with Dawn Doolan's rugged defending and some lovely kicking by Jane O'Donnell started some lovely inter passing moves that ultimately proved fruitful at the opposite end of the field. At the interval the scoreline saw Coláiste 2-06 to 1-01 in the lead.

On the resumption of play John the Baptist did rally and managed another goal and a point but this resulted in an immediate response from the Coláiste. Ann Marie O'Gorman scoring two well executed points together with goals from Niamh Myles and Aisling O'Gorman quickly snuffed out any real hope that their opponents might have had. As the end result drew nearer O'Gorman popped up again and Michelle Walsh also kicked over two more points to put the result beyond doubt. Even though John The Baptist did sneak a goal during the dying minutes there was to be no denying the Coláiste their victory.

The end result saw Coláiste's Captain Samantha Lambert lift the title to the large crowd of supporters. She thanked the team management, Coach Shane Ronayne and his selector Denny Whelan. Indeed the Coláiste had beaten some much fancied sides to reach this stage of the competition. Samantha thanked the team's supporters, Stakers for the venue and finally opponents John The Baptist for what ultimately was a clean game of football. Scorers: Ann Marie O'Gorman 0-07 (0-01 from frees), Aisling O'Connor 3-0, Michelle Walsh 0-03, Niamh Myles 1-0, Edith Carroll and Emer Myles 0-01 each.

Team: Nicola Armitage, Bronagh Higgins, Emma Sweeney, Aisling Condon, Jane O'Donnell, Samantha Lambert (Capt.), Dawn Doolan, Kelly Maher, Eimear Myles, Olivia McCarthy, Ann Marie O'Gorman, Niamh Myles, Edith Carroll, Michelle Walsh, Aisling O'Connor

Subs: Sarah Fahy for Nicola Armitage, Ruth Cummins for Aisling Condon, Emma Tobin for Emma Sweeney, Geraldine O'Donnell, Emma Buckley, Leanne Hickey, Laura Keating, Siobhan Heffernan, Fiona Rees.

Moycarkey-Borris Ladies Unique Double

Intermediate Camogie and Junior "A" Ladies Football titles secured

The Moycarkey-Borris Camogie and Ladies Football club enjoyed fantastic success in 2009 as they captured County honours at adult level in Camogie and Ladies Football. In 2010, Moycarkey-Borris will be the only club in Tipperary and Munster to be playing at the top grade in their County in both Camogie and Ladies Football.

After capturing the County Junior "A" Camogie title in 2008, few expected Moycarkey-Borris to make an impact on the Intermediate grade this year. The girls became acclimatised with the standard at this level during the League and did well to qualify for the League final and a date with Toomevara. On the day however, Toomevara proved too strong for Moycarkey and were convincing League final winners by eight points on a scoreline 2-10 to 0-8. The Moycarkey girls knew now what the required standard was and what it would take to get there.

It was now on to the Championship where Templemore were the semi final opponents and after a close game, Moycarkey came out on top to claim a place in the final against familiar opposition in Toomevara, just two weeks after the League Final set back. The scene was set for the County Intermediate Camogie Championship Final on August 29th in the Camogie Grounds at the Ragg.

Not surprisingly, Toomevara were strong favourites for Intermediate honours and they dominated the first quarter, testing the Moycarkey backline on numerous occasions. However, the Moycarkey defenders and goalkeeper Sharon Ralph stood firm keeping Toomevara at bay and against the run of play, it was Tricia Ralph who opened the scoring with a point after a long clearance by Mary Love. Soon afterwards, Tricia Ralph won a puck out before off-loading to Michaela Graham who turned the defence and ran through to fire an unstoppable shot past the keeper. Team captain Catherina Walsh added another Moycarkey point before Toomevara opened their account from a free. Moycarkey were now getting to their stride and would add another goal and three points before the interval, the green flag being raised courtesy of Catherina Walsh. By half-time, Moycarkey were in a commanding position, leading by 2-5 to 0-3.

The second half saw Toomevara trying their best to get back to the game but with the Moycarkey defence in dominant form, scores were few and far between. Moycarkey kept adding on points throughout the second half with Tricia Ralph (2), Michaela Graham (45m free) and Jane Kennedy (2) getting on the scoresheet. Toomevara could only add two second half points and when Catherina Walsh added a late Moycarkey goal, the celebrations were well underway as Moycarkey-Borris were in front by 14 points at the final whistle, winning on a scoreline of 3-10 to 0-5.

This was a great achievement for all involved and was the culmination of years of hard work from Denis Kennedy, John Kelly, Kevin Moran, Sally Duggan, Ann Slattery and everyone involved in the club. With two promotions in two years the girls are now going up Senior for 2010 after only being Junior in 2008, the future certainly looks bright for Moycarkey-Borris Camogie.

The victorious Moycarkey-Borris Camogie team was as follows - Sharon Ralph; Catherina Hackett, Siobhan Doran, Karen Mullins; Maeve Hackett, Paula Ralph, Eithne Moran; Maeve Corcoran, Mary Love; Jane Kennedy (0-2), Kelly Hackett, Caitriona Walsh (Captain, 1-2), Tricia Ralph (1-2), Michaela Graham (1-3), Marianne Murphy (0-1). Subs: Karen Clohessy for Graham; Siobhan Power for Murphy. Aine McKenna, Nora Connolly, Laura Ralph, Bernie Bergin, Fiona Bourke, Elaine Cantwell,

Not to be outshone by their illustrious Camogie counterparts, Moycarkey Ladies Football wrote their own chapter of achievements in the past year. The football side capped a marvellous year for the Moycarkey Ladies when they took the County Junior "A" Football title. The championship was run on a league basis with top four teams playing in semi-finals. This left Moyle Rovers who topped the league (on score difference) playing Cappawhite and Moycarkey-Borris playing Templemore just four days after the Intermediate Camogie Final victory.

After a cracking game in Dr. Morris Park, the sides finished level on a scoreline of Moycarkey-Borris 5-7 Templemore 4-10. The replay six days later saw Moycarkey qualifying for the final winning by 4-12 to Templemore's 3-4.

There was little time for nerves ahead of the final which was fixed for two days later on Thursday September 12th with the winners going forward to represent Tipperary in the Munster Championship on the



Moycarkey-Borris - Intermediate Camogie Champions: Back row; Kevin Moran, Denis Kennedy, Michaela Graham, Mary Love, Aine McKenna, Laura Ralph, Bernie Bergin, Elaine Cantwell, Kelly Hackett, Nora Connolly, Karen Mullins, Catherina Hackett, Siobhan Doran, Eithne Moran, Paula Ralph, Sharon Ralph, John Kelly. Front Row: Siobhan Power, Maeve Hackett, Karen Clohessy, Fiona Bourke, Jane Kennedy, Marianne Murphy, Trisha Ralph, Catherina Walsh (Captain), Maeve Corcoran, Sally Duggan. Mascot; Rachel Ralph

following Sunday. Moyle Rovers were our final opponents and they started the first half showing a high class of football and putting severe pressure on the Moycarkey back line. Great saves by Jacqui Clohessy in goal and strong work by the back line kept Moycarkey heads up and by the interval, Moyle Rovers led by a point. Moyle Rovers who had stepped down from Intermediate status in 2009 had shown their experience gained playing in the higher grade. A strong talk from manager Ray Ralph got the Moycarkey Ladies back in fighting form for the second half. Moycarkey with all to play for gave one of their finest performances of teamwork in the second half. Six players got on the scoresheet with a Maeve Corcoran goal midway through the second half proving decisive. By the end, Moycarkey had proven themselves worthy champions, winning on a scoreline of 1-12 to 0-9.

The winning Moycarkey-Borris Ladies Football team was as follows - Jacqui Clohessy, Amy Clohessy, Elaine Cantwell, Aine McKenna, Paula Ralph, Catherina Hackett, Karen Mullins, Maeve Corcoran (1-1) Maeve Hackett (0-1), Kate Slattery (0-2), Kelly Hackett (Captain - 0-1), Patricia Ralph (0-2), Catherina Walsh (0-3 frees), Laura Bannon (0-1), Sharon Ralph, Karen Clohessy (0-1), Laura Ralph, Bernie Bergin, Fiona Bourke, Norah Connolly, Siobhan Doran, Michaela Graham, Jane Kennedy, Maeve Leahy, Marianne Murphy.

In the Munster championship we played Dr Crokes of Kerry. Despite a strong performance we were unlucky to lose out at end in a very hard fought game. And so the curtain comes down on a successful 2009 season for the ladies from Moycarkey-Borris. 2010 will bring its own challenges as both Camogie and Ladies Football panels step up to the mark at a higher level ready and able to compete.



Moycarkey-Borris - Junior 'A' Football Champions: Back row: Ray Ralph, Ann Slattery, Paula Ralph, Catherina Hackett, Elaine Cantwell, Maeve Hackett, Siobhan Doran, Nora Connolly, Aine McKenna, Marianne Murphy, Maeve Leahy, Laura Bannon, Sharon Ralph, Kate Slattery, Jacqui Clohessy. Front row: Maeve Corcoran, Karen Mullins, Bernie Bergin, Jane Kennedy, Catherina Walsh, Kelly Hackett (Captain), Karen Clohessy, Amy Clohessy, Laura Ralph, Patricia Ralph, Sally Duggan. Absent Michaela Graham.



Three Cappawhite girls, Josephine O'Dwyer, Clodagh Cummins and Áine Quinn on the Tipperary under-16 football panel that defeated Roscommon in the 2009 All-Ireland final.



Brian Boru's captain Orla Fleming lifts the cup after the Tesco All-Ireland ladies' intermediate club final.



Eimear Myles (Brian Borus) who captained the Tipperary team to victory over Roscommon in the All-Ireland under-16 ladies football final at Fermoy on August 8, 2009.



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that won the County Junior Ladies Football title. Back l-r Muireann Gleeson, Tessa O'Gorman, Megan Callanan, Jessica O'Brien, Beatrice Canovas, Maggie Collins, Aoife Hickey, Deborah Fogarty, Helena Ryan, Katie Kelliher (capt). Veronica O'Dowd, Sinead Cleary, Lisa Prendergast, Fiona McGrath, Aisling O'Dwyer, Stephaire Steiger, Aoife Murphy, Donna Armstrong, Emma Butler, Emma Forrestal, Elaine Sweeney, Vanessa O Dowd, Amy Forrestal. Front l-r: Emer Campion, Enya Bourke, Martina Skehan, Helen Shortt, Megan O'Suillivan, Aisling Stakelum, Paula Coffey, Aoife Daly, Niamh Mc Grath, Rena O'Brien, Brid McGrath, Lily Callanan,, Mary Kate Burke, Aoibheann Leahy, Ciara Dwyer, Aoife McGrath, Nicole Steiger, Amy O'Gorman.

Camogie in Tipperary, Club & Inter County

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By Kieran Slattery, County Camogie P.R.O.

Another busy year for Camogie in Tipperary, with all the Inter County teams making great progress. The Senior team reached the League final, the Junior panel claimed the Munster championship, the U16s reached the all Ireland final while the U14A & U14B teams impressed in the various Inter County blitzes played throughout the year.

Under the management of Fr. Peter Brennan, assisted by selectors Eoin Shortt, James Woodlock & Marese O'Donnell, the Seniors first league outing was against Clare in Cashel in March. With a one point win for Tipp, the next game was against Dublin in Lattin/Cullen GAA field when Tipp recorded a 2.13 to 1.06 win. Next up was a trip to Kilkenny and a full time scoreline of 2.07 to 1.10. A replay beckoned to decide which team would advance to the league final. Tipperary hosted Kilkenny in Semple Stadium and emerged victorious on a score line of 2.19 to 0.13. The league final, played in Parnell Park when Wexford provided the opposition. The Slaneysiders had the better of the exchanges when they beat Tipperary 2.12 to 0.11.

The Munster Championship was next up on the calendar with a semi final date against Limerick in Galbally. Tipp proved too strong with a 3.17 to 1.10 victory. The Camogie pitch was the venue for the Munster final clash with Tipp and Cork. The Cork girls claimed the final with a scoreline of 0.15 to 1.08. A half time display from the U12 teams of Knockavilla and St. Cronans was rewarded when Munster Council presented the girls with a commemorative medal.

The All Ireland Championship kicked off with a clash against Kilkenny in June. This time, Kilkenny stole the points winning 1.14 to 1.11. Tipperary regrouped when they travelled to Dublin and came away with maximum points after a 2.12 to 1.10 victory. A must win game against Cork to force a play off was next on the agenda in Pairc Ui Rinn. Tipp undoubtedly played their best game of the year for their survival, but just fell short losing 1.13 to 0.14. This game ended the Senior involvement in all competitions, but we can look forward with great anticipation to 2010, based on the displays shown during 2009.

Eoin Brislane was appointed manager of the Intermediate/Junior panel. He got straight down to work and assisted by his selectors Gerry Cahill, Carmel Harkin and John O'Donnell they put a strong panel together to compete in both competitions.

The league was the first competitive competition for this panel and they hit the ground running with comprehensive wins over Kilkenny, Clare and Derry before they were stopped in their tracks by a strong Antrim side that knocked Tipp out of the competition on a scoreline of 1.16 to 1.08. Next up was the Munster semi final played in Toomevara where Cork provided the opposition. A disappointing game and performance from Tipp gave Cork the spoils in a very low scoring game with the final scoreline reading 0.06 to

0.07. This performance was uncharacteristic of the Tipperary girls up to this, so when the All Ireland Championship came round it was Kilkenny who suffered when Tipperary destroyed their opposition on a scoreline of 2.19 to 0.05. A visit to Cork was next up and despite playing a lot better than their previous meeting Tipp still couldn't crack the Cork team, losing 2.09 to 2.06. Despite this, Tipp still earned themselves a semi final appearance against eventual winners Galway. Meanwhile, the Junior panel that trained all year as part of the Intermediate panel played and beat Cork in the Munster semi final and comprehensively beat Limerick in the Munster final. Both the Intermediate and Junior panels gave huge commitment all year and to the hard working management team a job well done.

Our U18 panel again found the going tough this year. With exam commitments and so many of the panel involved with the successful U16 panel the management team of Donal Kelly, Ann Fogarty and Ger Murphy found it hard to find a suitable time to get their panel together. However, they did record a good win over Dublin in the Championship winning 3.18 to 2.05. This set them up against Kilkenny in the semi final, but despite their best effort, Kilkenny emerged victorious, 5.15 to 3.04.

The U16 panel last year didn't have the best of results, but they learned from their experience and gave us some wonderful moments and memories in 2009. First up in the All Ireland Championship was Derry and a scoreline of 5.09 to 0.07 in favour of the Premier girls set them up nicely as their next game was against favourites Kilkenny. Tipperary had other plans and when the final whistle blew Tipperary had claimed a major scalp beating their opponents 2.12 to 2.06. Limerick was next to suffer being defeated by 2.02 to 10.16. This set up a mouth watering semi final tie against Clare and in a classic game in Limerick Tipp again claimed the honours 1.07 to 1.05. The All Ireland Final was played in the Gaelic Grounds in May, but unfortunately for Tipperary, their opponents, Galway, just had too much on the day with a score line of 2.11 to 2.07. In the Munster championship, Clare avenged the earlier defeat when they took the Munster title back over the Shannon at Tipperary's



Tipperary camogie officers; 2009. From left; Martin Griffin (vice chairman), Liza Carroll (secretary), Michael Browne (chairman), Jim Symons (treasurer), Kieran Slattery (PRO), Rose Mannion (registrar).

expense. Huge congrats to selectors Noelle Kennedy, Nora Dwan and Rory Kennedy on their work this year with this talented bunch of players.

It has been a very successful year for the Co U14 Camogie girls as they have competed in a total of six Blitzes running from April to October. The final panel of players from a total of 18 clubs in the county have competed at the highest level this year and acquitted themselves very well. In the first competitive blitz in Limerick the A panel took the honours and the B panel also reached the final. The Clare blitz was the next up in May and in atrocious weather conditions the A team lost narrowly to Cork in the final, while the B panel also reached the final. A Munster Council development blitz was held in C.I.T. in Cork and again the Tipperary panel claimed the honours in both grades. In the Cork blitz late in May Tipperary A lost by a single point to Kilkenny in the final having regained their composure after losing by ten points in the first round to the same opposition. The B squad lost out narrowly on a semi final position on point's difference. The Tipperary blitz was held at the end of August in Dr Morris Park Thurles where the A and B teams claimed the spoils on the day. This was a great achievement for both these young panels as they had to account for all the big guns in the business to achieve victory. The A team accounting for Kilkenny in the Final, in what was a magnificent game of Camogie. The B team beat Galway in their final in a hard fought encounter. The last outing of the year for these players was in the Galway tournament where the A team beat Galway in the only full game of the tournament in this grade by a two point margin having to fight all the way to stay ahead of an early lead. The B team competed in a Blitz format playing four matches before dethroning Galway in the final. The management team of Tim Maher, Lar Cleary, Maureen Connolly & Liza Carroll are extremely proud of the team's achievements this year and the level of commitment to the Tipperary jersey from players so young can only bode well for the future of the Inter county scene.

Club Scene in Tipperary

With Drom/Inch representing Tipperary so well in the All Ireland Senior Club series in 2008 reaching the All Ireland final, only to be defeated narrowly to O'Donovan Rossa, the Senior championship attracted a lot of interest both from inside and outside the County. The semi finals saw Burgess/Duharra beat Toomevara, while in the other semi, Cashel dethroned champions Drom. What a County final was served up by both teams and with the game deadlocked at full time, it had to go to extra time, before a last gasp goal in injury time from Cashel's Emily Hayden gave the Cashel girls their 15th County title. Cashel progressed well in Munster, beating Limerick champions Kileedy in the semi final and then claimed their 6th Munster title after beating St. Catherine's (Cork). Oulart the Ballagh provide the challenge in the All Ireland semi final. Cashel also claimed the County Senior league after beating Toomevara in the final.

The Senior B County final was won by Holycross after they saw off the challenge of Moneygall. Intermediate league was won by Toomevara when they beat Moycarkey, but Moycarkey were able to claim the championship county title beating Templemore in the final. Junior A league was won by Burgess after they disposed of Clonoulty and in the Junior A Championship

final, Clonoulty again lost out to a North team when Lorrha were crowned champions. The Junior B league was contested between Newport and Kildangan when Newport came away with full honours. However, Kildangan made amends in the championship final when they lifted the cup at Thurles' expense. A full list of all the juvenile county finalists can be checked out on the Camogie web site. A lot of clubs around the County have put a lot of work into the underage development in their areas. Throughout the year clubs hosted a number of U10 & U8 blitz. These blitzes have become very popular and give a great opportunity to new players to enjoy and learn the skills of Camogie in a safe and friendly environment. Well done to all clubs who undertake these events. The future of Camogie is safe in your hands.

The County Board had the honour of hosting National Congress in March in Nenagh. Liz Howard's three year term as Uachtaran came to a close in 2008 and new Uachtaran Joan O'Flynn took up the mantle. The development work on the County Grounds in The Ragg has seen the completion of the spectator stand, player dug outs, re-seeding of the pitch. Wheelchair accessibility has also been upgraded. The next projects are the provision of an electronic scoreboard and improved storage facilities. None of this work could be done without the support of all the clubs and thanks to everyone who supported our various fundraising efforts throughout the year. A very hardworking and dedicated development committee are also to be thanked for providing what is probably one of the best venues in the Country dedicated to Camogie.

A special mention to all the GAA clubs around the County who continue to make their facilities available for various Camogie matches. At County level, the support received from Tipperary GAA has been phenomenal and we are extremely grateful. We now have a dedicated website for Tipperary Camogie which has proved invaluable to the County Board and we thank Ed Donnelly for his assistance setting it up. Publicity for our games is also vital in the promotion of Camogie. We are very fortunate and grateful to have the full support of all the newspapers in the County. A special mention also to the staff in Tipp F.M. and to Paddy Finucane for their coverage and in Tipperary Mid West Radio to Michael Hennessy and Lena Ryan for their support all year. The success and development of Camogie in Tipperary depends so much on the support of parents. Without your encouragement and involvement with your children in the game, we would not be where we are today. Thanks also to all our sponsors in 2009 for your support.

As 2009 draws to a close, all associated with Tipperary Camogie would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas & New Year.



Tipperary U-18 panel with representatives from sponsors Procter & Gamble



Liz Howard, outgoing Uachtarán of the Camogie Association, hands over the badge of office to Joan O'Flynn.



Liz Howard, outgoing Uachtarán makes a presentation to Michael Browne, chairperson and Liz Carroll, secretary of the Tipperary county camogie board. Also in picture incoming President Joan O'Flynn.



Liz Howard pictured with GAA President Nickey Brennan and Ladies Football President Geraldine Giles. All three served as Presidents at the same time.



Tipperary Senior Camogie team: Back row l-r: Fr Peter Brennan, Therese Shortt, Maria Tynan, Suzanne Kelly, Paula Bulfin, Claire Grogan, Cora Hennessy, Julie McGrath, Rosie Kenneally, Geraldine Kinnane (capt), Amy Kennedy, Cait Devane, Sharon Hayes, Lorraine Bourke, Eoin Shortt. Front row: l-r: Deirdre Dunne, Jenny O'Halloran, Una O'Dwyer, Eimear McDonald, Mairead Lutteral, Jill Horan, Michelle Shortt, Trish O'Halloran, Mary Ryan, Emily Hayden, Julie Kirvan, Paula Ryan, Joanne Ryan

Toomevara Camogie Club 2009

A SEASON IN REVIEW

By David Kelly

Muhammad Ali once said that a champion's desire must be stronger than their skill for them to achieve success. In a season that spanned close to three quarters of a year, Toomevara camogie players came out in droves to epitomise that view. All those dark cold evenings and time spent training in sluggish weather conditions counted for little once the season began in mid-February.

Toomevara Camogie Club was well represented in all grades, ranging from the U8's to Senior and everything in between. Toomevara also had a number of players involved on the county scene, most notably; the U14, U16, U18, Junior, Intermediate and Senior grades.

The seniors were the first to collect silverware in 2009. They won the North Munster League title, which was carried over from 2008, when they comprehensively defeated Limerick side Ballyagran. In a long and testing season they were unlucky to lose out in both the County League and North Munster League final, where they were narrowly beaten by rivals Cashel. They were unfortunate not to make it to their second Championship final in a row after they were pipped at the line by a Duharra side that just lost out to Cashel in the decider.

Meanwhile, the Intermediate side overcame Templemore by the narrowest of margins to reach the County League final, where Moycarkey were awaiting them. In an evenly contested first half, Toomevara dug deep to establish a narrow lead. They pulled away from Moycarkey in the second period, following scores from Aoife Ryan and Catherine Byrne. Later on in the year they were again to lock horns with Moycarkey in the Championship final. However, good fortune evaded them on this occasion and there was no denying Moycarkey their deserved honours, as they led from start to finish and never let Toomevara get a sniff of victory.

In a hectic underage scene, Toomevara U14's and U16's claimed Championship honours with victories over Burgess/Duharra in the penultimate decider. In arguably the



Naomh Jude All Ireland U13 Sevens Champions 2009: (Back l-r): Kieran Grace, Suzanne Kelly (coaches), Gillian McKenna, Julie Anne Bourke, Caoimhe Kelly, Soracha Henderson, Ellen O'Brien, Margaret Grace, Donal Kelly (coach). (Front-Left to Right): Stephanie Power, Caitlin O'Meara, Cliodhna Ryan, Aideen Hogan (Capt), Mary Grace, Nicole O'Dwyer.

best game of the season, Toomevara U14's rose from the dead to defeat Burgess after extra time. Down by three points with one minute remaining, the ball was pucked out to Julie Anne Bourke, who made a surging run through midfield and found her teammate Cliodhna Ryan waiting in the pocket. Cliodhna ran on and stuck the ball home. The rest, they say is history.

The U16 team had a more convincing victory over Burgess/Duharra. Three goals by Aoife Ryan and another by Nicole Walsh killed off Burgess/Duharra's hopes of causing an upset. That was good enough for Toomevara to retain back to back titles and places considerable pressure on the U18's, who



Intermediate League Champions 2009 :

(Back l-r) Elaine Martin, Noelle Hassett, Geraldine Kelly, Christine Dunne, Louisa Duff, Margaret Cleary, Stephanie England, Therese Maxwell, Laura Young, Sarah Corcoran, Niamh Gleeson, Sheila Ryan, Catherine Byrne, Emma Louise Coffey, Aine Brislane, Mary Rose Ryan, Triona Dunne, Edel Cummins. (Front l-r) Noirin Stapleton, Rianna Minogue, Moira Ryan, Moira Ryan, Teresa Ryan, Aoife Ryan, Niamh Kelly, Marie McCarthy (Capt), Mairead Devaney, Sharon Young, Elaine Young, Anna Woods, Karen Kenny, Regina Cleary.

kick off their season shortly, to deliver another piece of silverware.

The U14 feile was held in Laois/Offaly this year and Toomevara were honoured to be Tipperary hosts. They hosted Kilkenny side Freshford in a great sporting occasion and they secured wins over Freshford and rivals Thurles. Antrim side Loughgiel proved to be the surprise package of the group and they narrowly defeated Toomevara to go through to the feile semi-final. It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of camogie with Toomevara showing great character and skill.

Freshford must be applauded for their support later on in the year, when they brought their U14 panel down to the Ragg for Toomevara's County final clash vs. Burgess/Duharra. A big thank you must also go to the host families for hosting the Freshford girls. Feile provided a great opportunity for the girls to make lifelong friends and showcase their camogie skills. Perhaps in the future their rivalry will be renewed.

A number of the U14 panel that won the County final were also involved in the first Naomh Jude All-Ireland under 13 Sevens competition. In a highly entertaining spectacle Toomevara were crowned champions after they defeated Cork side Valley Rovers in the final. In the group stages Toomevara also defeated Lucan Sarsfields (Dublin), Na Piarasigh (Limerick) and Clarinbridge (Galway) before advancing to the semi-final where they defeated Kilkenny side Thomastown, 2-7 to 0-0. Toomevara Captain Aideen Hogan was presented with the trophy and Cliodhna Ryan went on to win the Player of the Tournament Award with some ecstatic performances.

The U12 side put in some great performances in both their league and championship campaigns. They reached the County final after defeating Burgess in the semi-final. However, they came up against a well organised Cahir side that gave little away. Cahir went on to lift the cup and also defeated Toomevara



County U16 'A' Champions 2009:

(Back l-r): Helena Grace, Sinead Grace, Moira Ryan, Nicole Keneally, Claire Ryan, Regina Cleary, Edel Cummins, Karen Kenny, Geraldine Kelly, Teresa Ryan, Moira Ryan, Rianna Minogue, Gillian McKenna, Cliodhna Ryan, Shelia Ryan. (Front l-r): Jane McCormack, Stephanie England, Bernadette Coffey, Ellen O'Brien, Julie Anne Bourke, Nicole Walsh, Michelle Ryan (Capt), Grace O'Mahony, Aideen Hogan, Aoife Ryan, Lorraine Young, Katie Quigley, Brid Grace.

in the League semi-final later on in the year, before bowing out to Burgess in the final. The Toome girls bounced back to winning ways in a tournament organised by Camross Camogie Club winning all their matches defeating the hosts in the final.

The U8's and U10's competed in a number of blitzes and challenge games this year. With an emphasis on fun, making friends and learning the basic skills, it is hoped that this emerging group will make the transition to U12 with ease in the coming seasons.

A number of Toomevara players also donned the blue and gold jersey. The U14, U16, U18, Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams were all well represented.

The Tipperary U14 team won three All-Ireland blitzes, with victories in Tipperary, Galway and Limerick. Toomevara players Claire Ryan, Julie Anne Bourke, Cliodhna Ryan, Grace O'Mahony and Aideen Hogan were all involved on a busy county front.

Players Shelia Ryan, Moira Ryan, Teresa Ryan, Aoife Ryan,



County U14 'A' Champions 2009:

(Back l-r): Gemma McCarthy, Gillian McKenna, Aine Cummins, Cliodhna Ryan, Shauna Adams, Nicole Sheppard, Katie Quigley, Marguerite Young, Ellen O'Brien, Cliona Ryan, Jane McCormack, Michelle Ryan, Brid Grace, Sharon Young, Nicole O'Dwyer, Mary Grace, Soracha Henderson. (Front l-r): Margaret Grace, Edwina Brislane, Helena Grace, Nicole Keneally (Capt), Claire Ryan, Julie Anne Bourke, Caoimhe Kelly, Caitlin O'Meara, Aideen Hogan, Grace O'Mahony, Siobhan Ryan, Katie Bourke.



U18 Panel 2009: *(Back l-r): Coaches Deirdre Hughes, Niamh Gleeson, Marie McCarthy, Anne Bergin. Middle: Megan Dunne, Joanne O'Farrell, Eileen Gleeson, Laura O'Meara, Amy Bergin, Aisling Downs, Mary Flaherty Front: Nessa Bourke, Niamh O'Brien, Ciara Kenneally, Pheobe Kelly, Laura McCarthy, Mary O'Brien.*

Michelle Ryan, Geraldine Kelly and Captain Nicole Walsh, as well as team manager Noelle Kennedy and selector Nora Dwan were all involved on the Tipperary U16 team that were narrowly beaten All-Ireland and Munster finalists. They were piped by Galway and Clare in their respective finals.

The Tipperary U18 team was also well represented by players Christine Kenny, Aine Brislane, Noirin Stapleton, Niamh Kelly, Shelia Ryan and Nicole Walsh and management Donal Kelly (manager) and Trevor Galvin (trainer). They lost out to eventual winners Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Tipperary Junior and Intermediate teams enjoyed some success this year. Toomevara's Eoin Brislane (manager) led his side to the Junior Munster title with wins over Cork and Limerick. Players Christine Kenny, Nicole Walsh and Niamh Kelly were on the Junior and Intermediate panels, while Lizzy Woods, Denise Ryan and Trisha Ryan were on the Intermediate panel that were beaten by eventual winners Galway in their All-Ireland semi-final clash.

Tipperary's Senior panel lost out to Wexford in their league final earlier in the year. They were also beaten in the Munster final by Cork. They recovered from a loss against Kilkenny in the group stages, beating Dublin, before bowing out on a resolute note against eventual All-Ireland winners Cork. They were served well by Toome players Paula Ryan, Maria Tynan and Suzanne Kelly.

Toomevara was represented on All-Ireland Camogie finals day as Catherine Byrne was a selector with the Offaly side that won the All-Ireland Junior title.

A huge thank you must go out to parents and supporters who made this a year to remember. To all managers, coaches and trainers you can reflect on another successful year don't get too comfortable through as the new season is upon us!

It won't be long until you hear children nagging to be brought training again, so here's hoping that 2010 brings another successful year!!!

2009 Honours:

U14 'A' County Championship

U13 Naomh Jude All-Ireland Sevens

U16 'A' County Championship

Intermediate League

Senior North Munster League 2008 (played in 2009).



Toomevara U-10 Camogie team 2009: Back: Sinead Kelly, Margaret Quigley, Linda Nolan, Eva Dunne, Rachel Shanahan, Grace Gleeson, Mary Flaherty. Middle: Joanne O'Farrell, Eileen Gleeson, Leanne Young, Emily Meagher, Eire O'Meara, Ashling McCormack, Ashling Downes. Front: Mary O'Brien, Aoibheann O'Meara, Ciara Kennedy, Megan Dunne.



County U-14s. Lar Cleary, Liza Carroll, Casey McEvoy (Capt B), Tim Maher (Manager), Caoimhe Maher (capt A), Maureen Connolly pictured after the Tipperary hosted blitz in Dr. Morris Park Aug 29th. Tipp won both competitions.



Liz Howard pictured with Ard Stiúrthóir of the Camogie Association Sinéad O'Connor at the 2008 All Stars.

Nenagh Eire Og Camogie review 2009

It was another great year of progress for the club. We now have over 120 girls playing camogie, which is huge progress for a club that was just set up in 2001.

Late last year Nenagh won the under 12 and under 14 C county finals against Annacarthy and Holycross. This season has been one of consolidation and growth.

Our under 8s and under 10s played in numerous tournaments during the year winning some but more importantly enjoying themselves and improving along the way. Our under 12s reached the county B final against our old rivals Holycross. After a tense battle Holycross won 0-7 to 0-5 but Nenagh got their revenge in the County League final bringing home the trophy after another great battle with a scoreline of 1-3 to 0-0.

The under 14s lost their county final replay against a well organized Newport team. The first game was a great battle with Nenagh battling back to draw the game 4-4 to Newport 5-1 at the puck of the game. Newport ran out deserved winners in the replay against a very young Nenagh team who will have learned from the experience.

At the time of writing our under-16s are waiting for our county semi-final against New Inn. For the first time in our young club we fielded a junior side.

While the results didn't go our way and the team was very youthful it shows our progress as a club to have fielded a junior side. On the county side of things the club had many players wearing the blue and gold. Mairéad Sheridan, Holly O'Brien and Coleen O'Brien represented their schools in the Primary Games.

Alanna Morris, Shannon Moran, Zoey Gratton, Coleen O'Brien and Aileen Duggan were involved in the under 14 county teams and Ciara McGrath Alice Darcy and Gemma Morris were involved with the Tipperary under-16 set up.

The club as a whole is strong from committee level to playing level and we are looking forward to 2010 with great hope. We would also like to thank the county board for all their hard work and especially we would like to thank the referees who give up their free time so willingly.



The Under 8's who took part in our recent tournament.



Under-14 county representatives, left to right: Zoey Gratton, Shannon Moran, Aileen Duggan, Coleen O'Brien and Alanna Morris

Burgess/Duharra Camogie Club

2009 saw Burgess Camogie Club join their sister Duharra to form Burgess /Duharra.

The club now fields teams from under 8 right through to senior.

All the clubs under age teams have been competing at 'A' level for the last number of years and hopefully will continue to do so. 2008 saw our under 14s win the county A final while again in 2009 they reached the final and were unlucky to lose out by a point after a replay and extra time. This team has also participated in Feile na nGael Division 1 for the last two years, losing out in the semi-finals last year to the eventual winners and again this year hosting Douglas who became the eventual winners.

Our under 12s reached the county 'A' League final this year, which they won beating Cahir in a tough final.. Both 12's and 14's have combined in the last two years and represented the parish of Burgess very well last year reaching the all-Ireland semi finals of Community Games and losing out in this year's county final. Many of our players have also been involved in the schools scene Burgess, Newtown, St Mary's Nenagh, Borrisoleigh and have reached county and All-Ireland finals over the last number of years.

At under 8's and under 10's level we have up to 40 players involved, though not playing in any formal competition they have participated in several blitzs. During the year where they have shown their star potential and the future of Burgess/Duharra looks on safe in their small hands.

Many thanks must go to our mentors involved with our underage without whose hard work these players would not be as competent as they are.

The past year has been a very busy, exciting and quiet action packed for the adult Burgess/Duharra players, probably our most successful year yet, during which we introduced a number of young players to both the Junior and Senior panels with very good effect.

Early in the playing season, our Senior team participated in the Tipperary and North Munster Leagues fulfilling all their fixtures and just narrowly losing out for a place in the North Munster League final.

Our Junior 'A' team had their most successful year ever, when winning the league for the very first time, defeating Knockavilla in the semi final by a score line of 1-7 to 0-5 after a well contested encounter, and then beating Clonoulty by 1-2 to 1-4 in the final, producing probably their best display of the year.

In the Junior 'A' Championship, we headed our group with Lorrha, and although Lorrha pipped us by a point in the playoff, on a score line of 4-13 to 6-6 after a really thrilling game, we had still qualified for a semi final clash with Knockavilla. In a closely fought encounter we looked to be heading for the final when the West Tipp girls caught us with an excellent last minute goal to defeat our gallant Juniors by just one point on a score line of 1-10 to 0-12. This defeat brought the curtain down for our Juniors after a truly outstanding campaign.

In the Senior Championship, we had convincing victories over Shannon Rovers and the Silvermines and then came from being five points behind with 15 minutes remaining, to defeat Cashel by 1-8 to 0-10 for the first time ever in Senior Camogie. We then went on to defeat old rivals Toomevara in a nail biting and hard fought semi final on a score line of 1-13 to 2-7 with Eimear McDonnell producing a 'Player of the



The Burgess/Duharra team that won the County Under 12 'A' league final: Back row ; Sarah Slattery, Sarah Dunne, Grace Dunne, Laura Costelloe, Rachel Hodgins, Amy Seymour, Ciardha Maher, Shona O'Donoghue, Orladh Deering, Eimear Burns, Aisling Keller. Front Row: Una Quigley, Ainne Gillispie, Becky Coughlan, Mary Reidy, Grainne Gleeson, Ciara Griffin, Ellen Merry, Tara O'Brien.

Match' performance. Spurred on by our huge support, our girls gave a truly brilliant performance in the final against favourites Cashel, a game that was tied at 1-11 each at full time, similar to the 2005 final in Templemore. In extra time the girls surpassed themselves by the excellence of their play, which was fearless, skilful, and determined only to be denied a deserved success by a late, late Cashel goal, two minutes into injury time of the second half. The final score was 2-13 to 2-11. The manner of this defeat was a terrible heartbreak for the players, mentors and supporters to be denied our first senior title in such a fashion. But hopefully this excellent team will one day take county honours which they so richly deserve for their great commitment to camogie over the years.

At the time of going to press we are diligently preparing for the U/18 Championship and with the talent at our disposal in this grade we expect to do very well and might well take county honours with better luck on this occasion.

Finally a sincere 'Thank You' to all our players, young and not so young for their dedicated approach to training and games, also we owe a deep debt of gratitude to all our team managers, trainers, and selectors for their time and expertise, likewise to our club officials for their leadership and commitment and of course not forgetting our wonderful supporters, and sponsors and all who contributed to our fund raising ventures and recent training fund, which is very much appreciated.

Mossie Finn, Sec Burgess Duharra Camogie Club.



The Burgess/Duharra Feile na nGael team. Back row ; Noel Egan [Selector], Sorcha Holohan, Tara Kennedy, Niamh Mulqueen, Caoimhe Maher, Cara Cottam, Jenny Grace, Amy Seymour, Danielle Curtin, Aisling Gregan, Aoifa Mulqueen, Pat Cremin [Coach], Amanda Egan, Aiskling O Halloran. Front row: Tim Maher [Manager], Ciardha Maher, Claire Kearins, Grainne Gleeson, Sinead Quigley, Clara Burke, Tara O'Brien, Orladh Deering, Ainne Gillispie, Becky Coughlan, Peter Curtin [Selector].



The Burgess/Duharra panel that was defeated by Cashel in the county senior final. Back Row l-r: Geraldine Conroy, Mary Cremin, Maeve Moloney, Sara Hayes, Caoimhe Maher, Trish O'Halloran, Amy Kennedy, Aisling Cremin, Louise Hayes, Aine Murphy, Therese Brophy, Aine Mulcahy, Katrina Kenny, Ciara Holohan, Karen O'Brien. Front l-r: Laura Reid, Ciara Gaynor, Deirdre McDonnell, Gemma Grace, Amy Kissane, Sinead Daly Dillon, Eimear Dwan, Eimear McDonnell, Jenny O'Halloran, Sinead Nealon, Niamh O'Donoghue, Tara Kennedy, Sinead Quinlan, Sheena Howard (captain).



The Burgess/Duharra team that won the Moira Cahill tournament in Dundrum. Back l-r: Margaret Hogan, Mairead Murphy, Katrina Kenny, Aine Lucy, Ciara McKeogh, Louise Hayes, Gemma Grace, Nessa O'Driscoll, Karen O'Brien, Claire Murphy. Front l-r: Marian Hogan, Ciara Houlihan, Geraldine Conroy, Laura Reid, Mary Cremin (captain), Lisa Mulqueen, Niamh O'Donoghue, Caoimhe Maher, Tara Kennedy.



Tipperary U/16 Team. Back row (l-r): Elizabeth Cahill (Moneygall), Alice Fogarthy (Thurles), Katrina Kenny (Duharra), Sarah Cunneen (Silvermines), Marianne Murphy (Moycarkey), Caoimhe Maher (Duharra), Micheala Graham (Moycarkey), Michelle Ryan (Toomevara), Miora Ryan (Toomevara), Brid Quinn (Silvermines), Kate Aherne (Roscrea), Paula Kelly (Kildangan), Andrea Loughrane (Thurles), Sile Ryan (Toomevara), Niamh Maher (Boherlahan). Front Row (l-r) : Sarah Fryday (Clonoulty), Claire Kennedy (Kilurane), Edwina King (Moneygall), Niamh O'Donoghue (Duharra), Aisling Carroll (Shannon Rovers), Rachel Kennedy (Silvermines), Ciara McGrath (Nenagh), Theresa Ryan (Toome), Nichole Walsh (Capt)(Toomevara), Mairead Barry (Drom), Orla McEniry (New Inn), Siobhan Hennessy (Thurles), Aoife Ryan (Toomevara), Louise McLoughlin (Silvermines). Absent from Photo : Geraldine Kelly (Toomevara).

Shannon Rovers a mixed year for the Camogie Club

By: Rose Mannion. P.R.O.

The club welcomed Ronan Harding from Carrig, Birr as trainer to the Senior team for the 2009 season. The girls had lots of training sessions and practice matches including swimming and a visit to the Birr outdoors pursuits centre which proved to be a great day out. The Carrig ballwall was also another popular training spot.

Towards the end of the year, Murt Burke and Alan Tierney came on board to help Ronan with selecting and training. The club thank them for their work and also Ann Cahalan who had the jerseys prim and proper whenever and however fast they were required.

Munster Senior League.

A relatively new competition sponsored by UL Activity Centre, Rovers entered for the first time in 2009 which helped to monitor progress and to get games from clubs they wouldn't meet otherwise. With a 3-20 to 0-4 win over Wolfe Tones in the opening round in Shannon, Knockavilla proved to be a much sterner test and recorded a win on a scoreline of 2-8 to 0-11. Rovers clocked up a tally of 9-22 to 0-4 in a frustrating game for the girls from Broadford which was played in Ballinderry. We knew Holycross would be difficult to take and without our County players who were playing at this time, we lost out on a scoreline of 3-9 to 0-13. Truagh travelled to Ballinderry and here we were back on our winning ways on a score line of 4-17 to 3-3. We had to win the last game and that we did 3-6 to 1-6 and Yipee!!! A Munster final beckoned.

Holycross would once again provide the opposition in the final which would be played in the Gaelic grounds in Limerick on Friday evening July 10th. The players were delighted and their dream would be fulfilled to play in the Gaelic Grounds. It was however, short lived as Munster pulled the venue the previous day and both clubs agreed to play in Toomevara. As the game progressed we knew at half time that the Munster cup was coming to rest in the Rovers camp as we had scored 4-3



Brendan & Mairead Tierney of the well known and popular Paddy's in Terryglass, presented the girls with a set of jerseys and the club had one jersey framed and this now is on show in the restaurant. Pictured here at the presentation is Rita Burke, Laura Heenan (Paddy's), Brid Ryan (Chairperson), Laura Brophy (Treasurer). Front: Ray O'Meara, Matthew Tierney, Teresa Ryan and too shy for the camera was Eimear Ryan.



Aisling Carroll who played with the Tipperary U/16 squad that reached the All-Ireland Final.

while Holycross had managed just 0-2. From captain Rita between the posts to the number 15 Aoife, we got down to business from the minute the ball was thrown in and expecting a tough and tight game, we just didn't give Holycross a chance as we continued with the business in the second half. Thrilled and "over the moon" at our 4-10 to 0-4 victory, Rita took hold of the Munster cup with great gusto and relished in the fact that we were North Munster champions in this competition. Another bit of silverware for the club.

Seniors

The Seniors lost the 2008 league semi-final to Drom which was played in early April 2009 but in the intervening month's their



Tess (Burke) O'Meara with her sons Ray and John and daughter Teresa met up with former Tipp camogie player Deirdre Hughes at the U/16 All-Ireland Final.



Shannon Rovers Munster Club Champions.

Back: Ronan Harding (Manager), Laura Brophy, Jackie Sullioan, Grainne Horan, Ann Cleary, Lorna Tierney, Rita Burke, Maria Kennedy, Claire Horan, Aisling McKenna, Sabrina Larkin, Brid Ryan, Una O'Rourke, Olive Guest, Antoinette D'arcy, Antoinette Larkin (Physio). Front: Teresa O'Meara, Tess O'Meara with baby Deirdre Costello, Sinead Cahalan, Aoife McLoughney, Joanne Hogan, Julie Brennan, Lisa Kelly, Lorraine Davis, Amanda Burke. Kneeling at front are young supporters Mary Ann Sullivan, Paula Hannigan, Sarah Burke, Jenny O'Meara, Barry Ryan, John O'Meara, Stephanie O'Sullivan.

performances had improved and the girls served up a good game from some of their 2008 outings. In 2009 we reached the semi-final of the league once more and while Toomevara claimed the spoils, again the girls served up a great performance, going ahead in the first half and it was only in the final ten minutes that Toome pulled clear. We reached the semi-final of the Senior 'B' but eventual winners Holycross proved five points stronger on the evening.

Kilmacud

For the second year running the club participated in the Kilmacud 7's and all participants had a great day out enjoying the experience.

County Intermediate & Junior Competition

Sabrina Larkin, Amanda Burke, Rita Burke and Aoife McLoughney played with the Intermediates. Antrim proved to be eight points stronger in the semi-final and the Tipp girls were left to look forward to better days in the Championship.

Lorraine Davis came on board later in the season and played in midfield against Kilkenny where Tipp recorded a win which left them through to the all-Ireland semi-final. Galway was the opposition for the All-Ireland final played in Semple Stadium and were also the trophy takers at the end of the hour. However, Lorraine Davis, Rita Burke and Amanda Burke lined out for the Junior Munster competition which saw Tipp play Cork, and on one of those rare occasions, walk away with a win on a wet cold April evening. Limerick was the opposition for the Munster final and they failed to field a team on three occasions but the Munster title settled in Tipp when Limerick eventually showed up on June 22nd. and Tipp ran out victors on a score line of Tipp 6-15, Limerick 0-1 and our three club girls earned their Munster medals.

County U/16

The club was represented on the County under 16 team by

Aisling Carroll who played in midfield and was hugely impressive throughout the campaign but unfortunately picked up a nasty injury in the semi-final against Clare. While Aisling lined out against Galway in the All-Ireland final it was obvious she was not recovered, and her injuries left her out of club action for many month's.

Under 12/14/16

Our Under 12/14/16 panels participated in both League and championship throughout the year and while not winning any finals, they did give an good account of themselves.

U/18

At time of going to print, this squad were preparing for the championship which was expected to commence in early November.

Congratulations

The club congratulate secretary Naoibh Larkin who tied the knot on October 30th '09 when she wed Tipperary hurler Darren Gleeson. We wish Naoibh and Darren many years of happiness and good health and we watch with interest the great Tipperary camogie and hurling stars that is expected from this union! But what club will they play with????



Shannon Rovers players who traveled to Dublin to compete in the Kilmacud 7's for the second year. Front row l-r. Una O'Rourke, Aoife McLoughney, Sabrina Larkin, Lorraine Davis, Amanda Burke. Back: Lisa Kelly, Brid Ryan, Naoibh Larkin, Tess O'Meara, Laura Brophy, Claire Horan, Rita Burke, Andrea Davis, Ann Cleary.



Holycross/Ballycahill – Senior 'B' County Champions

Front row (l-r): Ciara Heffernan, Mary Rose Flanagan, Sandra Dwyer, Louise Ryan, Maura Fanning (Capt), Paddy Dwyer, Linda Ryan, Paula Loughnane, Noreen Flanagan, Marguerite Kennedy, Siobhan Ryan. Back row (l-r): Katie O'Gorman, Zoe Clegg, Emma Spillane, Edel Ryan, Megan Stakelum, Laura Dwan, Elizabeth Dwyer, Pat Morrissey, Margaret Shanahan, Siobhan Maher, Sarah Gleeson, Fiona Judge, Linda Fanning, Kerry Anne Gleeson, Fiona Gleeson, Grainne O'Dowd.

Holycross Ballycahill Camogie Club 2009

2009 will be looked upon fondly by all involved in Holycross/Ballycahill Camogie club. It was a year of lows and highs, with the highs far outweighing the bad days. The club is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2010 so as we near this milestone year the club is proud to be current holders of both juvenile and adult county championship titles. Membership has reached an all time high in the club with over 110 registered between players, mentors and helpers.

The 'babies of the club' the u10's enjoyed challenge matches and little tournaments during the season, concluding with a challenge game against neighbours Clonoulty in September, highlighting that the future looks bright for the club, with such great ambassadors even at such a young age. Sincerest thanks to Linda Ryan, Triona Barry and Caroline Foley for all their great work with the young girls.

The u12s enjoyed a super year in which they contested both league and championship final, experiencing success in the latter competition. The team went unbeaten in the 'C' championship with the high point coming with a final win over Nenagh in October. They gained promotion to the 'B' league and met Nenagh again in the final. Despite a spirited effort Nenagh gained the upperhand in this final. All involved are to be commended on such a great season. The u14s were unlucky to not reach the final stages of their competitions and similarly to the younger teams they represented the club and parish with commendable distinction. Heartiest thanks to Eamon Ryan, Rhonda Spillane and Majella Fitzpatrick for their wholehearted efforts with these teams.

The u16s have reached the county semi-final stage in which the opposition will be New Inn. They have defeated Newport, Nenagh, Lorrha and Shannon Rovers in their campaign to date. Best of luck and thanks to Alan Ryan (trainer) and all involved. Many of the u16s are part of the u18 panel and their competition has just commenced with success over Annacarty. They face Clonoulty in their next group stage game. Continued success to all involved.

After being crowned intermediate champions last year the club entered 2009 holding senior status. This automatic

promotion brought obvious challenges due to the very high standard of senior club teams in Tipperary. Effort on both Paddy Dwyer and Pat Morrissey's part was never found wanting and the players duly responded. The girls fought hard through both the league and senior 'A' championship campaigns in addition to a successful run in the North Munster League in which the panel remained unbeaten until the final stage in when they suffered a comprehensive loss to Shannon Rovers. Little did anyone think that this low ebb could be risen from, as Maura Fanning accepted the Senior 'B' championship title on behalf of the squad on October 10th in the county grounds, after Shannon Rovers had been overcome in the semi-final and Moneygall in the penultimate game. To win a senior title in the club's first year since 2005 at this grade was a great honour. Thanks to Paddy and Pat and to Mags Fanning, Laura Medley, Sarah Ryan and Maggie Dwyer also.

From an inter-county perspective the club recorded its biggest ever representation. Jenny Dunne, Pamela Morris, Laura McGrath and Zoey Clegg had a very fruitful year with the Tipperary u14 squads experiencing success at a number of blitzes during the year. Sara Gleeson, Kerry-Ann Gleeson, Grainne O'Dowd and Marguerite Kennedy enjoyed their involvement with the u16 'B' development team. Emma Spillane and Laura Dwan represented the club with distinction on the county minor panel with Emma, Ciara Heffernan and Fiona Judge tasting Munster success at Junior level. Congrats girls. Siobhan Ryan captained the county intermediate team and was ably assisted by Noreen Flanagan, Fiona Judge, Sandra Dwyer and Ciara Heffernan Noreen Flanagan. Despite a very strong league campaign the intermediates fell to eventual All-Ireland champions Galway at championship semi-final stage.

Even though the 2009 season is not fully over we can look back with pride on the season. Never in the club's history has there been so many girls wearing the green and white. To the trainers, helpers, parents, supporters and the players we say a sincere thank you for all your consistent work and effort to date. Such voluntary work has ensured that the club is continuing to thrive. Thanks also to our sponsors Brid Skelly of Glasheens Holycross, Paddy O'Mahoney, Scania Commercials, Ned Callanan Bus Hire, and the Thatch Ballycahill. Thanks also to Mrs. Lanigan for her help with Ballycahill hall. Mile buiochas to our local GAA club too for their support also. We look forward to 2010.

Kildangan win Junior Title

Junior 'B' Camogie Championship Final

Kildangan 0-6 Thurles 0-5

By: Rose Mannion

In a highly entertaining and low scoring Junior 'B' camogie final, Kildangan claimed a well deserved victory by the narrowest of margins when they played Thurles in the final.

After the previous night's heavy rain, underfoot conditions were just reasonable in a game that served up so much excitement as Kildangan had to fight all the way for this crown which has come close to them on four occasions over the last number of years. In the end it was experience and hard slog from the seasoned Kildangan side that managed to edge out a very young Thurles side who without doubt will be the team to beat in the near future.

Little or nothing separated these two evenly matched sides throughout and had Thurles thrown caution to the wind and gone for their points instead of been so dead set on getting goals, the outcome would have told a different story.

Within the opening thirty seconds Andrea Loughnane had Thurles on the scoreboard and they kept Kildangan out for up to seven minutes before Nicola McGrath broke loose to fire over. Kildangan went into attack but the Thurles backs stood firm and in their efforts to clear Kildangan won a '45' which Nicola McGrath converted. One of Tipp's young star's throughout the season Alice Fogarty from Thurles, was causing serious pace problems for Kildangan and when she gathered and took off on a long solo run, Kildangan were helpless and luckily for them her aim missed the uprights. Managing to enjoy a fair amount of possession over a period of twenty minutes, Kildangan reaped off a further two points, Nicola McGrath a free and a great effort from Paula Kelly and Celine Connors gave Maria Minehan the chance to pull her side further away. Laura Stakelum kept Thurles in touch and sticking to their game plan, Andrea Loughnane caught Alice Fogarty's dropping ball but she fell to the ground where the ref. called for a free in and Fogarty went for the top corner of the net but Margaret Minehan batted to the side and Debra Fogarty's pull saw the ball roll across the goal mouth where Katie McCormack sent it back in and once more a sea of Kildangan players cleared out to the waiting Emma Carey who sent it back and over to leave one between the sides on the break.

Thurles equalised six minutes in when Fogarty went in for goal but Kildangan keeper Emma Mulqueen denied and in the aftermath, a foul gave Fogarty the chance to level the sides. Nicola McGrath sent Kildangan one ahead through a '45' and winning the puck out Niamh Hogan, Michelle Treacy, Louise Brennan and Eadaoin Hackett worked hard to give Maria Minehan the opportunity to put two between the sides. The Kildangan back line came under enormous pressure as Thurles pushed hard for goal and likewise at the other end. A now familiar long solo run from Fogarty looked so dangerous but her shot was clinically



Joint Kildangan Captains Olivia Hogan and Margaret Minehan hold up the Junior 'B' camogie cup which was presented to them by the chairman of the County Board Michael Browne.

intercepted by the Kildangan full back Margaret Minehan and out for a '45' where Fogarty's shot fell short but Helen Brennan cleared out of danger. Over the remaining seven minutes, there was some heart stopping moments with both enjoying opportunities to score but such was the defending at both ends, the two sides were forced into error but Thurles kept fighting back which ensured a nervy finish for Kildangan.

Scorers: Kildangan: Nicola McGrath 0-4 (0-2 '45', 0.1f), Maria Minehan 0-2. Thurles: Andrea Loughnane 0-2, Laura Stakelum, Emma Carey 0-1 each, Alice Fogarty 0-1f.

Teams. Kildangan: Emma Mulqueen, Teresa Collins, Margaret Minehan (Joint Captain), Helen Brennan, Regina Cleary, Paula Kelly, Niamh Hogan, Bridin Hackett, Michelle Tracey, Maria Minehan, Louise Brennan, Eadaoin Hackett, Nicola McGrath, Celine Connors, Karen Seymour. Sub: Claire Foley for N. McGrath.

Thurles: Siobhan Hennessy, Karen Bohan, Shauna Brett, Ciara Quinn, Stephanie Steiger, Debra Fogarty, Ciara Moloney, Emma Carey, Aoife Hickey, Clare Burke, Alice Fogarty, Ashling Stakelum, Andrea Loughnane, Laura Stakelum (Captain), Katie McCormack. Sub: Paula Coffey for K. McCormack.

Player of the match: Margaret Minehan (Kildangan).

Referee: Carmel O'Brien (Borrisoleigh).



Kildangan Junior 'B' County camogie champions after they beat Thurles in a hugely exciting final. Back line left to right: Joe Kelly, Maire Hogan, Claire Foley, Niamh Hogan, Teresa Collins, Karen Seymour, Lisa Hayes, Margaret Minehan, Olivia Hogan, Robyn Bowler, Celine Connors, Joan Fitzgerald, Helen Brennan, Louise Brennan, Debbie Ward, Eddie Fogarty. Front l-r: Nicola McGrath, Michelle O'Dwyer, Maria Minehan, Sarah Kelly, Eadaoin Hackett, Paula Kelly, Emma Mulqueen, Bridin Hackett, Regina O'Meara, Lorraine Nolan, John Maher.

Cahir Camogie

Since our origins in 2002 to the present day, Cahir camogie club has emerged as one of the up and coming clubs in the County. With a membership in excess of 80, this year, 2009 has been our most successful to date.

Our U12 team have created history by capturing the U12A Championship title with a fine win over Toomevara on score line of 3-5 to 0-2. The victory was especially sweet as this was the clubs first year competing at the top level and it augurs well for the future of the club.

We also contested the A League final where we were narrowly beaten by a point by a skilful Burgess team. This was the U12 teams only defeat in a year where we played eleven competitive games in both the League and Championship

We have seen this team grow and succeed from competing in the C championship in 2007, the B in 2008 and now have gone on to be victorious in the 'A' in 2009

Cahir's U14 won the B League with wins over Clonoulty, Roscrea and Newport which compensated somewhat for our championship defeat at the hands of a physically stronger Drom and Inch team.

We also competed for the first time in the Community Games competition and had a great win over Burgess in a thrilling game of camogie at Semple Stadium. We then went on to proudly represent Tipperary at the Munster Community Games Finals in UL Limerick, and after a comprehensive win over the Clare champions, Sixmilebridge, we suffered an agonising one point defeat at the hands of Cork's Douglas with a scoreline of 3-6 to 3-5

At the time of going to press our U16 are unbeaten in the 'C' championship with wins over Moycarkey and Ballingarry.

The U10 Team are turning into a fine group of players and this year attended a Blitz in Clonmel hosted by St. Mary's while we also organised a Blitz ourselves for U10 and U 8 teams. It was a great day in early September and most encouraging seeing the pitch at Duneske overflowing with young girls from our neighbours Moyle Rovers and St. Mary's alongside our own players. .

We are very aware of the need to nourish young talent and we are extremely lucky to enough coaches who give of their time every Wednesday evening to train these girls. At present our players start from the tender age of 5 where they are shown the basic skills of camogie such as how to hold the hurley and using the "first touch" ball enabling them to concentrate on the fun side of the game, while acquiring skills that will stand to them as they move up within the club.

At schools level our members represented Our Lady of Mercy primary school Cahir and captured their fourth U11 A title on the trot. Having won the U13 A final the previous year against St. Mary's of Nenagh, they relinquished their title to Dunkerrin with a score line of 4-2 to 3-4 – another agonising one point defeat.

In April this year we took a coach to Crumlin Camogie club in Dublin where we enjoyed a marvellous day of camogie in brilliant Spring sunshine with our host club. We played the Dubliners at U14 and U12 level. It was a great experience for all concerned and will hopefully be a visit that we will make for many years to come.

As part of the 125th anniversary of the GAA, our girls proudly marched under the Cahir Camogie Club banner along with the Ladies football club, Juvenile and Senior clubs and enjoyed a great fun filled day in our club.

This year also saw two girls from the club play on the County U14 panel. We are extremely proud of Emma Corcoran and Emma Buckley who played at full and centre back respectively.

We hope to develop a Junior team in 2010 as we have some very committed players who have served within the club at underage level so our aim for the new year will be to recruit a panel for this age group.

No reward comes without much work and while this has been



CAHIR - COMMUNITY GAMES TEAM. Back l-r: Lorna McEniry, Emma Corcoran, Katie Farrell, Eadaoinn O Gorman, Keely Halpin, Roisin Costigan, Alina Newmeritisky, Sabhdh O Donnell. Front l-r: Aoife Corcoran, Roisin Howard, Ashling McCarthy, Emma Buckley, Ashling Moloney, Carl Casey, Clara O'Donnell.



CAHIR - U12 A COUNTY CHAMPIONS. Back L-R: Mary Howard (Manager) Jessica Coffey, Siobhan Lonergan, Eadaoinn O'Gorman, Keely Halpin, Laura Casey, Grainne Quirke, Roisin Costigan, Shauna Burke, Emma O'Donnell, Anthony Corcoran (Trainer) Jessica West, Alisa Keating, Martin Halpin (Trainer). Middle Row l-r: Aoife Collins, Derbhla Buckley, Niamh Costello. Front l-r: Roisin McCarthy, Eileen Flannery, Roisin O'Donnell, Ashling Moloney, Roisin Howard, Aoife Corcoran, Katie Farrell, Carl Casey, Kirsty Arbuckle. Club Mascot : Niamh Costigan.



CAHIR - U 8 CAMOGIE TEAM. Back l-r Grainne White, Niamh McKenna, Kim Shaw, Shauna O'Donovan, Eva Shaw, Fiona McEniry, Erin O'Regan, Jessica Lonergan, Kaeligh Flannery. Front l-r Rosanna Kiely, Katie Halpin, Micheala Ginty, Ciara Brennan, Emma Casey, Meabh Casey, Roisin McLoughlin, Aoife Quirke.

a fantastic year for Cahir, none of it would have come to pass without the dedication of the coaches and parents who never complain about whatever task is put before them whether it be fundraising or training, nothing is too much.

The aim of the club is to encourage the girls of Cahir and surrounding areas to play and enjoy camogie at the highest level possible and in doing so, that they will grow and learn from the experience of being part of a successful club

We are indebted to our GAA Club here in Cahir who support us willingly in whatever way they can. The facilities enjoyed by us at Duneske are fantastic and having a good working relationship with the other clubs is vital to our survival.

It is with tremendous respect and thanks that we acknowledge the support we as a club get from the parents of the children and young adults that we cater for and the support that we receive from the people of Cahir and its townlands, which ensures that our club goes from strength to strength.

Cashel Camogie Club had a Good Year

Cashel played 4 games in the county senior league, Duharra, Moneygall, Toomevara and Holycross, and won all four. In the 2nd Group Drom-Inch came out on top.

In the final Cashel won by 4 points, on a scoreline of 0-17 to 1-10, claiming the senior league title and bringing the 1st silverware of the season to the club.

North Munster League.

In this competition Cashel played 5 games, Duharra, Newmarket-an-Fergus, Ahane, Ballygran and Killeedy and won all five games. In the final they played Toomevara and defeated them by 1-19 to 3-11 to win their second cup in 2009

Kilmacud Sevens

Cashel played Ballincollig (Cork), St Ibars (Wexford) and St. Martins (Kilkenny) and won all three games in this group in the Kilmacud Crokes Seven-a-Side All-Ireland Club Senior Sevens.

In the quarter-final they defeated Toomevara by six points on a scoreline of 2-6 to 2-0

In the semi-final they defeated Moneygall by 4-8 to 0-2

Cashel's opponents in the final were one of their old rivals from Galway, Athreney. In one of the toughest finals seen in years



Una O'Dwyer, Cashel Camogie Captain with the cup



Philly Fogarty received the player of the game award from Morgan Conroy, Munster Council

in Kilmacud Crokes, Cashel came out winners of The All-Ireland Club seven -a-side on a scoreline of 3-9 to 4-5.

Cashel winning the All Ireland Club seven-a-side made it three cups for the year.

County Senior Club Championship

In the senior hurling championship Cashel's opponents were Silvermines, Shannon Rovers and Duharra in the league section and Cashel came out on top.

In the semi-final Cashel played Drom Inch, who were county and Munster champions in 2008, and defeated them by 1-15 to 2-5.

In the final on October 11 they played Duharra. The game went to extra time before Cashel came out on top by 2-15 to 2-13. It was one of the best games ever witnessed between the two teams. Each side gave everything to the cause and produced an exhibition of blocking, striking, fitness and determination rarely seen in the game.

It was Cashel's fourth cup in the year.

Munster Championship

Cashel played Killeedy in the Munster Club semi-final and defeated them by 0-26 to 0-2. They played Cork champions, St. Catherine's in the final at Fermoy and came out on top once again on a scoreline of 4-20 to 0-12

The victory brought them their fifth cup in 2009.



Cashel Camogie Club, Munster champions: Back row l-r: Noelette O'Dwyer, Joanne Peters, Mairead Morrissey, Sharon Hayes, Helen Breen, Philly Fogarty, Ciara O'Sullivan, Deirdre Ryan, Shiela O'Donnell, Linda Grogan, Sinead Millea, Jill Horan. Front l-r: Cliona O Dwyer, Alision Lonergan, Julie McGrath, Paula Bulfin, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Grogan, Cora Hennessy, Claire Ryan, Emily Hayden.



Anne Eviston (Drom/Inch) is pictured with Liz Howard following the All Ireland Feile na nGael Skills final in Tullamore. Anne finished in third place. Anne was a member of this year's Tipperary Under 14 team and she was also captain of Drom/Inch. She is a first cousin of Young Hurler of the Year, Noel McGrath.



Holycross Ballycahill U18 Intercounty Representatives -Left to right: Emma Spillane and Laura Dwan.



Holycross Ballcahill Intermediate Intercounty representatives -Left to Right: Siobhan Ryan (Captain), Noreen Flanagan, Ciara Heffernan, Sandra Dwyer and Fiona Judge.



Boherlahan/Dualla - Under 14 'C' County Champions: Back row l-r: Edel O'Dwyer, Maeve Delaney, Grainne Manton, Sinead Kavanagh, Aoife Clancy, Orla Gahan, Aine Devane, Aoife Kennedy, Sharon O'Reilly, Kelly Edinburgh. Front Row l-r: Aoife Gahan, Sinead Gleeson, Patricia Maher, Roisin Maher, Aoife Tuohy, Aoife Kavanagh.

The Class of '99 will be forever special

By Gerry Slevin

There was a very special mood abounding when a group assembled in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Friday night, September 18th last. Victory celebrations are a dime a dozen and as such can have something of a repetitive ring to them in how they are constructed and carried out. This one was very special, though, not in what transpired or in the quality of what took place because of itself it was no more than a get-together, an opportunity to meet and chat in convivial surroundings. No, it was special because it had no precedent in the annals of Tipperary sport. It was the celebration of an event that took place ten years earlier, an event that saw a Tipperary team emerge from a wilderness in which it had been lost for so many decades and one that, eventually, had seen the Premier County rise to the top as All-Ireland senior camogie champions.

A question often posed is – why did it take so long for Tipperary to claim the O'Duffy Cup? It certainly wasn't for the want of trying that victory had eluded the county. Prior to 1999 there were seven final appearances. Six of them saw defeat to Dublin, the last in 1984, the seventh to Antrim. An element of desperation must have set in and in 1987, just three years after final defeat by Dublin, things had reached such a state that it was found necessary to abandon senior status entirely and seek to undergo a rehabilitation process that had its due reward on Sunday September 5th 1999.

1999 was a particularly eventful year in camogie terms. The long-sought extension of team members from twelve to fifteen and the consequent use of the full-size hurling pitch came into being. It was also the year that first saw RTE provide live television coverage of the senior final. Appropriate then that Tipperary, a county with a number of firsts already behind it such as the first All-Ireland hurling title in 1887 and the first All-Ireland under 21 title in 1964, should make its O'Duffy Cup break through in this prestigious year for camogie.

However, anyone present in Semple Stadium on Saturday evening May 23rd 1999 would have been very reluctant to forecast a first round victory not to mention an All-Ireland title. The occasion was a Tipp-Cork National League final, the game staged as a curtain raiser to the Tipp/Kerry Munster SHC first round tie. Cork won by 9-19 to 2-7. A totally depressing result from a Tipp stand point but seemingly disastrous events can and do manage to bring about an up-side. Such was the case with the Tipp camogie team. Rather than team and management burying themselves beneath the cloak of disappointment and frustration which that result brought about, an immediate step was taken to bring along to the team's championship preparations, the influence of some noted hurlers of the day. Enter Michael Cleary and Colm Bonner who with Sean Hennessy took on themselves the responsibility of injecting a self-belief and an element of confidence and passion, clearly absent against Cork.

That May 23rd result was a freak result. All the players had proved themselves to be excellent exponents of the game. Most had won All-Ireland honours at minor, junior and intermediate grades. That league final performance was definitely not a true expression of the worth of Tipperary camogie. A proud group they were too and, fully determined to show that 1999 would be remembered for the right reasons, Operation O'Duffy Cup was

set in motion.

The quest for national honours began in The Ragg on Saturday July 10th against Clare. With Noelle Kennedy helping herself to 1-12 in a 1-18 to 1-6 score line Tipp's journey back had commenced most encouragingly. Newly promoted All-Ireland junior champions Down now stood between them and an All-Ireland final appearance and it was off to Dublin's Parnell Park for the semi final on Saturday August 7th. Champions Cork and Kilkenny were in action in the first semi, a late Sinead Millea goal from a free snatching a famous victory for the Cats. It was a victory that must have heartened the Tipp girls as they trotted out. Their nemesis Cork were out of the way but the Down hurdle still demanded total concentration. As it turned out Tipp had all the answers, a 6-22 to 1-3 rout telling a very definite tale. Deirdre Hughes notched 4-3 and ironically, the scorer of Down's goal six minutes from time was one Joan Henderson, who back in the All-Ireland junior final of 1991 as Joan Tobin played for her native Tipp against a Down team that deferred Tipp's title ambitions by one year.



Sinead Nealon in control against Galway at Killimor.

Back in the All-Ireland final for the first time since 1984 Tipp would now face a Kilkenny side that had everything going for it. They had lowered the champions colours and, of course, the Cats had won twelve of fifteen final appearances between 1974 and 1994. Formidable opponents for a Tipp team determined to make that long-sought break through. 15,000 people made their way to Croke Park, President Mary McAleese meeting the players prior to the game as Tipp captain Maedhbh Stokes introduced her colleagues. Aine Derham's whistle set the final in motion with Marty Morrissey's commentary complementing RTE's televised coverage of the match. A tense, well contested game it was.

Kilkenny led at half time 1-5 to 0-7, their goal coming late in the half. The tempo increased in the second half and things looked ominous for Tipp when what appeared to be a legitimate Deirdre Hughes point was waved wide and a brilliant goal attempt by Eimear McDonnell saw the sliotar come back off the crossbar. But this Tipp team was not to be denied and even though some scorable frees were missed, Kilkenny were not allowed to ease away. The introduction of Caitriona Hennessy who took over the free-taking duties in the closing minutes proved to be a master stroke. The Drom-Inch girl sent over the leveller and then the winning point to give Tipp its first ever grasp of the O'Duffy Cup by 0-12 to 1-8. Victory at last!

The team responsible for bringing Tipperary camogie in from the cold, most of which gathered in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Friday September 18th, a decade on, was as follows; Jovita Delaney (Cashel), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Una O'Dwyer (Cashel), Claire Madden (Portroe), Maedhbh Stokes, captain, (Cashel), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Sinead Nealon (Burgess), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Angie McDermott (Knockavilla Kickhams), Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara), Therese Brophy (Burgess), Helen Kiely (Drom-Inch) Eimear McDonnell (Burgess), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Niamh Harkin (Drom-Inch).

Subs – Philly Fogarty (Cashel) for Helen Kiely, Caitriona Hennessy (Drom-Inch) for Niamh Harkin. Other subs – Louise Ryan (Holycross), Sheena Howard (Burgess), Maria Harkin (Drom-Inch), Helen Champion (Cashel), Grainne Shanahan (Toomevara), Nora Dwan (Toomevara).

Team manager was Biddie Philips (Thurles) with Jim Madden (Portroe) and Timmy Moloney (Cashel) as selectors, Michael Cleary, Colm Bonnar and Sean Hennessy completing the backroom team.

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Clonoulty/Rossmore Camogie Notes

In 2009 Clonoulty/Rossmore Camogie Club has 71 registered players. We cater for teams from U8 to Junior Level. This was the club's first year to have an U8 – U10 team, where the girls took part in blitzes and challenge games during the year.

Our under 12 reached a semi-final in the championship, but were defeated by a stronger Nenagh side on the day.

The under 14 defeated Moycarkey in the County Summer League final in Dundrum in July.

Our U16 & U18 competitions are ongoing and we wish the girls the best of luck in both competitions.

Our junior team having claimed the Junior "B" championship in 2008 competed in the Junior "A" in 2009. This team started the year with a glorious victory in the Munster Junior League when they defeated Fennagh-Kilmeady from Limerick in the final.

Following on from this, the girls reached the final of the Junior "A" League, but were defeated by Burgess/Duharra. This team also reached the county final in the Championships, showing some fine displays of camogie on the way, securing victories over Annacarty, Knockaville-Kickhams and Burgess/Duharra in the semi-final. This time our opponents were Lorrha in the final, but unfortunately were defeated.

On the county scene the club has been well resented with the following players.

Julie Murphy in the Primary school games verses Cork. Sarah Fryday reached the Munster Final with the County U16 team. Bernadette Ryan was on the Intermediate panel and also was vice captain with the Tipp Junior team that claimed a Munster title.

Cait Devane made her debut this year with the Tipperary Seniors. She is one of three Tipperary players to receive an All Star Nomination this year.

The club would like to thank all our selectors, trainers, first aider, parents and families for their help, support and encouragement throughout the year. Finally we would like to thank the Clonoulty/Rossmore GAA for their ongoing support and use of the club facilities.



Back Row: Michael Slattery Manager, Helena Ryan Selector, Sarah Fryday, Aoifa Ryan, Backy O'Brien, Cait Devane, Noreen Ryan, Aine Ryan, Elaine Sadlier, Amy Maher, Bernadette Ryan, Cait Hennessy, Treasa Burke, Mary Kate Maher, Aisling Corcoran, Francis Maher Selector, Seamus Hennessy Selector,
Front Row: Laura O'Dwyer, Maria Moloney, Michelle Horan, Rachael Clegg, Louise Shanahan, Elaine O'Dwyer, Emily O'Brien, Clodagh Quirke, Aisling Ely, Shauna Corcoran. Insert - Fiona Hayes & Tracey Forrestal

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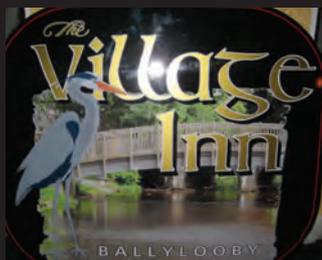
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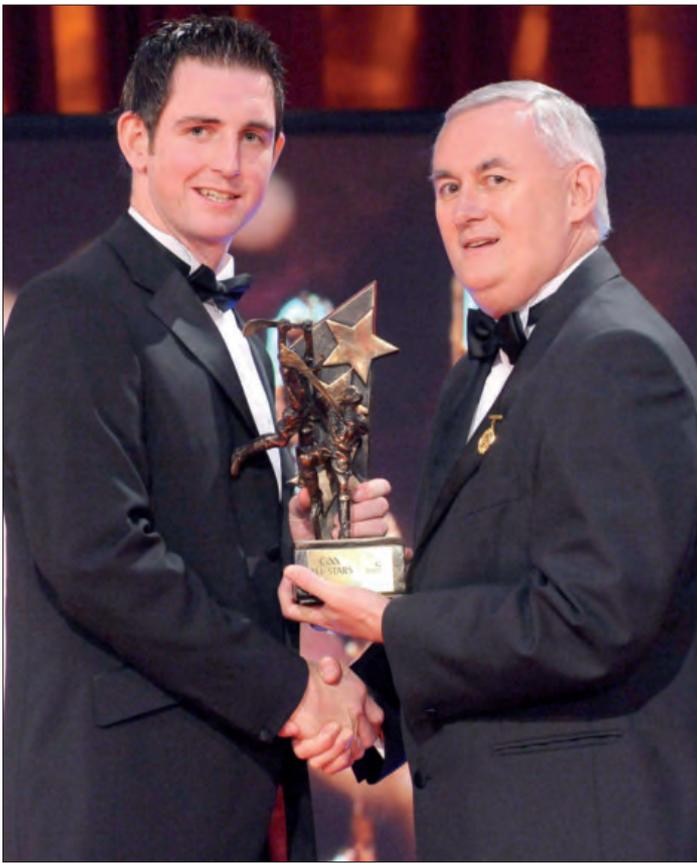


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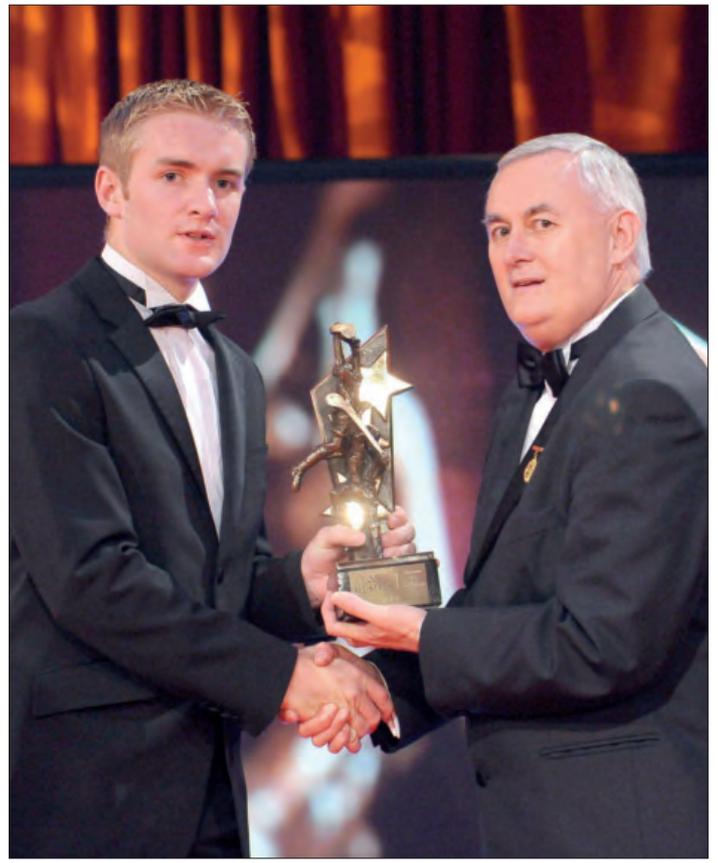
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GAA Hurling All-Star Awards



Lar Corbett is presented with his GAA Hurling All-Star award by Uachtarán CLG Criostóir Ó Cuana during the 2009 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



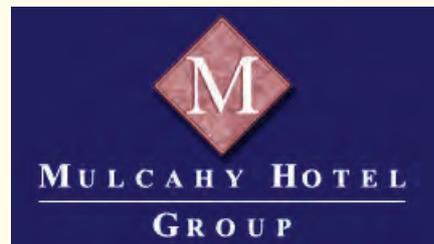
Padraig Maher is presented with his GAA Hurling All-Star award by Uachtarán CLG Criostóir Ó Cuana during the 2009 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.

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Tipperary GAA Hurling All-Star award winners, from left, Pádraig Maher, Lar Corbett, Conor O'Mahony and GAA Young Hurler All-Star award winner Noel McGrath during the 2009 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone. Citywest Hotel, Conference, Leisure & Golf Resort, Dublin.



Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Críostóir Ó Cuana presents the 2008 GAA McNamee National Media Award to Jackie Cahill.



Michael Carroll, Tipperary, is presented with a GAA President's Award by GAA President Nickey Brennan. Presentation of the GAA President's Awards 2009. Croke Park, Dublin.



Ciaran McDonald, of Tipperary, is presented with their Vodafone GAA All-Stars Player of the Month Award for March in football by Carolann Lennon, Consumer Director, Vodafone Ireland. Westbury Hotel, Dublin.



Brian Tyrell (Clonmel) was one of the referees at the recent Asian Games at Bangkok between October 16-18. He is pictured here with Michael Wadding (Waterford) and Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh.



The Tipperary GAA Song 'The Mighty Blue & Gold' CD was launched at the open air concert in Liberty Square Thurles where County Board secretary Timmy Floyd (4th from left) presented the first CD to County Board chairman Barry O'Brien. Also present are the successful band members Seamus Doran, Carmel Minogue and Tadhg Maher.



Goalkeepers, the legendary Tony Reddan and John O'Donoghue at a recent function remembering the Glory Years of Tipperary Hurling.



At the 2009 Gaelic Writers' Association Awards night. Back row – Jason Sherlock (Dublin), Johnny Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill and Tipperary), Jimmy Keaveney (Dublin). Front row – Louis Fitzgerald (Tipperary Supporters Club), John Doyle (Hurling Hall of Fame winner – holding an All-Ireland SH medal from 1895), Ed Donnelly (PRO of the year winner – holding a framed ticket from Bloody Sunday), Mick O'Dwyer (Kerry – holding the ball used on Bloody Sunday).



On August 2, 2009 Mullagh GAA Club, Co. Galway club honoured Tony Reddin, a native son, on the occasion of his ninetieth year by unveiling a plaque to him on the wall of their clubhouse. Tony left the parish for Lorrha and Tipperary in February 1947 and had a distinguished hurling record with Mullagh and Galway before his departure. The picture shows Brendan Briscoe, who took over as goalkeeper when Tony left Mullagh, unveiling the plaque, with Len Gaynor on left and Tony himself looking on.

Ed Donnelly

P.R.O. of the Year 2008

Ed Donnelly stepped down from the position of Tipperary G.A.A. P.R.O. at County Convention on 14th December 2008 having completed his five year term. He made this role his own and was regarded as the best P.R.O. in the country by a long stretch. This was recognised by the Gaelic Writers' Association when Ed received the P.R.O. of the Year award earlier this year.

Here's what many of our sporting scribes had to say about Ed Donnelly's contribution to the G.A.A.

"I don't know what plans Ed Donnelly has for the future, or what plans Tipperary have for him, but before he gets down to anything serious, I would suggest that Croke Park might borrow him for a day to give a seminar for other PROs. Ed's flow on information about all things Tipperary did the county a great service and was a huge help to the media. That apart, he was a model of courtesy and efficiency any time a query was raised with him. 'Giving people a little more than they expect is a good way to get back a lot more than you'd expect' was the motto which Ed carried at the end of his e-mails. From a media perspective, he gave more than we expected. As to whether he got back more than he expected, well, he probably didn't. But then, he wasn't looking for it."

MARTIN BREHENY,

GAA Editor, Irish Independent

"What a farce of a rule. To be losing a man of Ed's calibre is disgraceful. In my dealings with him whether with the Irish Examiner or for match programmes involving Tipperary players, I always found him top class. Nothing was too great for him. Anything you ever asked of him was always done to

perfection. Indeed there were a few occasions when he corrected me when I made an error regarding Tipperary history. Ed will be a massive loss to the county. He was a rare breed when it came to publication relations."

BRENDAN LARKIN,

Irish Examiner

"The first thing to be said about Ed Donnelly is that he is a Tipperary man to his fingertips, and secondly a GAA man to the backbone. He has revolutionised the whole area of County PRO. Ed was always on the end of the phone, or the email, when it came to getting information, or organising getting games covered, especially at this time of the year when there are games on at all times of the day, and now the night as well. Ed's column in our papers was a huge hit, packed with nuggets of information and facts. He always had his column with us on time and was as efficient in this regard as he was in every other way. We learned a lot from Ed and really appreciate his efforts on our behalf. He will be missed locally in his role, but we hope that he will not be lost to Tipperary and the GAA. His wife and family though will probably be happy to have him back again considering he spent the last five years married to Tipperary and as a father to all those who donned the blue and gold jersey. Thanks a million for your efforts Ed."

Tiobraid Árann Abu.

MICHAEL DUNDON, *Tipperary Star;*

MICHAEL HEVERIN, *Clommel Nationalist;*

SHANE BROPHY, *Nenagh Guardian.*

"I have two words for Ed Donnelly – Un-Rale. It's appropriate that the Premier County should have what is widely regarded as the premier PRO. As well as his passion for the game, the technological streak he has, led to the groundbreaking developments like the first live internet GAA match score tracker. As the GAA itself moves into the 21st Century you would imagine the manner in which Ed carried out his duties in Tiobraid Árann could be taken as the standard that needs to be



Ed Donnelly receiving the 2008 PRO of the Year award from Philip Lanigan, Chairman of the Gaelic Writers' Association

met by other counties. His track record also identified him as someone that Croke Park should be recruiting to help with improving technology and communication within the association and with other units nationwide."

PAUL COLLINS, *Today FM*

"In the words of Martin Luther King, I have a dream ... and it is that Ed Donnelly would be PRO, not just for Tipperary, but for every county in the country. When he took the job in Tipperary, we in the national media didn't know what hit us. He didn't just send us timely emails alerting us to the exact time that Tipp teams would be announced at night, he also warned us if he was working away or on holidays and sent us contact details for who would be 'coming off the bench' for him. In a climate in which some PROs find it difficult to understand the simple necessity to keep their mobile phones turned on at vital occasions like team selections. Ed's professionalism and expertise was a huge help and really could offer all clubs and counties the perfect blue print and barometer for how to do the job of PRO perfectly."

CLIONA FOLEY, *Irish Independent*

"My initial reaction on hearing that Ed had to give up was that this infamous 'five year rule' is daft. I know it was brought in for good reasons, but when it results in the loss of someone as valuable to the media – and obviously, to the Tipperary County Board – it's counter productive. The secret to being an effective PRO is to be available to take calls or requests through e-mails and to communicate on a regular basis. He was superb to work with, both at a personal and professional basis. One area in which he excelled was in producing press packs when Tipp were involved in major games at whatever level and all background data and contact numbers were provided."

JIM O'SULLIVAN, *GAA Correspondent,*

Irish Examiner

"Ed was the first PRO to establish regular internet contact with the national media. To that simple, labour saving device he added a wealth of detail about team selections as well as those uplifting aphorisms at the end of his e-mail. Like others in the media I'll be hoping it's not the last time Ed crosses our path."

SEÁN MORAN, *Irish Times*

50 Years of Right Hand Unders

By James Holohan

Over the last five decades the county produced many fine hurlers who held the hurley in a way that some might say “in the wrong hand” or put it in another way “right hand under”.

For example goalkeeper Brendan Cummins and former star Jimmy Doyle, who is the perfect exponent of a ciotóg, are as different as chalk and cheese. For the purpose of this exercise both are eligible for selection. A number of observations come to mind - few of the contenders came from the early period while most came in the last ten years. There were very few defenders to choose from, while upfront there were many possibilities and compromise was the name of the game. About 30 players were considered for inclusion but the Editor, being the tough nut that he is, would allow only a panel of twenty three players i.e. 1 to 15 and eight subs.

There are four contenders for goalkeeper Brendan Cummins, Seamus Shinners, John Sheedy and surprise, surprise Jimmy Doyle. The selectors lost no time in selecting Brendan Cummins for this position.

Diarmuid Fitzgerald, who never commanded a regular defensive position, goes in at right full back. Until this year there was no obvious candidate for the full back position. Brand new All Star Padraic Maher steps into the breach. On his left the versatile Benny Dunne wins out. Pat Fox was also considered but he did his best hurling upfront.

The right half back spot goes to a man who won All-Ireland medals in two different positions. He is of course the bespectacled Matt O’Gara. Despite emigrating to New York, Ian Conroy did enough to take the centre half position. On his left the obvious choice is Paul Kelly. No position could be found for Hugh Moloney.

Centre field area was a problem. Tommy Butler moves out to this spot as does John O’Brien while Colin Morrissey also pressed hard for inclusion.

Selecting someone for right half forward caused no delay where Jimmy Doyle was a shoo-in. The same applies to centre forward and Declan Ryan is the choice. The left half forward had many to pick from and the accolade goes to Francis Loughnane. Those left out would include Liam Maher, Ger O’Grady and Francis Devanney. Left corner forward did not pose much problem where Pat Fox had no peers. One would have to say at this stage that there was no shortage of freetakers. Lar Corbett goes into the full forward position. Anthony Crosse was considered but injury cut short his career. For the No 15 position we have to go back in time for a man who got many of his trademark goals, when he had no hurley at all, namely Sean Mc Loughlin.

This is the time to start:

Brendan Cummins
(Ballybacon-Grange)

Diarmuid Fitzgerald **Padraic Maher** **Benny Dunne**
(Roscrea) (Thurles Sarsfields) (Toomevara)

Matt O’Gara **Ian Conroy** **Paul Kelly**
(Toomevara) (Borrisokane) (Mullinahone)

Tommy Butler **John O’Brien**
(Drom-Inch) (Toomevara)

Jimmy Doyle **Declan Ryan** **Francis Loughnane**
(Thurles Sarsfields) (Clonoulty-R.) (Roscrea)

Pat Fox **LarCorbett** **Sean Mc Loughlin**
(Eire Og-Annacarty) (Thurles Sarsfields) (Thurles Sarsfields)

SUBS: Seamus Shinners (Newport), John Sheedy (Newport), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Éire Óg), Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Liam Maher (Boherlahan-Dualla), Francis Devanney (Toomevara), Ger “Redser” O’Grady (Thurles Sarsfields) and Anthony Crosse (Eire Óg, Annacarty).



Switching on the lights in Semple Stadium in February. From left Jimmy O’Gorman, Munster Council chairman, Barry O’Brien, county chairman, Nicky Brennan Uachtarán CLG; Con Hogan, Semple Stadium chairman and Pdraig Duffy, Árd Stiúirthóir.

North Tipperary Review

Competition	Result	Venue/Date	Referee
Hibernian Inn S. H. C. Final	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 0-24, PORTROE 2-12;	NENAGH 23-Aug	Tommy Ryan
Denis's Meats I. H. C. Final	NEWPORT 1-13, BALLINA 0-12;	NENAGH 13-Sep	Christy McLoughlin
Watch Centre J. "A" H. C. Final	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 3-14, TOOMEVARA 0-17;	CLOUGHJORDAN 13-Sep	Michael Cahill
Watch Centre J. "B" H. C. Final	TEMPLEDERRY KENYONS 2-12, TOOMEVARA 2-12;	DOLLA 19-Sep	Johnny McDonnell
Watch Centre J. "B" H. C. Final (Replay)	TEMPLEDERRY KENYONS 4-10, TOOMEVARA 0-19;	DOLLA 26-Sep	Joe Cahill
Watch Centre J. "C" H. C. Final	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 0-13, BORRISOKANE 2-07;	CLOUGHJORDAN 11-Oct	Ben Darcy
Watch Centre J. "C" H. C. Final (Replay)	BORRISOKANE 2-07, NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 0-06;	CLOUGHJORDAN 17-Oct	Tadhg Whelan
Walshs Nenagh U-21 "A" H. C. Final	KILRUANE MACDONAGHS 1-17, BURGESS 3-08;	NENAGH 31-Oct	T.P. Sullivan
Walshs Nenagh U-21 "B" H. C. Final	SHANNON ROVERS GAELS 2-11, MONEYGALL 1-06;	CLOUGHJORDAN 30-Aug	Ger Fitzpatrick
Walshs Nenagh U-21 "C" H. C. (13 a-side) Final (1st Leg)	BALLINAHINCH 1-12, BALLINA 0-11;	SHALLEE 04-Aug	Martin Griffin
Walshs Nenagh U-21 "C" H. C. (13 a-side) Final (2nd Leg)	BALLINA 1-15, BALLINAHINCH 2-06;	BALLINA 03-Sep	Stephen Egan
Ger Gavin M. "A" H. C. Final	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 2-14, ROSCREA 1-17;	TOOMEVARA 16-Sep	Pat Gibson
Ger Gavin M. "A" H. C. Final (Replay)	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 5-13, ROSCREA 0-19;	CLOUGHJORDAN 27-Sep	John Cleary
Ger Gavin M. "B" H. C. Final	BURGESS 2-19, BORRISOKANE 0-04;	PUCKANE 03-Sep	Dan Darcy
Ger Gavin M. "C" H. C. (13 a-side) Final	SILVERMINES 6-06, PORTROE 3-08;	TEMPLEDERRY 02-Sep	Anthony Sherlock
S. F. C. Final	THOMAS MacDONAGHS 0-17, Fr JOHN KENYONS 1-07;	BORRISOLEIGH 17-Sep	John Kelly
I. F. C. Final	NEWPORT 1-10, BALLINA 1-08;	BALLINA 10-Oct	Pat Gibson
J. "A" F. C. Final	SHANNON ROVERS Vs MONEYGALL		
U-21 "A" F. C. Final	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 2-08, BURGESS 1-03;	PUCKANE 04-Apr	Liam Hogan
U-21 "B" F. C. Final	BALLINA 2-03, NEWPORT 0-08;	SHALLEE 04-Apr	Martin Griffin
M. "A" F. C. Final	BURGESS 2-10, NEWPORT 2-09;	TOOMEVARA 26-Aug	John Kissane
M. "B" F. C. Final	BORRIS-ILEIGH 4-08, KILRUANE MACDONAGHS 1-02;	KILCOLMAN 20-Aug	Jim Lees
I. H. L. Final	SILVERMINES 1-16, KNOCKSHEGOWNA 0-11;	NENAGH 11-Apr	Jimmy Cahill
J. "A" H. L. Final	NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 2-11, ROSCREA 2-08;	TOOMEVARA 29-May	John Stapleton
J. "B" H. L. Final	TEMPLEDERRY KENYONS 3-12, SHANNON ROVERS 2-05;	MONEYGALL 19-Jun	Michael Hayes

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Nenagh Éire Óg hurlers - The Hibernian North SHC Winners. Standing: (l to r) - David Cleary, Michael Hackett, Shane Maher, John Flannery, Paddy Murphy, Richie Flannery, Hugh Maloney (capt), Michael McNamara, Brian Dillon, Noel Maloney, Eddie Tucker, John Slattery, Willie Bolger, Sean Healy, Brian Maxwell, David Ryan, Mark Grace, Mark Flannery, Declan O'Meara. Front: Stephen Ryan, Paul Ryan, Hugh Flannery, Pearse Morris, Kevin Tucker, Michael Heffernan, John Brennan, Tommy Heffernan, Cliff Moloney, Eoin Fitzgibbon, David Hackett, Cian Tucker, Eoghan Slattery, Billy Heffernan, Alan Kelly.



Kilruane MacDonaghs U-21 hurlers - North Champions. Back (from left) - Owen Burns, Eanna Hogan, James O'Sullivan, William Cleary, Keith Kelly, Ger Corcoran, Justin Cahill, David Reddan, Declan Barrett, Jonathan Cahill, Scott Hodgins, Kevin Ryan, Thomas Cleary, Pat Shanahan (Selector), Liam Boyle (Selector). Kneeling: Niall Murphy, Seamus Hennessy, Niall O'Meara, Paudie Kelly, James Williams, Shane Quinlan, Michael Costello, Freddie Williams, Gavin McAvinchey (Captain), Brian O'Meara, Liam Gibson, Eoin Williams.



Nenagh Eire Og Minor hurlers - North Champions. Back row: (l to r) Darragh Walsh, Kevin O'Gorman, John Minogue, Billy Heffernan, Stephen Nagle, Eddie Darcy, David Cleary, Pearse O'Brien, David Hickey, Darragh Gleeson, Shane Maher (Captain), Kevin Kennedy, Kevin Gubbins, Daire Quinn, Joseph Geaney, Oisín McGlynn, Paul Slattery. Kneeling: Mark Tuite, Sean Geaney, Tommy Heffernan, Cliff Moloney, Kevin Flynn, Mark Higginbotham, Niall Kennedy, Donnacha Heffernan, Darryl McCormack.



Borrisokane North Junior 'C' hurling champions: Back row l-r: Raymond Harding, Sean Brennan, David Collins, Pearse Ryan, James McMahon, Enda Brennan, Neil Kennedy, Tyrone Power, Niall Slevin, Mick O'Sullivan, DJ Roche & Darragh McKenna (Selector). Middle row l-r: Willie Brooks, Keith Slevin (selector & player), Jamie Donnelly & Niall Reddan. Front Row l-r: Seomamh Cleary (Selector), Michael Reddan, Peter McSherry, Gary Power, Mark Rahmoune, Brian Davis, Pat Carroll (Captain), Padraic Ryan, Joe Gleeson & John Gleeson.

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BEST WISHES TO TIPPERARY GAA IN 2010



Newport Intermediate Hurlers - North Intermediate Champions.

Newport Newsletter 2009

2009 proved to be a great year for Newport GAA Club with events both on and off the field proving very successful.

In what was the 125th year of the GAA Newport played its part in the celebrations with the year getting off to a very bright start in every sense of the word with the illumination of Parc Ui Riann. This was a huge project undertaken by the club under guidance of development officer Larry McGrath. Many a motorist driving out the Limerick road on a Tuesday and Thursday night were able to observe the bright lights over Newport. Driving up Cork road to the hurling field they were able to discover the source of the illumination.

The torch run to mark the 125 years celebration was brought into the premier county by the Newport club with our chairman Pat Brennan receiving it from the famed Ahane club at Herbert's pub on the Dublin road.

The torch was then carried by all the surviving past chair people up through the town before Pat Brennan then handed it over to our oldest club member Jimmy Butler Coffey who in turn handed it over to the Sean Treacy club in Pairc Ui Riann. This was a very proud day for the club and even the torrential rain stopped to enjoy the procession.

The highlight of the playing year was undoubtedly the winning of the Fr. Hewitt cup by our intermediate hurlers. At the start of the year not many people gave Newport a sporting chance of lifting silverware in this grade such was the loss due to emigration.

Manager Liam Jones put together a great back round team and trainer Clem Smith ensures many a sweaty night in Lacken Park. The fruition of all the hard work was seen in the championship with Newport losing only one match on their way to the North final. Their opponents were Ballina who was the only team we suffered defeat to. The Newport men settled the score with a great victory and what a sight to see our captain Andrew Hickey lift the cup with Dinny Ryan of Ryan's Fancy leading the way with *Newport Town*.

We were unfortunate to lose out in the county quarter final to Thurles sarsfields but a lot was due to the fact that senior star Conor O'Mahony was injured. Roll on 2010 as we have unfinished business. Newport GAA club were very proud when the Vodafone 2009 all stars was announced with our own Conor making the wing back slot after a year in which he struggled with injury and viruses. If a steam train was to have passed through Clonbealy then as was his luck he would surely have caught it.

Conor recovered not only to line out at centre back for Tipp but also to captain the side and what an honour this was for our club. He also kept his best performance for the All-Ireland final beating a variety of different markers. At the time of writing this article the G.P.A hurling team has just been announced with Conor taking the centre back slot. Congrats Conor you have done your club and family proud.

Our intermediate footballers not to be outdone also brought some silverware to the club in winning the North inter football title

defeating Ballina by one point. What a great year for the Hickey family with Dave captaining the side.

Newport junior hurlers showed great promise under the guidance of manager James Collins but were unlucky to lose out in the North semi final.

The U21 footballers had a great chance of winning a title but unfortunately lost six star players to Canada for the summer which proved too much.

Our minors were unlucky this year as last years partners Ballinahinch went the own way. The lads fought hard under guidance of Joe Floyd but titles in the A grade are not easy to achieve. One bright star to emerge was Ross McGrath who wore the Tipp jersey with distinction for the footballers and has a long future in this code.

The club also enjoyed a great year off the field with a host of social events taking place. New Year's Day was to be the first with the annual football match taking centre stage and then it was on to Lee's pub for hot food and a medal presentation for our footballers.

Paddy's weekend and reeling in the memories was to follow at the Freigh Inn. There were some great performances on the night but none more than the gangster's moll "Breda Lenihan". Credit to all the participants and the organising committee for a great night's entertainment.

We would like to wish Denis Floyd a long and healthy retirement.

Congratulations and well done to all our Scór participants and winners. Scór is a great socials occasion on our calendar.

Jimmy Butler Coffey celebrated his 100th birthday in October at Millbrae nursing home and Newport GAA club were delighted to be in attendance to mark the occasion.

The social highlight of year from the clubs point of view was the running of 'who wants to be a thousandaire'. This was a huge fundraiser undertaken by the club members and resulted in a great night's entertainment at the Kilmurray Lodge on 25th October. Over 100 ads and 400 tickets were sold by the hard working committee. Our main sponsors for the show were Mulcair Credit Union and we would also like to sincerely thank our eight round sponsors, without you there would have been no show.

The show which was hosted by Pallas Marketing on behalf of the club and was attended by over 300 people. The first of the eight rounds was a celebrity round and local councillor Rocky McGrath won €150 which he donated to the day care centre. Other winners on the night walked away with amounts varying from €50 to €500.

The club would also like to congratulate Michael Collins on being awarded the Sean Gael award, a great recognition for all his hard work down the years.

During 2009 the club were to lose some great supporters in Danny O Keeffe, Pani Connors and James O Rourke.

Ar dheis de go raibh an n-anamacha.

Behind every successful club there is a hard working committee and Newport GAA is no different.

Chairman: Pat Brennan; Vice- Chairman: Martin Guilfoyle; Treasurer: Joe Brennan; Secretary: Fiona Bonfield; Pro: Mary Browne Ryan; Development Officer: Larry McGrath; Registrar: John Hogan. Committee: Denis Floyd, Cyril Gleeson.



Silvermines Intermediate hurlers - North League Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Cathal Sherlock, Danny Donoghue, Willie Forde, Timmy Kelly, Orrie Quirke, Cathal Gleeson, Sean Quirke, Noel Quirke, Neil Kelly, Ronan Sherlock (captain), Gavin Steed, Donal Keogh, Brendan Timmons, David Boland, Anthony McGrath, Peter Kennedy. Kneeling: Matthew Collins, Maurice Leamy, Eoin Grace, Stephen Kennedy, Paul Sherlock, David Keogh, Damien Boland, Alan Ryan, David Keogh, Declan Mulqueen, Donal O'Brien, Willie Keogh.



Ballina U-21 footballers - North U-21 'B' Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Dara Lawlor-Kelly, Donal Kent, Eoin Ryan, Robbie Cassidy, Sean O'Grady, Brian Kelly (joint captain), Paul Kotsonouris, Sean Duggan, James Kelly (joint-captain), Daire King, Eoin Kent, Brian O'Connor. Kneeling: Declan Gleeson, Martin Kennedy, Mark Kennedy, Cathal Reid, Brian Hurley, Michael O'Meara, Padraig Ryan.



Thomas MacDonaghs - North Senior Football Champions. Back l-r: Joe Hannigan (selector), Joe Carroll, Denis Cahill, Rory Whelan, Niall Cahalan, Pat O'Meara, Declan Barrett, Joe Gallagher, Gordon Harding, George Hannigan, Brian O'Meara, Ray McLoughney, Ger Ryan, Derek Horan, Shane Quinlan, Michael Ryan, Chris Conway (manager), Pat Murphy (selector). Front: Liam England, Tommy Connors, Andy O'Loughlin, Kevin Quinlan, Diarmuid Cahill, Darren Killackey, Stephen Murphy, Alan Hannigan, Freddie Williams, David Buckley, Stephen Maher, Philip Austin, Eamonn McCormack, Niall Murphy.



Burgess Minor Footballers - North Minor 'A' Champions. Back (l-r) - Joe Sherlock, John Murray, Dinny Darcy (all selectors), Daniel Ryan, William Ryan, Johnny Mulqueen, John O'Dwyer, Jack O'Flaherty, Kevin O'Flaherty, Tony Hogan, Kevin Seymour, Kieran Ryan, Damien Maher, John O'Brien, Michael Vincent Mulqueen, Pat Cremin (Manager). Kneeling: John Maher (Selector), Michael O'Flaherty, Sean Fogarty, Brian Sherlock, Jason Kelly, Brian Carroll (captain) with Mascot Tom Gibson, Declan O'Donoghue, James Cody, Stephen Murray, Eoin Hogan, Peter Gill, Thomas Walsh, John Hogan (selector).



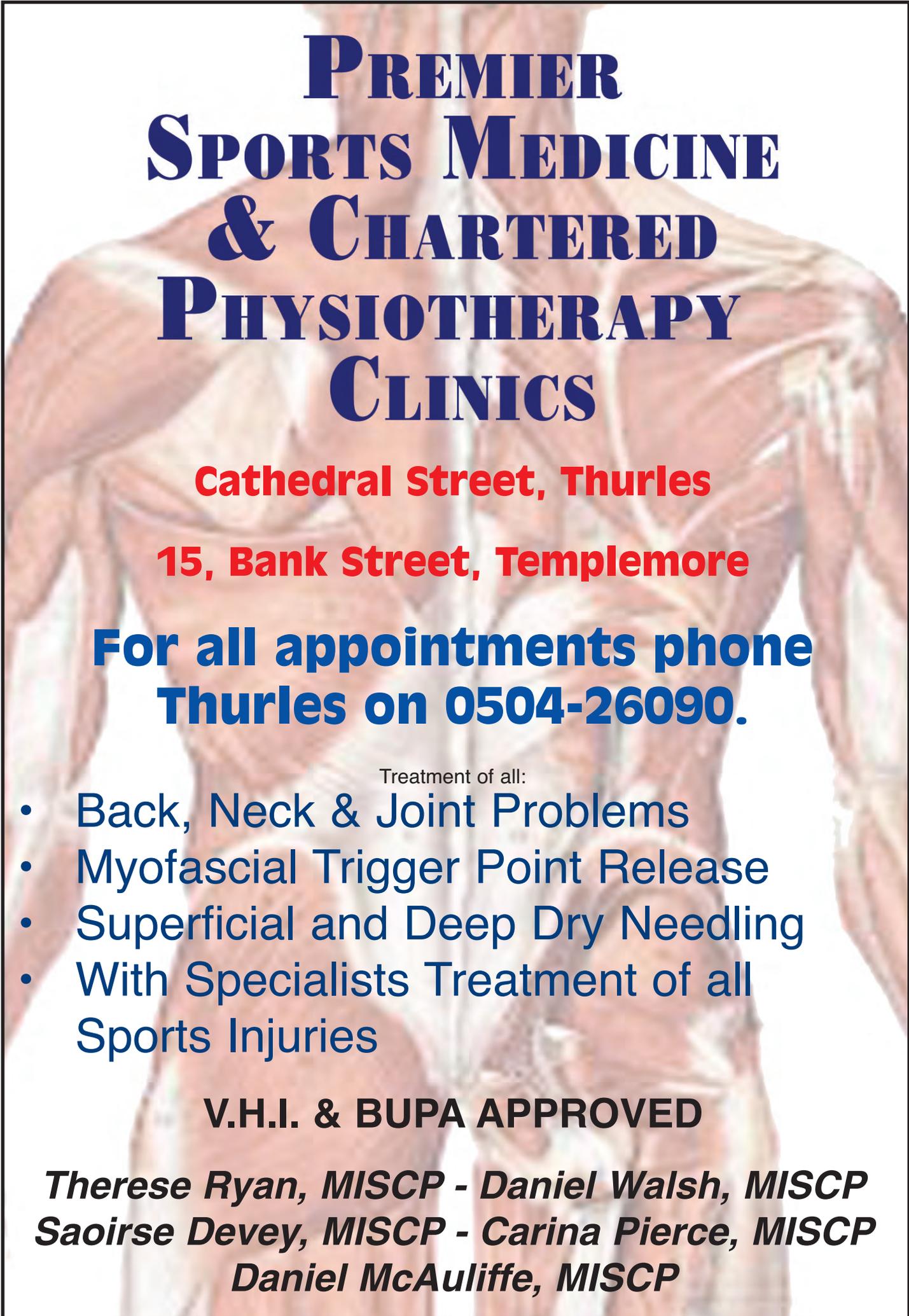
Templederry Junior B Hurlers - North Champions. Back row: (from left) Thomas Coughlan, Sean McLoughney, Brian Carey, John Rohan, Noel O'Connell, Damien Quinn (Captain), Donal Madden, Paul Butler, Brian McLoughlin, Pio Kennedy, Paddy Ryan, Pat Ryan, Ronan Kinane. Kneeling: John Kennedy, Daniel Shanahan, Diarmuid Corcoran, David Butler, Tommy Hogan, Anthony Moroney, Gerard Hogan, Michael O'Leary, JJ Fahey, Donie Kennedy, Tadhg McLoughlin, Ger Ryan.



Silvermines Minor hurlers - North 'C' Champions. Back row: (l to r) - Alan Ryan (selector), Paudie Fogarty, Brian Daniels, Bruce Hayes, Eoin Lillis, Kieran Kennedy, Sean Quinlan, Shane Kennedy, TJ Timmons, Paul O'Brien, John Butler, Anthony McGrath (selector). Kneeling: Jonathan Hayes, Seamus Hogan, Jason Forde, Adrian Young (captain), Will Power, Brian O'Flynn, Conor Hayward, Denis Ryan.

Lorrha, County Senior Hurling League Div. II winners: Back l-r: Stephen Hogan, Sean Cleary, Kevin Liffey, Cian Hogan, Michael Cleary, Kevin Hough, Trevor Hogan, William Maher, Conor Sullivan. Front: David Fogarty, Jack Maher, Patrick Maher, Ciaran Duggan, Ciarán Hough, Graham Houlihan, Noel Hogan, Kevin Maher, Rory Coen, Conor Glynn, William Hough, Seán O'Meara.





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Mid Tipperary Review

Mid Tipperary Finals 2009

Competition	Winner	Runner Up	Date	Venue	Referee
Senior Hurling	Drom-Inch 2-11	Upperchurch-Drombane 0-14	23/08/2009	Holycross	Johnny Ryan
Intermediate Hurling	Gortnahoe-Glengoole 0-12	Thurles Sarsfields 1-06	19/09/2009	Holycross	Tom McGrath
Junior "A" Hurling	Moycarkey-Borris 4-10	Holycross-Ballycahill 1-17	13/09/2009	Boherlahan	Willie Clohessy
Junior "B" Hurling	Thurles Sarsfields 2-17	Moycarkey-Borris 1-09	26/09/2009	Holycross	Donal Leahy
Under 21 "A" Hurling	Thurles Sarsfield 0-10	Drom-Inch 0-9	22/11/09	Templemore	John Kelly
Under 21 "B" Hurling	JK Brackens 2-14	Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-12	04/10/2009	Templetuohy	Patsy Ralph
Minor "A" Hurling	Loughmore-Castleiney 0-17	Thurles Sarsfields 1-14	08/09/2009	The Ragg	Johnny Ryan
	Loughmore-Castleiney 3-18	Thurles sarsfields 0-16	15/09/2009	The Ragg	John Kelly
Minor "B" Hurling	Moyne Templetuohy Óg 0-17	Drom-Inch 2-08	08/09/2009	Templemore	Martin Treacy
Cahill Cup Snr Hurling	Holycross-Ballycahill 1-22	Loughmore-Castleiney 1-16	04/09/2009	Holycross	Martin Ryan
Junior Hurling Lge Div 1	Moycarkey-Borris 3-16	Loughmore-Castleiney 0-10	18/06/2009	Holycross	Donal Leahy
Junior Hurling Lge Div 2	Moyne-Templetuohy 3-08	Thurles K.R.F. 1-09	17/05/2009	Holycross	Martin Treacy
Junior Hurling Lge Div 3	Moycarkey-Borris 1-15	Killea 2-06	23/08/2009	Holycross	Hugh Coghlan
Senior Football	Loughmore-Castleiney 2-12	JK Brackens 0-08	20/09/2009	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
Intermediate Football	Thurles Sarsfields 4-10	Boherlahan-Dualla 0-02	04/09/2009	Boherlahan	John Kelly
Junior "A" Football	Moycarkey-Borris 1-09	Clonakenny 0-09	14/10/2009	Templetuohy	Denis Curtis
Junior "B" Football	No Competition				
Under 21 "A" Football	Loughmore-Castleiney 1-12	Thurles Sarsfields 1-08	31/03/2009	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
Under 21 "B" Football	Clonakenny 1-09	Moyne-Templetuohy 0-10	04/04/2009	Killea	Pat Cullen
Minor "A" Football	Loughmore-Castleiney 4-10	JK Brackens 1-07	22/09/2009	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
Minor "B" Football	Drom-Inch 4-07	Upperchurch-Drombane 1-04	30/04/2009	The Ragg	Micheal Hassett



Pictured of the presentation of grant from North Tipperary Leader Partnership to Mid Board History Committee. Back l-r: PJ Maher, former Mid Tipp chairman, PJ Leahy, Mid Board PRO, Tom Maher, Mid secretary, John O'Donovan, Mid treasurer. Front l-r: Sean Crowley, North Tipperary Leader Partnership, Martin Bourke, author Mid Tipperary History, Michael Bourke, chairman Mid Tipp History Committee, Mattie Kennedy, Mid Tipp Chairman, Michael Murray CEO North Tipperary Leader Partnership.



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The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Drom Inch in the John and Breda Kennedy Mid Tipperary U21 'A' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Stephen Dorney, Stephen Maher, Pat Leahy, Pa Dunne, Tommy Doyle, John Callinan, JP Dwan, JJ Bourke, Shane Maher, Brian Stakelum, Liam Cullen, Aidan McCormack, Michael Cahill. Front l-r: Cian Treacy, David Maher, Michael Gleeson, Bill McCormack, Pa Bourke, Padraic Maher, Denis Maher, Michael Russell, Kevin O Gorman, Conor Moloney

Ronan Stapleton

1985 – 2009

Loughmore/Castleiney

On Friday 29th May 2009 the parishes of Loughmore and Castleiney were numbed into silence when in the afternoon of a glorious sunny day word filtered through that Ronan Stapleton had tragically died in Cork. The question everyone asked "could it be true?", "no, not Ronan Stapleton". Sadly however the doubts turned to an incredulous reality a short time later. Having successfully completed his final exams as a plumber he was ready to start into life with the trade he had chosen, but it was not to be.

Ronan attended Loughmore National School and under the guidance of school principal Stephen Maher, and played on many triumphant teams in hurling and football in the school. Ronan also achieved many honours with Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore. He followed on to play on the very successful club teams at U-12, U-14 and U-16 sides in which clashes with Durlas Og in hurling and Templetuohy in football were highlights.

Onto minor level this bunch of players were now developed into an outstanding unit and in 2002 he played a major role in winning Mid and county double honours at 'A' level. He followed this to U-21 when the footballers won three county titles in a row during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 captaining the victorious team in 2006.

The highlight of any player's career would be to win a senior county title and Ronan achieved this with county titles in

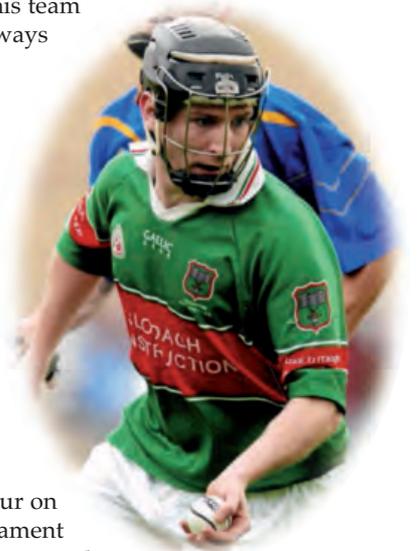
football in 2004 and hurling in 2007. Not stopping there he played major roles in the Senior Hurling Munster club campaign with victories over Erins Own (Cork), Adare (Limerick) and Tulla (Clare) in the Munster club final.

Affectionately known to his teammates as Ronnie he was always the character of the teams, always ready to be part of beating the system and smiling at the mission accomplished.

His funeral on a scorching 1st June was one of the largest ever seen in the parish. His remains, draped in the club flag, were shouldered in relays by his teammates from The Four Roads to Loughmore Church all the time flanked with a meandering guard of honour on both sides. This was a testament to Ronan's popularity and personality.

Ronnie you are sadly missed in the club and your contribution will always be remembered. To your parents Gay and Mary, brother and team-mate Alvy, Eimear, aunts and uncles, cousins, relatives and wide circle of friends may we as a club offer our sincerest sympathies.

*Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam dilis
Padraic O hEalaighe.*





The JK Brackens Panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Mid Tipperary Cahill Cup Senior Hurling Final. Back l-r: Robert Bourke, Gavin Bohan, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Sean Collum, Mervin Bradish, Lorcan Egan, Kevin Mulryan, Darren Owens, Brendan Guidera, Darren Russell, Rob Ingran. Front Row L to R Michael Doyle, Peter Bourke, Tommy Kennedy, Eamon Corcoran, David Bourke, Shane Bourke, Aidan Doyle, Paudie Bourke, Shane Scully, Declan Lymagh, Cathal Scully.



The Drom Inch team that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. Back l-r: David Butler, Donnacha Kennedy, Eamon Buckley, John Kennedy, Eddie Costelloe, Michael Long, Michael Butler, Michael Costelloe. Front l-r: Johnny Ryan, Seamus Butler, Damien Young, James Ryan, James Woodlock (captain), Martin Butler, David Collins.



The Gortnahoe Glengoole panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Roadstone Province Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Final. Back l-r: Liam Cleary (Capt), Shane McCarthy, Ian Dwyer, James Stokes, Paul Horan, Sean Lahert, Kevin Kenny, Michael Houlihan, Darren Cody, Colm Guilfoyle, Joe Hogan, Niall Teehan, Michael Cleary, Tommy Duggan, Martin Gleeson, Dermot Lehart. Front l-r: Eddie Stokes, Shay Butler, Michael Heffernan, Brendan Hogan, Paddy Skehan, Keith Dwyer, John Teehan, Keith Corbett, Leonard Stanley, Ronan Stanley, Keith Holohan, John Coleman.



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Eddie Joes Mid Tipperary U/21 'B' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Cathal Leahy, Gavin Bohan, Stephen Butler, Keith Kennedy, Joe Bergin, Adrian Bourke, Austin Purcell, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Dean Fairbrother, Toby Morgan. Front l-r: Danny Guidera, Stefan Leahy, Thomas Clohessy, Shane Bourke, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Cathal Scully, Aidan Fogarty, Declan Lynagh



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that drew with Thurles Sarsfields in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor 'A' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Aaron Sweeney, Craig Cleary, Sam Allen, Eamon Connolly, Thomas McGrath, Darragh Butler, Kevin Johnston, Pdraig Egan, Eamon McGrath, Henry Maher, Richard Maher, Joseph Nyland, Joseph Hennessy, Patrick Nolan. Front l-r: Lorcan Egan, Pdraig Hennessy, John McGrath, Brian McGrath, John Meagher, Liam Treacy, Willie Evison, Aidan McGrath, Michael Ryan, Martin Meagher, Liam McGrath, Kevin O'Connell.



The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Killea in the Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Division 3 Final. Back l-r: Matthew Shortall, Lorcan Ryan, Paddy Shanahan, Johnny Flanagan, Sam Ryall, Stephen Kirwan, Robert Clancy, David Kinane, Micheál Byran, Gerry Maguire, Donnacha Hennessy, John Shortall, John Butler. Front l-r: Tom O'Gorman, Peter O'Brien, Michael Roche, Conor Bourke, Gary O'Connell, Michael Healy, Eamonn Donnelly (Capt), Michael O'Connell, Rory Coote, Pat Coman, Robert Gleeson.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Roskeen Construction Junior 'A' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Paddy Shanahan, John Shorthall, Gary O'Connell, Joseph O'Sullivan, Cathal Ryan, Jamie Barry, Aidan Ryan, Ciaran Clohessy, Kieran Shorthall, James Doran, Micheál Bryan, Ger Dempsey (captain), Gerry Maguire, Paudie Doran, Eamon Donnelly. Front l-r: Jamie Fanning, Ailbe Power, Paul Kennedy, Robert Clancy, John Bergin, Ricky Quigley, Lorcan Ryan, David Sheppard, Pat Coman, Tom Quinn, Michael Roche, James Power.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling Division 1 Final. Back l-r: Paddy Shanahan, Joseph O'Sullivan, Eamon Flanagan, Micheál Bryan, James Doran, Rory Coote, Cathal Ryan, Ger Carey, Gerry Maguire, Paudie Doran, Ciaran Clohessy, Brian Lonergan, Rory Ryan, Robert Clancy, Peter O'Brien, Michael Roche, Rick Quigley, Lorcan Ryan, Willie Dempsey, Ger Dempsey (captain), Joe Dixon, Aidan Ryan, David Kirby, Conor Bourke, Tom Quinn, Jamie Fanning.



The victorious Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Thurles KRF in the Mid Tipperary Division 2 Junior Hurling League Final.



The Moyne-Teempleuohy Gaels panel that defeated Knockmealdown Gaels in the County Minor 'B' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Sean Everard selector, Paul Bourke, Donnacha Dunne, John Leahy, Jamie Hamill, James Moloney, Pierce Meade, Eoin Ryan, Ronan Fanning, Matthew Bourke, Paul Maher, Brian Geehan, Martin Sutcliffe, Danny Bourke, Aidan Kelly, Tim Quinlan Selector, Willie Fogarty Selector. Front l-r: Jimmy Bergin selector, John Moloney selector, Jason Bergin, Martin Kelly, Tom Meade, Liam Butler capt, Diarmuid Fogarty, James Buter, Dylan O'Halloran, Gary Russell, Liam Ryan, Tony Cantwell, Richard Buckley.

The Moyne-Teempleuohy Óg team who defeated Drom-Inch in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Minor "B" final. Back: Tim Quinlan, John Moloney (Selectors), Brian Geehan, James Moloney, Donncha Dunne, Pierce Meade, Aidan Kelly, Martin Kelly, Danny Bourke, Paul Maher, Ronan Fanning, Matthew Bourke, Martin Sutcliffe, James Butler, Paul Bourke, John Leahy, Jamie Hamell, Willie Fogarty, Liam Ryan, Sean Everard (Manager). Front: Jimmy Bergin (Selector), Thomas O'Halloran, Jason Bergin, Diarmuid Fogarty, Tony Cantwell, Liam Butler (Capt.), Tom Meade, Eoin Ryan, Gary Russell, Richard Buckley.



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris Donal and Rose Younge Mid Tipperary Junior 'B' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Brian O'Loughlin, Stiofan Ryan, Brendan Duggan, David Shannon, Declan Ryan, Stephen Dorney, Rodney Mason, Damien Kinnane, Jamie Murphy, John Joe Bourke, Jamie Barrett, TJ O'Dwyer, Brian Stakelum, Brian Callinan, Paudi Duggan, Shane Meagher, Lenny Philips. Front l-r: Peadar Ryan, Darragh Stakelum, John Hussey, Gerry Spain, Liam Phelan, Willie Lawlor, David Murphy, Jody O'Grady, Maurice Hartnett, Peter Maher, Liam Cullen, Paddy Kenndy, Tommy Doyle, Conor Moloney.

The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Drom Inch in the 2008 John and Breda Kennedy Mid U/21 A Hurling Final. Back l-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 l-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. Absent from photo Captain Kevin O'Halloran.





The Ardfinnan panel that defeated Clonakenny in the County U/21 B Football Final. Back l-r: Ger Bannon, Billy Hewitt, Colly Nugent, Andrew Heffernan, Eoin Aherne, David Rencontre, Pakie Heaphy, Brendan Walsh, Tony Kelly, Philip Murphy, Jonathon Ryan, Alex Kirwan, Sean Tobin, Diarmuid O'Sullivan. Front l-r: Joseph O'Connor, Alan Ward, Michael O'Sullivan, Eoin Walsh, Brian Dillon (Capt), Darren Sweeney, Aaron Cowan, Fergus Nugent, James O'Mahony. Mascot Dylan Brown

The Clonakenny panel that defeated Grangemockler in the County Minor 'C' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Peter Byrne (Selector), Stephen Russell, Pat Shelly (Selector), Willie Ryan, Paddy Murray, Brendan Russell, Liam Mullally, Jody Maher, Philip Ryan, Vincent Mullally. Front l-r: James Fogarty, Bobby Bergin, John Paul Hennessy, William Costigan, Padraig Mullally, Noel O Meara, Michael John Carroll, Pa Ryan, Noel Stapleton (Selector)



The Clonakenny panel that defeated Moyne Templetwohy in the Thurles Cash and Carry Mid Tipperary U/21 B Football Final. Back l-r: Stephen Carroll, Tom Ryan, Michael Crampton, Prionsios Matthews, Nicky Ryan, David Cody, Jonathon Cody, Vincent Mullally, Luke Keehshan, William Ryan. Front l-r: Jamie Maxwell, Bobby Bergin, Pa Ryan, Donal Greed, Stephen Carroll, Michael John Carroll, Brian Mullally, Padraig Mullally, Mark Mullally.

The Drom Inch panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Mid Tipperary Minor 'B' Football Final. Back l-r: James Butler, Seamus Ryan, Eddie Long, David Collins, Pat Lupton, Philip Looby, Eamonn Butler, Brian Everard, Liam Harty, Tomas Ryan, Ian Shelly, Padraig Stapleton, Michael Everard. Front l-r: Michael Purcell, Thomas Ryan, Martin Dooley, Oisin Jordan, Tommy O'Halloran, Shane Hassett.





The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Mid Tipperary Minor 'A' Football Final. Back l-r: Martin Meagher, Craig Clery, Richard Maher, Lorcan Egan, Pdraig Hennessy, Liam Treacy, Brian McGrath, Darragh Butler, Paddraig Egan, Kevin Johnston, Liam McGrath, Patrick Nolan. Front l-r: Kevin O'Connell, Tomas McGrath, Willie Eviston, Henry Maher, Eamon Connolly, Aidan McGrath, Michael Ryan, John Meagher, Eamon McGrath, John McGrath, Tommy Maher.

The Thurles Sarsfields Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the AIB Thurles Mid Tipperary Intermediate Football Final. Back l-r: David Condon, Michael Callanan, Gerry Spain, Jody O'Grady, David Maher, Stephen Mason, Jim Corbett, Patrick Leahy, Ger O'Grady, Liam Duggan. Front l-r: Jack Condon, John Connors, Brian White, Gordon Carey, Colm Rourke, Maurice Harnett, Jamie Barrett, Gareth Foxton, Ronan Kennedy.



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated by JK Brackens in the Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final. Back l-r: Willie Eviston, Micheál Webster, John Scully, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, James Egan, Liam Treacy, David Kennedy, Paddy Moynahan, John Paul Fox, Dominic Brennan. Front l-r: Tommy Long, Evan Sweeney, Gary Sweeney, Diarmuid Brennan, Cian Hennessy, Noel McGrath, Ciaran McGrath, Eddie Connolly, David McGrath, Aidan McGrath.

The Moycarkey Borris Panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Jim and Ann Kennedy Mid Tipperary Junior 'A' Football Final. Back l-r: William Dempsey, Kevin Moran, Ger Dempsey, Eamon Flanagan, Daniel Kirby, Pat Carey, Robert Doran (capt), Ger Carey, Paul Demsey, Rory Ryan. Front l-r: Martin Darmody, Jamie Fanning, David Morris, Matthew Shorthall, Brian Moran, Anthony Healy, Kieran Morris, John Kelly, Joe Dixon, Paul Kennedy.



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Moycarkey-Borris win All-Ireland Kilmacud 7's

By Ed Donnelly

Moycarkey-Borris exceeded all expectations in early September when they brought the Kilmacud All-Ireland Senior Hurling 7's title back to the Premier County for the second consecutive year. Victory over Kilruane MacDonaghs in a high scoring final was the culmination of an energy sapping day of hurling where many of the best hurlers in the country graced the competition serving up wonderful displays.

For Moycarkey-Borris the day started early in Silverpark, one of the four venues where the 10 group stages are held. Moycarkey were drawn in a tough group including Fitzgibbon Cup champions UCC, the then reigning Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions Toomevara and St. Brigid's of Dublin. UCC were Moycarkey's first opponents at 11:00am and after a close game played on a tight pitch, Moycarkey won out on a scoreline of 6-7 to 5-6. After 30 minutes rest, the daunting task of playing Toomevara awaited. These clubs have served up some excellent games over the years and this was no different as both clubs fought tooth and nail for victory. Toomevara had the better of the play for much of the first half but Moycarkey kept in touch with goals and by half-time, Moycarkey led by 5-0 to 2-4. Moycarkey had wind advantage in the second half and began taking their points while adding another goal and thanks to a couple of excellent saves from goalkeeper John Kelly, Moycarkey managed to keep their noses in front to win by 6-5 to 5-6. St. Brigids of Dublin were the last group opponents for Moycarkey-Borris knowing that victory would seal a Quarter-Final spot. After a slow start, Moycarkey soon got in to their stride taking advantage of the big pitch and the result was never in doubt all through the second half, Moycarkey winning by 6-10 to 2-5.

It was now back to Glenalbyn in Stillorgan for the Quarter-Final. Cloyne of Cork awaited as opponents having managed to narrowly defeat Templederry Kenyons in the group stages. Moycarkey soon got in to their stride thanks to a Kieran Morris penalty goal and when Cloyne were reduced to 6 men after a defender picked up a straight red card, the game was over as a contest with Moycarkey eventually winning out by 3-8 to 1-3.

Three of the four semi-finalists were from the Premier County with Moycarkey-Borris drawn to play Nenagh Eire Og and Kilruane MacDonaghs playing Ballinhassig (Cork). Nenagh Eire Og defeated Burgess by 4-16 to 1-7 in the Quarter-Final and as reigning 7's champions, they were heavy favourites to qualify for the final. What transpired was one of the finest semi-finals to be seen at the Kilmacud venue as the teams served up a fantastic tussle. Despite both teams ability to score goals, both defences were very disciplined which meant that goal chances were limited and the sides gave an exhibition of long range point taking. Coming up to half-time however, Nenagh got their noses in front thanks to a Johnny Slattery goal and the defending champions led by 1-7 to 0-8 at the interval.

The second half served up more of the same with Nenagh in the lead until Moycarkey hit the front thanks to a well worked goal. A 65 metre

free by Kieran Morris was taken quickly to Pat Carey who had made a run on the overlap and after a long solo run, he passed to Paul Dempsey who dispatched the ball to the net under pressure. Nenagh's response to this set-back was immediate and they created some excellent goal chances in the last five minutes, in particular a close range effort from Michael Heffernan. However, Moycarkey goalkeeper John Kelly was in inspired form and managed to keep his goal intact and ensure that by the final whistle, Moycarkey were in front by 1-15 to 1-12 and a place in the final was assured. An interesting aspect of the Moycarkey display in the semi-final was that all nine outfield players contributed at least one score in this game.

Final - Moycarkey-Borris 8-11 Kilruane MacDonaghs 4-15

For the second year in a row, the final was an all Tipperary affair with Kilruane MacDonaghs having done very well to qualify thanks to victories over Youghal, Kilmacud Crokes, JK Brackens, Raheny and Ballinhassig. The clubs had met in the Seamus O'Riain Cup only five weeks earlier with Kilruane winning by a point, an extra motivation perhaps for the Moycarkey players. The final was a 30 minute affair and Moycarkey had the aid of the wind in the first half. After Kilruane saved a Kieran Morris penalty in the first minute, the North team scored a goal to take the lead. The response from Moycarkey was swift with Robert Doran in particular doing well and he scored 3 goals in a two minute period to put his side in front by 3-1 to 1-1. Ger Carey added another goal for Moycarkey in the 9th minute and they led by 4-3 to 1-4. Despite playing in to the wind, Kilruane took control of the game coming up to half-time scoring six points in quick succession and by the interval, Moycarkey's lead was reduced to just four points, 4-5 to 1-10.

The teams shared 3 points each in the first three minutes of the second half before Joe Dixon scored a goal to put Moycarkey in front by 5-8 to 1-13. Kilruane responded with a goal before Kevin Moran scored Moycarkey's sixth goal and with nine minutes remaining, the Mid men led by six points. Kilruane were not going to give up without a fight and scored 1-1 in the space of a minute to leave just two points between the teams. Both sides were now visibly tiring after a long day of hurling and despite facing the wind, it was Moycarkey who proved the stronger team finishing up scoring 2-3 without reply (Robert Doran with both goals taking his 7s final tally to 5-2). Kilruane scored a late goal but it was no more than a consolation score as referee Dickie Murphy blew up for full-time soon afterwards and Moycarkey were crowned All-Ireland Senior Hurling 7's champions for 2009 with an eight point winning margin. Moycarkey goalkeeper John Kelly was named player of the tournament after producing some excellent saves throughout the day before Moycarkey-Borris captain Pat Carey was presented with the All-Ireland cup.



Moycarkey-Borris goalkeeper John Kelly accepting the Player of the Tournament from Conor Carmody of sponsors Meteor.

The Moycarkey-Borris panel and scorers over the six matches were as follows - John Kelly, Ger Carey (3-5), Pat Carey (1-4), Paul Dempsey (2-2), Joe Dixon (3-3), Robert Doran (11-5), Brian Moran (2-8), Kevin Moran (2-3), David Morris (0-4) and Kieran Morris (6-22).

A commemorative DVD copy of the success including full coverage of the final was subsequently produced by the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy can contact Moycarkey-Borris GAA Club Secretary Ed Donnelly at 087-2055642 or ed.donnelly@gaa.ie.



Moycarkey-Borris - Kilmacud 7s All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions: Back l-r - Aidan O'Leary, Ger Carey, Paul Dempsey, Pat Carey, Kevin Moran, Robert Doran, David Morris, Joe Moran, Pat Maher. Front l-r: Liam Hackett, Kieran Morris, John Kelly, Joe Dixon, Brian Moran

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South Board Roll Of Honour 2009

			Venue	Referee
Glanbia Senior Hurling				
23/08/09	Mullinahone 1-17	Killenaule 1-16	Kilsheelan	Keith Delahunty
Clonmel Oil Senior Football				
30/08/09	Moyle Rovers 0-14	Fethard 0-8	Ardfinnan	Brian Tyrell
South Tipp Today Intermediate Football				
27/09/09	Carrick Swans 2-11	Ballyporeen 2-9	Ardfinnan	Derek O'Mahony
Martins Fruit & Veg Intermediate Hurling				
19/09/09	Moyle Rovers 1-13	Carrick Davins 1-12	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche
John Quirke Junior Hurling 'A'				
27/09/09	Ballylooby/Castlegrace 2-13	Ballingarry 1-8	Monroe	Victor Direen
Garrabridge Lighting Junior Football 'A'				
4/10/09	Carrick Swans 2-7	Ballylooby/Castlegrace 0-8	Nedhallpk	Paddy Ivors
Europian Junor Hurling 'B'				
12/9/09	Mullinahone 2-12	St Marys 0-8	Davin Pk	Tom O'Donnell
South Board Junior Football 'B'				
12/9/09	Clonmelog 4-5	Moyle Rovers 1-10	Davin Pk	Gerry Ryan
O'Donoghues Motor Factors U21 Football 'A'				
14/03/09	Moyle Rovers 2-11	Commercials 0-3	Fethard	Willie Barrett
Hall Alarms U21 Football 'B'				
29/03/09	Ardfinnan 1-9	Cahir 0-2	Ned Hall Pk	Keith O'Brien
Carew Investments U21H 'A'				
23/08/09	Moyle Rovers 1-14	Ballingarry 2-11 (Draw)	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche
03/10/09	Moyle Rovers 1-13	Ballingarry 0-12 (Replay)	Fethard	Willie Barrett
Pat Cleere U21 Hurling 'B'				
31/10/09	St Patrick's Gaels 1-11	Ballybacon Grange 0-7	Monroe	Pa Shelley
Sureprint Minor Football 'A'				
29/08/09	Ardfinnan 2-11	Moyle Rovers 0-5	Cahir	John McGonigley
Minor Football 'B'				
30/08/09	Killenaule 3-7	Knockmealdown G 0-15	Ardfinnan	Martin Doyle
Minor Football 'C'				
31/10/09	Grangemockler 1-15	Clerihan 0-5	Ned Hall Pk	Martin Doyle
Chadwicks Minor Hurling 'A'				
20/09/09	Ballybacon Grange 1-12	Ballingarry 0-14	Monroe	Keith Delahunty
Mk Sports Minor Hurling 'B'				
19/09/09	Knockmealdown Gaels 2-11	Carrick Swan 1-10	Kilsheelan	Seamus Mullins
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Moyle Rovers Win First Intermediate Hurling Title

Moyle Rovers made the big breakthrough in hurling this year when they won the South intermediate championship for the first time. Seven teams took part in the competition which was played on a league basis with the top four qualifying for the semi finals.

In the opening match Rovers faced Carrick Davins in Kilsheelan. In a close encounter it looked like Moyle Rovers with two goals from Ger Butler and 1-6 from Declan Browne had done enough to win but the Davins with a goal in injury time were narrow winners by 2-15 to 3-10. Our next outing was against Fethard. Reduced to 14 men after 7 minutes we always struggled and eventually lost by 2-7 to 0-7.

Our third game proved to be our first victory, a comfortable 2-17 to 2-8 win over St.Mary's with Declan Browne scoring 2-8. Next on the list came Cahir. After a very close first half we ran out winners by 0-20 to 1-11 with 6 points from Declan Browne and 4 points from Martin Dunne.

The following game against Ballyneale was another close encounter. Trailing by 3 points at half time we finally won by 1-14 to 2-8. Our last league match was against Fr.Sheehy's. Despite conceding a goal in the opening minute, we were comfortable winners by 2-19 to 1-9.

In the semi final against St.Mary's we started very badly but as the game progressed we gradually got on top and ran out deserving winners by 5 points. Carrick Davins were our opponents in the final. At half time we led by 0-7 to 0-5 and in a very close second half we held on to win by 1-13 to 1-12. South champions for the first time. Even though we lost the county quarter final to Arravale Rovers, there was some consolation in seeing Carrick Davins winning the county final.

Team & Panel : T.J. Wall , Daniel Lyons, Sean Keating, Ronan Desmond , Darragh Dwyer, Peter Acheson, Denis McGrath, Martin Dunne, Ciaran Lorigan 0-1, Sean Carey 0-1, Eddie Whelan 0-1, Padraig Hickey 0-3, Brian Mulvihill, Declan Browne 1-7, Padraig Kelly. Subs: Ger Butler, John Shanahan, Diarmuid Foley, Barry Hickey, Richard Power, Eoin Morrissey, David Lorigan, Kevin Condon, Ian Browne, Liam Carey, Liam Cronin, Liam Redmond, Barry Whelan, Daniel Lyne.

First Under-21 Hurling Title for Moyle Rovers

Having lost the minor hurling finals in 2006 , 2007 and 2008 , hopes were high that we could win this year's under 21 title . In the first round we came up against Ballingarry and as usual they beat us by 0-17 to 0-13.

In the first round of the losers' group we met Carrick Swan and in an amazing game the sides were level at the end of normal time on a score of 2-19 to 5-10. After extra time we emerged winners by 2-25 to 6-12. Our scorers in chief that day were Padraig Hickey 0-11 , Shane McCormack 2-0 and Brian Smith 0-5 .

In the next round we met St.Mary's. After dominating the first half we only led 1-4 to 0-0 at half time with the goal coming from Shane McCormack . In a much closer second half we went on to win by 1-13 to 1-6. The semi final against Mullinahone was certainly a game of two halves . Mullinahone led at half time by 0-12 to 0-5 but second half goals from Diarmuid Foley , Shane McCormack , Ciaran Lorigan and Peter Acheson saw us through by 4-9 to 0-20.

The final was another encounter with our old friends from Ballingarry. At half time we led by 2 points and we held this lead until two minutes from time. Then a Ballingarry goal gave them a one point lead but in stoppage time Sean Carey levelled from a free and the match ended Moyle Rovers 1-14 Ballingarry 2-11.

In the replay Ballingarry made a great start and were 4 points ahead after 10 minutes . At half time they led by 0-6 to 0-4. The crucial score of the second half came in the 17th minute when Padraig Hickey kicked a goal. From there we went on to win our first under 21 title by 1-13 to 0-12.

Team and panel in replay: Liam Carey, Daniel Lyons, Sean Keating, Shane Heffernan, Richard Power, Darragh Dwyer, Denis McGrath, Peter Acheson 0-4, Sean Carey 0-6, Liam Redmond , Brian Smith 0-2 , Padraig Hickey 1-1, David Lorigan, Ciaran Lorigan, Diarmuid Foley. Subs : Shane McCormack, Thomas Hill, David Foley, James Cahill , Edmund Burke, Ciaran Kenrick, Jack Lonergan, Barry Whelan, Charlie Purcell, Robert Kearney, Lee Dunne

Intermediate and under 21 Coach: Donal McCarthy

Intermediate and under 21 selectors: Declan McGrath , Tom Lorigan , Pat Fahey , Michael Wall , Tony Smith.



Intermediate South Hurling Champions

Back Row (l-r): Tony Smith, Liam Redmond, Richard Power, Barry Hickey, Ciaran Lorigan, Peter Acheson, Paraic Kelly, TJ Wall, Brian Mulvihill, Barry Whelan, Ian Browne, Ger Butler, Diarmuid Foley, Daniel Lyne, Michael Mulcahy, Michael Mulcahy, David Lorigan, Liam Carey, Donal McCarthy. Front Row (l-r): Michael Wall, Kevin Condon, Dara Dwyer, Daniel Lyons, Martin Dunne, Declan Browne, Paraic Hickey, Sean Carey, Denis McGrath, Sean Keating, Eddie Whelan, John Shanahan, Eoin Morrissey, Noel Wall, Liam Cronin, Ronan Desmond, Declan McGrath.



Clonmel Óg Junior 'B' Football South & County Champions 2009

(First time ever winning South or County JFB): Back Row: Sean Quirke, Mark Gregory, Stephen O' Reilly, Matthew Norris, Paul Purcell, Jocky Landers, Dean Madigan, Barry Hanley, David Peters, Dave Thompson, Christopher Sheehan, Darren Boland, Jonathan Donoghue, PJ Fahey, Kevin Tobin. Front: Ross Aylward, Colm O' Connell, Patrick O' Donnell, Darren Burns, Paul Landers, Kevin McGrath, Stephen Aylward, Mark Casey, Trevor Whelan



St. Patrick's Under-21 'B' hurling champions

Back Row l-r: Chris Foley Selector, Enda Fogarty, Stephen Coffey, Keelan O'Neill, Shane Gorey, John Moroney, Paul Horan, Richard Needham, Colm Dunne, Tony O'Brien, Mick O'Connell Team Manager. Front Row l-r: Cathal Foley Mascot, Marcus O'Halloran, Jason Hayes, Robert McCormack, Patrick Moroney Captain, Stuart Broderick, Aarron Cronin, Thomas Hayes, Eoghan McCormack, Mark Fitzgerald.

Carrick Davins Hurling and Football Club

2009 was another busy year for Carrick Davins G.A.A. club. 18th October 2009 – A day to remember for all Davin people!! We had to wait a number of years to see another adult title come to The Davin club and it was eventually realised on 18th October when we won the county intermediate hurling final for the first time.

It was great to see all the joy and excitement that it brought to players, mentors and supporters. The present team have been playing since their youth and progressed through juvenile and minor to intermediate grade. Since early spring the team had been in training. Early in the year we played in the county intermediate hurling league, in which we had a great run, reaching the final in June and narrowly losing to Drom and Inch.

In the South championship a league system of matches was played and we advanced to the play-off stages. We played Fethard in the semi-final and drew the match. The replay took place a few days later and this time we won by two points. The South final was played in Kilsheelan on 19th September. There were a lot of expectations on this team and on the day however, scores were missed and unfortunately a heavy price was paid, losing to Moyle Rovers by a single point! This was both disappointing and disheartening to all involved and perhaps was the reality-check that was needed to spur us on.

The following week we met the West champions, Galtee Rovers, in the county quarter final, beating them by two points. We played Ballina in the semi-final on 3rd October, a team fancied for the title. After a very close and tough game we were two points ahead when the final whistle was blown.

The final was fixed as the curtain raiser to the senior final in Semple Stadium on Sunday 18th October - Carrick Davins versus Arravale Rovers of Tipperary town. All roads led to Semple Stadium for this spectacular occasion. From the start it was clear that this would be a close affair with just one point separating the two teams at half-time - Davins 0-6, Arravale Rovers 0-5. Early in the second half The Davins fell behind but as the game developed they regained control, creating the chances. When captain, Gerard Robinson, goaled with six minutes remaining, we began to believe that this was our day and with the final whistle The Davins were champions. Gerard Robinson proudly accepted the Jacksie Ryan Cup from the Tipperary county board vice-chairman, Sean Nugent, while William O'Dwyer was awarded 'Man of the Match'.

The team progressed to the Munster club

championship where they were the Tipperary representatives. The Davins met the Clare champions Whitegate in Scariff, Co. Clare. We were unlucky on the day, as wet and heavy pitch conditions did not suit our players and this is where our journey concluded for this year. Nonetheless they flew the flag for Tipperary and did us all proud. We congratulate all the panel of player on this historic year.

The intermediate hurling championship is a competition that we have striven to win for numerous years. We thank all the players, selectors, trainers and all involved with the team for their commitment and dedication throughout the year and wish them all the best in 2010 as they now enter the senior ranks.

Intermediate Hurling Championship Results 2009

DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM SCORE	AWAY TEAM SCORE	REFEREE
Quarter Final				
26/09/2009	The Ragg:	Ballina 2.13	Gortnahoe Glengoose 1.09	Phil Ryan
26/09/2009	Cashel:	Arravale Rovers 2.17	Moyle Rovers 1.13	Ger Fitzpatrick
27/09/2009	Cahir:	Carrick Davins 1.11	Galtee Rovers 1.09	TP Sullivan
27/09/2009	Dolla:	Thurles Sarsfields 0.10	Newport 0.09	John Ryan Bob
Semi Finals				
03/10/2009	Boherlahan:	Carrick Davins 4.10	Ballina 1.17	Johnny Ryan
03/10/2009	Boherlahan:	Thurles Sarsfields 1.11	Arravale Rovers 0.14	Keith Delahunty
Replay				
10/10/2009	Cashel:	Arravale Rovers 2.14	Thurles Sarsfields 0.14	Ger Fitzpatrick
Final				
18/10/2009	Semple Stadium:	Carrick Davins 1.13	Arravale Rovers 1.06	John Cleary

Carrick Davins v Arravale Rovers: Ed McGrath, Keith Condon, Richie McGrath, Johnny Coady, Lee Mackey (0-1), Michael Ryan, Steven Cronin, Philip Murphy, Mikey Cronin (0-4), Ger Robinson, capt., (1-1), William O'Dwyer (0-2), Noel Butler (0-2), Shane Butler (0-1), Jason Butler (0-1), John Murphy (0-1). Subs: Paul Tobin for J. Murphy, Michael Hackett for S. Butler, Eoghan Power for Coady. Also: James Waters, Luke Foran, Brendan Butler, John Keyes, James Walsh, Steven Kerwick, Patrick Harris, Marc Roche, Ian O'Dwyer, Nigel O'Brien, John Paul McGrath.

Management team: John Robinson, Thomas Foran, Gerry McGrath, Nico Butler, Paddy Walsh. Trainer: Paul Tobin.



Carrick Davins Philly Murphy gets his shot despite the best efforts of Arravale Rovers' Michael O'Dwyer and Gerard Mulhaire in the County IHC Final at Semple Stadium. Photograph: Bridget Delaney

Historic year for Ballylooby-Castlegrace on and off the Pitch

2009 has been a memorable year for Ballylooby Castlegrace GAA Club on and off the field. This year marked the opening of our new club house and playing facilities along with South Junior 'A' hurling success and the South Minor B hurling title as part of Knockmealdown Gaels.

Success on the Playing Fields

Ballylooby Castlegrace Junior A hurling team won the South championship for only the fourth time in our history in 2009, the 3 previous wins were in 1945, 1972 and 2003. We topped our group after 4 games qualifying straight to the semi final where we beat Carrick Swans to set up a South final against Ballingarry. Ballylooby Castlegrace captured the title beating Ballingarry in the final on a score of 2-13 to 1-08. Our junior footballers just

came up short in the South final losing to Carrick Swans. Our Junior B teams didn't qualify for the knockout stages of the championships but recorded 2 wins in each code.

In 2009 Ballylooby Castlegrace joined with Fr Sheehys & Newcastle as Knockmealdown Gaels at minor & U21. 2009 proved to be a very successful year particularly at minor level. They reached South Finals in both minor 'B' hurling & football. The footballers were narrowly beaten by Killenaule while the hurlers made history by winning the Minor 'B' title defeating Carrick Swans in the final. The hurlers progressed to the county final where they were beaten by Moyne Templetoohy.

The success achieved by the club in 2009 is without doubt down to the terrific work being done at underage level by our clubs juvenile coaches and in Ballylooby NS over the last number of years.



Ballylooby/Castlegrace South Junior 'A' Hurling Champions 2009

Back row: Paul Darcy(Olivia Darcy), Colm Flynn, Derek Coffey (Rachel Coffey), Patrick Wilkinson, Brian Beary, Ronan Dwyer, Brendan Magill, Kieran O'Donnell, Liam Magill, John McCarthy, David Fox, Derek Whelan, John Whelan (captain) Alan Kennedy, Liam Murray, Pat Reidy(Manager), Seamus O'Dwyer(Selector), Pat Morrissey (selector), Stephen Phelan, Johnny Cooney. Front Row: Kenneth Coffey, Micheal Murphy, Ger Beary, Michael Murphy, Jamie Myles, Fintan Morgan, Stephen Morgan, Luke Murphy, Brian Reidy(Donnacha Reidy), Bryan Fitzgerald, Eamon Ryan. Conor Morrissey with cup.



Knockmealdown Gaels South Minor 'B' Hurling Champions 2009

Back Row: Pat Murphy(Selector), Thomas Sampson, Ciaran Maher, Thomas Sweeney, Sean Flynn, Kieran O'Donnell, Dealga Roche, Brian Lonergan, Brendan Walsh, Danny Morgan, Ray Hallinan, Eamon McGrath(Selector), Paul Delaney(Coach). Front Row: Michael Murphy(Selector), Brian Hyland, Micheal Murphy, Ger Beary, Stephen O'Keeffe, P.J. Hanrahan, Robbie O'Brien, Johnny Cooney, Christopher McGrath, Luke Murphy.

Great Year for Moyle Rovers Senior Footballers in 2009

With Jim Cahill back at the helm this year for Moyle Rovers expectation was high that success would follow. The last time Jim was in charge Moyle Rovers won 5 South and 5 county senior football championships in six years between 1995 and 2000. The other three members of the management team were involved too when Moyle Rovers won their 6th title in 2007.

The year started brightly with success in the county league. Having come through the group stage Moyle Rovers played Commercial's in the semi-final in Ned Hall Park. Commercial's started the brighter leading at half time by 9 points. However in this first real test of the character of this Moyle Rovers team they managed to draw level just before the final whistle. Despite the terrible weather conditions the standard of football was high by both sides but it was the superior fitness levels that won it on the day for Moyle Rovers in extra time on a score line of 2-16 to 3-8.

County League

The county league final was contested between Moyle Rovers and Ardfinnan on Thursday 28th May just two days after the same two sides played in the South championship. The championship match on the Tuesday night was a close encounter with Moyle Rovers just edging it. However whichever side recovered better and learned more would be hugely relevant for this league final. With a number of positional and player changes from the previous game the strength and depth in the Moyle Rovers panel was obvious early on and eventually ran out easy winners.

In the South championship Moyle Rovers were drawn in a tough group with Killenaule, Ardfinnan and Commercial's. All three games proved to be tough physical encounters, and coupled with the first and second rounds of the county championship against Loughmore-Castleiney and Éire Óg Annacarty respectively the months of May and June were busy and demanding on the squad. Despite this Moyle Rovers passed each test better than the one before and by the time they reached what turned out to be a long summer break were successfully into the South semi-final and County quarter final.

In the South semi final Moyle Rovers faced Clonmel Óg who had a deserving but surprising victory over Commercial's. For a long time the semi final was a close low scoring affair but shortly into the second half Moyle Rovers forwards, led by the in form Declan Browne, struck form and ended up with a large

winning margin of 16 points with a score line of 2-18 to 0-8. In the South final Moyle Rovers faced Fethard. Having beaten them in the last two finals Moyle Rovers were much too strong for their opponents winning by 6 points, 0-14 to 0-8. For captain Liam Cronin this was his 10th south senior final win. For the team it was four final wins in a row and this victory also put Moyle Rovers into the county semi final bypassing the quarter final.

The county semi finals were played as a double header in Semple Stadium. Moyle Rovers played Killenaule in the opening game. Having beaten the reigning county champions Galtee Rovers in the quarter finals Killenaule showed that they would be stern opposition for any team, however losing a number of key players in that game didn't help their cause. Moyle Rovers, after a slow start, won convincingly and were into their 9th county final in 15 years. Aherlow won the other semi final against Loughmore-Castleiney.

County Final

The county final played on the 25th October was an excellent game of football. Aherlow started brightly going into an early lead but a penalty scored by Declan Browne kept Moyle Rovers in touch. Both teams were playing well and it was the battle for possession and great defending that showed prominent. There was some super scores kicked and it was in the final quarter that the superior fitness and determination of Moyle Rovers that made the difference. Two goals, a product of great individual brilliance and super team play that carved open the Aherlow defence. At the death Aherlow launched a number of attacks on the Moyle Rovers goal but they held out for a well-deserved victory.

Moyle Rovers: Ciaran Kenrick, Ronan Desmond, Richard Power, Liam Cronin (capt.), Sean Keating, Niall Fitzgerald, Dara O'Dwyer, Paul Johnson, Martin Dunne, John Shanahan, Sean Carey, Peter Acheson (0-1), Brian Mulvihill (0-1), Padraig Foley, Declan Browne (2-4). Subs: Diarmuid Foley (1-0) for Dara O'Dwyer, James Williams for Declan Browne. Also: Ian Browne, Aaron Kelly, Darren Nolan, Robbie Boland, Brian Smith, Daniel Lyons, Edmund Burke, Shane Heffernan, Mark Murray, Gary Moore, Sean Boland, Daniel Lyne, Michael Mulcahy, Paul Shanahan, Kevin Condon, Shane Foley, Jack Lonergan.

There are a number of factors that contributed to the successes of this team. The strength and depth in the whole squad was evident through the year. The team was well managed and well coached with superior skills and fitness winning out a number of games. For four players it was their 7th county final win having played in all 9 in the club's history. They were Liam



Moyle Rovers Senior South champions

Back Row (l-r): Jimmy Dunne, Paraic Kelly, Sean Boland, Michael Mulcahy, Daniel Lyne, Darren Nolan, Richard Power, James Williams, Ciaran Kenrick, Peter Acheson, Sean Keating, Martin Dunne, Edmund Burke, Aaron Kelly, Niall Fitzgerald, Kevin Condon, Padraig Foley, Brendan Foley.
Front Row (l-r): Seamus Delahunty, Jim Cahill, Gary Moore, Ian Browne, Brian Mulvihill, Dara Dwyer, Diarmuid Foley, Shane Heffernan, Brian Smith, Sean Carey, John Shanahan, Declan Browne, Liam Cronin (Capt), Pat O Connor.



Moyle Rovers, County Senior Football League winners.

Back Row (l-r): Gary Moore, Kevin Condon, Paul Johnson, Liam Cronin, Niall Fitzgerald, Daniel Lyons, Paraic Kelly, Diarmuid Foley, David Foley, Peter Acheson, James Williams, Shane Heffernan, Robbie Boland, Mick Morrissey, Ian Browne, Mark Murray, Brendan Foley. Front Row (l-r): Aaron Kelly, Brian Mulvihill, Ronan Desmond, Declan Browne, Paraic Hickey, Daniel Lyne, Darren Nolan(capt), Ciaran Kenrick, Richard Power, Edmund Burke, John Shanahan

Cronin, James Williams, Declan Browne and Robbie Boland and their experience was invaluable to the team. This year's team boosted by the success of their under 21s produced many fine players who will have a great future in game, Sean Carey, Peter Acheson, Sean Keating, Richard Power. Ciaran Kendrick, Diarmuid Foley, Darragh Dwyer and Brian Smith all winning their first county senior medal. This year also saw the coming of age for new leaders on the field, Niall Fitzgearld, Ronan Desmond, Paudie Foley, John Shanahan, Brian Mulvahill, Martin Dunne and Paul Johnson.

Moyle Rovers Under-21 Footballers 3 in a Row

The last decade has seen Moyle Rovers develop a very successful underage nursery for football talent. This is due, in no small part, to the effort and commitment of both players and mentors alike. This hard work and dedication reach its fruition this year with the clubs under 21 footballers successfully defending their county title and making it three in a row titles in the process.

Under 21 'A' football started in the South Division in February with Moyle Rovers facing Killenaule in Fethard. Winning this game 3-8 to 0-5 it set up a semi final date with Clonmel Óg in the sports field Clonmel. While, beforehand this game had the potential to be a very close and exciting encounter; it ended up being a definitive result for Moyle Rovers with a score line of 2-8 to 0-2. After this it was back to Fethard again to face this teams long time underage rivals Commercials in the final. It was really in this game that Moyle Rovers displayed their class and potential that they would be serious county final contenders. Beating Commercials with a score line of 2-11 to 0-3 Moyle Rovers dominated all over the field and it was inspirational captain Richard Power who received the cup on behalf of a very good Moyle Rovers team. Best for Rovers on the day included Sean Carey, Peter Acheson, Daniel Lyons, Sean Keating, Diarmuid Foley, Darragh Dwyer, Sean Boland and Shane Heffernan.

In the county semi final spectators were served up a fantastic and thrilling game of football between Moyle Rovers and Arravale Rovers. This game was an outstanding advertisement for football in Tipperary and indeed many of the players on display were involved in Tipperary's heroic efforts when narrowly missing out on Munster under 21 success to Cork. This

battle of the "rovers" had many twists and for long periods it looked like nothing would separate the sides. Deadlock after the hour the game went to extra time and it was Moyle Rovers who came out winners with the minimum to spare, 1-11 to 1-10. Both teams had their heroes on the day but Peter Acheson, Sean Carey and Brian Smith deserve special mention.

The county final against Loughmore-Castleiney was played on May 2nd, the evening before the same teams would meet in the first round of the county senior football championship. After the displays by both teams in their respective semi finals expectation was high. However having come through a titanic battle in semi final Moyle Rovers were the hungrier team and controlled the game from the offset. With a winning margin of six points, 1-10 to 0-7 Moyle Rovers had completed a historic 3 in a row.

Moyle Rovers: Kieran Kendrick, Shane Heffernan, Richard Power, Edmond Burke, Barry Molloy, Sean Keating, Daragh O'Dwyer, Sean Boland, Peter Acheson (0-2), Padraig Hickey (0-2), Diarmuid Foley (0-1), Jack Lonergan (0-1), Denis McGrath, Daniel Lyne (1-0), Liam Boland (0-1). Subs: David McGrath (0-1), Thomas Hill (0-1), Brian Smith (0-1), Liam Carey, , David Foley.

Special mention is warranted to some of those who would go on to make outstanding contributions to Tipperary and Moyle Rovers seniors later on in the summer. Sean Carey, Peter Acheson, Sean Keating, Darragh O'Dwyer, Richard Power, Diarmuid Foley, Ciaran Kendrick, Brian Smith.



Moyle Rovers U21 'A' Football South & County Champions

Back row (l-r): Edmund Burke, David McGrath, Charlie Purcell, Barry Molloy, David Foley, Dara Dwyer, Diarmuid Foley, Jack Lonergan, Sean Boland, Shane Heffernan, Liam Carey, James Cahill, Ciaran Lorigan, Liam Boland. Front Row (l-r): Shane Foley, Thomas Hill, Brendan Boland, Paraic Hickey, Richard Power, Sean Carey, Peter Acheson, Ciaran Kenrick, Brian Smith, Daniel Lyons, Denis McGrath, Sean Keating

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Carrick Swan - County and South Intermediate Football Champions Back l-r: Tony Keane (Selector), Michael Walsh (Selector), Kieran Reade, Anthony O'Donnell, Alan Rockett, Jamie Sweetman (Capt), Daryl Whitty, Stephen Hahessy, James Walsh, Danny O'Hanlon, Mark O'Halloran, Seamus Walsh (Selector). Front l-r: Franny Harris, Bill Walsh, Johnnie Cahill, Shane Hogan, Paul Diffley, Aaron Harrigan, Darren Murphy, Ian Cleary, Keith Walsh, Barry Murphy, Craig Walsh.



Carrick Swan - South Junior 'A' Football Champions: Back l-r: Seamus Walsh, Jim Bourke, Tommy Fitzgerald, Brian Barry, Brian Grace, Jamie Dunleavy, Alan P. Ryan, Alan Casey, Wayne Fitzgerald, Glen Keane (Capt), Tony Keane (Selector), James Walsh (Selector). Front l-r: Paul Hahessy (Selector), Willie Murphy, Derek Reade, Ray Dunne, Alan J. Ryan, Barry Walsh, Ray Burke, Martin Harrigan, Anthony Grace, John Walsh, Aaron Walsh.



Killenaule County Minor 'B' football champions. Back row l-r: James Shaw, Conor Maguire, Joe Meagher, Aiden Leahy, Robert Hall, Jack O'Connell, JJ Webster, Stephen Hannigan, Rory Loughman, Shane Kavanagh, Cathal Bergin, Conor Kavanagh, Kevin Hall, Ethan Cronin. Front row l-r: Greg Henry, Conor Van Dikkenburg, Alan Bourke, Joe O'Dwyer, Conor Prendergast (captain), John O'Dwyer, Tomas Nolan, Daniel Guinan, Jamie O'Connor, Owen Butler, Thomas Keaveney, Colin Van Dikkenburg, Adam O'Connell



Ardfinnan South U-21 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: James O'Mahoney, Billy Hewitt, Ger Bannon, Eoin Ahearne, Andrew Heffernan, Colin Nugent, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Joe O'Conner, Pakie Heaphy, Alan Ward, Johnathan Ryan, Tony Kelly. Front l-r: Noel Fitzgerald, Dean O'Mahoney, Aaron Cowan, Darren Sweeney, Brian Dillon, Fergal Nugent, Brendan Walsh, Michael O'Sullivan, Eoin Walsh.



Cahir player Johnny B raises €6,000 for charity

Cahir hurler and footballer John B O'Brien in conjunction with the Cahir Chernobyl children's group and South Tipperary Hospice raised a total of €6,000 for the two Charities early this year. John, known as Johnny B wrote a new song for the occasion called *Wrestle with the devil*, which was the title track of the CD, which he recorded and released for the occasion. The song *Wrestle with the Devil* reflects the struggle with cancer. John's main interests are music and hurling, and being an O'Brien, he is a member of a family with a long association with hurling and Cahir GAA. While music distracts him from his sport, he likes nothing better than to go down the GAA field and train as much as he can. John sings his own songs as well as having his own rock band called Johnny B and the Boogie Band. A great achievement for a young man to raise €3,000 for South Tipp Hospice and €3,000 for the Chernobyl Children's organisation.



Moyles Rovers U21 'A' South Hurling Champions 2009. Back Row: (l-r) David Lorigan, Robert Kearney, Thomas Hill, Charlie Purcell, James Cahill, Shane Heffernan, Shane McCormack, Ciaran Lorigan, Richard Power, Daniel Lyons, Paraic Hickey. Front row: (l-r) Liam Carey, Ciaran Kenrick, Denis McGrath, Jack Lonergan, David Foley, Sean Keating (capt), Brian Smith, Peter Acheson, Dara Dwyer, Diarmuid Foley, Sean Carey



Moyles Rovers celebrate County SFC Final win over Aherlow by the narrowest of margins at Semple Stadium.



2008 Nationalist Award winners and South Board: Back l-r Tom Cusack (Treasurer), Sarah Woodlock (SES) Michael Heverin (Nationalist Newspaper Sponsor), Joe Brennan (Vice Chairman), Noel Byrne (Secretary), Dick Egan (Chairman), Miceal O'Meara (President). Front l/r Ciaran Shelley (Ballingarry Young Hurler 2008), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Og Inter/Junior Footballer 2008), Paul Curran (Mullinahone Hurler 2008), John Kehoe (Kilsheelan Nephew Hall of Fame 2008 Jim Kehoe), Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard Footballer 2008), Aiden Fitzgerald (Fethard Inter/Junior Hurler 2008), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen Young Footballer 2008).



2008 Nationalist Award Winners: Conor Sweeney, Aiden Fitzgerald, Christopher Aylward, John Kehoe, Ciaran Shelley, Paul Fitzgerald, Paul Curran.



Con Hogan, Barry O'Brien and Sean Nugent.



South Board Referees Presentations 2008: Back l-r John McGonigley, Derek O'Mahony, Keith O'Brien, Paddy Ivors, Seamus Roche, Centre Row l-r Tom Cusack (Treas Board), Joe Brennan (Vice Chairman Board), Gerry Ryan, Martin Doyle, Andy Moloney, Victor Direen, Pa Shelley, Keith Delahunty, Dick Egan (Chairman Board). Front l/r Willie Barrett, Miceal McCormack, Brian Tyrell, Sarah Woodlock (SES Sponsors), Seamie Mullins, Noel Cosgrove, Noel Byrne (Secretary Board).

West Tipperary Review

West Tipperary Officers and Committees 2009

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Hon. Presidents:	His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford.
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Bord na nÓg Rep.:	Richard O'Connor (Fánaithe Gleann Árann)
C.C.C.(5);Four elected and Referees Co-Ordinator:	Mattie Finnerty (Caiseal R.C.), Jerry Ring (Fánaithe Gleann Árann), Billy Ryan (Cumann Ciocaim), D.J.Gleeson (Éire Óg), and Referees Co-Ordinator, Stevie O'Donnell
Management Committee (9): Five Officers and four elected	Mattie Finnerty (Caiseal R.C.), Joe Power (Fánaithe Gleann Árann), Jerry Ring (Fánaithe Gleann Árann), Sean Bradshaw (Cumann Ciocaim), Willie O'Grady (Faiche Ró), D.J. Gleeson (Éire Óg), Billy Ryan (Cumann Ciocaim), Jimmy Hennessy (Cumann Ciocaim), Noel O'Brien (Fánaithe Gleann Árann).
Coaching Committee Appointed:	Joe Power (Fánaithe Gleann Árann), Pat Moroney (Eatharlach), Tom O'Donnell (Gabhailin/Cill Fiacaíl), Kevin Hally (Fánaithe Carraig an Tobair), Rodger Ryan (Caiseal R.C.)



Pictured at Sponsorship Presentation from Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu from left: Ted O'Connor, General Manager Tipperary Co-Op; Matty Finnerty, West Board Chairman and Matt Quinlan, Chairman, Tipperary Co-Op.

West Tipperary Champions and Runners Up 2009

Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu SHC

23.08. In Golden Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-11 Cappawhite 0-12. Ref: Sean Bradshaw

Dundrum House Hotel Crosco Cup S.H.

23.10 In Clonoulty Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-11 Cappawhite 2-8. Ref: Eamonn Browne

Tipperary Credit Union IHC Final

13.09 In Golden Galtee Rovers 1-12 Arravale Rovers 1-11. Ref: John Ryan

Gleeson Concrete JHC 'A'. (Replay yet to be fixed)

4.10 In Bansha Aherlow 1-15 Lattin/Cullen 1-15. Ref: Paddy Ryan

Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu JHC 'B'. Final

11.10 In Cappawhite Golden/Kilfeacle 2-9 Arravale Rovers 0-8. Ref: Sean Bradshaw

O'Dwyer's Steel U21HC 'A'. Final

24.10 In Golden Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-13 Arravale Rovers 1-4. Ref: Paddy Russell

Ollie's Bar New Inn U21 HC 'B'. Final

29.11 In Tipperary Aherlow 0-14 Golden/Kilfeacle 1-7 Ref: Willie Kennedy

Lion Print U21HC 'C'.

7.09 In ST Park Rockwell Rovers 0-15 Lattin/Cullen 0-10. Ref: Oisín Ryan

Seamus Whelan MHC 'A'.

26.08 In Cappawhite Arravale Rovers 1-13 Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-8 Ref: Fergal Horgan

Dundrum House Hotel MHC 'B'.

5.09 In Bansha Golden/Kilfeacle 1-12 Cappawhite 1-7 Ref: D Grogan

MHC 'C': No Championship. Sean Treacys entered the County Championship

Ballinlard Transport SFC .Final

23.09 In Cappawhite Aherlow 1-7 Galtee Rovers 0-6. Ref: P. Russell

Ballinlard Transport SF O'Donoghue Cup Final

29.11 in Bansha Rockwell wo Arravale Rovers scr Ref: John Ryan (B)

25.07 In Golden Rockwell Rovers 0-12 Arravale Rovers 0-12 Ref: John Ryan (B)

Matt Kavanagh Coaches IFC Final

20.09 In Bansha Rockwell Rovers 2-6 Cappawhite 0-4 Ref: David Grogan

C&C Engineering JFC 'A'. Final

1.10 In Cappawhite Knockavilla Kickhams 1-13 Aherlow 1-7 Ref: John O' Brien

AIB JFC 'B' Final

4.10 In Bansha Sean Treacys 2-10 Golden/Kilfeacle 1-8 (aet) Ref: Tom Dawson

McGrath Oil U21FC 'A'

11.04 In Lattin Arravale Rovers 1-11 Aherlow 0-3 Ref: Paddy Russell.

McGrath Oil U21FC 'B'

5.04 In Dundrum Éire Óg Annacarty 1-8 Rockwell Rovers 1-7 Ref: John O'Brien

McGrath Oil U21FC 'C' Final

4.10 In Lattin Emly 1-6 Solohead 1-4. Ref: David Grogan

O'Murchu Financial Services MFC 'A'

19.08 In Bansha Arravale Rovers 2-14 Cashel King Cormacs 1-4 Ref: Phil Ryan

Pa Sheehy Butchers MFC 'B'

15.08 In Cashel Golden/Kilfeacle 3-12 Rockwell Rovers 0-7 Ref: Ger Howe

MFC 'C': Sean Treacys entered County Championship, No West Competition

Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar C.L.G. wishes to thank the Clubs and Gaels of West Tipperary for their continuing support and encouragement in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the Division. We acknowledge the trojan work of Club and Board officers as well as the match officials and groundsmen. A special thanks to the many players who represented their Clubs, Division and County with pride during the year. Congratulations to our teams and well done to the winners the winners.

We wish to record our thanks to all our sponsors for their generous support of our activities, and especially Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu. Like the GAA the Co-Ops are also community based organisations. This local company has done much for the economy of West Tipperary. We are mindful of the present harsh economic realities and we ask all our patrons and members to support the enterprises of all our sponsors.



Rockwell Rovers: Back row: l-r: Michael O'Donnell, Michael King, Tommy Byrne, Kevin Riordan, Brian Riordan, Kieran Durcan, Diarmuid Lonergan, Willie Flynn, Patrick Halley, Barry Shortall, James Dudley, Pat Prendergast, Alan Moloney, James O'Halloran, Jack Sullivan, Eoin Byrne, David Brennan, Eamon Óg Barron, Stephen Boland, Liam Lonergan, James Heffernan. Front row: l-r. David Byrnes, Pakie Fitzgerald, Robbie O'Halloran, John Heaney, Kevin Heaney, (Captain: Kevin Halley), Eoin Shine, Andrea Roche, Stephen Quirke, Paul Halley, Tommy Flynn, Eoin Barrett, Gavin Ryan, Mickey Fahey, Colm Heaney (Missing from photo: Oliver Halley). In front - Team Mascot, Kevin Blair

Rockwell Rovers and Celebrity Bainisteoir

Rockwell Rovers G.A.A. club hit the national headlines early in the year when they participated in the Celebrity Bainisteoir competition run by RTE. In all eight junior and intermediate clubs were chosen from around the country and Rockwell were the only club in Tipperary.

Each club was given a Celebrity Bainisteoir, whose task it was to prepare the club team for participation in a knockout football competition. In most cases the Celebrity Bainisteoir was much more Celebrity than Bainisteoir. In fact most of them hadn't a clue about football and even less about the culture of the G.A.A.

Part of the exercise was that the cameras would follow the efforts of the Bainisteoiri to manage their teams. They were followed as they got to know the players, drew up plans for team development, organised training sessions and got the players fit and prepared for the first round of the competition.

Rockwell Rovers got probably the most glamorous of the Bainisteoiri in Andrew Roche, the Clonmel native who has made a name for herself in modelling and celebrity. She introduced herself to the players at New Inn in November 2008 and entered into the spirit of the competition from the word go. She left no stone unturned to get her charges fit and prepared for their first round game against St. Michael's, Coothall, Co. Roscommon in early February. She used all her contacts to get some of the best minds in gaelic football, such as Mick O'Dwyer, Joe Kernan and Mickey Harte, to impart their wisdom to the Rockwell Rovers boys.

All of this great effort paid off when Rockwell travelled the long journey to St. Michael's, close to the Leitrim border and secured victory by the minimum of margins.

Rockwell were now in the semi-final and had a home venue for their next game against St. Patrick's, Dromahair, Co. Leitrim. This game took place at New Inn on Easter Saturday, April 11 and was attended by a huge crowd. New Inn was on the map and most of the attendance were wishing success to the Rockwell boys. Unfortunately it wasn't to be as they lost by a mere point in a game that was touch and go right up to the end.

There was tremendous disappointment at the loss and none was more disappointed than Celebrity Bainisteoir herself, Andrea, who had put so much effort into the preparation of the team. The club are extremely grateful to her for her great generosity to the players right through the campaign.

The competition wasn't confined to the the games themselves. There were also the television programs that were made round the preparation and the activities of the Celebrity Bainisteoiri on

the sidelines during the matches. It was a memorable time for the Rockwell Rovers club as involvement in the competition livened up a dull, dark winter.



Celebrity Bainisteoir, Andrea Roche, wearing the Rockwell Rovers jersey.



Ballybacon-Grange Minor 'A' South Champions.

Back, left to right: Eoin Lambert, Oisín O'Flynn, Michael Goonan, Jonathon Ryan, Cully Nugent, Michael O'Sullivan, Shane Fagan, Carl Costigan, Billy Hewitt, Jason Coffey, Jamie Butler, Aaron Cowan, Liam Walsh. Front, left to right: Alan Condon, David Condon, Ciaran Nugent, Darren Bray, Philip Murphy, Eoin Walsh, James O'Mahoney, Dean O'Mahoney, Nigel Carberry, Daniel O'Regan, Christopher Lambert, Stephen Lambert.

Successful year for Ballybacon Grange

2009 will be remembered with fond memories in this club for many years to come.

We have held training in Goatenbridge every Tuesday night for juvenile players for past number of years and it was as a result of this training that we were successful in winning South and county championship in under 14 'B' hurling and also winning South minor 'A' hurling title.

In U14 South championship we were defeated by Kilsheelan-Kilcash in earlier rounds but qualified to meet Sheheenarinky in semi final and were successful going on to meet Kilsheelan again in Clonmel in the final. This was a game in which we had to play well all through to win and win we did with vital goals from Tom Kirwan and Colin O'Gorman to bring the cup back to Goatenbridge.

We were drawn against Moneygall/Ballinahinch Gaels in county semi final played in Littleton and we played well in this game but found it difficult to shake off our opponents who were leading with time running out when Tom Kirwan got the all important goal to put us through to county final against Drom and Inch. Many of our players had played in Semple Stadium already with schools teams and started very well against strong Mid Tipperary champions in Drom and Inch. We were ahead at half time but Drom were making their mark on game and took the lead with a few minutes remaining. Our backs and mid fielders fought for every ball in last minutes and we put pressure on Drom backs when Tom Kirwan's shot for goal was saved and Gavin Whelan struck rebound to net to win county final for his team.

There were great celebrations in famed Semple Stadium as joint captains Jason Ryan and Danny O'Mahony were presented with the cup to bring it back to Goatenbridge where celebrations

continued. This victory was the result of major effort by selectors in organising training and challenge matches and in developing game plan which suited our players and every player was happy to do his part for this team. We thank all our young players for the wonderful enjoyment throughout the year and also those in charge of team with Pat Kirwan coaching and training along with Phil Walsh, James Moran and Thomas Walsh and juvenile secretary, Rosaleen O'Leary.

We were in minor 'A' hurling in 2009 and manager Gavin O'Mahony along with selectors Alan O'Gorman, Declan Walsh and Phil Walsh got training organised early in year. We were defeated by Clonmel Og in Cahir in first round of the championship. We faced Ballingarry in Monroe in next round and won in the end in a very exciting game. Moyle Rovers were next up in Clonmel and we won this match well. Killenaule were very impressive in all their matches and we beat them in Cahir on Monday night after the All Ireland. We were against Clonmel Og in semi final in Cahir and we were on top from start to end to record comprehensive victory on night over only team which had beaten us in South Championship already. We were now in the final against Ballingarry and this was played in Monroe and turned out to be great game of hurling with both teams seeking victory. We were in front through out game and had to withstand great finish from Ballingarry to hold out for narrowest of victories by one point. Ballingarry were going for four titles in a row and put us to pin of our collar to beat them.

Chairman Dick Egan presented the cup to winning captain Eoin Walsh in middle of great celebrations in Monroe and it was a marvellous year for these minor players winning South minor titles in both hurling and in football along with county minor football title. Great credit is due to all players and mentors involved and many of this panel of players are under age to compete again in minor in 2010. We were defeated by Arravale Rovers in county semi final in minor hurling.

We now look forward to 2010 after great year's enjoyment provided by all our players.

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Aherlow Ballinlard Transport West SFC Winners and County Finalists 2009. Back l-r: Seanie Peters, Chris Mc Donald, John Hennessy, Derry Peters, Barry Grogan, Cathal Dillon, Stuart Moloney, Seamus Grogan, Bernard O'Brien, Ciarán Mc Donald, Kieran Moroney, Mike Moroney and John Hennessy Jnr.. Front l-r: Mark O'Brien, Shane Leonard, Thomas Hanley, Sean Mullins, Tommy Russell, Thomas Russell (mascot), Mark Hanley, Laurence Coskeran, Conor O'Shea, Frankie Leonard, Cathal O'Shea, Denis O'Shea and Liam Richardson.



Arravale Rovers McGrath Oil West U21FC 'A' Winners 2009. Back l-r: Darren Lowry, Michael O'Sullivan, Stephen Quinn, James Mulhaire, Sean Walsh, Sean O'Meara, Timmy Dalton (Capt.). Front L/R: Michael O'Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Paddy Dalton, David Heffernan, Gerard Mulhaire, Declan Ryan, Brian Lowry.



Éire Óg Anncarty McGrath Oil West U21FC 'B' Winners 2009. Back l-r: Willie Barry, Thomas Kinane, Liam Horan, Oisín O'Dwyer, Paul Downey, Willie O'Neill, Peter O'Dwyer, Eoin Kennedy, Kevin Fox, Michael Buckley, Richard Doherty, Darragh Mooney, Pádraig O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Donagh Horan, Jeremy Furlong, Eoin Bradshaw, Brian Fox (capt.), Gearoid Ryan, Cathal Ryan, Diarmaid Ryan, Seanie Ryan, Declan O'Neill, Michael McGrath



Arravale Rovers O' Murchú Financial Services MFC 'A' Winners 2009. Back l-r: Brian Leahy, David Power, John Doherty, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Gavin Hogan, Ger Mulhair, Sean O'Meara, Sean Kilcoyne, Micheál Ryan, Killian Ryan, Ger O'Dwyer, Brian Lowry, Eddie O'Meara. Front L/R: Michael John Ryan, Cathal Donovan, Fintan Ryan, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Donagh Leahy, Niall Donovan, Shane Leahy, Paddy Dalton, Peter Mulhair, Morgan O'Brien.



Golden Kilfeacle U14 HC 'A' and League Winners 2009. Back l-r: Ethan Rogers, Dale Collins, Joshua Keane, James Casey, Daniel Curriwan, Killian Farrell, Gerard Barlow, David Wade, Farrell. Front l-r: Keith Landy, Paddy Morrissey, Niall Fogarty, Darren Moloney, Shane O'Connell, Seanie O'Halloran, Nathan Magee, Thomas Wade, Eoin Ryan, Cian O'Connell, Evan Hayde



Cappawhite County AFL Div 1 Winners 2009. Back l-r: Daniel Kelly, Mark Hayes, Declan Costello, Denis Tierney, Ciaran Ryan P, Matthew Kennedy, Ross Dunne, Ger Ryan (P), Dessie Ryan (P), Michael Patrick Buckley, Tom Treacy, John Hourigan, John Ryan (P), Cian Creedon, Paul Fitzgerald, John Ryan P. (selector). Front l-r: Michael Buckley (selector), Martin McDermott (Manager), Timmy Cranley, Jim Carr, Paddy Julian, Kevin Mullins, Donagh Heffernan, John Ryan (M), Denis Kelly (capt), Shane McDermott, Stevie Grisewood, Thomas Costello, Pat O'Neill.



Rockwell Rovers Lion Print West U21HC 'C' Winners 2009. Back l-r: Donal Moloney, Alan Moloney, Stephen Byrnes, Stephen Boland, Michael O'Donnell, Robert Breehy, Diarmuid Lonergan, Gavin Ryan, Pat Hally. Front l-r; Liam Lonergan, Mikey Barron, Kevin Riordan, Eoin Byrne, Willie Flynn, (captain), J.J. Cooney, Brian Riordan, Joey Doherty. Kneeling in Front: Diarmuid Barron, Colm Moloney, Sean O'Connell

Tom Lambe, a hurler of note

by Seamus J. King

Tom Lambe of Redwood, Lorrha was one of thirty-four recipients of Sean Ghael awards from G.A.A. President, Christy Cooney, at the Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles on Sunday, November 1. Ninety-one years of age, having been born on August 24, 1918. he walked up to the podium to collect his presentation without any of the afflictions to his body that one might expect so many years to bring: he was sprightly and moved with ease.

Watching him I recalled to myself a summer's day in 1948 or 1949 when I was bringing home a load of turf from Redwood bog. I had a full load of black, stone turf and I was sitting on the top of the creel driving the horse and following my father who was on the front load. As I was passing Lambe's, or Bill Kennedy's house as it was still called, Tom came out and stopped us. He had a hurley in his hand and handed it up to me: 'Take that, it should suit you', he said, or something to that effect.

It was the first decent hurley stick I ever had. It made a strong impression on me because I can recall the occasion sixty years later as vividly as on the day. I can see us stopping, Tom coming out and reaching the hurley up to me. I don't remember what went before or after, the filling of the load in the bog or throwing it into the shed later. It was a special moment in my life and the sun was shining also.

I suppose it wasn't only the hurl that made the occasion special but the man from whom it came. Tom was a special player on the Lorrha senior team that won the North Tipperary senior hurling championship in 1948 and went on to lose to Holycross-Ballycahill in the county final. Tony Reddin had made his name that year against Borris-Ileigh in the North final and if he was my God, Tom Lambe was next to him, playing at wingback.

All these thoughts came winging back to me in the Dome and I got a great desire to have a decent chat with the man, when we had time on our side. There were so many questions I wanted to ask him about life in Redwood and his own background in hurling as he grew up in the shadow of Redwood Castle. So I went to visit him in Coolross, Rathcabbin, where he has lived since he married Nancy Sherlock in August 1949.

Tom was the second of a family of six, four boys and two girls born to Bill Lambe and Margaret Kennedy. His earliest memory goes back to the Civil War. He recalls Free State soldiers crossing the fields to his home and inquiring for Sommerville's Pub. Ned Mannion, originally from Portumna, was hiding out there and the Free State had got word of it. Later in the day the soldiers passed back with the arrested Ned in tow. They were heading back to the Shannon to board the boat that had brought them into the neighbourhood. Tom is of the belief that more of the people in the neighbourhood were Republican than Free Stater.

It was understandable that the Free Staters would have come into the area by boat. Not only were the roads dangerous for lorry loads of soldiers but the road around Redwood at the time wasn't much more than a dirt track. The road as such finished at Loughmane's gate beyond Kilycross at one side and at Bill Kennedy's house down from Redwood Castle on the other. In between was a partly gravel track with plenty of potholes. In fact the road at Bill Kennedy's used to continue down to the Shannon and was kept in repair by the County Council. Local landlord, Trench, had land down to the river bank and the road provided access.

National School

Tom went to school at the age of five years to the local



Tom Lambe (Lorrha) received a Cumann na Sean Ghael award from GAA President Christy Cooney.

national school, which was beside Redwood Castle. It was a two-storey building that had been converted to a school at some stage. Believed to have been a 'seat of learning' in the past, it later served as a police barrack, and eventually a school. Interestingly, Tom's father remembers four different schools in the area as he grew up. He went to a hedge school, which was located in Gleeson's field behind Redwood Chapel. The master was Brian Carroll from Curraghera and the twelve scholars paid one penny per day to be taught.

Tom's teachers were Miss Kelly in charge of juniors, who used to stay at Ryans in Ballea, and Mrs. Grogan, who came originally from Whitegate, Co. Clare, and who lived at Grange. She was extremely cross. Tom remembers getting lots of stick, plenty of beatings while in school. He believed Mrs. Grogan had a set on him though at the same time he admitted that he was a bit of a leader among the boys and up to all kinds of devilment. As a result it was many a time he got the stick, not only on the hands, but across the bare legs as well. On numerous occasions he went home with red weals to show for the beatings he received. He believed the teachers had favourites and that fact, plus the beatings turned him against school. His feelings were such that he recalls when Mrs. Grogan, who had been in ill-health, died in 1928, the children cheered!

The roof of the Castle school was in bad repair and began to let in the rain. It was decided to build a new school at Kilmurray, between the Castle and Redwood Church. The site of the new school had been a graveyard at some stage. (Kill, in the name suggests a church and it probably had a graveyard beside it.) At any rate Tom recalls bones being thrown up when the foundations were being dug. The boys and girls moved into the new two-teacher school in 1926.

It wasn't all bad memories for Tom at primary school. Hurling made him forget the worst aspects of schooling. There was a bit of a field in the front of the school where the boys played at lunch time and after school as well. They organised games among themselves. Tom remembers the great amount of talent at the time with the Sullivans, Kennedys, Brownes, Lambs and Guinans. They had no difficulty getting a team together. Major (He wasn't a real major but given the title because of his fine physique) Sammon, a farmer up the road, who had much more interest in hurling than in farming, used to come to the school to referee their games. Games were also organised with the other

schools in the parish and played on a Sunday afternoon. Tom recalls that they beat Rathcabbin and Lorrha schools for three years running. They had to negotiate a venue for the games with some farmer, usually halfway between the schools. Paddy Sullivan's field in the Lordspark was a venue for one of the games with Rathcabbin. They had no jerseys to wear and used a variety of hurleys, from crooked stick to the real thing. Interestingly there was no such thing as football.

According to Eugene O'Meara, who was a few years younger than Tom and attended Lorrha school, Tom was the star hurler in the parish as a juvenile. He was head and shoulders over all around him and dominated the middle of the field. There were no interclub juvenile competitions at the time and Lorrha didn't enter a minor competition until 1941. The result was that Tom had no platform outside the parish to show off his hurling skills

Tom had left school by 1939 when the present Redwood National School was opened. Asked why another new school was built so soon after Kilmurray, Tom said that Canon Moloney had sold the priest's field in Rathcabbin and decided to build three new schools in the parish with the proceeds and Redwood was the first.

In fact Tom stayed at school until he was fifteen years of age. He had to wait until then to get confirmed and Dr. Fogarty did the honours. While he was in the school he, and the rest of the boys and girls, had to bring a sod of turf a day to heat the school. Tom used to serve Mass for Fr. O'Flynn, who died in 1935. Fr. O'Flynn had a habit of hitting the boys on the altar whenever he wanted anything done. The result was that they gave him a wide berth. Asked what he did when he left school Tom said he went home to wheel turf in the bog. He had no more formal schooling but he picked up the ways of farming from his father and from him he also learned building skills, which stood him in good stead during his farming life.

Social Life

There wasn't much in the line of social activities for someone growing up in Redwood in the nineteen- thirties. The main recreation was hurling and with many young lads of the same age around there were plenty of opportunities. Tom recalls that Bonfire Night on June 21 was a big night in the area. The bonfire was lit outside Guinan's gate and Thomas Moran and Tom Kennedy used to provide the music with their melodeons.

Fair days also provided some relief from the monotony of daily life. There were fairs at Birr and Portumna. August 15 was a very big day in Portumna. Of course agricultural life was fairly depressed during the thirties with very poor prices for products. Tom recalls driving four cattle to Birr in 1932 and missing a sale at £7 each. The cattle were driven home, fed for the winter and sold to a butcher at the end of the spring for £8 each.

Of course it was cheap to live. Skerries Champions were the main potato and a great source of nourishment. Tom recalls his mother used to boil a pot of potatoes in the evening and turn them out on the table with butter and salt. He remembers going to bed with a swollen stomach on many occasions. They killed their own meat, made their own butter and had little resource to the shops except for a few things like tea.

Tom started dancing about twenty years of age and most of the dances were house dances. He remembers they used to go



Survivors and relatives of the Lorrha 1948 team honoured in the Lorrha G.A.A. clubhouse on December 18, 1998. Back row, left to right: Johnny Brophy (rep. his father, Mick, RIP), Hubert Hogan (rep. his father, Hubie, RIP), Tony Reddin, Paddy Guinan, Dan O'Meara (capt.), Joe Deely, Michael O'Meara (Lisballyard), Donal O'Meara (rep. his father, Jimmy, RIP). Front row, left to right: Paddy O'Sullivan, Michael O'Meara (The Hill), Michael O'Meara (Blakefield), Julie Ryan (re. her late husband, Tommy, RIP), Tom Lambe, Eugene O'Meara, Billy Hogan. Since the photograph was taken Paddy Guinan, Dan O'Meara, Joe Deely, Michael O'Meara (Lisballyard) and Paddy O'Sullivan have passed away.

over to Thomas Moran's to listen to the gramophone. He was one of the few who had one and it contained the big horn for the projection of sound. One great side effect of these visits was that Mrs. Moran used to make a pot of rice and they filled their bellies as well as listened to the music.

Hurling Life

Tom started playing senior hurling in 1938, following two unsuccessful years in the junior ranks. It wasn't a very auspicious start as Lorrha were beaten 11-3 to 1-0 by Roscrea with Tom playing at right corner forward. There's a picture of him on a seven-a-side team in the gold medal tournament at Woodford in 1939. There were a number of junior teams in the parish during this period, including one in Redwood. In fact there was a long tradition of hurling in Redwood, going back to the early days of the Association, and before. Teams from Redwood used to cross the Shannon to play Meelick and Tiernascragh, and vice versa. Rathcabbin had the pick of the parish team. There was general dissatisfaction with their picking method as they were very slow to pick anyone from Redwood. Lorrha were relegated to intermediate in 1940.

Generally the parish was divided and failed to deliver on its true potential. It took the arrival of Fr. Paddy O'Meara in 1946 to bang heads together and get a unified team from the parish. Before this happened Tom played intermediate and used to play wing- and centreforward. He reckons he played his best hurling at this time and he preferred playing in the forwards to the backs, where he was to end his career. The fact that there was no intercounty junior championship between 1942 and 1945 inclusive may explain why Tom never played with the county. Already during the thirties he started running cross-country which was a huge participatory sport at the time. He won a county junior title in 1944. He is of the opinion that such running wasn't much good for hurling, slowing you down rather than anything else.

Once the parish was united success came. Lorrha won the county intermediate title in 1946 after a tough encounter against Maycarkey-Borris at Gaile, and went senior. Divisional senior success followed in 1948 before defeat by Holycross-Ballycahill in the county final. Asked if Lorrha were overtrained for the final, Tom is very definite: 'No, not overtrained, but overpowered.' According to him they came up against a much

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superior team on the day. The Holycross forwards were very good and their backs, particularly John Doyle and Pat Stakelum, were much too good for them. He makes the interesting point that many of the Lorrha lads had gone past their best at that stage, were in fact thirty years and over. Also, some key players did not perform well on the day.

Tom, himself was thirty years old in that final. He married Nancy Sherlock, whose father had won two divisional titles with Lorrha in 1914 and 1924 – he was captain in 1924 - , in 1949 and retired in 1951. Ironically, he got a call-up for a county trial the same year and went to Ennis for a match against Clare, but was never called off the bench. He made one return to the game, in 1959, as full-back on the junior team and had as company, three other oldies, Billy and Hubie Hogan and Mick Brophy, plus a number of good minors. They had some success and there's a photograph of the team in the Lorrha G.A.A. history. Tom served as a selector on the senior team with Billy Hogan for a couple of years around 1970

Tom was one of the best hurlers ever in the parish. As a juvenile he was head and shoulders over the opposition. He was unfortunate to reach maturity at a time when Lorrha were relegated to intermediate level. Equally so, in the absence of an intercounty junior championship during the war years, he never got recognition on the bigger stage. Seven-a-Side tournaments were quite common at the time and Tom was always an automatic choice on the Lorrha side. As well as being a good hurler, he had a high level of fitness that resulted from life on the farm but also a life style that excluded smoking and drinking. He was always lean and hard, a formidable opponent and a courageous player, who stood back from nothing.



County Tipperary cross-country champions 1944: Back l-r- Tom Lambe, Michael Hourigan, Patsy Carroll, Peter Coughlan; front l-r - Frank Hourigan, Syl King, Kevin Guinan. Missing: Paddy Hourigan. (Notice the bare feet!)



Tipperary MF Champions 1984 Reunion in 2009. Back l-r: Pat Darcy representing selector Mick Darcy RIP, Ger Enright, Declan Hahessy, Sean Brett, Seamus Delahunty, Jim O'Meara, Davy Walsh, Tom Anglim. Middle L/R: Michael Power, selector, Tommy Sheehan, Christy McGarrahan, Philly Quirke, Brian Burke, Michael Goonan, Gerry Ryan, Frankie Ryan, Anthony Crosse. Front l-r: Elizabeth Sheehan representing Ned Sheehan RIP, Joan Fogarty representing Hugh Kennedy RIP, Frank Howlin (captain), Mick Frawley, His Grace Most Rev Dermot Clifford, Michael Holland, Seamus McCarthy Manager, Mrs. Mona Williams representing her son David Williams.

Templemore CBS Harty Cup and All-Ireland Senior Colleges 'A' Hurling Champions 30th reunion



Templemore CBS Harty Cup and All-Ireland Senior Colleges 'A' Hurling Champions 1978 30th reunion in Clonmore on Saturday December 6th, 2008. The evening commenced with Mass in Clonmore church, followed by meal, presentations and dancing in Fitzpatrick's, Clonmore. Back row (l-r) James Farrelly (Templemore) (representing his deceased uncles Liam and Noel), John Hanley (Templemore), Timmy Stapleton (Loughmore), Brendan Russell (Clonakenny), Pat Treacy (Loughmore), Jim Maher (Loughmore), Eamon Cody (Clonmore), Richard Stapleton (Loughmore), Pat McGrath (Loughmore), Pat Cormack (Loughmore), Mick Ryan (Clonmore). Front row: (l-r) Noel Fogarty (Templemore), Bobby Ryan (Borris-Ileigh), Pat Hassett (Errill), John Costigan (Trainer), Martin Bourke (Captain Clonmore), Fr Pat Seaver (Superior), Mick Ryan (Borris-Ileigh), Frankie McGrath (Loughmore), Joe Sweeney (Loughmore), Joe Bourke (Clonmore). Absent - Fr Peter Brennan(Loughmore), Jim Kennedy(Drom).



Martin Bourke, team captain, making a presentation to Fr Pat Seaver who was school superior in 1978.



Martin Bourke, team captain, making a presentation to team trainer John Costigan in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the team from Rice Cup level to Harty Cup and also his commitment and dedication to gaelic games in Templemore CBS/Our Lady's over a 37 year period.



Martin Bourke team captain presenting 'The Farrelly Sports Person of the Year Award' to school vice principal Willie Butler in remembrance of the two deceased Farrelly brothers Liam and Noel, who were both members of the panel.

Tipperary Twice Ruled the World in Hurling

by P. J. Maxwell

First Tour

In Canon Philip Fogarty's *Tipperary G.A.A. Story* he briefly records the details of The American Tour of 1926 and 1931 when The Premier County beat all before them and conquered the world of hurling.

The credit for initiating the tour of 1926 belongs to Patrick Cahill, a prominent barrister in Chicago and a native of Holycross. The object in view was the popularising of the Irish games in U.S.A., the testing of the prowess of the exiles in the national pastime, and the hope of making the annual hurling championship an international event at least as far as America was concerned. ("An annual event every year" as Tom Duffy of Lorrha called it).

The "pilgrims" left in May 1926 and returned in July. The party travelling included: Frank McGrath (Manager) Nenagh, Tim Crowe (Trainer) Dundrum, Wedger Meagher (Secretary) Toomevara, Johnny (Captain), Mick and Paddy Leahy, Arthur O'Donnell, Paddy Dwyer, Jack and Paddy Power, Martin Flanagan, Boherlahan, John Joe Hayes, Martin Mockler, Bill Ryan (K), Phil Purcell, Willie O'Brien, Moycarkey, Phil Cahill, Holycross, Martin Kennedy, Stephen Hackett, Jim O'Meara, Toomevara, Steve Kenny, Cloughjordan, Tom Duffy Lorrha, Rody Nealon Youghalarra, and Tom J.Kenny Portroe.

The first game was played at the Polo Grounds, New York, against Offaly, the American champions, and Tipperary won 11-4 to 2-2.

The second game was in Boston against a Cork selection, which went down by 9-5 to 4-1.

The third game was in Chicago. It was advertised in the words "Come for an eye-full of sport fifteen hundred years old! Arms and legs snap occasionally."

The result was: Tipperary 7-10, Chicago 3-2.

The fourth game was in San Francisco, where the pilgrims got the greatest reception ever given to an overseas team of athletes.

Tipperary 13-5, San Francisco 5-2.

The fifth game was in Buffalo.

Tipperary 15-12, Buffalo Selection 4-3.

The sixth and final game was played at the Polo Grounds, New York.

Tipperary 10-6, New York Selection 3-2.

A very successful tour, 6 games 6 wins, with the Press in every city visited, reporting on "The Marvellous men of Tipperary".

Before leaving the shores of America at a final function in their honour the title that this team earned was officially bestowed on them by J. J. Duffy, President of the G.A.A. "World Champions".

The newly crowned "World Champions" returned home on the 26th July 1926 to an ecstatic welcome and rapturous cheering.

Second Tour

Following Tipperary's magnificent achievement of a "Triple Crown" victory in 1930 a Tour of America was organised by Dan Breen, who was then in U.S.A. The tour took place in September 1931.

The travelling party included: Rev. J.J.Meagher, Rev. M.J.Lee,

M.J. Bowe. J.J. Callanan, Jimmy O'Loughlin, John Maher, Jim Lanigan, Tim Connolly, Jack Stapleton, Tommy Butler, James Harney, Mick Ryan, Thurles, Tommy Leahy, Tom Butler, Boherlahan, Phil Cahill, Holycross, Phil Purcell, James Heeney, Moycarkey, Tommy Treacy, Killea, Martin Kennedy, Tom O'Meara Toomevara, M.F. Cronin Lorrha, Paul and Jack McKenna Knockshewona.

Surging masses of admirers welcomed the visitors on their arrival in New York. They were received at City Hall by Mayor McKee. Among those present were: T.J. Forde, Dan Breen, Tom Delaney, P.J. Fogarty, C.J. Maher, John F. Maher, P.J. Grimes, Rody Kennedy, Pete Landy, Paddy Riordan, Charles Connolly,



Both cups were won by Tipperary on their hurling tours to the US, left: the 1931 cup and right the 1926 cup.

"Wedger" Meagher, Mike Flannery, Ned O'Shea, Tom Armitage, Bill Barrett, Jim Ryan, and Paddy Ryan Lacken.

Their first game was played in the Polo Grounds with a crowd of 30,000 attending.

Tipperary 5-2, New York selection 1-4.

Their second game was in Boston where the team met an old comrade Joe Nagle of Boherlahan.

Tipperary 4-4, Boston 2-3.

Their third game was in Detroit.

Tipperary 5-4, Detroit 3-4.

Their fourth game was in Chicago.

Tipperary 5-3, Chicago 2-1.

Their fifth game was in San Francisco under lights with a 10,000 attendance.

Tipperary 7-5, San Francisco 5-4.

Their final game was played at Innisfail Park, New York for the Mayor Walker Cup, where Tom O'Meara, goalkeeper, won undying fame for himself, and Paddy Riordan of Drombane was voted the only man who could pierce his net.

Tipperary 3-8, New York 0-4.

At a banquet, which was attended by 1,000 people, the trophy was presented to the captain, Joby Callanan.

The Tipperary team returned home undefeated and maintained that proud record of being undefeated anywhere in the World.

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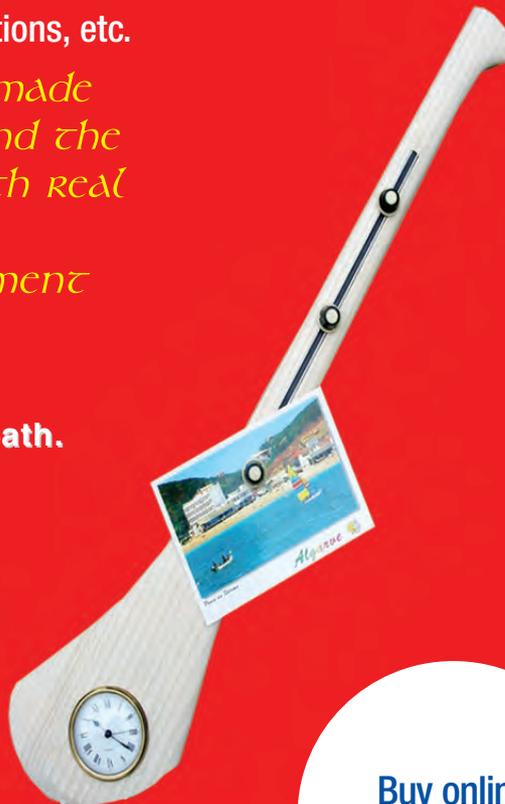
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Ballinahinch county under-21 'C' football champions 2009: Back Row: Daragh McGrath, RJ Ryan, Edward Ryan, Thomas Grace (capt), Jamie Flynn, Timmy Ryan, Cormac McGrath, Andrew Ryan, Edmund Ryan, James Young. Front row: Sean Berkery, John Ryan, Ger Grace, Colin Hogan, Cathal Ryan, James Healy, Shane Healy. Mascots: Brian Keane and Joey Kelly.

Lattin-Cullen under-21 football 'C' champions.
 Back l-r: Michael Hanley, John Breen, Leonard Leahy, Darran McCarthy, Shane Enright, Gerard Ryan, Michael Kirby, Shane Kirby, Shane Russell, Arthur Dunne, Edward Gill, Mike Martin. Front l-r: John O'Heney, Micaehl Hanley, Damien O'Donnell, Cathal Martin, Stephen Martin (Captain), Billy Heffernan, Michael P. Ryan. Absent from photo John Condon.



Kickhams, county junior football champions. Back l-r: Ollie Keogh (Selector), Pat Ryan (Manager), Paul Breen (Capt), Aiden Butler, John Mc Cormack, Frank Ryan (Selector), Rory Heffernan, Derek Breen, Jason Loughman, Michael Heelan, Nigel Hayes, Shane Morrissey, David Horgan, David Butler, Paddy Ryan, Paul O'Dwyer, Seamus O'Dwyer (Selector), Sean Breen (Club PRO). Front l-r: David Heelan, Michael Cummins (Club Physio), Noel O'Brien, Niall O'Brien, Fergal Horgan, Michael Shanahan, Kenneth Horgan, Alan Horgan, Brian Horgan, Damien Mc Grath, David Shanahan, Richard Horgan, John O'Brien, Declan Hogan (Trainer/Selector).

Co. Tipperary Bord na nÓg Review

by John Smith, County Bord na nÓg P.R.O.

A look back at the juvenile scene in 2009 saw Tipperary hurlers win both the Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 and Tony Forristal Under 14 tournaments. Tipperary won the Under 15 Cork City Bord na nÓg football tournament while at club level nineteen county titles were decided.

The following is a summary of the various competitions.

Football

Under 12

Moyle Rovers proved too strong for Arravale Rovers in the 'A' final at The Ragg. Arravale Rovers had no answer to the slick passing and excellent scoring of a well drilled Moyle Rovers team that had victory secured long before the full time whistle. Moyle Rovers defeated Nenagh Eire Óg in the semi final with Arravale Rovers defeating Moycarkey/Borris in the other semi final.

Drom-Inch won their first County Under 12 football title when they scored a deserved win over Ballingarry in the 'B' final. Drom held their opponents scoreless in the first half and despite Ballingarry came more into the game in the second half Drom had a ten points advantage at the full time whistle. Drom/Inch and Ballingarry defeated Rockwell Rovers and Kildangan respectively in the semi finals.

Carrick Davins were impressive winners over Clonakenny in the 'C' final. A goal in each half for the Davins were to prove the decisive scores. Carrick Davins defeated Borrisokane in the semi final while Clonakenny had no semi final opponents as the West Division had no teams graded Under 12 'C' this year.

Under 14

Clonmel Commercial completed three in a row of County Under 14 'A' titles when they outclassed a spirited Golden-Kilfeacle side in the final at Holycross. Commercial scored a narrow win over Nenagh Eire Óg in the semi final and Golden/Kilfeacle accounted for J.K. Brackens in the other semi final.

An exceptional Kilsheelan/Kilcash team that scored nine goals were easy winners over Galtee Rovers in the 'B' final. Kilsheelan defeated Burgess and Galtee Rovers were victorious against Loughmore/Castleiney in the semi finals.

Three first half goals proved decisive as Clonmel Commercial 'B' overcame Durlas Óg 'B' in the 'C' decider. There were no 'C' semi finals as both the North and West divisions had no teams graded at 'C' level this year.

Under 16

Clonmel Commercial scored a one point extra time win over defending champions Loughmore/Castleiney in a thrilling 'A' final. The game produced some fabulous scores with a total of five goals and twenty two points being scored from play. Commercial and Loughmore were convincing semi final winners over Nenagh Eire Óg and Cashel King Cormacs respectively.

The 'B' final was not played as Galtee Rovers failed to field against Mullinahone and the South champions were awarded the match. Mullinahone defeated Inane Rovers and Galtee Rovers had a one point win over Gortnahoe/Glengoole in the semi finals.

Fr. Sheehy's won the 'C' title following a deserved win over Durlas Óg 'B' in the final. There were no semi finals as Mid and North Divisions had no teams graded at Under 16 'C'.

Peil na nÓg

Clonmel Commercial scored a narrow win over J.K. Brackens in the Peil na nÓg final. The conditions for this match were atrocious with heavy rain and strong winds but that didn't stop both teams from serving up a top class game with Commercial holding on at the finish for a two points victory. Commercial and Brackens scored semi final wins over Nenagh Eire Óg and

COUNTY BORD NA nÓG OFFICERS 2009

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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)

Golden/Kilfeacle respectively. Commercial represented Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in Kildare where they won their three group matches against Ballymore Eustace (Kildare), Clane (Kildare) and Hertfordshire (England). They defeated Lancashire in the semi final and in a thrilling Division 5 final they were defeated after extra time by James Stephens (Kilkenny).

Hurling

Under 12

Moyle Rovers defeated Drom-Inch in a highly entertaining 'A' final at Semple Stadium to complete a magnificent county hurling and football double at this age level. There was very little between the teams throughout the game with a Moyle Rovers goal in the last minute of normal time sealing victory for the South champions. Moyle Rovers had a one point win over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the semi final and Drom/Inch were convincing winners over Clonoulty/Rossmore in the other semi final.

History was made in the 'B' final when Kilsheelan/Kilcash defeated Rockwell Rovers to win their first ever county hurling title. This was an entertaining contest with the winners having the greater share of possession and a goal in each half meant they always looked the likely winners. Both semi finals were close affairs with Kilsheelan and Rockwell Rovers scoring one point wins over Moneygall and Boherlahan/Dualla respectively.

A second half goals blitz gave Portroe a deserved victory over Clonakenny in the 'C' final. Portroe who led at the interval by a point scored three second half goals to see off the challenge of their opponents. Portroe defeated Clonmel Óg in the semi final and as the West Division had no teams graded at Under 12 'C' level this year the Mid champions, Clonakenny, qualified direct for the final.

Under 14

Two years ago Nenagh Eire Óg left Semple Stadium disappointed after having lost the County Under 12 hurling final to a last minute point to Holycross-Ballycahill. It was a different story this year as an injury time point gave them a dramatic win over Durlas Óg in a thrilling County Under 14 'A' final at the "Field of Legends". This was a fabulous contest with the result in doubt right up to the full time whistle. Nenagh Eire Óg and Durlas Óg had convincing semi final victories over Carrick Swan and Golden/Kilfeacle respectively.

Ballybacon-Grange scored a three points win over Drom/Inch in the 'B' final. The difference between the teams in the first half was two Ballybacon goals that gave them the lead at half time. Drom came back in the second half and it took another Ballybacon goal to clinch victory. In the semi finals Ballybacon defeated Moneygall/Ballinahinch Gaels and Drom defeated Arravale Rovers.

A scoring blitz of 2-2 in the first two minutes of the second half was crucial as Borrisokane scored a deserved win over Clonakenny the 'C' final. Borrisokane defeated Ballyneale in the semi final and Clonakenny had no semi final opponents as the West Division had no teams graded at Under 14 'C' level this



The Mid Tipperary panel that defeated North Tipperary in the semi-final and lost to East Clare in the final of the Munster Inter Divisional U/16 Hurling Competition. Back l-r: Jason Bergin (Moyne Templetuohy), Shane Cashman (JK Brackens), Shane Hassett (Drom Inch), John Ryan (Upperchurch Drombane), James Ryan (Durlas Óg), Geoff Fallon (Moycarkey Borris), Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Óg), Daragh Butler (Loughmore Castleiney), Padraig Stapleton (Drom Inch), David Corbett (Durlas Óg), James Burke (Moycarkey Borris), Michael Purcell (Drom and Inch), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe Glengoole), Joseph Nyland (Loughmore Castleiney), Ray Ralph (selector). Front l-r: Sean Corbett (selector), Eamon Sweeney (selector), Pat Ralph (Moycarkey Borris), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey Borris), Matthew Deane (Holycross Ballycahill), Cathal Barrett (Holycross Ballycahill), John Meagher (Loughmore Castleiney), Peadar Wade (Holycross Ballycahill), John McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), Liam McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), Tom Meade (Moyne Templetuohy).

year.

Under 16

Clonoulty/Rossmore bridged a twenty five year gap by capturing the 'A' title with a one point victory over St. Mary's. The winners led by a point at the interval and they increased their lead to five points with ten minutes remaining. A St Mary's goal left the minimum between the teams and Clonoulty defended gallantly in the closing minutes to clinch the title. Clonoulty scored a one point win over Durlas Óg in the semi final and St. Mary's recorded a three points win over Nenagh Eire Óg in the other semi final.

Moyle Rovers won the 'B' title despite a superb second half comeback from J.K. Brackens. Moyle Rovers went in at the

interval with a comfortable seven points advantage. Brackens showed tremendous fighting spirit in the second half, holding Rovers scoreless for 25 minutes and scoring 1-4. In the end a solid defence that rarely faltered held out for Moyle Rovers to win by two points. Moyle Rovers accounted for Lorrha/Dorrha in the semi final and J.K. Brackens defeated Golden/Kilfeacle in the other semi final.

Feile na nGael

Durlas Óg scored an impressive win over Kilruane MacDonaghs in the County Feile na nGael final. The Thurles boys set up this win with a tremendous first half display scoring four goals and a further goal in second half injury time sealed a convincing victory. The county semi finals saw Durlas Óg defeat



The Tipperary Under 15 football panel and selectors that won the Cork City Bord na nOg tournament. Front l-r: Steven Morgan Coach (Ballylooby/Castlegrace), Rian Boland (Moyle Rovers), Paul Maher (Moyne/Templetuohy), Darren Cass (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Murchin (Clonmel Commercials), TJ Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Brian Walsh (Clonmel Commercials), Cathal Hurlley (Fethard), Jack Fenney (Inane Rovers), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe), Declan Hennessey (Emly), Ed O'Meara (Aherlow). Back l-r: Sean O'Donoghue Selector (Lattin/Cullen), David Slattery (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Keith Browne (Clonmel Commercials), Sam Ryan (Clonmel Commercials), Philp Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Niall Glesson (Portroe), Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Addie Barron (Rockwell Rovers), Oisín O'Meara (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams), Eoin Donaghy (Cahir), Micheal Campion (Inane Rovers), Peter Mulhaire (Arravle Rovers), Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin/Cullen), Kevin Slattery Selector (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Tim O'Halloran selector (Portroe).

Golden/Kilfeacle and Kilruane getting the better of St. Marys. The All Ireland Feile na nGael finals were hosted by 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 and joining Durlas Óg were Nenagh Eire Óg and Roscrea in Division 1 and Lorrha-Dorrha in Division 2. Both Durlas Óg and Nenagh Eire Óg topped their groups and qualified for the semi finals. Despite gallant performances they were defeated by Kilmormac-Killoughey (Offaly) and Dicksboro (Kilkenny) respectively.

Jamie Woods (Holycross-Ballycahill) was Tipperary's representative in the Skills final.

The County Under 14 Long Puck final was won by Tom Meehan (Durlas Óg) and Shane Hassett (Drom/Inch) won the County Under 16 Poc Fada final.

INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Garda Cup

Mid Tipperary scored a deserved win over North Tipperary in the Garda Cup Under 16 inter divisional hurling final. North Tipp who were seeking to win this title for the fifth year in a row had to give best to an impressive Mid Tipp team who scored goals at crucial stages to run out convincing winners. Mid Tipperary proved too strong for West Tipperary in the semi final and North Tipperary defeated South Tipperary by four points in the other semi final. South Tipp defeated West Tipp after extra time in the Shield final.

Peadar Cummins Tournament

North Tipperary won the Peadar Cummins Under 14 inter divisional hurling tournament hosted by the Borris-Ileigh club. Both semi finals were close with North Tipp overcoming South Tipp and Mid Tipp getting the better of West Tipp. The first half in the final was evenly poised with two North goals giving them a two points lead at the interval. Mid scored a goal within five minutes of the restart to level the match but the North finished strongly to run out convincing winners and win the tournament for the first time since 2006. South defeated West in the Shield final.

Under 15 Hurling

North Tipperary defeated Mid Tipperary in the Under 15 inter divisional hurling final. The North had a convincing semi final win over South Tipperary. The Mid received a walkover from West Tipperary in the other semi final.

Under 14 Football

South Tipperary defeated West Tipperary in the Under 14 inter divisional football final. The game was much closer that the final scoreline suggests with South Tipperary producing a storming finish and pulling away in the final quarter for a deserved victory. Both the South and West had impressive semi final wins over North Tipperary and Mid Tipperary respectively.

COUNTY TEAMS

Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 Hurling

Tipperary scored a deserved eight points victory over Galway in the Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 hurling tournament final at Semple Stadium. Tipperary scored convincing wins over Clare and Antrim in their group matches to set up a semi final with Limerick. The teams were level at the interval but Tipp gained the initiative in the third quarter and they held on for a six points win.

The final against Galway who were two points winners over Dublin in the semi final was a great advertisement for underage hurling. The exchanges were keenly contested with Galway opening in impressive fashion to lead by four points at the end of the first quarter. Tipp outscored their opponents in the second quarter to lead by three points at the interval. Tipp outplayed Galway for most of the second half and they ran out convincing and deserving winners on a score of 2-21 to 2-13.

The victorious Tipperary panel was: Peadar Wade (Holycross-Ballycahill); Aaron Conran (Fethard), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Seamus Kennedy (St. Marys); Jason Forde (Silvermines), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill); David Corbett (Durlas Óg), Owen Fennelly (Mullinahone); Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Mark Tuite (Nenagh Eire Óg); Conor Hammersley (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone), Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Og), Jason Bergin (Moyne/Templetuohy),



Co Tipperary Bord na nOg Hurling winning captains with officers and special guests at the Co Bord na nOg presentation night in Hayes Hotel. Back l-r: Michael Collins (Nenagh Éire Óg U14 A Hurling), Danny O'Mahony (Ballybacon Grange U14 B Hurling), John Smith PRO, Niall Ryan Secretary, Sean Creamer Chairman, Darren Corcoran (Clonoulty Rossmore U16 A Hurling), Cathal Quigley (Moyle Rovers U16 B Hurling), Frank Morris Treasurer. Front l-r: Morgan Irvin (Moyle Rovers U12 A Hurling Joint Captain), William Irvin (Moyle Rovers U12 A Hurling Joint Captain), Martin Gibbs (Kilsheelan Kilcass U12 B Hurling), Noel McGrath, Tipperary hurler Special Guest, Andrew Morrissey Tipperary footballer Special Guest, Brian Dooley (Borrisokane U14 C Hurling), Robert Byrne (Portroe U12 C Hurling), Conor Lanigan (Durlas Og Feile na nGael).

COUNTY TIPPERARY BORD NA NOG RESULTS

GRADE	TEAMS AND SCORES		VENUE	DATE	REFEREE
Football Championships 2009					
U/12 'A'	Moyle Rovers 6-6	Arravale Rovers 1-1	The Ragg	30th May	Micheal Hassett
U/12 'B'	Drom/Inch 2-6	Ballingarry 0-2	Templetuohy	30th May	John Stapleton
U/12 'C'	Carrick Davins 2-8	Clonakenny 1-3	The Ragg	30th May	Fergal Horgan
U/14 'A'	Clonmel Commercials 2-14	Golden/Kilfeacle 0-2	Holycross	13th June	Martin Ryan
U/14 'B'	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 9-11	Galtee Rovers 1-2	Holycross	13th June	Martin Griffin
U/14 'C'	Clonmel Commercials 'B' 3-9	Durlas Óg 'B' 1-2	Holycross	13th June	John Stapleton
U/16 'A'	Clonmel Commercials 2-17	Loughmore/Castleiney 3-13	New Inn	27th June	Phil Ryan
U/16 'B'	Final not played. Mullinahone awarded match as Galtee Rovers failed to field a team.				
U/16 'C'	Fr. Sheehys 1-15	Durlas Og 'B' 1-5	Cashel	22nd June	Fergal Horgan
Peil na nÓg	Clonmel Commercials 2-3	J.K. Brackens 2-1	Pairc na nÓg	6th May	Willie Kennedy
Hurling Championships 2009					
U/12 'A'	Moyle Rovers 1-7	Drom/Inch 0-4	Semple Stadium	5th September	Ger Fitzpatrick
U/12 'B'	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 2-3	Rockwell Rovers 0-4	Semple Stadium	5th September	Martin Ryan
U/12 'C'	Portroe 3-7	Clonakenny 0-3	Semple Stadium	5th September	Fergal Horgan
U/14 'A'	Nenagh Eire Óg 1-6	Durlas Óg 1-5	Semple Stadium	19th September	Sean Bradshaw
U/14 'B'	Ballybcon/Grange 3-3	Drom/Inch 1-6	Semple Stadium	19th September	Anthony Sherlock
U/14 'C'	Borrisokane 2-12	Clonakenny 0-8	Semple Stadium	19th September	Michael Doyle
U/16 'A'	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-10	St. Mary's 1-9	Holycross	17th October	Johnny McDonnell
U/16 'B'	Moyle Rovers 0-12	J.K. Brackens 1-7	Holycross	17th October	John Ryan
Feile na nGael	Durlas Og 5-8	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-4	Dr. Morris Park	26th April	Eamon Browne
Interdivisional Competitions					
Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling					
Final	Mid Tipperary 4-13	North Tipperary 0-13	Dolla	Date: 21st March	
Shield Final	South Tipperary 1-17	West Tipperary 2-9 (ET)	Cahir	Date: 28th March	
Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling					
Final	North Tipperary 3-12	Mid Tipperary 2-7	Borrisoleigh	Date: 30th May	
Shield Final	South Tipperary 4-12	West Tipperary 1-4	Borrisoleigh	Date: 30th May	
Under 15 Hurling					
Final	North Tipperary 1-13	Mid Tipperary 3-4	Toomevara	Date: 25th April	
Under 14 Football					
Final	South Tipperary 3-12	West Tipperary 2-4	Golden	Date: 10th April	
TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB ALL IRELAND UNDER 16 HURLING					
Group 1	(Kilsheelan – 29th August)				
	Limerick 1-9 Wexford 1-6;	Limerick 0-15 Offaly 1-5;	Wexford 1-10 Offaly 1-9		
Group 2	(Clonmel – 29th August)				
	Waterford 3-8 Cork 1-12;	Galway 3-14 Waterford 0-7;	Galway 3-7 Cork 1-10		
Group 3	(Ardfinnan – 29th August)				
	Kilkenny 2-9 Westmeath 0-13;	Dublin 2-7 Kilkenny 0-7;	Westmeath 2-12 Dublin 2-9		
Group 4	(Monroe – 29th August)				
	Tipperary 4-9 Clare 0-6;	Tipperary 4-23 Antrim 0-4;	Clare 5-16 Antrim 0-1		
Shield Semi Finals					
	Clare 1-14 Wexford 1-9 (Kilsheelan – 29th August)				
	Westmeath 4-9 Waterford 2-8 (Ardfinnan – 29th August)				
Cup Semi Finals					
	Tipperary 2-15 Limerick 1-12 (Monroe – 29th August)				
	Galway 0-14 Dublin 0-12 (Clonmel – 29th August)				
Shield Final	(Semple Stadium – 30th August)				
	Clare 1-11 Westmeath 1-9				
Cup Final	(Semple Stadium – 30th August)				
	Tipperary 2-21 Galway 2-13				

Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams), Shane Hassett (Drom-Inch), Eoin Carew (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams), James Ryan (Durlas Óg), Dean Lonergan (Cahir), John Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Odran Floyd (Newport), Kevin Larkin (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Colm Canning (Toomevara), Andrew Purcell (Clonoulty/Rossmore).

The selectors were Ray Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Philly Ryan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams), Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg) and Martin O'Brien (Clonmel Óg). Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs) was the coach.

Tony Forristal Under 14 Hurling

Tipperary defeated Waterford in the final of the Tony Forristal Inter County Under 14 hurling tournament. Tipperary qualified for the final following wins over Cork and Limerick and a draw with Clare in their group matches. The final against Waterford at Mount Sion grounds saw Tipperary score three first half goals to lead by nine points at the interval. Despite Tipp only scoring two points in the second half their defence were excellent and when the final whistle blew Tipp were worthy winners on a scoreline of Tipperary 3-5 Waterford 1-2.

The Tipperary panel was: Daryl Ryan (Roscrea), Jack Lineen (Dúrlas Óg), Cathal Kennedy (Toomevara), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg, Eoin Kehoe (Kilsheelan), Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers), Kieran O'Dwyer (Holycross/Ballycahill), Gerard Barlow (Golden/Kilfeacle), Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon/Grange), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Joshua Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brian Kennedy (J. K. Brackens), Jack Shelley (Mullinahone), Joey Knight (Portroe), Conor Lanigan (Dúrlas Óg), Aidan Moloney (Newport), Kevin Dunne (Dúrlas Óg), Fionnan O'Sullivan (Skeheenarinky), Jamie Woods (Holycross/Ballycahill), Rory O'Regan (Moycarkey/Borris), Robert Larkin (Moyné/Templetuohy), Tom Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys), Ronan Maher (Dúrlas Óg), Mark Gleeson (Templederry Kenyons), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara).

The selectors were Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Séamus Doran (Roscrea), Micheal Hassett (Moycarkey/Borris), Hugo Browne (Killenaule). Kevin Butler (Drom./Inch) was the coach.

Tipperary 'B' played in Division 2 and gave a great account of themselves winning all their group games before being defeated by Waterford in the final on Sunday. Tipperary scored a 2-5 to 1-6 win over Dublin in their opening match and they defeated Wexford (5-7 to 1-7) in their second match. In a thrilling final group match they scored a one point victory over Cork (1-7 to 1-6). Despite a great effort in the final Tipperary had to give best to the host county on a scoreline of Tipperary 2-2 Waterford 2-7.

The Tipperary 'B' panel was Tadhg Lonergan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Shane Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill), David Carroll (Holycross-Ballycahill), David Russell (Durlas Óg), Jason Ryan (Toomevara), Eoin Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Paul Butler (Ballingarry), Caley Maher (Durlas Óg), Colm O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), James Feehan (Killenaule), Rory Regan (Moycarkey-Borris), Pdraig Russell (Thurles KRF), Kieran Flanagan (Moycarkey-Borris), John Joe Ryan (Clonakenny), Donnacha Quinn (Nenagh Eire Óg), James Mackey (Nenagh Eire Óg), Eanna McLoughney (Shannon Rovers), Dale O'Hanlon (Carrick Swan), David Sweeney (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Cian Rigney (Roscrea), Derek Hogan (Carrick Swan), Luke O'Meara (Holycross-Ballycahill), Colm O'Dwyer (Boherlahan-Dualla), Sam Conlon (Roscrea), Killian Gleeson (Nenagh Eire Óg).

The selectors were John Ryan (Clonakenny), Tony Hogan (Carrick Swan), John Ryan (Toomevara), John Breen (Cappawhite) and Barry Shortall (Rockwell Rovers) was the coach.

Carrigdhoun Under 15 Hurling Tournament

The Under 15 Carrigdhoun Tournament in Cork was cancelled due to pitches at the host venue being unplayable. Clare agreed at short notice to host a blitz for the counties scheduled to participate in the Carrigdhoun tournament. Tipperary travelled to Clarecastle where they were defeated by Cork (1-9 to 0-5) in their first match. Tipp defeated Limerick by 0-11 to 0-5 in their

second match.

The Tipperary panel was James Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Nicky Cullen (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Simon Delaney (Cashel King Cormacs), Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Micheal Cussen (Moycarkey-Borris), Sean Nally (Holycross-Ballycahill), Dylan Burke (Durlas Óg), Stephen Cahill (Durlas Óg), Pa Phelan (Durlas Óg), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Tomas Hamill (J.K. Brackens), John Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan), Jack Loughnane (Kildangan), Pairic Shanahan (Toomevara), Paudie Fogarty (Silvermines), Eddie Hynes (Templederry Kenyons), Michael Breen (Ballina), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Philip Hogan (Lorrh), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Kieran Brady (St. Marys), Dylan Fitzgerald (Fethard).

The Tipperary selectors were Sean Corbett (Durlas Óg), Francis Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Noel O'Brien (Ballina), Donal McCarthy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace).

Munster Under 16 Football Championship

Since its inception back in 1993 the Munster Under 16 football championship continues to prove a stumbling block for Tipperary as again this year their attempts at Munster honours came unstuck following a four point defeat by Cork County in the semi final. In the first round game against Clare, Tipp with the help of a big second half performance advanced to the semi final with a well deserved six points (1-11 to 1-5) victory margin. Tipp made the perfect start against Cork County in the semi final registering 1-1 before Cork opened their account. Tipp held a two points interval lead. Both sides continued to exchange points throughout the second half and when the referee blew the full time whistle the teams were level. Cork 0-12 Tipperary 1-9. Extra time was played and Cork added 1-2 to a point for Tipp to leave the final score Cork 1-14 Tipperary 1-10.

The Tipperary panel was: Michael Parlon (Inane Rovers), David Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Killian Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials), Cathal Quigley (Moyle Rovers), Kevin Seymour (Burgess), Leonard Vance (Emly), Christopher Guilfoyle (Lorrha), Conor Connelly (Moyle Rovers), Dean Lonergan (Cahir), Kevin Gunne (Clonmel Commercials), Levi Whelan (Clonmel Commercials), Anthony Crotty (Ballyporeen), Brian O'Connor (Durlas Óg), Fergal Byrne (J.K. Brackens), John Keogh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Tommy Sweeney (Newcastle), Fintan Ryan (Arravale Rovers), James Ryan (Durlas Óg), Frankie Donovan (Fethard), Brian Delahunty (Fethard), Niall Daly (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Cole (Ballyporeen), Michael Delahunty (Moyle Rovers), Odran Floyd (Newport), Shane Hassett (Drom-Inch), James Moloney (St Patricks), Niall O'Hagan (Ballina).

The selectors were Tom McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Paul Comer (Burgess), Paul Quish (Emly), Paddy Flaherty (Cahir).

Under 15 Football

Tipperary defeated Cork City by 0-5 to 0-3 in the final of the Cork City Bord na nÓg Under 15 football tournament. Tipperary defeated both Limerick and Clare in the league rounds and they drew with Cork City in their third round match. This draw meant that both teams would meet again in the final which was a low scoring affair with Tipp holding on for a narrow win. Well done to the players and mentors.

Results: Tipperary 1-8 Limerick 3-1; Tipperary 2-9 Clare 1-1; Tipperary 1-7 Cork City 1-7; Final: Tipperary 0-5 Cork City 0-3.

Tipperary also participated in the Humphrey Kelleher tournament in Cork. They were defeated by South Kerry in the Shield semi final. Tipp were defeated by Cork City in their first match and drew with Limerick in their second match. These results set up the Shield semi final where South Kerry won by 2-8 to 1-3.

The Tipperary panel for both tournaments was Cathal Hurley (Fethard), Oisín O'Meara (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams), Niall Gleeson (Portroe), Eoin Donaghy (Cahir), Peter Mulhair



County Tipperary Bord na nOg Football winning captains with officers and special guests at the Co Bord na nOg presentation night in Hayes Hotel. Back l-r: Brian Hyland, (Fr Sheehys U16 C Football), Neil Ryan, Secretary, John Smith PRO, Sean Creamer, Chairman, Owen Fennelly, (Mullinahone U16 B Football), Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials U14 A Football), Frank Morris Treasurer. Front l-r: Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers U12 A Football), Kevin Kirwan, (Kilsheelan Kilcash U14 B Football), Kevin Gunne (Clonmel Commercials U16 A Football), Noel McGrath, Tipperary hurler Special Guest, Andrew Morrissey, Tipperary football captain Special Guest, Niall Sunderland (Clonmel Commercials U14 C Football), Ciarnan Thorpe, (Drom Inch U12 B Football), Tadgh Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers U12 A Football).

(Arravale Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) Aidan Barron (Rockwell Rovers), Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Brian Walsh (Clonmel Commercials), T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Thomas Donoghue (Lattin-Cullen), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Jack Feeney (Inane Rovers), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Sam Ryan (Clonmel Commercials), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe), David Slattery (Gornahoe-Glengoole), Liam Murchin (Clonmel Commercials), Declan Hennessy (Emly), Keith Browne (Clonmel Commercials), Rian Boland (Moyle Rovers), Darren Cass (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Maher (Moyne-Templetuohy).

The selectors were Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe- Glengoole), Joe Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), John Cummins (Ardfinnan), Sean O'Donoghue (Lattin- Cullen).

Jim Power Under 14 Inter County Football

Tipperary took part in the annual Jim Power Under 14 inter county tournament in Waterford. Tipp defeated Waterford, Clare and South Kerry to qualify for the final where they were defeated by Cork County by 3-8 to 1-4.

The Tipperary panel was: Ray Nally (Holycross-Ballycahill), Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane), John Joe Ryan (Clonakenny), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Robert Larkin (Moyne-Templetuohy), Brian Kennedy (J.K. Brackens), Evan Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney), Keelan Hickey (Cahir), Kevin Kirwan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash),

Robert Lyons (Clonmel Commercials), Shane Crowley (Clonmel Commercials), Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials), Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers, Ger Cronin (Ardfinnan), Michael Maher (Grangemockler), Brian Healy (Fethard), Eoghan Keogh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Kevin Fahy (Clonmel Commercials), Paraic Lorrain (Clonmel Commercials), Patrick Hennessy (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Joshua Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle), Conor Gilmore (Ballina), Paraic Scanlon (Borris-Ileigh), William Carroll (Ballina).



The Upperchurch N.S. Team that won the Mid Tipperary Board Primary Schools GAA Quiz. Back l-r: Alma Quinn teacher, Andy Ryan, County Youth Officer, Andy O'Gorman. Youth Committe, PJ Maher. Mid Board chairman, Tom Maher, Mid Board secretary, PJ Leahy, Mid Board PRO, John O'Donovan, Mid Board treasurer.

Magnificent double for Tipperary underage hurlers

The weekend of 29th/30th August was a memorable weekend for Tipperary teams as they won both the Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 and the Tony Forristal Under 14 tournaments. The last time Tipperary recorded this notable double was in 1995.

Tipperary Supporters Club Tournament

Tipperary for the third time in four years are Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 hurling champions following a well deserved eight points win over Galway in the final at Semple Stadium.

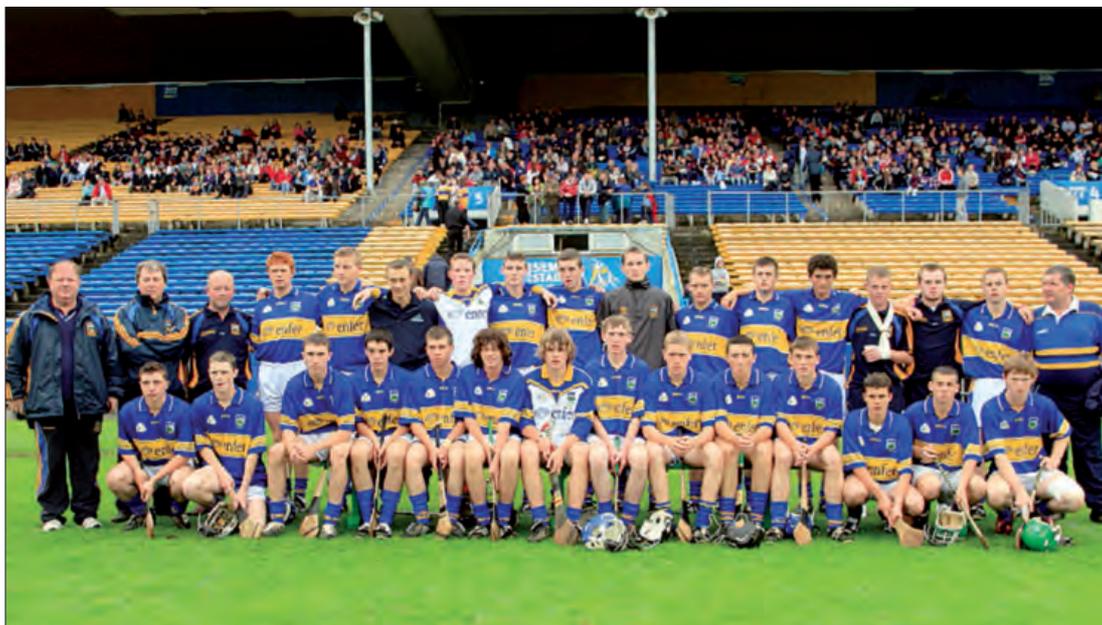
Tipperary defeated Clare in their opening Group match in Monroe. Tipp raced into a 2-2 to 0-2 lead after ten minutes. Cathal Horan and Pat Ralph were the goal scorers. Clare then came more into the game but Tipp still held a 2-6 to 0-4 half time lead. A disappointing Clare team only scored two points in the second half while Tipp added a further 2-3. Liam McGrath and Patrick Ryan were the goal scorers. Final score Tipperary 4-9 Clare 0-6. Tipp played Antrim in their second match and in a very one sided game they scored a most convincing win by 4-23 to 0-4.

Tipp played Limerick in the semi final and they dominated the early exchanges with Liam McGrath scoring 1-3 to give them a 1-4 to 0-1 lead by the 10th minute. Limerick replied with four unanswered points to reduce the deficit to two points and a Limerick goal in the 20th minute levelled the match at 1-5 each. Both teams exchanged two further points each to leave the half time score Tipperary 1-7 Limerick 1-7. Tipp started the second half in whirlwind fashion scoring three points in the opening five minutes and when Liam McGrath added a goal Tipp lead by 2-11 to 1-10. Tipp defended very well in the closing stages as Limerick went in search of scores and when the final whistle sounded the scoreboard read Tipperary 2-15 Limerick 1-12.

The final against Galway who were two points winners over Dublin in the semi final was a great advertisement for underage hurling. The exchanges were keenly contested with Galway opening in impressive fashion to lead by four points at the end of the first quarter. Tipp outscored their opponents by 1-7 to 0-4 in the second quarter, the goal coming from Cathal Horan, to lead by 1-12 to 1-9 at the interval. Tipp hit five unanswered points in the first ten minutes of the second half to extend their advantage and when Cathal Horan scored his second goal of the game in the 47th minute Tipp held a ten points lead. Galway introduced a number of substitutes but despite launching a number of attacks the Tipp defence were rock solid. Galway scored a consolation goal in the closing minutes but the game was over as a contest long before this. Tipp were convincing and deserving winners on a score of 2-21 to 2-13.

The victorious Tipperary panel was: Peadar Wade (Holycross-Ballycahill); Aaron Conran (Fethard), Niall O'Sullivan

(Moycarkey-Borris), Seamus Kennedy (St. Marys); Jason Forde (Silvermines), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill); David Corbett (Durlas Óg), Owen Fennelly (Mullinahone); Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Mark Tuite (Nenagh Eire Óg); Conor Hammersley (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone), Jamie Stapleton (Durlas Og), Jason Bergin (Moyne/Templetuohy), Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams), Shane Hassett (Drom-Inch), Eoin Carew (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams), James Ryan (Durlas Óg), Dean Lonergan (Cahir), John Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Odran Floyd (Newport), Kevin Larkin (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Colm Canning (Toomevara), Andrew Purcell (Clonoulty/Rossmore).



The Tipperary panel and selectors that defeated Galway in the Tipperary Supporters' Club Under 16 hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back l-r: Liam Flannery (Selector), Martin O'Brien (Selector), Philip Ryan (Selector), Jason Forde, Jason Bergin, Andrew Purcell, Shane Hassett, Owen Fennelly, Eoin Carew, Colm Canning, Jamie Stapleton, John Kehoe, James Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Kevin Larkin, Cathal Horan, Ray Ralph (Selector). Front l-r: Aaron Conran, Niall O'Sullivan, Dean Lonergan, Odran Floyd, Pat Ralph, David Corbett, Peadar Wade, Seamus Kennedy, Dan McCormack, Mark Tuite, Liam McGrath, Conor Hammersley, Cathal Barrett, John Meagher.

The selectors were Ray Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Philly Ryan (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams), Liam Flannery (Nenagh Eire Óg) and Martin O'Brien (Clonmel Óg). Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs) was the coach.

Tony Forristal Tournament

Tipperary defeated the host county Waterford in the Tony Forristal tournament final to win this prestigious competition for the first time since 2004. Tipperary had qualified for the final by winning Section 1A of the competition. In their first match Tipperary drew (0-8 each) with Clare, they then defeated Cork by 3-5 to 1-5 and in their final group match Tipp overcame Limerick by 3-7 to 1-7. Tipperary were in their second final in three years and their opponents were Waterford who had overcome Wexford in the semi-final. Tipperary won the toss and elected to play with a slight breeze. Waterford scored an early goal but Tipp took control for the remainder of the half and goals from Tom Kirwan, Joshua Keane and Jack Shelley gave Tipp a commanding 3-5 to 1-2 advantage at the interval. The second half was a dour affair with Tipperary hounding the Waterford players on the ball and limiting them to a goal and a point in the second period. Tipperary added late points from Aidan Moloney and Kieran O'Dwyer to leave the final score Tipperary 3-7 Waterford 2-3. Tipperary captain Joshua Keane was named player of the tournament.

Tipperary lined out as follows in the final: Daryl Ryan (Roscrea), Jack Lineen (Dúrlas Og), Cathal Kennedy (Toomevara), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og, Eoin Kehoe (Kilsheelan),

Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers), Kieran O'Dwyer (Holycross/Ballycahill), Gerard Barlow (Golden/Kilfeacle), Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon/Grange), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Joshua Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brian Kennedy (J. K. Brackens), Jack Shelley (Mullinahone), Joey Knight (Portroe), Conor Lanigan (Dúrlas Og). Subs: Aidan Moloney (Newport) for Ger Barlow, Kevin Dunne (Dúrlas Og) for Conor Lanigan, Fionnan O'Sullivan (Skeheenarinky) for Brian Kennedy, Jamie Woods (Holycross/Ballycahill) for Jack Shelley, Rory O'Regan (Moycarkey/Borris) for Joe Knight.

The other panel members were Robert Larkin

(Moyno/Templetuohy), Tom Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys), Ronan Maher (Dúrlas Og), Mark Gleeson (Templederry Kenyons), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara).
Coach: Kevin Butler (Drom./Inch). Selectors: Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Séamus Doran (Roscrea), Micheal Hassett (Moycarkey/Borris), Hugo Browne (Killenaule). Physio/First Aid: Sandra Molloy

Congratulations to both teams on winning their respective tournaments for the 10th time.



TIPPERARY UNDER 14 TEAM: Back l-r: Tom O'Donnell, Selector, Seamus Doran, Selector, Ger Barlow, Aidan Moloney, Cathal Kennedy, Kieran O'Dwyer, Eoin Kehoe, Tom Kirwan, Daryl Ryan, Jack Shelley, Austin Tierney, Joshua Keane, Fionnan O'Sullivan, Brian Kennedy, Jack Lineen, Hugo Browne, Selector. Front l-r: Michael Hassett, Selector, Joey Knight, Ross Mulcahy, Barry Heffernan, Sean Ryan, Robert Larkin, Kevin Dunne, Tom Fox, Conor Lanigan, Jamie Woods, Ronan Maher, Rory O'Regan, Kevin Butler, Coach.



North Tipperary U-14 hurlers - Peadar Cummins winners. Seated: (l-r) - Donnacha Quinn (Nenagh Eire Og), Sam Conlon (Roscrea), James Mackey (Nenagh Eire Og), Matthew Stapleton (Borris-Ileagh), David Sweeney (Kildangan), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) captain, Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg), Robbie Ryan (Roscrea), Cathal Hayes (Kildangan). Middle row: Seamus Doran (selector) Roscrea, Jamie Lewis (Lorrha), Cathal Kennedy (Toomevara), Mark Gleeson (Templederry), Daryl Ryan (Roscrea), Stephen Cleary (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Darragh McGrath (Ballinahinch), Michael Flynn (Selector) Kildangan. Back row: Dan Finnerty (Ballina), Brian Dooley (Borrisokane), Aidan Moloney (Newport), Joseph Knight (Portroe), Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers), Eanna McLoughney (Shannon Rovers), Seamus Burke (Borris-Ileagh), Jason Ryan (Toomevara), Killian Gleeson (Nenagh Éire Óg), John Ryan (Selector) Toomevara.



Clonmel Commercials - County Under 14 'A' Football Champions. Back l-r: Liam Ryan, Cian Whelan, Ross Dennehy, Pdraig White, Kevin Fahey, Shane Crowley, Sean Gunne, Michael Boland, Pdraig Loram, Charlie Milea, Graham Kelly, Richie Gunne, Andreas Kvedaravicius. Front l-r: Mark O'Reilly, Ross Peters, Robert Lyons, Joe Doyle, Michael Connolly, Kevin McMahon, Shane Maloney, Pdraig Power, David Collins, Gavin Lonergan, Jack McDonald.



The Fr. Sheehy's panel who captured the Tipperary County under 16 'C' football title by beating Durlas Og B by 1-15 to 1-05 at Leahy Park in Cashel on Monday 22nd of June. Back l-r: Brian Hyland, Daniel O'Riordan, Sean Flynn, Shane Lowry, Peter O'Driscoll, Kevin Watson, Shea Taylor, Gary Condon, David McCraith, Derek O'Brien, Jack Walsh. Front l-r: Ben Hyland, Steven O' Driscoll, John Ferguson, Conor Lowry, Shane O'Brien, Brian Smith, Adrian O'Brien, Eanna Wyse.



Clonmel Commercials 'B' - County Under 14 'C' Football Champions: Back l-r: Stain Van Der Warl, Michael Nugent, Richie Gunne, Graham Kelly, Ian Gibbs, Eric Walsh, Andreas Kvedaravicius, Cian Whelan, Jack Conran. Front l-r: Gavin Murray, Neil Lambe, Colm Galvin, James Moore, Neil Sunderland, Jack McDonald, Robert Acheson, Mark O'Reilly.



Clonmel Commercials, South Peil Champions. Back l-r: Graham Kelly, Michael Connolly, Pdraig Looram, Kevin Fahey, Sean Gunne, Shane Crowley, Jack Conran, Michael Boland, Joe Doyle, Ross Denney, Pdraig White, Cian Whelan. Front row l-r: Liam Powel, Ross Peters, Stephen Kelly, Shane Moloney, Richard Gunne, Pdraig Power, Robert Lyons, Gavin Lonergan, Liam Ryan, Kevin McMahon, David Collins, David Murray.



Carrick Davins - County Under 12 'C' Football Champions: Back row l-r: Niall Ryan, Robert Butler, Philip Butler, Ned Power, Declan Waters, Gery Houlihan, David McGrath, Maurice Whelan. Middle row: Dylan Sheppard, Gavin Lyons (behind Gavin is Garry Ryan), Jamie Houlihan, Gradi Kenniffick, Billy Roche, Michael Whelan, Ryan Waters, Brandon O'Sullivan, Josh Hall, Liamie Butler, Ethan Kenniffick. Front row: Gavin Waters, Raymond Cooke, Conor Macky, Luke Faulkner, Jack Cooke (capt), Edward Power, James O'Neil, Luke Power, Kevin Butler, Abbey Robinson. Absent from pic Ben Kerwick.



Ballybacon/Grange - County Under 14 'B' Hurling Champions: Back row l-r: Bernard McHugh, Colin O'Gorman, Sean Nagle, Tom Kiravan, Jason Ryan, Danny O'Mahony, Dale Adams, Gerry Cronin, Evan Burke, Michael Tobin, Adam Ross, Lambert James, Shine Eoin O'Brien. Front row l-r: Colm O'Shaughnessy, Brian Butler, Pdraig Cunningham, Darren Slattery, Philip Walsh, Michael Barlow, Colin Doyle, Mike Hogan, Mark Kelly, Evan Barrett, Gavin Whelan, Jason Burke, Sean Maher.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Clonoulty Rossmore Panel in the County Bord na nÓg U/16 'A' Hurling Final 2008. Picture back l-r: Richard Maher, John Connolly, Tomas Maher, Evan Egan, Sam Allen, Martin Maher, Lorcan Egan, Darragh Butler, Brian McGrath, Kevin O'Connell, John Meagher, Tomas McGrath Capt, Pdraig Egan, Aaron Sweeney, Joseph Nyland. Front l-r: Denis Brerton, Joseph Hennessy, Eamon McGrath, Niall McGrath, John McGrath, Liam Treacy, Patrick Nolan, Pdraig Hennessy, Craig Clery, Noel O'Connell.



Borrisokane U-14 hurlers - North & County 'C' Champions. Back: (l-r) Padraic Brennan, Ger Reddan, Shane Stapleton, Alan Raleigh, CJ Gavin, Andrew Nevin, Ian Fox, David Fox, Niall Cahalan, Mark Armitage, Pdraig Keeshan. Kneeling: Craig McGrath, Peter McGrath, Ciaran Fox, Michael Gohery, Brian Dooley, Francis Kelly, Barry Ryan, Dylan Power, John Banks, Michael Gavin.



Portroe U-12 'C' North & County Champions. Back row: (l-r) - JJ Hickson, Callan Cottrell, Michael Breen, Kyle Creamer, Ciara O'Halloran, Miriam Breen, Cormac Keating, Michael Quilligan, Ciaran Willis, Kyle Morkan, Robert Byrne (Captain). Front: Jack Moloney, Anthony Burke, John O'Connor, Billy Donnellan, Ruádhán Mulrooney, William Flood, Aidan Willis, Martin Ransford.



Clonoulty Rossmore U-16 Hurling West and County champions: Back l-r: Fiachra O'Keeffe, Francis Maher, Paul Hayes, Sean Maher, James Horan, Andrew Purcell, Paul Ryan, Cathal Ryan, Ian Kelly, Jerry Ryan, Ciaran Quirke, Shane Kinnane, David Dunne, Nicky Cullen, Sean Hayes, Peter Hayes, Father Jim O'Donnell. Front l-r: James Maher, John Coffey, Jerry Kennedy, Denis Murphy, Connor Hammersley, Sean Coffey, Darren Corceran, Jamie Kearnes, James Ryan, Ronan Heffernan, James Coffey, Patrick Hennessy, David Egan.



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The Nenagh Eire Og panel that defeated Durlas Og in the County U/14 A Hurling Final

Back l-r: Donnacha Quinn, Niall O’Gorman, Gary Howard, Paul Browne, Andrew Coffey, Paul O’Laoire, Michael Collins, Killian Gleeson, Anthony Walsh, James Mackey, Jack Molamphy, Christopher Ryan, Conor Ryan, Mark Grace. Front l-r: Jack O’Brien, Gerard O’Gorman, Philip Hickey, Aidan Healy, Jack Sheedy, Michael Hallinan, Shane Hennessy, Aodhan Geaney, Barry Heffernan, Aaron Hogan, John Cahalan, Brian Flynn.



Clonmel Commercials - County and South Under 16 'A' Football Champions. Back row l-r. Harry Murphy, Michael Kelly, Bobby Hogan, Brian Walsh, Michael Quinlivan, Shane O’Loughlin, Darren Cass, Keith Browne, Liam Merchant, Jason Lonergan, Levi Whelan. Front l-r. Cian Mackey, Shane Flynn, Sammy Ryan, Ryan Conran, Seamus Kennedy, Kevin Gunne, Michael McCullagh. Joey Phelan, Cathal McKeever, Ian Fahey.



Mullinahone - County and South Under 16 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: Peter Morrissey coach, Conor Vaughan, Willie Croke, Nial Kennedy, Stephen Quirke, Keith Guiry, Jack McCarthy, James Phelan, Garry Cronin, Diarmuid O’Halloran, Richie Walsh, Killian Skorka. Johnny Kennedy, manager, Decky McNamara coach. Front l-r: Eddie McCarthy secretary, Chris O’Brien, George Browing, Jack Shelly, Cathal Horan, Denis Connelly, Eoin Fennelly capt, Sean Walzer, Luke Mullally, David Walzer, Robert Reilly



Portroe - County Under 12 'C' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Padraig Malone (manager), Miriam Breen, Michael Quilligan, Robert Byrne (Captain), Michael Breen, Cormac Keating, Kyle Creamer, Ruaadhan Mulrooney, Aidan Willis, William Flood and Michael Donnellan (Selector). Front l-r: David Gleeson (Selector), Jack Moloney, Billy Donnellan, Kyle Morkan, Callan Cottrell, Ciara O’Halloran, Brian Connaughton, Anthony Bourke, Ciaran Willis, John O’Connor, Martin Rainsford, JJ Hickson and Mark Gemery (Selector).



Kilruane MacDonaghs U-12 Panel - North 'A' Champions. Back (l-r) Kevin Shimmors, James Cleary, Paul Guider, Rory McCarthy, Declan Elderfield, Kieran Brereton, Niall Shinnors, Cian Darcy, Darragh Peters, Cormac Mannion, Aaron Conroy, Brendan McAdams, Ethan Hayes. Front: Eoin Mulcahy, Martin Grace, Roisin Cahill, Jerome Cahill, Craig Morgan, Oisín O'Meara, Tommy Dooley, Sean Quinlan, Willie Ryan (Captain), Conor Lillis.

Nenagh Éire Óg U-12 Footballers - North 'A' Champions. Back (l-r) - Bill McKenna, Aaron Duggan, Alex Jones, Shane Hennessy, Anthony Walsh (captain), Gavin O'Connor, Brian Tuíte, Adam Carey, Ian McNamara, Aaron Hogan, Cillian Malone, Chris Donaldson, Dean Lynch. Kneeling: Jack McGrath, Jake Flynn, Craig Hilm, Ethan O'Brien, Mark Maher, Dominick O'Brien, Adam Healy, Peter (Connie) O'Reilly, Liam Maher, Darragh Keating, Jake Morris.



Moneygall U-12 hurlers - North 'B' Champions. Back (l-r) Eamonn Ryan, Nathan Nolan, Niall Maher, Gearoid Murphy, David Jones, Jack O'Meara, Brian Doughan, Bob Kenny, Eoin Whyte, Joseph Fogarty, Mark Fanning, Daniel O'Meara. Kneeling: Daniel Quinlan, Paul Costello, Cathal Hogan, Adam Hogan, Dylan Maher, Paddy Fogarty, Donal Carroll (captain), James Doughan.



Inane Rovers U-16 players celebrate winning the North 'B' Football title.



Nenagh Éire Óg U-14 hurlers - North 'A' Champions. Back (l-r) John Tucker (Mentor), Paul Browne, Ger O'Gorman, James Mackey, Christopher Ryan, Barry Heffernan, Andrew Coffey, Michael Collins, Paul O'Leary, Donnacha Quinn, Mark Grace, Michael Hallinan, Niall O'Gorman, Gary Howard, Greg Browne (Mentor), Liam Quinn (Mentor). Kneeling: Jack O'Brien, Brian Flynn, Cillian Gleeson, Oisín Ryan, Aaron Hogan, Anthony Walsh, Aodhán Geaney, Shane Hennessy, Philip Hickey, Jack Molampy, Aiden Healy, Conor Ryan, John Cahalan, Jack Sheedy.

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Results 2009

GRADE	TEAMS AND SCORES	VENUE	REFEREE	DATE
U-12 "A" Football	Nenagh Eire Og 0.6 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0.4	in Ballina	John Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh)	Thur 20th May
U-12 "B" Football	Kildangan 4.2 Silvermines 1.6	in Ballina	Pat Gibson (Burgess)	Thur 20th May
U-12 "C" Football	Borrisokane 1.5 Shannon Rovers Gaels 0.3	in Ballingarry	Dan Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs)	Mon 18th May
U-14 "A" Football	Nenagh Eire Og 0.7 Ballina 1.0	in Templederry	Tommy Ryan (Kildangan)	Wed 20th May
U-14 "B" Football	Burgess 1.5 Borris-Ileigh 1.3	in Nenagh	Christy McLoughlin (Nenagh Eire Og)	Thur 14th May
U-16 "A" Football	Nenagh Eire Og 1.6 Lorrha 1.4	in Puckane	Martin Griffin (Silvermines)	Mon 11th May
U-16 "B" Football	Inane Rovers 1.8 Burgess 1.6	in Toomevara	John Kissane (Nenagh Eire Og)	Mon 18th May
Peil na nOg	Nenagh Eire Og 3.2 Ballina 1.4	in Portroe	Tommy Ryan (Kildangan)	Mon 4th May
U-12 "A" Hurling	Kilruane MacDonaghs 3.7 Nenagh Eire Og 0.2	in Nenagh	Ciaran Timmons (Silvermines)	Sat 15th Aug
U-12 "B" Hurling	Moneygall 0.5 Borris-Ileigh 0.2	in Nenagh	Dan Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs)	Sat 15th Aug
U-12 "C" Hurling	Portroe 1.3 Silvermines 1.0	in Nenagh	Niall McGrath (Burgess)	Sat 15th Aug
U-14 "A" Hurling	Nenagh Eire Og 8.17 Toomevara 1.3	in Nenagh	Anthony Sherlock (Kildangan)	Sat 22nd Aug
U-14 "B" Hurling	Moneygall/Ballinahinch Gaels 2.5 Borris-Ileigh 0.5	in Templederry	Martin Griffin (Silvermines)	Sat 22nd Aug
U-14 "C" Hurling	Borrisokane 3.5 Portroe 0.9	in Nenagh	Pat Gibson (Burgess)	Sat 22nd Aug
U-16 "A" Hurling	Nenagh Eire Og 4.13 Roscrea 2.7	in Toomevara	Kieran Delaney (Toomevara)	Mon 21st Sept
U-16 "B" Hurling	Lorrha 0.11 Ballina 2.4	in Puckane	Liam Hogan (Shannon Rovers)	Sat 19th Sept
Feile na nGael	Kilruane MacDonaghs 2.14 Roscrea 0.3	in Dolla	Martin Griffin (Silvermines)	



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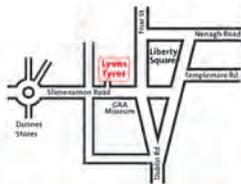
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Best of Luck to all Tipperary teams in 2010



Borrisokane Under 14s won the North & County C Hurling championship for the second year in a row. Standing l-r: Kevin Gleeson Selector, John Egan Selector, Alan Raleigh, Mark Armitage, Ger Reddan, Andrew Nevin, CJ Gavin, Ian Fox, David Fox, Michael Gohery, Shane Stapleton, Darragh McKenna, Selector and Viv Dooley Selector. Sitting l-r: Padraic Brennan, Peter McGrath, Dylan Power, Michael Gavin, Gary Ryan, Brian Dooley (Captain), Craig McGrath, Ciaran Fox, Paraic Keeshan. Front l-r: Francis Kelly, John Banks & Niall Cahalan.

Ballinahinch/Moneygall U-14 hurlers - North 'B' Champions. Back: (l-r) Pat Murray (mentor), Liam McGrath (Mentor), Michael Dughan, Thomas Dwan, Michael Fahey, Jason Ryan, Darragh McGrath, Kevin Mulcahy (Joint Captain), Patrick Egan, Anthony Devereaux, Sean Fogarty, Liam Carroll (Joint Captain), Tom Hennessy, Pauric Hennessy (Mentor), Eamonn Toohey (Mentor). Kneeling: Brian Dughan, Daragh Murray, Ross Healy, Donal Carroll, Patrick Fogarty, Davy Gleeson, Liam Lennin, Conor Lynch, Philip Donovan.



Nenagh Eire Og U-14 Footballers - North 'A' Champions.



Burgess U-14 footballers - North 'B' Champions. Back (l-r) - Jack Gill, Mark Hynes (captain), Eathan Moloney, Bill O'Flaherty, Eoin Daly, Daniel Nevin, Shane Griffin.. Middle row: Michael Costello, Hughie O'Brien, Jamie Maxwell, John O'Flaherty, Adam Cody, Thomas Coughlan, Tony Gleeson, Pat Woods, Hugh O'Brien. Front: Paudie Gill, Keith Nealon, Ben Moloney, Conor Gill, Andrew Dunne, Liam Gillespie.



Borrisokane Under 12's won the North C Football championship. Back l-r: Cathal Teigh, Ciaran Fox, Liam Dunne, Craig McGrath, Padraic Coen, Paraic Keeshan, Michael Gavin, Conor Hogan, Dylan Power, Sean Raleigh, Stephaine Power, Dylan Tierney & Sean Cleary. Front l-r: Sean Connolly, Stephen Gavin, Liam Dooley, Liam Cleary, Jack McLoughlin, Darragh Madden, Oisín Larkin, Rohan Murphy, Jack Darcy, Michael Gohery (Captain), Michael Heenan, Gar Ryan, Jack Larkin, Ciara McKenna, Aine Cleary, Padraic Quinn, Adam Gorman, Conor Gavin & Darren Mooney.

Bórd na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach 2009

le Neil O' Riain (Runaí)

Once again it's the time of year when all field action has come to a conclusion with surprising results in some of the competitions. One difficulty for all officer Bórd's in recent years has been the bad weather conditions prevailing well into the year. Trying to adhere to tight fixture schedules is now almost impossible. In this regard I wish to acknowledge the co-operation of so many clubs and field coordinators for their dedicated support.

As is customary each year the season commenced with the various tournaments

Garda Cup Our first contest was of a divisional nature. In the inter-divisional Hurling U/16 Garda Cup tournament our divisional team played our colleagues from the West on March 16th and were in devastating form securing victory by 2-12 to 0-7.

In the final one week later the Mid put a halt to the North's four year reign clinching the title with a goal spree on a final score-line of 4-13—0-13.

In the inaugural U/15 Hurling inter-divisional tournament the Mid went down in the final to the North on a score-line of 1-13---3-04

In the Feile Iomanoicht on April 4th Durlas Og were the top competitors taking no prisoners in all their games. In the Mid final they secured victory over Holycross with a nine-point margin.

In their county semi final encounter with West champions Golden they were victorious with a nineteen-point margin. The county final proved no different as they clinched the title over North representatives Kilruane MacDonaghs, final score 5-13 to 0-04

The Feile Peil games took place on April 11th with J.K.Brackens getting sweet revenge for last years defeat in the final against Durlas Og. They defeated the reigning champions on a score-line 2-06 to 0-07.

In their county semi-final encounter against West champions Golden they had a one point-winning margin. In the final they had to succumb to south champions Clonmel Commercial's going down by two points on a score -line 2-03—2-01.

In the U/14 Peadar Cummins inter divisional hurling tournament our two-year reign came to an abrupt termination. In the semi-final against the West in a game of goals victory was secured on a score-line of 3-10—3-03. In the final it was the North that provided the opposition. In the first period our team found it difficult to get scores from play and relied mostly upon placed balls to register scores.

After about twelve minutes of the second period the North raised two green flags in succession to edge well in front and at the final whistle they secured the title 3-12--- 2-07.



The Clonakenny panel that defeated Durlas Og B in the Hayes Hotel Thurles sponsored Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/12 C Football Final. Back l-r: Tommy Hennessy, Thomas Costigan, David Carroll, Keith Russell, Jordan Doyle, Liam Quigley, Matthew O'Sullivan, Eoin Nesbitt. Front l-r: Delacy Byrne, Conor Shanahan, Matthew Longe, Diarmuid Ryan, Cathal Stapleton, Thomas Nolan, Aine Greed, Alexis Harty, Ben O'Carroll.

Bórd na Nóg Thiobraid Árann Meanach Officers 2009

<i>President:</i>	Andy O'Gorman	Gortnahoe/Glengoole
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<i>Chairman:</i>	Joe Kennedy	Moyne Templetohy
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<i>Senior Bórd Rep.:</i>	J.C. Ryan	Upperchurch/Drombane
<i>County Bórd Reps.:</i>	Rody Lowry Martin Treacy	Upperchurch/ Drombane Holycross/Ballycahill



The victorious Drom Inch panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Liam Young Plant Sales Mid Tipperary U/12 B Football Final. Back l-r: Mark O'Brien, Conor O'Meara, Colm Kinnane, Paul Hennessy, Robert Kennedy, Emmett Moloney, Kevin Hassett, Gary Carey, Thomas Nolan, Michael Connors, Stevie Nolan, Jamie Bergin, Miriam Campion. Front l-r: Shane Ryan, Eoin Collins, Aiden O'Meara, Paul Bergin, Ciaran Thorpe, Glynn Stewart, Padraig Campion, Michael Clohessy, Andy Purcell, Ben Aherne. Standing at back selectors Christy Nolan, Ambrose Purcell, Jim Mullen, Jim Kinnane and Kevin Nolan.

Club Action This year unfortunately has not been a fruitful one for our champions. Although our champions contested eleven county finals we have secured only one title. Drom /Inch brought some joy to their parish in being crowned U/12 B Football county champions. Loughmore Castleiney was very unlucky in relinquishing their county U/16 A Football title by a solitary point after extra time to south champions Clonmel Commercial's.

Durlas Og went down by a similar margin after a brilliant contest against Eire Og Nenagh in the U/14 A Hurling decider.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Ballingarry in the Co. Tipperary Bord na nOg Co. U/12 B Football Final. Back l-r: Mark O'Brien, Colm Kinane, Stevie Nolan, Kevin Hassett, Thomas Nolan, Michael Connors, Emmett Moloney, Gary Carey, Jamie Bergin, Paul Hennessy, Conor O'Meara, Glynn Stewart, Robert Kennedy. Front l-r: Ben Ahearn, Michael Clohessy, Shane Ryan, Miriam Campion, Aidan O'Meara, Eoin Collins, Paul Bergin, Andy Purcell.

Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg

<i>GRADE</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>RESULT</i>	<i>VENUE</i>	<i>REFEREE</i>
Seamus Hanafin Furniture U-12 'A' Football	May 18th	Moycarkey Borris Durlas Og	1-04 0-02	Templetouhy Liam Shanahan
Liam Young Plant Hire Ltd U-12 'B' Football	May 19th	Drom/Inch Loughmore Castleiney	4-06 0-01	Ballycahill Andy Murray
Hayes Hotel U-12 'C' Football	May 24th	Clonakenny Durlas Og	0-06 0-04	Castleiney Pat Cullen
Joe O' Sullivan Bus Hire U-14 'A' Football	June 1st	J.K.Brackens Durlas Og	6-09 0-04	Littleton Liam Shanahan
Darmody Fencing U-14 'B' Football	June 6th	Loughmore Castleiney Boherlahan Dualla	3-04 1-09	Holycross Brian Barrett
Templemore Jewellers U-14 'C' Football	June 1st	Durlas Og Clonakenny	6-08 5-03	Littleton Michael Jordan
Templemore Motor Works U-16 'A' Football	May 11th	Loughmore Castleiney Holycross Ballycahill	2-19 1-02	The Ragg Michéal Hassett
Ray Ralph Carpentry Ltd U-16 'B' Football	May 11th	Gortnahoe Glengoole Moyne Templetouhy	1-14 1-07	Littleton Andy Murray
Peil na nÓg (Sponsor Jimmy Coppinger)	April 4th	J.K.Brackens Durlas Og	2-06 0-07	Castleiney Jonathan Cullen
Centenary Co-Op U-12 'A' Hurling	August 20th	Drom/Inch Durlas Og	1-05 1-04	Templetouhy Martin Ryan
Snap Printing U-12 'B' Hurling	August 23rd	Boherlahan Dualla J.K.Brackens	3-03 1-08	Holycross John Butler
John Ryan Bus Hire Littleton U- 12' C' Hurling.	August 23rd	Clonakenny Moyne Templetouhy	3-05 2-07	Templemore P.J.Nolan
Spain Family U-14 'A' Hurling	September 8th	Durlas Og Holycross Ballycahill	1-16 1-08	Boherlahan Martin Ryan
Stakelums Office Supplies U-14' B' Hurling	September 10th	Drom/Inch Loughmore Castleiney	3-10 3-09	Drombane Patsy Ralph
Templemore Jewellers U- 14 'C' Hurling	September 9th	Clonakenny Durlas Og	5-04 2-06	Castleiney Donal Leahy
Kevin Darmody Ltd U-16 'A' Hurling	September 19th	Durlas Og Holycross Ballycahill	4-08 1-04	The Ragg Liam Shanahan
Stakelums Hardware Ltd U-16 'B' Hurling	September 19th	J.K.Brackens Drom/Inch	3-08 0-15	Templetouhy Hugh Coghlan
Feile na nGael (Sponsor Jimmy Coppinger)	April 8th	Durlas Og Holycross	2-10 0-07	Holycross Pat Cullen
Fé 14 Skills Fe 14 Pock Fáda Fé 16 Pock Fáda	Conor Lanigan Tom Meehan Shane Hassett	Durlas Og Durlas Og Drom/Inch		
Hurling Shield Competitions				
U/12 A	October 17th	Durlas Og Moycarkey Borris	2-05 0-06	Templetouhy Donal Leahy
U/12 C	October 17th	Moyne Templetouhy Durlas Og	1-05 0-00	Templetouhy John Butler
U/14 C	September 28th	Drom/ inch Durlas Og	1-05 1-03	Drom Martin Treacy

Munster U/16 A Hurling championship. The games were held in Mallow in April. Mid Tipp lost their opening game against Imokilly and secured victories over East Waterford and Mid Clare to qualify for the semi final. Their opponents were close neighbours from North Tipp in which they had a five-point victory and marched on to the final. Their opponents were East Clare, which was a replica of the 2007 contest. Although Mid Tipp got off to a good start with the aid of the breeze they missed certain goal chances, which was a pattern of their play throughout. On the resumption of the second half of the contest they struggled to make any inroads on the scoreboard and had to succumb to the strength of East Clare who secured the title with relative ease.

Club of the year award goes to Durlas Og.

Referees Once again the men that referee our numerous games cannot be complemented enough. They go about their business in a very professional manner and it is regretful that on some occasions they do not receive the respect they duly deserve. Discipline, I hasten to add, has improved within our division, but unfortunately there are those within clubs that still persist in being abusive both during and after games. In this regard I appeal to club officers to pay more attention to offending personnel from within the club and elaborate on this issue within 2010. It is the duty of all adults to lead by example to behave with dignity and set good standards for our future players.

I thank all the referees for their courtesy and cooperation during the year.

Trophies Our division now leads the way forward within the county in having silverware for all championship finals.

Shield competition This year we had an inaugural u/14 hurling shield competition, which added with the U/12 series gave clubs extended action. The clubs that had exited early from the championships warmly welcomed it as it gave players on the periphery an opportunity to participate.

Acknowledgement. A sincere thanks to the following for their cooperation and support during the year. The sponsors of our championships to whom we are eternally grateful for their financial support year after year.

To Hayes Hotel for the use of their facilities and especially the very courteous reception staff, Tipperary Star newspaper, Tipp F.M radio for advertising/covering our games.

To photographer John McLoughney who once again has displayed his professionalism in capturing snaps of all our finals. On many occasions John had to fulfil other commitments but never let us down. Thank you John for your support and courtesy.

To our senior Bórd colleagues many thanks for the cooperation as we both strive to fulfil very busy schedules.

Officers One of our Vice Chairmen Andy Ryan stood down earlier this year on being appointed Games Development Administrator for our division and I wish him every success in his new position.



The victorious Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Templemore Motor Works sponsored Mid Tipperary U/16 A Football Final. Back l-r: Kevin Maher, Noel O'Connell, Aaron Sweeney, John Meagher, Darragh Butler, Brian McGrath, Lorcan Egan, John McGrath, Evan Egan, Liam Maher, Sam Allen, Kevin O'Connell, Joseph Nyland, Martin Meagher. Front l-r: Denis Brerton, Pdraig Hennessy, Joseph Hennessy, Joseph Hayden, Richard Maher, Keith Manton, Craig Clery, John Connolly, Bill O'Connell, David Ryan.



The victorious Durlas Og panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Templemore Jewellers sponsored Mid Tipp U14 C Football final. Back l-r: Matthew Fogarty, Robbie Mulcair, Brian Bourke, Sean Fitzgibbon, Patrick Brennan, Tony O'Brien, Kieran Carroll, Paddy Carroll, Luke Kelly, Jack O'Dwyer, Darragh Coffey. Front l-r: Colm Doyle, Adam Garrett, Aaron McCormack, Seamus Hanafin, William Tierney, Sean Butler, Mark Conway, Jack McDonnell.



The victorious Gortnahoe Glengoole panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Ray Ralph Carpentry sponsored Mid Tipperary U/16 B Football Final.



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Jimmy Coppinger sponsored Mid Peil na nOg Final



The victorious Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Seamus Hanafin Furniture sponsored Mid Tipperary U/12 A Football Final. Back l-r: Marty Hayes, Sean Darmody, Noel Walshe, Darren Ryan, Jack Kiely, Kieran Cummins, Tomas Darmody, Brian Maher, Eric Fanning, Joe Doran, Eoin Hayes, Anthony McKeavey, Graham O'Connor, Jack O'Meara, Padhraig Kirwin, Willie Power. Front Row L to R Kevin Regan, Jack O'Brien, Conor Hartnett, Jack Cleary, Jamie Callaghan, Tom Hayes, JJ Darmody, John Corbett, Conor Moore, Michael Bergin, Ryan White.

U/16 Puck Fada champion Shane Hasset (Drom/Inch), also won the county title and came joint second in the Munster series.

Sympathy On behalf of the Bórd I wish to express our sympathy to the relatives of our friends who have gone to their eternal reward. Ar dheis De ar Na Anameacha.

Seasons Greetings Mid Bord na Nog wishes to extend the seasons greeting to all our very supportive sponsors and friends and that 2010 may bring success to all.



The Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Snap Printing Mid Bord na nOg U12 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Evan Dwan, Darren O'Reilly, Michael O'Sullivan, Niall Manton, Shane Dwan, Tomas Ryan, Laurence Dwan, Cathal Darcy, Orla Gahan, James O'Sullivan, Briamy Treacy, James Kirby. Front l-r: Killian Darcy, Byron McGeer, Richard O'Dwyer, Aaron Sherlock, Jimmy Cawley, Bill Byrne, John Purcell, Mark Buckley, John O'Connor.



The Durlas Og panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Spain Family Thurles Mid Tipperary U14 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Luke Kelly, David Russell, Conor Lanigan, Graham Maher, Ronan Maher, David Fogarty, Tom Meehan, Caley Maher, Billy McCarthy, Paul Sammon, Jack O'Dwyer, Tony O'Brien, Faolan Lineen, Jack Lineen. Front l-r: Kevin Dunne, Thoms Skehan, Paddy Carroll, Tom Tierney, David Russell, Brendan O'Loughlin, Darragh Coffey, Sean Butler, Jack O'Connell, Sean Murphy.



The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid Tipperary U-12 C Hurling Final.



The Durlas Og panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Kevin Darmody Ltd Mid Tipp U/16 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Stephen Kennedy, Miles Fitzgerald, Aidan Ryan, Brian O'Connor, Darragh Mulcaire, Ciaran Dowd, Mark Shannon, Aidan Doyle, Mark Beresford, Shane Butler, David Corbett, Michael O'Dwyer, Dillon Bourke, Mossie McCormack, Padraig Phelan, Kevin Dunne. Front l-r: Dean McCormack, Stephen Ryan, John Stakelum, Conor Lanigan, James Ryan, Paul Maher, Jamie Stapleton, Stephen Cahill, Ruari Dwan, Cathal Ryan, Peter Coman, Niall McGovern.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Stakelums Office Supplies Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/14 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Seamus Butler, Liam Kennedy, Kevin Ahern, Thomas O'Meara, Paul Kennedy, Ruairi Kinnane, Brendan Larkin, Rory O'Dwyer, Thomas Nolan, Richard Kennedy, Joey Maher (Capt), Michael Campion, Robert Ryan, Brian Hennessy, Paul Hennessy, Aidan Ahearn, Paul Stapleton. Front l-r: Paul Carey, Robert Long, Michael Connors, Emmet Moloney, Jamie Bergin, Kevin Hassett, Colm Kinnane, Padraig Campion.



The Moyne Templeuoehy panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Mid Bord na nOg U12 C Hurling Shield final. Back l-r: Lee Tierney, Jack Taylor, Diarmuid Leahy, David Walsh, Sean Moloney, Chris Lawlor, Colm Ryan, Gearoid O Connor, Andrew Kiely, Tom Foy, Damien Birmingham, Harry Hogan, Emma Ryan. Front l-r: Pierce Maher, Darren Ryan, Mark Ryan, Damien Cantwell, Jamie Morrissey, Stephen Troy, Conor Bovee, Ben Ryan, Dean Morrissey, Darragh Taylor, Sean Ryan.



The Durlas Og panel that defeated Kilruane McDonaghs in the County Tipperary Feile na nGael Final.



The Moyle Rovers Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the County Tipperary Bord na nOg County U16 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Keith Flannery, Kevin O'Donnell, Michael Delahunty, Nicholas Ryan, David Mulcahy, Cathal Quigley, Michael Fox, Aidan Butler, Brian Condon, Eoin O'Connor, Padraig Keating, Christopher Browne, Shane Norris. Front l-r: Brian Gleeson, Conor Connelly, Philip Quirke, Ross Mulcahy, Christopher Mulcahy, Conor Tobin, Colin Delahunty, Donal McGrath, Aidan McGrath, David Mulcahy.

West Tipperary Bord Na nOg

Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

The 2009 playing season in West Tipperary was again a busy period in the division comprising of 34 competitions ranging through Championship, League, Shield and Plate covering both hurling and football culminating in excess of 300 games being played off.

Golden/Kilfeacle topped the Divisional honours list with no fewer than seven trophies and while no County title came their way they certainly left down a marker for the future having captured Feile Na Gael, Peil Na Nog and U14A Hurling and U14A Football West Championships.

Clonoulty/Rossmore collected our only County title this year when following a thrilling U16A Hurling semi final one point margin victory over Durlas Og they went on to defeat South Champions St.Marys also by the minimum margin in the County Final.

Their was no joy for our Divisional sides with both our U14 and U16 Hurlers along with our U14 and U15 Football sides all having to settle for the runners up spot.

West Tipps U14 Footballers defeated Mid Tipp by three points in their Semi Final but failed to come to terms with a good South Tipp side in the final.

In U14 Hurling Mid Tipp came out on top in the Peadar Cummins semi final while South Tipp proved too good for West Tipp in the Shield final.

In the Garda Cup U16 Inter Divisional hurling Mid Tipp again proved worthy winners over West Tipp and in the Shield final South Tipp emerged winners by two points after extra time.

In the Munster U16B Championship West Tipp ran in victories against South/East Limerick, Carrighdhoun [Cork], Muskerry [Cork] before going down by three points to North Kerry in the Munster Semi Final.

At County level West Tipp were well represented on Tipps Tony Forrestall [U14 Hurling] winning team and on our All Ireland U16 Hurling championship winning side. West Tipp also figured prominently on Tipperarys U15 Football team that bridged a seven year gap in winning the Cork City Bord Na Nog U15 Inter County Tournament.

West Tipp Reps.Tipperary U16 Hurling All Ireland Champions Patrick Ryan and Eoin Carew [Kickhams], Conor Hammersley and Andrew Purcell [Clonoulty/Rossmore]

West Tipp Reps , Tipperarys Tony Forestall U14 Hurling All

Ireland champions

Josh Keane Capt. [Golden/Kilfeacle], Tom Fox [Eire Og], Seanie Ryan [Sean Treacys], Ger Barlow [Golden/Kilfeacle].

Hurling Selectors

West U14-Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle], Johnny Ryan A [Cappawhite], Johnny Breen [Cappawhite], Jamsie Hogan [Arravale Rvs].

West U16-Phil Ryan [Kickhams], Tom O'Donnell, Francis Maher [Clonoulty/Rossmore]

County U14 -Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle]

County U15-Francis Maher [Clonoulty/Rossmore]

County U16- Phil Ryan [Kickhams]

Feile Skills - Seanie Ryan [Sean Treacys]

Poc Fada - Ger Barlow [Golden/Kilfeacle]

U16 Long Puck - Ian Kelly [Clonoulty/Rossmore]

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Co-Ordinator	Steve O'Donnell	[Lattin/Cullen]

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Clonoulty Rossmore, U-12 West Hurling Champions: Back row l-r: James Hammersley, Dylan Quirke, Cathal Moriarty, Aidan Carroll, Michael Ryan, Paudric Carew, Gerard Mockler, Samuel Kearney, Shannon Quirke, Courtney Ryan, Niamh Hayes. Front: Arron Kennedy, Nicklaus Mockler, Seanie Ryan, Odhran Quirke, Dillon Quirke, Enda Heffernan, Cathal Bourke, James Ryan, Kevin Kearney, Declan O'Dwyer, Jack Ryan.

West Tipperary Bord na nOg Results

Football Results

U12A Championship	17/5 [Clonoulty]	Arravale Rvs 2-7	Cashel KC 1-2	Capt. Graham Roche	Ref. Fergal Horgan
U12B Championship	17/5 [S.T.Park]	Rockwell Rvs 5-10	Lattin/Cullen 0-4	Capt. Liam Fahey	Ref. Michael Duffy
U12A League Final	4/5 [Golden]	Arravale Rvs 1-5	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-4	Capt. Graham Roche	Ref. Sean Bradshaw
U12B League Final	6/6 [Golden]	Rockwell Rvs 4-3	Lattin/Cullen 1-4	Capt. Liam Fahey	Ref. Fergal Horgan.
U12 Shield Final	4/7 [Sologhead]	Galtee Rvs 4-3	Sean Treacys 3-4	Capt. Shane Power	Ref. Mark Ryan
U12 Plate Final	28/5 [Golden]	Rosegreen 0-5	Eire Og 0-1	Capt. Ml. Moloney/ Mikey Wilson	Ref. Willie Kennedy.
Peil na Nog	4/4 [Bansha]	Golden/Kilfeacle 3-7	Lattin/Cullen 2-2	Capt. Darren Moloney	Ref. Richie O'Connor
U14A Championship	1/6 [Bansha]	Golden/Kilfeacle 2-12	Arravale Rvs 3-7	Capt. Ger Barlow,	Ref. Oisin Ryan.
U14B Championship	4/6, [Solohead]	Galtee Rvs 6-14	Clonoulty/R 1-5	Capt. David Finnane	Ref. John O'Brien.
U14B League Final	6/6 [Golden]	Kickhams 2-8	Cappawhite 2-2	Capt. Evan Hickey	Ref. Tom Dawson.
U14 Plate Final	13/6 [Sologhead]	Emly 1-7	Eire Og 1-1	Capt. Jason Ryan	Ref. Tommy Fitzgerald.
U14 Shield Final	27/6 [Sologhead]	Lattin/Cullen 6-14	Sean Treacys 4-7	Capt. Mark Russell	Ref. T.Fitzgerald
U16A Championship	11/5 [Cappawhite]	Cashel KC 2-8	Arravale Rvs 1-5	Capt. Eoin Ryan	Ref. P.Russell
U16B Championship	11/5 [S.T.Park]	Galtee Rvs 4-12	Rockwell Rvs 0-7	Capt. C. O'Halloran.	Ref. David Grogan
U14 Inter Divisional Football					
Semi Final,	26/3 [Dr. Morris Pk]	West Tipp 2-3	Mid Tipp 1-3		
Final	10/4 [Golden]	South Tipp 3-11	West Tipp 2-4		

West Tipp Reps. Tipperary U15 Football

Thomas O'Donoghue [Lattin/Cullen], Oisin O'Meara [Kickhams], Declan Hennessy [Emly], Ed O'Meara [Aherlow], T.J.Ryan and Aidan Barron [Rockwell Rvs], Peter Mulhare [Arravale Rvs], Jimmy Maher [Clonoulty/Rossmore].

West Reps. County U16 Football

Killian Ryan and Fintan Ryan [Arravale Rvs], Leonard Vance [Emly], Niall Daly [Galtee Rvs]

Football Selectors

West U14-Tom O'Donnell [Golden/Kilfeacle], Sean O'Donoghue [Lattin/Cullen], Kevin Halley [Rockwell Rvs].

West U15- Tommy Toomey [Arravale Rvs], Tommy Fitzgerald [Sologhead], Sean O'Donoghue [Lattin/Cullen].

County U15- Sean O'Donoghue

County U16 -Paul Quish

Hurling Results

U12A Championship	24/8 [Golden]	Clonoulty/Rossmore 6-4	Cashel KC 1-5	Capt. Enda Heffernan	Ref. Phil Ryan
U12A League Final	16/7 [S.T.Park]	Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-7	Kickhams 0-3	Capt. Enda Heffernan	Ref. Richie O'Connor
U12B Championship	24/8, [Golden]	Rockwell Rvs 3-4	Sean Treacys 3-3	Capt. Craig O'Connell	Ref. Tom Dawson
U12B League Final	16/7 [S.T.Park]	Sean Treacys 0-8	Cappawhite 0-4	Capt. Bryan Carey	Ref. Mark Ryan
U12 Plate Final	28/8 [Sologhead]	Eire Og 2-4	Rosegreen 1-4 aet.	Capt. Michael O'Brien	Ref. Mark Ryan
U12 Shield Final	30/8 [Sologhead]	Golden/Kilfeacle 0-9	Lattin/Cullen 1-4	Capt. Jonathan Wade	Ref. Tommy Fitzgerald.
U14A Championship	5/9 [Cappawhite]	Golden/K 4-11	Clonoulty/R 0-4	Capt. Shane O'Connell	Ref. Fergal Horgan
Feile Na Gael	18/4 [Cashel]	Golden/K 4-9	Cashel KC 1-2	Capt. Shane O'Connell	Ref. Oisin Ryan.
U14A League Final	23/7 [Dundrum]	Golden/K 0-18	Clonoulty/R 0-4	Capt. Shane O'Connell	Ref. Eamonn Browne
U14B Championship	5/9 [Golden]	Arravale Rvs 3-9	K.Kickhams 1-4	Capt. Conor Kissane	Ref. Fergal Hickey.
U14B League Final	30/7 [Cappawhite]	K.Kickhams 2-8	Arravale Rvs 2-7	Capt. Walter Carroll	Ref. Ger Howe
U14 Plate Final	17/9 [Sologhead]	Eire Og 0-10	Emly 1-3	Capt. Tom Fox	Ref. Willie Kennedy
U14 Shield Final	19/9, [Sologhead]	Cashel KC 2-7	Eire Og 2-3	Capt. Thomas Grogan/ Kevin Shiels	Ref. Eamonn Browne.
U16A Championship	13/9 [Golden]	Clonoulty/R 5-16	Kickhams 1-6	Capt. Darren Corcoran	Ref. John O'Brien
U16A County Final	17/10 [Holycross]	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-10	St. Marys 1-9	Capt. Darren Corcoran	Ref. Johnny Mc Donnell
U16B Championship	20/9 [S.T.Park]	Golden/Kilfeacle 3-14	Galtee Rvs 2-6	Capt. Aidan O'Connell	Ref. Sean Bradshaw
U16B League Final	26/10 [Lattin]	Emly/Sean Treacys 3-11	Golden/K 1-8	Capt. Leonard Vance/ Joe Carey	Ref. David Grogan
U13 Garda Cup Final	18/10 [Golden]	Clonoulty/R 4-6	Golden/K 0-0	Capt. Aaron Ryan	Ref. Tom Dawson
U13 Garda Plate Final	18/10 [Sologhead]	Arravale Rvs 1-8	Kickhams 2-3	Capt. Graham Roche	Ref. T.Fitzgerald

U14 Inter Divisional Hurling [Peadar Cummins]

Semi Final	30/5 [Templederry]	Mid Tipp 3-10	West Tipp 3-3
Shield Final	30/5 [Borrisleigh]	South Tipp 4-12	West Tipp 1-4

Garda Cup [U16 Inter Div. Hurling]

Semi Final	21/3 [Clonoulty]	Mid Tipp 2-12	West Tipp 0-4
Shield Final	28/3 [Cahir]	South Tipp 1-17	West Tipp 2-9 aet.

Munster U16B Hurling Championship

4/4 [Cahir-Duneske]	West Tipp 1-12	South/East Limerick 2-4
4/4 do	West Tipp 3-6	Carrigdhoun [Cork] 1-5
4/4 do	West Tipp 5-7	Musketry [Cork] 2-4
11/4 Semi Final [Mallow]	North Kerry 1-12	West Tipp 1-9

The Mighty Blue and Gold

Verse 1

Seven Gaels sat down, in Thurles Town, to save our native game
At Hayes' Inn, in eighteen eighty four
That famous day, they paved the day, for epic hurling tales
To remain in our hearts for evermore.
They organised a national prize for counties to contest
And be crowned the best term in the land.



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Best Wishes to Tipp in 2010

We won the first, to start a thirst, that never can be quenched
So now me boys it's time to make a stand.

Chorus

Take care the Premier has woken
Beware the mighty Blue and Gold
The bonfires will burn bright, round Sliabh na mBan tonight
For Liam McCarthy's coming home.

Verse 2

Our County fair, has won its share, of praise and accolades
Since Davin took the chair that All Saints Day
We've been admired, both far and wide, by countless friend and
foe
In awe they've watched us grace the field of play
Now Kickhams Race, holds pride of place, for all her valiant
deeds
We stand renowned in hurling's hall of fame
We'll n'er forget, their toil and sweat, great players of the past
Those who brought great honour to our name.

Chorus

Verse 3

No decades passed, that we've not grasped, the shining silver
spoils
And climbed the hallowed steps, to take our bow.
The mighty clash, of mountain ash, from Carey, Doyle and
Roche.
Has warmed the homes of Knocknagow,
Oh what a thrill, to see the skill, of Leahy, Ryan and Fox
And Babs' and Nicky's eagle eye
So now me boys, it's time to rise, let's live those days again
Ensure our flag stays flying high.

Chorus: x 3

After second chorus chants of Tipp, Tipp, Tipp . . .

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April 2009

*Wishing continued success to
Tipperary County Board, Teams and Players*



**Noel Coonan
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Arravale Rovers U14 HC 'B' winners. Back l-r: Darragh Coughlan, Kevin Crowe and Damien Quinlan selectors, Paul O' Connor, Eoin Lonergan, Paul Jones, Tony Byrnes, Darragh Crowe, Ted Lowry, Graham Roche, Pearse Richardson, Ciaran Lowry, J.J. Fogarty and Michael Hogan selectors. Front l-r: Matthew Ryan, David Kiely, Niall Leahy, Gerard Halligan, Niall Fitzgerald, Conor Kissane Capt., Andy Cummins, Shane Hogan, Tommy Lowry and Ronan Fogarty.



Clonoulty Rossmore U-13 hurling team which won the Garda Cup: Back l-r: Garry Donnelly, Dylan Kennedy, David Egan, Gerard Mockler, Caileam Loughman, Ronan Heffernan, Cathal Moriarty, Enda Heffernan, Adam Friday, Dillon Quirke, Philip Fitzpatrick, Aidan Carroll. Front l-r: James Ryan, Anthony Maher, James Hammersley, Stephen Quinn, Michael Ryan, Nicky Kearns, Odhran Quirke, Arron Ryan, Finton Kearney, Kevin Kearney.

County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz



The Cahir N.S. Team that came 4th in the County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Aoife O'Brien teacher, Liam Hogan, North Youth Officer, John Smith, quizmaster, Tim Floyd, secretary County Board, Andy Ryan, County Youth Officer, Daniel Connery, West Youth Officer, Andy O'Gorman, Youth Committee. Front l-r: Darragh Howard, Brian McKenna, John Casey, Keiran Looby.



Carrick Swan - South Under 14 'A' Hurling Champions Back l-r: Scott Hogan, Ben Donovan, Derek Hogan, Dale O'Hanlon, J.P. Roche, Aaron O'Halloran, Luke Gahan, Lee Wall, Dale O'Mahoney, Ben Cooney, Glen Kerwick, Darragh Gibbs. Front l-r: Tommy McGrath, Shane Mansfield, Gavin O'Halloran, Derek Burrows, Bill Barrett (Capt), Eric O'Halloran, Shane Torpey, Dean Waters, Cian Murphy, Kevin Faulkner, Dean Fitzgerald.

Moyle Rovers - U12 "A" South & County Hurling & Football Champions 2009

2009 was a wonderful year for our under 12 team winning South and County A football and hurling titles, a feat achieved only by a few other clubs.

Starting in March with football the boys won all their league games and beat Swan in the semi final. Kilsheelan were our opponents in the South final, this proved to be a tough game which ended in a draw causing problems due to the county semi final was to be played two days later, the county semi final was put back to the weekend so that the replay could be played a game we won. The county semi final was played in The Ragg against Nenagh, the lads stepped up to the challenge and won

well in the end. The Ragg was the venue for the county final, our opponents were Arravale Rovers. It was a great experience with our boys winning the County final.

Football over our attention turned to hurling. Having got through the league stages we beat St Marys in the south semi final. We were through to south final against Swan, this match will be remembered for Danny Owens '65' which went straight to the back of the net. We won on a score 4-3 to 1-1. We were back in The Ragg again for the county semi final our opponents this time were Kilruane/MacDonaghs, a game we won by the narrowest of margins. Semple Stadium was the venue for the County final and our opponents were Drom/Inch. This was a very competitive game, with the result in doubt until the final whistle.

We won on a score line of 1-7 to 0-4. These boys who with their mentors will remember that day in Semple Stadium for a long time.

They put in a huge effort all year and it all paid off.



Moyle Rovers Under 16 'B' South and County hurling champions.

Back (l-r): Geraldine Quigley, Donal Foley, Declan McGrath, Michael Delahunty, Kevin O'Donnell, Christopher Mulcahy, Michael Fox, David Mulcahy, Brian Condon, Pdraig Keating, Aidan Butler, Ross Mulcahy, Eoin O'Connor, Nicholas Ryan, Aidan Flanner, Paul Norris, Philly O'Dwyer
Front Row (l-r) Philip Quirke, Conor Conneally, Brian Gleeson, Cathal Quigley, Craig Condon, Colin Delahunty, Conor Tobin, Shane Norris, Christopher Browne, Donal McCarthy. Sitting in Front: Donal McGrath

Moyle Rovers Under 12 'A' South and County hurling champions.

Back row (l-r): Jack McGrath, Tommie Ryan, Patrick Loyola, Liam O'Donnell, Callum Hackett, Danny Owens, Danny Perry, Alex Doyle, Stephen Quirke, Patrick Cleary, Ciaran Luttrell, Colm McKeown, Aaron O'Connor, Conor Molloy, Jack Bourke. Middle l-r: Dara Ryan. Front (l-r): Nathan Croke, Keith Cronin, George Ryan, Nickie Kavanagh, Tadgh Fitzgerald, Morgan Irwin (Capt), William O'Dwyer (capt) Craig Lonergan, Michael O'Doherty, David Roberts, Kevin Grace, Darragh O'Connor, Bill Johnson. Sitting in Front: Alex Purcell, Emmet Fahey, Joe Sheehan



Moyle Rovers Under 12 'A' South and County football champions.

Back l-r: Conor Clancy, Jack McGrath, Ciaran Luttrell, Craig Lonergan, Keith Cronin, Patrick Cleary, Jack Bourke, Conor Bates, Morgan Irwin, Alex Doyle, David Roberts, Stephen Quirke, Colm McKeown, Bill Johnson. Front l-r: George Ryan, Patrick Loyola, Nickie Kavanagh, Danny Perry, Danny Owens (Capt) Tadgh Fitzgerald (capt) Dara Ryan, Alex Purcell, William O'Dwyer, Michael O'Doherty. Mascot (Behind Captains) Liam Ryan



Kilsheelan-Kilcash Juvenile Club make history

2009 will go down in history as the greatest ever for our club. Fielding teams in both codes at U/12, U/14 and U/16 we reached five South finals, winning two of them together with two county titles. Indeed, it could be said that we were a little unfortunate in the U/12 football as we were beaten by eventual county champions in a replayed South final. Our U14 hurling team lost the South "B" final also to eventual county champions Ballybacon-Grange.

Footballers to the Fore

Our U/14 football team easily won their matches in the group stages of the "B" grade until they travelled to the football stronghold of Fethard to take on the home side. At one stage Fethard led by 3-2 to 0-1. Our lads staged a brilliant second half recovery before going on to win by 4-8 to 3-9. From then on the team grew in confidence. Those close to the team knew they had great potential and expectations began to rise. In the South final, after an early struggle, they went on to win easily.

They were now moving onto unknown territory when they faced Burgess in Boherlahan. This was a tough battle but our lads were the better footballers and this was reflected in the final score of 4-6 to 1-2. Holycross now beckoned where Galtee Rovers were our opponents in the final. It turned out to be an easy victory, winning by 9-11 to 1-2.

Team: John Smyth, Eric O'Shea, Cormac Fahey, Brendan Martin, Paul Maher 1-1, Tadgh Lonergan 0-2, Kevin Guiry, Eoin Kehoe, David Smyth, Sean Ryan 0-1, Kevin Kirwan 3-0, Eoghan Kelly, Paudie O'Donovan 1-2, Cian Flavin 2-3 and Riain Connolly 1-2.

Subs: Joe O'Neill 1-0 Eoghan Kelly, Aaron Larkin for Brendan Martin, Niall Butler for Paul Maher, Conor O'Farrell for Sean Ryan and Edward Ahearne for Riain Connolly.

Selectors: Ollie Maher (Manager), Martin Larkin and John Ryan.

Hurlers Triumph

The U/12 hurling team also competed in the "B" grade. They won all their matches in the group stages in convincing fashion until they met Killenaule who defeated an understrength Kilsheelan side. They were fated to meet again in the final and Killenaule were now carrying the favourites tag and our young hopefuls revelled in being the underdogs. They were easily the better side but found scores hard to come by and we went on to win by 0-4 to 0-1.

In the semi-final they met Moneygall in Boherlahan. Trailing by 0-2 to 0-1 at the break they came out for the second half in a determined mood and it soon paid dividends. In doing so they kept the North side scoreless. Going ahead for the first time they were in no form to surrender and went to victory by 0-3 to 0-2.

In our club's long history a county hurling title always eluded us. On Saturday 4th September in Semple Stadium the day of judgement came for these young aspirants as they had to carry the mantle of erasing this unwanted tag. Their opponents were Rockwell Rovers and they were equally determined to bridge a fifty year gap since their last juvenile title.

Kilsheelan made the best possible start when they a goal after four minutes. Brendan Martin dropped the ball into the full forward line and Edward Carroll drove to the corner of the net. Urged on by the large



U/12 "B" South & County Hurling Champions 2009 - First time in our history. Back l-r: Brian Twohig, Ryan Lonergan, Daire Brennan, Evan Quigley, Brian Guiry, (Kevin Kelly Mascot), Eoghan Kelly, Edward Carroll, Brendan Martin, Kyle O'Connell, Kevin Kehoe, Stephen Lahart, Eoghan Flavin. Front l-r: Jamie Roche (Supporter), Sean Martin, Mark Kehoe, Luke Kiely, Martin Gibbs (Capt), Darragh Kelly, Mark Stokes, Chelsea Holden, Aaron Fogarty, Jack O'Donnell.

following the team hurled by great gusto and led at half time by 1-2 to 0-1. They continued the good work in the second half and won by 2-3 to 0-4.

At the final whistle there was great rejoicing as history was being written and everyone was very proud of this remarkable achievement of these young players. After the match county chairman, Sean Creamer, presented the trophy to the victorious captain, Martin Gibbs.

Team: Stephen Lahert, Kyle O'Connell. Martin Gibbs Capt, Brian Guiry, Eoghan Flavin, Mark Kehoe, Evan Quigley, Eoghan Kelly 0-1, Brendan Martin 0-1, Kevin Kehoe, Daire Brennan 0-1, Sean Martin, Brian Twohig, Edward Carroll 2-0 and Darragh Kelly.

Other panel members: Ryan Lonergan, Aaron Fogarty, Chelsea Holden, Luke Kiely, Mark Stokes, Conor Murphy, Frank Mallekoute, Jack O'Donnell and Aaron Dempsey

Selectors: Kevin Kelly (Manager), Liam Stokes, Mike Martin, Carol Gibbs, Jim Healy and Keith O'Brien.

These victories were hard earned and their seeds were sown some years back. We are lucky to have so many volunteers who give countless hours of their time coaching the children from six years upwards. It is heartening to see such numbers of young boys and girls attending the pitch on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Long may this continue to bear fruit and hopefully act as a conveyor belt for our adult teams of the future.



U/14 "B" South & County Football Champions 2009. Back l-r: Cormac Fahey, Paudie O'Donovan, Joe O'Neill, Eoin Kehoe, Kevin Kirwan, John Smyth, Tadgh Lonergan, Cian Flavin, Kevin Guiry, David Smyth, Edward Ahearne. Front l-r: Aaron Larkin, Shane Brunnock, Conor O'Farrell, Niall Butler, Martin Gibbs, Paul Maher, Riain Connolly, Eoghan Kelly, Sean Ryan, Brendan Martin and Eric O'Shea.



Ballybacon/Grange - South Under 14 'B' Hurling Champions

Back row l-r: Bernard McHugh, Colin O'Gorman, Sean Nagle, Tom Kirwan, Jason Ryan, Danny O'Mahony, Dale Adams, Gerry Cronin, Evan Burke, Michael Tobin, Adam Ross, Lambert, James Shine, Eoin O'Brien. Front row l-r: Colm O'Shaughnessy, Brian Butler, Padraig Cunningham, Darren Slattery, Philip Walsh, Michael Barlow, Colin Doyle, Mike Hogan, Mark Kelly, Evan Barrett, Gavin Whelan, Jason Burke, Sean Maher.



Ballyneale U/16C South Hurling Champions 2009:

Back l-r: Andy Meaney, Thomas Dineen, Thomas Norton, Sean Dunphy, Dean Hallinan, Andrew Bolger Liam Bates, Michael Meagher, Sean Bates, Jack Phelan, Ramie Lyons, Michael Dineen. Front l-r: Thomas Grinsell, Aaron Donovan, Paul Walsh, Wayne McGrath, Vinny Cronin, John Crowley (capt), Kean O'Shea, Ciaran Phelan, Eamon Phelan.



Ballyneale U/14C South Hurling Champions 2009.

Back l-r: Eamon Phelan, Wayne McGrath, Sean Dunphy, Jack O'Hanlon, Aaron Donovan, Ciaran Phelan, Dean Hallinan (capt), Andrew Bolger, Oisín Teppan, Michael Meagher, Walter Power, Jack Phelan, Kean O'Shea, Jerry Shelly, Andy Meaney. Front l-r: John G Hahessy, Sean Bates, Conor Shelly, Jim Power, Conor Hahessy, Pa O'Connell, Colin O'Shea, Darragh Shelly, Theo Freaney, Jason Houlihan. Absent: Eoghan McGuigan.



Carrick Davins - South Under 12 'C' Football Champions:

Back l-r: Gavin Waters, Gavin Lyons, Gradi Kenniffick, Dean Butler, Billy Roche, Josh Hall, Michael Whelan, Edward Power, James O'Neil, Brandon O'Sullivan, Liamie Butler. Front l-r: Conor Macky, Luke Faulkner, Luke Power, Raymond Cooke, Jack Cooke (capt), Ryan Waters, Ben Kerwick, Peter Flanagan, Dylan Sheppard, Inset Jamie Houlihan.



Clonmel Commercials county Peil team.

Back l-r: Robert Acheson, Padraig Power, Shane Crowley, Michael Boland, Padraig Lorum, Kevin Fahey, David Murray, Padraig White, Jack Conran, Sean Gunne, Graham Kelly, Liam Ryan, Ross Denney. Front l-r: James Moore, Shane Moloney, Cian Whelan, Kevin McMahon, Joe Doyle, Michael Connelly, Stephan Kelly, Robert Lyons, David Collins, Gavin Lonergan, Ross Peters, Jack McDonald.



St. Mary's, winners of South Féile na nGael:

Back l-r: Jack Fennessy, Michael Connolly, Ross Dennehy, Jack Conran, Sean Gunne, Padraig White, Michael Boland, Eric Walsh, Richard Gunne, Even Walsh, Jack McDonald, Chris Cooney, Liam Ryan. Front l-r: Ronan Brady, Jason Doyle, Charlie Millea, Mark O'Reilly, Padraig Lorum, Robert Lyons, David Collins, Ross Peters, Joe Doyle, Kevin Humphries.



Clonmel Commercials U-14 'A' South Champions.

Back row l-r: Jack Conran, Padraig Power, Charlie Millea, Padraig White, Ross Denney, Kevin Fahey, Shane Crowley, Sean Gunne, Michael Boland, Padraig Lorum, Jack McDonald, Graham Kelly, Richard Gunne. Front l-r: Liam Ryan, Ross Peters, Shane Moloney, Joe Doyle, Robert Lyons, Michael Connelly, Stephen Kelly, Kevin McMahon, David Collins, Gavin Lonergan, David Murray.

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Ballingarry - South Under 12 'B' Football Champions: Front row l-r: Eoin Troy, Jamie Walsh, Alan Jenkins, Jonathan Lawlor. Kieran Hanrahan, Conor Ivors, Brien Norton, Cillian Touhy, David Walsh, Patrick Ivors, John Walsh, Wayne Ivors. Back l-r: Keith Cleere, Griffin Ivors, John Clancy, Richie Ivors, Conor Lawlor, Padraig Hayes, Jack Pollard, Darren Prout, Rory Hayes, Dylan Walsh, Michael Dunne, Padraig Norton, Kevin White. Selectors Tony Walsh, Jack Ivors, John Ivors, Michael Ivors.



Back row left To Right Michael connolly, cian Brady, sean gunne, Shane O Loughlin, Michael Quinlivan, Cian Mackey, Seamus Kennedy, Harry Murphy, Darren Cass, sammy Ryan, Kevin Gunne, Leiv Whelan. Front Row Left To Right Brien Walsh, James o Sullivan, David Collins, Kealan Maher, Keith Browne, Shane Flynn, Joey Phelan, Michael Boland, Colman Kennedy.

St. Mary's - South Under 16 'A' Hurling Champions

Winners of County Final in Scór Sinsear competitions



Rince Seit - Borrisoleigh - Back row (l-r) Declan Maher, Peter Ryan, Henry Groome, Thomas Walsh, Seamus McGrath (Co. Scór Chairperson). Front row (l-r) Helen Dunne, Evelyn Groome, Aileen Groome, Julie Treacy.



Aithriseoireacht - J.K.Brackens - (l-r): Mary Bourke, (Scór Secretary), Orlaith McDonnell, Seamus McGrath (Scór Chairperson).



Ceol Uirlíse - J.K.Brackens - (l-r): Pauric Stapleton, Caroline Glennon, Seamus Mc Grath.

Scór Sinsear 2009

County Final Clonmore was the venue for the 2009 County final of Scór Sinsear on Friday 6th March. The Community Centre was packed to capacity and patrons were treated to a superb night of entertainment in all competitions. Hospitality was at its best. Míle buíochas leis an gcoiste áitiúil Scór. Fear a'Tí for the night was Seamus Bourke.

Adjudicators were from Co. Clare.

RESULTS Rince Fóirne -

J.K.Brackens - Ciara Ryan, Jennie Moore, Nicole Joyce, Máiréad O'Brien, Ailise Bourke, Orlaith McDonnell, Mary Teresa Gleeson, Aimee Stapleton

Amhránaíocht Aonair -

Loughmore/Castleiney - Liam Brennan

Ceol Uirlíse - J.K.Brackens - Pauric Stapleton, Caroline Glennon, Jim Egan

Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht - J.K.Brackens - Orlaith McDonnell

Bailéad Ghrúpa - Newport - Teresa Nolan, Fiona Ryan, Geraldine Floyd, Tim Floyd, Seán O'Brien.

Tráth na gCeist - Loughmore/Castleiney - Murt Ryan, Frankie McGrath, Pat Healy

Nuachleas - Moyne-Templetuohy - Catherine Dunne, Sharon Cantwell, Mary Walsh, Jim O'Meara, William Maher, Brendan Delaney, Francis Cleere, Eamon Travers.

Rince Seit - Borrisoleigh - Helen Dunne, Evelyn Groome, Julie Treacy, Aileen Groome, Thomas Walsh, Peter Ryan, Henry Groome, Declan Maher.

Munster Semi-final The Munster semi-final of Scór Sinsear was held in Ovens, Cork on Saturday 7th March. Tipperary qualified for the Munster final in six of the eight competitions namely, Rince Fóirne, Ceol Uirlíse, Aithriseoireacht, Tráth na gCeist, Nuachleas and Rince Seit.

Munster final The Munster final of Scór Sinsear took place on Saturday 21 March in Cappaquin, Co. Waterford. There were no wins but a deserving congratulations goes to the J.K.Brackens' club who were runners-up in the instrumental and recitation competitions and also to Borrisoleigh who were runners up in the set dancing competition. Well done to all other Tipperary participants who acquitted themselves so well on the night. Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach.



Amhránaíocht Aonair - Loughmore/Castleiney - Liam Brennan with Seamus McGrath.

Winners of County Final in Scór Sinsear competitions



Tráth na gCeist - Loughmore/Castleiney - (l-r) Seamus McGrath, Pat Healy, Frankie McGrath, Murt Ryan, Mary Bourke.



Nuachleas - Moyne/Templetuohy - Back row (l-r): William Maher, Eamon Travers, Brendan Delaney, Francis Cleere, Seamus McGrath (Scór Chairperson). Front row (l-r): Mary Walsh, Catherine Dunne, Jim O'Meara, Margaret Leahy. Absent from photograph: Sharon Cantwell.



Bailéad Ghrúpa - Newport: (l-r) Tim Floyd, Fiona Ryan, Seán O'Brien, Geraldine Floyd with Scór Chairperson Seamus McGrath.



Rince Fóirne - J.K. Brackens - Back row (l-r) Francie Bourke, Mairéad O'Brien, Ailise Bourke, Sandra Bowe, Ciara Ryan, Amy Stapleton. Front row (l-r) Orlaith McDonnell, Jenny Moore, Nicole Joyce, Mary Teresa Gleeson.

Scór na nÓg 2008/2009

County final The County Final of Scór na nÓg was held in Halla na Féile, Cashel on the 12th December 2008. The standard of performance was excellent on the night. Fear a' Tí was Noel Joyce. Adjudicators were from Co. Cork.

Results: Rince Fóirne - Newcastle -Sinéad Grant, Treasa McGrath, Rosie McCarra, Veronica McNamara, Shauna Ryan, Ciara Gough, Ciara Corbett, Catherine Ryan

Amhránaíocht Aonair - Borrisoleigh - Clare Kavanagh

Ceol Uirlise - Upperchurch-Drombane - Leanne Ryan, Áine Ryan, Eamonn Ryan, James Murray.

Aithriseoireacht - Borrisoleigh - Clíodhna Bourke

Bailéad Ghrúpa - Templederry - Louise McLoughlin, Sarah Butler, Edel Ryan, Maureen McCutcheon, Liam McCutcheon

Tráth na gCeisteanna - Loughmore-Castleiney - Padraic Hennessy, Niamh Ryan, Joseph Hennessy

Nuachleas - Borrisoleigh - Clíodhna Bourke, Nóirín Stapleton, Maria Ryan, Jack Bourke, Dan McCormack

Rince Seit - Borrisoleigh - Eimear Stapleton, Clare Kavanagh, Aoife Stapleton, Teresa Ryan, Louise Fahy, Mari Ryan, Niamh McGrath, Grace Prior

Munster Final The Munster Final of Scór na nÓg was held in Mallow on 18th January 2009.

Tipperary were victorious in two competitions namely the Question Time team from Loughmore/Castleiney and the Recitation competition in the person of Clíodhna Bourke from Borrisoleigh. The novelty act group from Borrisoleigh were runners up in their competition. All competitors did their clubs and county proud.

All-Ireland The All-Ireland Scór na nÓg competition took place on 21st February 2009 in the Count McCormack hall in Athlone I.T. Loughmore/Castleiney became all-Ireland Champions in the Question Time competition. Comhghairdeas libh go léir. Clíodhna Bourke was not successful but acquitted herself very well on the day.

Winners of County Final in Scór na bPáistí



Rince Foirne J.K.Brackens - Back row (l-r) Seamus McGrath, Gráinne Daly, Katie Bourke, Sandra Bowe, Rachel Giles, Aoife Fogarty, Francie Bourke. Front row (l-r) Molly Giles, Danielle Bowe, Rebecca Collins, Áine Delaney.



Nuachleas—Upperchurch/Drombane. Back row (l-r) Seamus McGrath (Co. Scór Chairperson), Cáit Ryan, Fiona Shortt, Toby Clancy, Cathal Purcell, Kaye Ryan (coach). Front row (l-r) Donnacha O'Malley, Erin Ryan, Aoife Shanahan, Norma Clancy.



Amhránaíocht Aonair J.K. Brackens - Gráinne Daly



Aithriseoireacht—Kilsheelan/Kilcash—Katie Mullins



Bailéad Ghrúpa - Newport - Back row (l-r) Conor Floyd, Seamus McGrath, Kealan Floyd. Front row (l-r) Brian McAuliffe, Ciara Ryan, Elizabeth Floyd.



Rince Seit - Drom/Inch. Back row (l-r) Seamus McGrath (Co. Scór chairman), Thomas Nolan, Aidan O'Meara, Martin Kennedy, Glynn Stewart, Conor O'Meara, Thomas Walsh. Front row (l-r) Georgia Brown, Lucy Cunningham, Orla Cahill, Eimear Cahill.

Scór na bPaisti 2009

The County final of Scór na bPáistí took place on Friday 3rd April at Halla na Féile, Cashel. Young contestants provided a tremendous night's entertainment to a packed hall. Bean a' Tí for the evening was Aoife O'Brien. Adjudicators were from Cork.

RESULTS

Rince Foirne -J.K.Brackens Aoife Fogarty, Rebekah Collins, Danielle Bowe, Rachel Giles, Gráinne Daly, Áine Delaney, Molly Giles, Katie Bourke

Amhránaíocht Aonair -J.K.Brackens -Gráinne Daly

Ceol Uirlíse- Newport – Ciara Floyd, Brian McAuliffe, Kealan Floyd, Conor Floyd ,Maria Carey

Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht -Kilsheelan /Kilcash - Katie Mullins

Bailéad Ghrúpa -Newport- Elizabeth Floyd,Brian McAuliffe, Kealan Floyd, Conor Floyd ,Ciara Ryan

Tráth na gCeist - Upperchurch/Drombane - Ronan Gleeson, Toby Clancy, Cáit Ryan

Nuachleas - Upperchurch/Drombane--- Cáit Ryan, Erin Ryan, Fiona Shortt, Norma Clancy, Aoife Shanahan, Toby Clancy, Cathal Purcell, Donncha O'Malley

Rince Seit - Drom/Inch - Thomas Nolan, Georgia Brown, Aidan O'Meara, Lucy Cunningham,Conor O'Meara, Eimear Cahill, Orla Cahill, Glynn Stewart.



Tráth na gCeist – Upperchurch/Drombane. (l-r) Cáit Ryan, Ronan Gleeson, Toby Clancy with Co. Scór Chairperson Seamus McGrath.

Winners of County Final in Scór na bPáistí



Rince Foirne - Newcastle: Back row (l-r) Monnie Hallinan, Kathy McGrath, Sinéad Grant, Shauna Ryan, Treasa McGrath, Ciara Gough, Seamus McGrath. Front row (l-r) Rosemary McCarra, Ciara Corbett, Catherine Ryan, Veronica McNamara.



Tráth na gCeist - Loughmore/Castleiney - (l-r) Pádraig Hennessy, Murt Ryan, Niamh Ryan, Seamus McGrath, Joseph Hennessy.



Amhránaíocht Aonair - Borris-Ileigh
- Clare Kavanagh



Aithriseoireacht - Borris-Ileigh
- Clíodhna Bourke.



Nuachleas - Borris-Ileigh - Back row (l-r) Mary Bourke, Dan McCormack, Jack Bourke, Seamus McGrath. Front row (l-r) Maria Ryan, Clíodhna Bourke, Noirín Stapleton



Ceol Uirlise - Upperchurch/Drombane - (l-r) - Eamon Ryan, Áine Ryan, Leanne Ryan, James Murray with Co.Scór Chairperson Seamus McGrath.



Rince Seit - Borris-Ileigh - Back row (l-r) Thomas Walsh, Louise Fahy, Teresa Ryan, Niamh McGrath, Eimear Stapleton, Seamus McGrath. Front row (l-r) Clare Kavanagh, Aoife Stapleton, Grace Prior, Mari Ryan.



Bailéad Ghrúpa - Templederry - Back row (l-r) Mary McCutcheon, Louise McLoughlin, Maureen McCutcheon, Seamus McGrath. Front row (l-r) Sarah Butler, Liam McCutcheon, Edel Ryan .



Loughmore/Castleiney—All-Ireland Champions 2009 in Scór na nÓg Question Time competition. (l-r) Níoclás Ó Braonáin, Joseph Hennessy, Niamh Ryan, Pádraig Hennessy, Deasún Mac Uidhir (Cathaoirleach, Coiste Náisiúnta Scór).

Tipperary's role in the emergence of Scór

By Gerry Slevin

'Sunday night March 22nd 1970 was an All-Ireland final night. There was no hurling or football title at stake and the newspapers didn't herald the occasion with any great splash or pomp as is wont with All-Ireland finals. It was a night to remember nonetheless, a night in which history was made, a night in which representatives from the entire country gathered at Liberty Hall in Dublin to display their talents in various ways in the GAA's first Winter Social Activities finals'

The above was the opening paragraph of an article I penned in the first Tipperary GAA Year Book back in 1970 under the heading *'When Liberty Hall showed GAA members in a new light'*. Ah yes, I remember it well! Winter Social Activities it was called then. A bit unwieldy, I suppose, and the title didn't last long because when it came round to building on the success of the inaugural venture, the name had changed to Scór, Scór '70. Each year was appended thereafter, Scór '71, Scór '72 etc, to the GAA's declaration that the Association had a much more rounded appeal to its general membership than what its hurlers and footballers provided.

The idea came initially from Fermoy man Derry Gowan and, coincidentally, Clare man Christy Curtin from Miltown Malbay was thinking along the same lines around that time. Fortunately, the GAA President then was Seamus Ó Riain whose immediate response on learning about it was to throw his influential weight behind the idea and have it presented to Central Council in a manner that ensured it received the imprimatur of the Association's highest governing authority.

Scór (let's stick with the name even though it didn't exist in its inaugural year!) being a new concept had its teething problems and with a strong emphasis on its promotion through the club it took time for some clubs and indeed counties to get in on the act. Tipperary, it must be said, proved to be one of the most industrious counties in that regard, the influence and encouragement of Seamus Ó Riain, no doubt, being a vital factor in engendering enthusiasm.

Scór relied entirely on the club and on what the club put into it. The same structural ladder as applied to the games – club, divisional, county, provincial and national levels – was employed and clubs were encouraged to hold internal competitions in order to come up with those who would represent them along the way in the seven categories that then obtained – Public Speaking, Solo Singing, Recitation, Solo Dance, Question Time, Solo Instrumental Music and Ballad Group. Internal competitions had a two-fold purpose. They ensured that the club had the best possible personnel representing them and local rivalry would also ensure a healthy response from the public and an accompanying financial boost to the club coffers.

The competitions as such began at club level in November/December '69. The Tipperary divisional finals were held in January. Thirteen clubs had brought representatives through area finals to the North finals held in Portroe on January 21st and a week later the Premier Hall in Thurles hosted the inaugural county final for which representatives from seventeen clubs had qualified in the seven competitions. Donie Nealon was Fear a Tighe and he also featured on the Burgess Question Time team that had to give way to a mighty trio from Moycarkey-Borris, T.K. O'Dwyer, Eddie O'Dwyer and Pat Ryan. No distinction was initially made between child and adult and it became obvious that there was a need to separate them. (Indeed

around that time I strongly advocated in a 'Nenagh Guardian' article that it was grossly unfair (especially to children) to have them in the same competition. 1973 saw the introduction of Scór na nOg, a very welcome innovation).

The youngest Tipp county champion was 12 year old Eileen O'Brien from Burgess whose exquisite fiddle playing won the hearts of adjudicators and the general public alike just as it had done in the North final.

Over 1,500 people packed into Cork's City Hall for the Munster finals on Saturday February 28th from which three Tipperary representatives emerged to go on to the All-Ireland finals in Liberty Hall. The Moycarkey-Borris quiz trio were still standing as was balladeer Austin Crowe from Knockavilla Kickhams and yours truly in Recitation.

Saturday night, March 21st 1970 in Amsterdam was a first for Ireland when Dana became our initial winner in the Eurovision Song Contest with *All Kinds of Everything*. The following night was a first for the GAA, All-Ireland Scór final night and one described by Seamus Ó Riain as a night of inspiration and integration. Donie Nealon was Fear a Tighe and Michael O'Hehir asked the questions in the quiz final. Eighteen counties had qualifiers in action, six from Leinster and four from each of the other provinces. Along with Down, Armagh and Sligo, Tipp shared in the distinction of the greatest county representation with three but, alas, Lady Luck failed to smile glowingly on any of us! Not indeed that there was anything to be despondent over, it being a privilege to have played such a vital role in what was an entertaining and hugely significant and impressive cog in the GAA's developing make-up. For all of us, especially the GAA as an organisation, it was a journey into the unknown. Interest in Scór heightened from there on and throughout the '70s and

into the '80s it was a phenomenal success. Formats were changed. Motion Speaking was dropped. Figure dance replaced solo dance. Likewise, group playing replaced the solo instrumental music category. Set dance and Novelty Act were added. Crowds continued to pour into venues everywhere, excitement was invariably intense especially following the introduction of set dancing. However, interest did wane. A reluctance to adapt sufficiently to changing lifestyles, disenchantment with adjudication decisions and queries over the credibility of some engaged to take on the difficult task of adjudicating, all tended to leave a sense of sourness with many people. Clubs found it difficult to maintain the interest, to encourage sufficient personnel to become involved at organisational level and indeed competitively.

Scór remains on the GAA's calendar of events forty years on and great credit is due for that but its strength at club level has been considerably diluted. Provincial and All-Ireland final days are still exciting occasions but down at club level which, as in the GAA generally, was always seen as where things matter most, enthusiasm for Scór is very limited.

It's future? There are varying views and opinions. For those who have contributed so much to it over the decades in time and dedication, it is disappointing to see how the Scór scene has dwindled. Perhaps the time is here for the authorities to take a long hard look at Scór and see if it can be altered or adjusted in ways that are commensurate with what's happening socially and entertainment-wise in the 21st century.

Tipperary can look back with a great deal of pride in its contribution to Scór. From the very first year the county was four square behind its development and was never found wanting in encouraging that development and progress. How things will map out in the coming years ought to be very interesting indeed.



Seamus Ó Riain

Mid Tipperary Scór

We had a busy season in Mid Tipperary Scór for 2008/2009. We started off on Wednesday 8th October 2008 with our A.G.M. We had a good attendance in Lar na Pairce, we were glad to welcome members of Mid Board namely Cathaoirleach P.J. Maher, Runai Tom Maher, Cisteoir John O'Donovan and Andy O'Gorman.

The Mid final of Scór na nOg was held on 28th November in Ballycahill organised by Mary O'Sullivan. We would have liked to have the event better supported by Clubs, but the ladies on the night looked after everyone so well, thanks to Mary, Mary Bourke County Scór Runai, Kathleen and Margaret, and Mid Scór personnel helped to steward. It was a good night's entertainment and the programme ran smoothly in capable hands of Fear a 'Ti Noel Joyce. The winners of the Music competition Upperchurch/Drombane went to Munster semi-final. The Quiz team from Loughmore/Castleiney went on to do us proud in All - Ireland. There were shouts of jubilation in Regional College Athlone, on Saturday 21st February, when after a tie with Cavan, the committed teenagers from Loughmore/Castleiney emerged victorious. The celebrations continued that night in Loughmore

Community Hall. Great credit to the team of Pauraic and Joseph Hennessy and Niamh Ryan, to their tutor Martin Ryan our Mid Cathaoirleach, thanks also to their Club for their support.

Our Scór Sinsear final in Moyne Community Hall on Saturday 28th February was very enjoyable with a packed hall, and the programme was run smoothly in capable

hands of Jim O'Meara, Fear a 'Ti. Solo Song Loughmore went onto Munster semi-final, Recitation and Rince Foirne from J.K.Brackens, Trath na gCeist Loughmore and Nuachleas Moyne/Templetuohy went to Munster final. Well done to all. Better luck next season.

The three nights of competition in Scór na bPaisti were very rewarding, it was great to see our primary school children showing such talent, great credit to parents, schools, tutors. The semi-finals in Littleton and Drombane on 14th/15th March were very well supported and enjoyable, the final in Clonmore on 20th March was electric. Thanks to very efficient persons of ceremonies Joe Byrne, Anne Coffey and Noel Joyce.

An Coiste would like to thank the host Clubs over the season and all their helpers. A special appreciation

to the ladies in tearooms, who work tirelessly to cater for us all. Many thanks to our sponsors this season, Mid Board, Donal Younge, The Ragg, Liam Fahey Tivoli Cleaners, Lycon Auto Spares.

Thanks to Michael Dundon and his staff at *Tipperary Star* for their help and courtesy and keeping us up to date with news over season. In Scór na bPaisti Mid representatives successful in County final in Cashel Rince Foirne and Solo Song J.K.Brackens, Upperchurch/Drombane in Trath na gCeist and Drom/Inch in Rince Seit.

Some great Scór supporters were called to their eternal reward during past year. We wish to extend sincere sympathy to their families and friends. Their memories will continue to inspire us. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar n-anamnacha na gGael go leir.

Elected Officers:

Chairman: James O'Meara (Moyne/Templetuohy)
 Vice chair: Martin Ryan (Loughmore/Castleiney)
 Runai: Marie McLoughlin (Upperchurch/Drombane)
 Asst Runai: Anne Coffey (Upperchurch/Drombane)
 Cisteoir & PRO: Nora Troy (Thurles Sarsfields)
 Delegates to County Scór: Liz Flanagan (Moycarkey/Borris), Martin Ryan (Loughmore/Castleiney).

Mid Tipperary Scór Winners

Category	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPaistí
Rince Foirne	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Amhranaíocht			
Aonair.	Holycross/Ballycahill	Loughmore/Castleiney	J.K. Brackens
Ceol Uirlise	Upperchurch/Drombane	J.K. Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Aithriseoireacht	Moycarkey/Borris	J.K. Brackens	Drom/Inch
Bailead Ghrupa	Loughmore/Castleiney	Upperchurch/Drombane	Drom/Inch
Trath na gCeist	Loughmore/Castleiney	Loughmore/Castleiney	Upperchurch/Drombane
Nuachleas	Drom/Inch	J.K. Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Rince Seit	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	Drom/Inch



The Loughmore/Castleiney team of Joseph Hennessy, Niamh Ryan and Pauraic Hennessy who won the Scór na nÓg All-Ireland Question Time.

Tipperary Handball Report

by Paddy Collins P.R.O.

Tipperary Handball completed a very busy year with success at International, National & Provincial competitions. Entries in all competitions both adult & Juvenile are well up on previous years . The success of our top players and the quality coaching at Club level is boosting Juvenile handball in the County and we are not far away from being a major force once again

At the **World Championships** in Portland Oregon USA almost 270 Handball players from Ireland made the long journey in a bid for a World title. Included in this group were 6 from Tipperary. Ger Coonan & Fergal Collins from Ballina , John Ferncombe & Denis White from Cashel, Jim Ryan from Silvermines ,& Pat Ryan from Ballyporeen . The Irish players won every major title in both Mens & Ladies and Juvenile Boys & Girls . In the Men's A Ger Coonan (Ballina) reached the final in both Mens A singles & Mens A doubles. Coonan teamed up with Tyrone's Darragh Daly in the doubles and they received a Bye in the first round before going on to beat the American pair Greenfell & Hoover 5 & 4 to reach the Quarter final. They now met stiff opposition in the Mayo pair Mc Loughlin & Cooney and they finally beat them in a tie break game. In the Semi final they beat Perez & Brown 14 & 19. In the final they met the in form American pair Matt Steele & Aaron Garner . The home players took the first 21/12 and were looking good in the second until the Irish pair rallied and narrowly won 21/18. In the Tie break they had to come from behind once again to win 11/6 and claim the World title. Coonan was also involved in the Mens A singles final and after some great early rounds finally lost out to Tyrone's Ruairi Kelly 21/14, 21/15.

In the Mens open Fergal Collins (Ballina) reached the Quarter final after a straight set win over Jon Hohol . He met the experienced Robbie Mc Carthy and after a great display bowed out losing 21/12, 21/12. Paul Brady from Cavan won the final for the third year in a row. Fergal also competed in the Boys 19 singles and reached the last eight before going out to the Mexican Luiz Cordova. Seamus O'Carroll from Limerick won this World title.

In the Over 60's Jim Ryan from the Silvermines had an early exit in the Singles losing out to Alan Sherill. In the Doubles Jim teamed up with Wayne Black from California but they were eliminated in the Quarter finals.

Denis White & John Ferncombe from Cashel competed in the Men's C singles & Doubles. In the Singles Denis reached the last 16 out of 128 entries. He had victories over Matt Thorpe (Alaska), Tony Rocca (Colorado) and Jair Cano before being beaten by Ciaran Neary from Kilkenny.

John Ferncombe reached the Quarter Finals beating Hugh Carolan (Fermoy) , John Hedigan (Cork) & Peter Tran (Washington) before he was beaten by Dara Reid from Mayo. The outright winner was Shane Hedigan (Cork)



Ger Coonan, World Champion, in action.

In the Doubles they beat Naoki Yokoyama & Yasuharu Otsuki from Japan but were beaten by Paul Hedderman & John O Connor from Limerick in the 2nd. Round.

Pat Ryan from Ballyporeen competed in the Golden Masters B and out of 64 entries he reached the Quarter finals beating Bruce Prout (USA) , George De Gonzague (N.Y.) , Jeff Jaspersen (Washington) . Pat was beaten by Ben Liebman from Oregon 11/5 in a tie break. Martin Conneely from Galway won the final.

In June in Los Caballeros California USA Fergal Collins & Ger Coonan competed in the **USHA Nationals**. The Irish once again dominated and won all the major titles. In the Mens A singles Coonan beat Fregosa & Perez while Collins beat Meneses, Egan & Clerkin to set up a unique final of two Ballina Clubmen who are also next door neighbours. Coonan took control from the start and won the first 21/15. He looked to be cruising to victory in the second but a late rally saw Collins win by the narrowest of Margins 21/20. In the Tie Break Collins won 11/7 to claim the USHA Mens A title. Coonan made up for this defeat when he won the USHA Mens A Doubles with Patrick Clerkin when they beat Geoffry & Lawrence Aguir in the Final. Collins went on to another USHA singles title when he beat Chris Maldonado in the 19 & under 11/8 in a tie break.

Ger Coonan also won the Mens A Irish Nationals beating Patrick Clerkin in the Final.

Fergal Collins also competed in the 3 wall Handball Championships in Venice Beach California and was narrowly beaten in the final by Tyree Bastidas .

On the Home front the Cashel Juveniles got the County off to a great start with a win in Div 2 Feile na Gael 60x30 Handball in Crinkle . They beat Mothel in the Final 21/9, 21/7 . Cashel Team : Pdraic O'Donoghue, Jonathon Walsh, Daniel Hayes, Kevin Ryan,

In Division 1 Féile Skills Ronan Burke from Ballina won Silver coming second to Pdraig Foley from Castlebridge in Wexford.

The **Cumann na mBunscoil County finals** were held in Dolla and we had entries from Ballina, Ballinaclogh, Silvermines, Ballyporeen, Carrick-on Suir, Ardcroney & Youghalarra. We had some great games of Handball and everything ran like clockwork throughout.

Results: Boys U 11 Singles Final: Aiden O'Flaherty (Youghalarra) Bt Josh Macken (Ballyporeen) 22-8

Boys U11 Doubles Final: Jerome Cahill & Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney) Bt Ronan Tucker & Paul Ryan (Youghalarra) 22-13

U13Singles Final : Josh Moroney C-O-Suir Bt Tieran O'Brien



Irish Nationals Men's 'A' Final: Chris Curran, Darragh Daly, Ger Coonan

(Ballyporeen) 21-14

U13Doubles Final : Ronan Bourke & David Bradshaw (Ballina) Bt John Ryan & Mikey Maher (Ballyporeen) 18-17

Girls: U13S Roisín Cahill (Ardcroyne)

U13D Evie Kearney & Breda Martin (Ballyporeen)

40x20 County Juvenile Championship

There was a good entry in the County 40x20 Championships and there is a great improvement in Skill levels.

County Champions 40x20 :

U10S Ronan Tucker (Youghalarra)

U10D Josh Macken / Darren O Dwyer (B/Poreen)

U11S Aiden O Flaherty (Youghalarra)

U11D Kevin Shinnors/Gerome Cahill (Lahorna)

U12S Josh Moroney (C-O-Suir)

U12D John Ryan & Mikey Maher Ballyporeen

U13S James Cummins

U13D Daniel Mc Grath & Jonathon Walsh (Cashel)

U14S Stephen Moroney (C-O-Suir)

U14D Jonathon Troy & Marcus Troy (Newport)

U15S Adrain O Dwyer (Cashel)

U15D Kieran Bonny & Ollie Harte (Newport)

U16S Michael O Connor (Newport)

U16D Alan Ryan & Niall Fitzgerald (Cashel)

U17S Shane Lenihan (Newport)

U17D Sean Harte & Darren Moore (Newport)

Sean Harte & Darren Moore beaten in All-Ireland Semi Final by Graham Clifford & Pauraic Maher Kilkenny 21/18 , 18/21 in 2nd Game Clipp player retired injured.

Juvenile County Finals 60x30 were held in Thurles in July .

Results: U10Doubles: Ballyporeen Bt Jack O Keefe & Niall Boland (Youghalarra)

U10Singles : Ronan Tucker (Youghalarra) Bt D. White (Cashel) 11/8, 11/9. U11Singles: Edward Bourke (Ballina) Bt Jamie O Dwyer (Cashel) 15/0, 15/5

U11Doubles: U12Singles: Josh Moroney C-O-Suir Bt Conor Monaghan (Ballina) 15/1, 15/7. U12Doubles: Mikey Maher & John Ryan (Ballyporeen) Bt Niall Shinnors & William Ryan (Lahorna)

U13 Singles: Daniel Mc Grath (Cashel) Bt Ronan Bourke (Ballina) 15/9, 15/5. U13Doubles: Padraic O Donoghue & Jonathon Walsh (Cashel) Bt David Bradshaw & Adrian Power (Ballina)

U14Singles: Stephen Moroney C-O-Suir Bt Kieran Monaghan (Ballina) 15/0, 15/0. U14Doubles: Jack Jones & K Casey (Newport) Bt Kevin Ryan & Adrian White-Dempsey (Cashel) 15/8, 9/15, 15/3

U15Singles : Adrian O Dwyer (Cashel). U15 Doubles: Jonathon & Marcus Troy (Newport). U16Singles: Anthony Crotty (Cashel) Bt Mark Mc Namara (Ballina) 21/14, 21/14. U16Doubles: Niall



Junior 'B' Club Cashel captain Denis White receiving Gael Linn Cup from Tony Hannon

Fitzgerald & Alan Ryan (Cashel) Bt Dylan Ryan & Shane Mc Cormack (Ballina) 21/2, 21/6. U17Singles: Martin Kennedy (Ballina) Bt Eoin Fitzgerald (Cashel) 21/10, 21/9. U17Doubles: Michael O Connor & Shane Lenihan (Newport) Bt Zenith Harding & Sean Ryan (Cashel) 21/4, 21/2

Munster Juvenile 60x30 Finals

B12S: Josh Moroney [Tipperary] dftd Shane Flynn [Cork] 15-10, 15-13. B13S: Daniel Mc Grath [Tipperary] dftd Eamonn Crotty [Waterford]. B13D: Padraig O Donoghue/Johnathan Walsh [Tipperary] dftd Michael Donavan/Shane Heffernan [Limerick]

B14S: Padraig Quish [Limerick] dftd Stephen Moroney [Tipperary] 21-3, 21-3. B16S: Anthony Crotty [Cashel] beaten by Christy Philpot [Clare]. B16D: Colm Kindregan/Barry Mc McCullough [Waterford] dftd Niall Fitzgerald/Alan Ryan [Tipperary]. B17D: Shane Lenihan/Michael O Connor [Tipperary] dftd Dara O Connell/Luke Falconer [Waterford]

This was a great result for the Cashel Trio winning back to back Munster titles and looks good for the future when they will go forward to compete for national titles. The Newport Pair of Shane Lenihan & Michael O Connor went forward to the All-Ireland semi-final but were beaten by Luke Connors & Andy Cash from Wexford .



Cashel Junior 'B' Club All Ireland Champions Tony Hannon, Denis White, Niall Fitzgerald, Gary Moloney, Ray Manton, John Ferncombe.



County 60x30 Juvenile Champions 2009. Michael O'Connor, Shane Lenihan, Martin Kennedy, Anthony Crotty.

In All-Ireland Semi-Finals V Leinster Shane Lenihan & Michael O Connor were beaten by Luke Connors & Andy Cash Wexford 21/9, 21/14

1 Wall Irish Nationals: Despite all the top names competing in 1 Wall Irish Nationals in Castlebar the top game of the Competition was the Mens C final. Played at the Breafoy House Hotel & Leisure Complex with its 5 Courts the huge attendance witnessed one of the best 1 Wall finals to date. Out of an entry of 34 Mike Carroll from the Ballina Club made it to the final against the Favourite Shane Heraty . In a cracking encounter Carroll won 4/15, 15/11, 11/7

Junior B 60x30 Inter Club In the Junior B Club Cashel after some hard fought games in Munster went on to beat St. Canice's Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Semi-Final 84-40 and in a one sided final beat Colooney Sligo 84-13. Cashel Team Denis White, Ray Manton, John Ferncombe, Niall Fitzgerald & Gary Moloney.

Munster Champions 60x30

- JBS: Tipperary [John Ferncombe]
- MAS: Tipperary [Paul McGrath]
- MAD: Tipperary [Paul McGrath/Adrian Johnson]
- MBS: Tipperary [Paul Maher]
- MBD: Tipperary [Paul Maher/Mike O'Brien]
- SMBD: Tipperary [Mark Flynn/Niall Fitzgerald]

- GMAS: Tipperary [Pat Ryan]
- GMAD: Tipperary [Pat Ryan/Billy McCarthy]
- EMAD: Tipperary [Paddy Collins/Partner]
- EMBS: Tipperary [Andy Purcell]
- EMBD: Tipperary [Jim Quinn/Gary Howard]
- DMAS: Tipperary [Pakie Mullins]
- DMAD: Tipperary [Pakie Mullins/Jim Ryan]

All Ireland 60 x 30 Semi Finals GMAD:Pat Ryan /Billy Mc Carthy (B/Poreen) Bt John Rossiter & Martin Clancy (Carlow)
EMBD: Jim Quinn & Gary Howard (Youghalarra) Bt Des Lyons & O'Donnell (Kildare)

MAS: Kilkenny (Michael Walsh) Bt Paul McGrath (Cashel)
JBS: John Ferncombe (Cashel) Beaten by Wexford [Darren O Toole]
MBS: Tipperary Paul Maher (Cashel) v Kilkenny [Canice Quigley]
MBD : Paul Maher /Mike O'Brien (Cashel) Beaten by Phil Coleman/Mick Armstrong (Wexford)
DMAS Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) Bt Pakie Mullins (Clonmel)
EMBS Dublin (Paddy Clerkin) Beat Andy Purcell (Silvermines)
MAD: Tipperary Paul McGrath/Adrian Johnson (Ballyporeen)
Beaten by Kilkenny Ducksy Walsh /Partner
GMAS: Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) Beaten by Johnny Brennan (Kilkenny)

All-Ireland Finals 60x30 In the 60x30 Championships Tipperary Players the All-Ireland Semi-Finals & Finals Silver Masters B
Doubles: TIPPERARY (Mark Flynn/Niall Fitzgerald) dft MAYO (Frank Macken/Aidan Bell) 21-13, 21-17

Diamond Masters A Doubles: TIPPERARY (Pakie Mullins/Jim Ryan) dft CAVAN (Patsy Hand & Greg Sherridan) 21-5, 21-6
Golden Masters A Doubles: MAYO (Kevin Geraghty/Martin Cronin) dft TIPPERARY (Pat Ryan/Billy McCarthy) 21-16, 20-21, 21-18
Emerald Masters B Doubles: MAYO (Pat Hopkins/Vincent Hennelly) dft TIPPERARY (Jim Quinn/Gary Howard) 21-7, 21-19
40x20 Championships
County Final -JBS -J.Ferncombe (Cashel) Bt J.Lee (Ballina) 21/6, 21/6
County Final JBD S/F Ray Manton/J.Ferncombe Bt K.Timmons/B.O'Brien 21/20, 16/21, 21/8
County Final -SMBD Paul Maher/John O'Neill (Lahorna) Bt Donal Quinn/Martin Ryan (S/Mines) 21/9, 21/12
County Final - EMBS - Paddy Collins (Ballina) Bt Denis Gleeson (S/Mines) 21/6 21/16
U21S Munster S/F - Fergal Collins (Ballina) Bt Seamus O Carroll (Lk) 21/10, 21/14
Beaten in the Munster final by C.J. Fitzpatrick (Lk)



Ninety-year old, Paddy Gregan, who received the Sean Gael Award recently. Paddy was unable to attend due to bad health. Photo is of Paddy receiving his award from Pat O'Flaherty, chairman, Youghalarra Handball Club.

MUNSTER 40/20 CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2009

Intermediate Doubles: Ger Coonan/Michael Carroll (Ballina)
 Mas.A Singles: Paul McGrath (Cashel)
 Mas.A Doubles; Pat O Flaherty /Josie O Dwyer (Youghalarra/Clonmel)
 Emerald Mas.B Singles: Paddy Collins (Ballina)
 Emerald Mas.B Doubles; Andy Purcell/Denis Gleeson (S/Mines)
 Diamond Mas.A Singles: Jim Ryan (S/Mines)
 All-Ireland Semi Finals 40x20
 Intermediate Doubles: Ger Coonan & Mike Carroll (Ballina) beaten by Timmy & Michael Clifford Kilkenny 21/15, 21/5
 EMBS: Paddy Collins (Ballina) beaten by Jimmy Neary (Kilkenny) 21/14, 13/21, 21/17
 DMAS : Jim Ryan Silvermines beaten by Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) 21/20, 20/21, 21/18
 MAS: Paul Mc Grath (Cashel) beaten by Ducksy Walsh Kilkenny 21/4, 21/5
 EMBD: Jim Neary & Pat Savage Bt Andy Purcell & Denis Gleeson (Silvermines) 21/10, 21/7

125 GAA Laochra Sean Ghael Awards in Thurles In the Dome adjacent to Semple stadium John Costigan Chairman of Laochra Sean Ghael presided at a function to honour those who contributed to the success of the GAA over the years. Handballs Tom Aheane (Ballina) and Paddy Gegan (Youghalarra) were among those who received framed scrolls from GAA president Christy Cooney.

Tom has been involved in Ballina Hurling and Handball Clubs for most of his life. In Handball he served as Club Chairman , County Chairman during the 70's when Ballina first roofed their Court and upgraded their facilities. He was elected Chairman of the Munster Council from 1981-1984 and together with Munster Secretary Mick Tyrell (Clonmel) they formed a great partnership that promoted the Game of Handball in all Counties. He was also a Munster Delegate to Handball Central Council for some years. Tom is a life President of Ballina Handball Club. Paddy Gegan from the Youghalarra Club can trace back further than most to some of the great games played in the 40's 50's and 60's.A great supporter of Handball Club official Paddy rarely missed a game involving his Club. In his 90th year Paddy is a life long member of the Youghalarra Club and still follows with keen interest his Club players achievements .

Tournaments: The Paddy Kelly Memorial Tournament run by the Lahorna Handball Club was once again a great Success. Well done to all involved.

Open Winners: David Moloney & Denis White Bt Conor O'Brien & Pat O Flaherty 21/5, 21/13

Junior Winners: David Hickey & Noel Moroney Bt Paul Maher & Martin Ryan 21/15, 21/3

Ballinahinch Club have commenced a 40x20 tournament and it will be completed in December.

USHA Juniors: Best of Luck to all the players playing off at present to represent Ireland in the USHA Junior Nationals in Lattoff YMCA in Chicago in December.



Mike Carroll with Handball president Tony Hannon One Wall Men's 'C' Champion



USHA Men's 'A' Doubles Final: Ger Coonan, Patrick Clerkin, Matt Steele, Aaron Garner.



USHA Men's 'A' Final Fergal Collins (winner), Ger Coonan (runner-up).



USHA 19 & Under Final Fergal Collins, Chris Maldonado.

Scoreboard 2009

Compiled by Ed Donnelly

County Finals – Hurling

Senior (Dan Breen Cup) – 18/10/09 at Semple Stadium
Thurles Sarsfields 0-14 Drom & Inch 0-5

Senior (Seamus O’Riain Cup) – 11/10/09 at Borrisokane
Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-22 Lorrha-Dorrha 0-17
Intermediate – 18/10/09 at Semple Stadium
Carrick Davins 1-13 Arravale Rovers 1-6
Junior “A” – 8/11/09 at Templemore
Aherlow 2-14 Nenagh Eire Og 0-12
Junior “B” – 31/10/09 at Holycross
Templederry Kenyons 2-19 Mullinahone 1-12

Under 21 “A” -

Under 21 “B” -

Under 21 “C” – 27/09/09 at Sean Treacy Park
Lattin-Cullen 3-10 Rockwell Rovers 2-6

Minor “A” – 8/11/09 at Boherlahan
Loughmore-Castleiney 2-9 Arravale Rovers 1-11
Minor “B” – 10/10/09 at Cashel
Moyné-Templetuohy Og 2-19
Knockmealdown Gaels 1-12
Minor “C” – 3/10/09 at Nenagh
Portroe 4-18 Silvermines 2-8

Under 16 “A” – 17/10/09 at Holycross
Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-10 St. Mary’s 1-9
Under 16 “B” – 17/10/09 at Holycross
Moyle Rovers 0-12 J.K. Brackens 1-7

Under 14 “A” – 19/9/09 at Semple Stadium
Nenagh Eire Óg 1-6 Durlas Óg 1-5
Under 14 “B” – 19/9/09 at Semple Stadium
Ballybacon/Grange 3-3 Drom/Inch 1-6
Under 14 “C” – 19/9/09 at Semple Stadium
Borrisokane 2-12 Clonakenny 0-8

Feile na nGael – 26/4/09 at Dr. Morris Park
Durlas Óg 5-8 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-4

Under 12 “A” – 5/9/09 at Semple Stadium
Moyle Rovers 1-7 Drom/Inch 0-4
Under 12 “B” – 5/9/09 at Semple Stadium
Kilsheelan/Kilcash 2-3 Rockwell Rovers 0-4
Under 12 “C” – 5/9/09 at Semple Stadium
Portroe 3-7 Clonakenny 0-3

County Finals – Football

Senior – 25/10/09 at Semple Stadium
Moyle Rovers 3-6 Aherlow 1-11

Intermediate – 1/11/09 at Clonmel
Carrick Swans 4-12 Ballyporeen 0-10
Junior “A” – 6/11/09 at Templetuohy
Knockavilla Kickhams 1-4 Shannon Rovers 0-6
Junior “B” – 10/10/09 at Boherlahan
Clonmel Óg 2-9 Sean Treacys 0-8

Under 21 “A” – 9/5/09 at Boherlahan
Moyle Rovers 1-10 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-7
Under 21 “B” – 1/5/09 at Holycross
Ardfinnan 3-11 Clonakenny 0-9
Under 21 “C” – 1/5/09 at Newport
Ballinahinch 1-14 Solohead 0-3

Minor “A” – 17/10/09 (Drawn Game)
Ardfinnan 2-7 Loughmore-Castleiney 3-4
25/10/09 at Semple Stadium (Replay)
Ardfinnan 2-10 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-5

Minor “B” – 10/10/09 at Cahir
Killenaule 2-18 Borris-Ileigh 2-6
Minor “C” – 27/06/09 at Cashel
Clonakenny 2-13 Grangemockler 1-5

Under 16 “A” – 27/6/09 at New Inn
Clonmel Commercials 2-17
Loughmore/Castleiney 3-13
Under 16 “B” – Final not played
Mullinahone awarded match as Galtee Rovers failed to field a team.

Under 16 “C” – 22/6/09 at Cashel
Fr. Sheehys 1-15 Durlas Óg ‘B’ 1-5

Under 14 “A” – 13/6/09 at Holycross
Clonmel Commercials 2-14 Golden/Kilfeacle 0-2
Under 14 “B” – 13/6/09 at Holycross
Kilsheelan/Kilcash 9-11 Galtee Rovers 1-2
Under 14 “C” – 13/6/09 at Holycross
Clonmel Commercials ‘B’ 3-9 Durlas Óg ‘B’ 1-2

Peil na nÓg – 6/5/09 at Pairc na nÓg
Clonmel Commercials 2-3 J.K. Brackens 2-1

Under 12 “A” – 30/5/09 at The Ragg
Moyle Rovers 6-6 Arravale Rovers 1-1
Under 12 “B” – 30/5/09 at Templetuohy
Drom & Inch 2-6 Ballingarry 0-2
Under 12 “C” – 30/5/09 at The Ragg
Carrick Davins 2-8 Clonakenny 1-3

County Hurling League Finals

Premier Division – 30/05/09 at Boherlahan
Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-20 Thurles Sarsfields 1-12
Division 1 – 30/05/09 at Holycross
Holycross-Ballycahill 1-11 Borris-Ileigh 0-13
Division 2 – 5/7/09 at Borrisokane
Lorrha 0-19 Moneygall 1-11

Intermediate – 3/7/09 at Littleton
Drom & Inch 3-14 Carrick Davins 1-18

County Adult Football League Finals

Premier Division – 28/05/09 at Clonmel
Moyle Rovers 3-13 Ardfinnan 0-8
Division 1 – 29/5/09 at Sean Treacy Park
Cappawhite 1-15 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 0-6

County Minor Football League Finals

Division 1 – 26/4/09 at Cahir
Arravale Rovers 3-7 Commercials 2-7
Division 2 – 12/4/09 at Ardfinnan
Golden-Kilfeacle 3-9 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 1-4

Inter County Championships Hurling

Senior
31/5/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-19 Cork 0-19 (Munster Quarter-Final)
21/6/09 at Gaelic Grounds

Tipperary 3-18 Clare 1-22 (Munster Semi-Final)
12/7/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 4-14 Waterford 2-16 (Munster Final)
16/8/09 at Croke Park
Tipperary 6-19 Limerick 2-7 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)
6/9/09 at Croke Park
Kilkenny 2-22 Tipperary 0-23 (All-Ireland Final)
Intermediate
31/5/09 at Semple Stadium
Cork 1-24 Tipperary 2-6 (Munster Quarter-Final)
Under 21
3/6/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-22 Cork 0-25 AET (Munster Quarter-Final)
15/7/09 at Dungarvan
Waterford 3-21 Tipperary 2-14 (Munster Semi-Final)

Minor

29/4/09 at Gaelic Grounds
Tipperary 1-21 Limerick 0-11 (Munster Quarter-Final)
24/6/09 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 5-17 Cork 5-17 (Munster Semi-Final)
1/7/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-21 Cork 1-12 (Munster Semi-Final Replay)
12/7/09 at Semple Stadium
Waterford 0-18 Tipperary 1-13 (Munster Final)
25/07/09 at Portlaoise
Tipperary 0-20 Wexford 0-19 AET (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)
9/8/09 at Croke Park
Kilkenny 1-21 Tipperary 2-16 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

Allianz National Hurling League – Division 1B

8/2/09 at Walsh Park
Tipperary 2-13 Waterford 1-12 (Round 1)
14/2/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-15 Cork 0-9 (Round 2)
1/3/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 0-23 Clare 0-16 (Round 3)
22/3/09 at Nowlan Park
Kilkenny 5-17 Tipperary 1-12 (Round 4)
29/3/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-19 Dublin 4-11 (Round 5)
5/4/09 at Pearse Stadium Galway
Tipperary 1-17 Galway 1-15 (Round 6)
19/4/09 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-17 Limerick 1-11
3/5/09 at Semple Stadium
Kilkenny 2-26 Tipperary 4-17 (Final)

Waterford Crystal SH Tournament

14/1/09 at St Mollerans Carrick on Suir
Tipperary 0-14 Waterford 1-9 (Quarter-Final)
18/1/09 at Cahir
Tipperary 3-9 UL 1-8 (Semi-Final)
25/1/09 at Ogonnelloe
Clare 1-12 Tipperary 1-7 (Final)

Inter-County Championship – Football

Senior

7/6/09 at Semple Stadium

Limerick 1-11 Tipperary 1-9 (Munster Semi-Final)

4/7/09 at Drogheda

Tipperary 2-10 Louth 1-12 (All-Ireland Qualifier Round 1)

11/7/09 at Semple Stadium

Sligo 1-13 Tipperary 1-12 (All-Ireland Qualifier Round 2) Inter-County Championship – Football

Junior

7/6/09 at Semple Stadium

Limerick 0-15 Tipperary 1-8 (Munster Semi-Final)

Under 21

21/3/09 at Cooraclare

Tipperary 2-5 Clare 0-9 (Munster Semi-Final)

28/3/09 at Semple Stadium

Cork 1-9 Tipperary 2-5 (Munster Final)

Minor

15/4/09 at Semple Stadium

Kerry 1-11 Tipperary 1-6 (Munster Quarter-Final)

24/4/09 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-15 Waterford 0-6 (Munster Losers Group Playoff)

13/5/09 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Tipperary 0-13 Cork 0-10 AET (Munster Semi-Final)

5/7/09 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Kerry 0-12 Tipperary 0-6 (Munster Final)

3/8/09 at Tullamore

Mayo 3-10 Tipperary 1-8 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

McGrath Cup Football

11/1/09 at Sean Treacy Park

UCC 2-7 Tipperary 2-6 (Quarter-Final)

Allianz National Football League – Division 3

1/2/09 at Semple Stadium

Down 0-18 Tipperary 1-9 (Round 1)

15/2/09 at Kingspan / Breffni Park

Tipperary 0-13 Cavan 0-11 (Round 2)

8/3/09 at Kilmallock

Tipperary 1-11 Limerick 1-10 (Round 3)

15/3/09 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-16 Offaly 1-8 (Round 4)

22/3/09 at Dr. Hyde Park

Tipperary 2-13 Roscommon 1-10 (Round 5)

29/3/09 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-18 Louth 1-11 (Round 6)

12/4/09 at Semple Stadium

Longford 0-10 Tipperary 0-9 (Round 7)

25/4/09 at Pearse Park Longford

Tipperary 0-18 Down 1-14 AET (Division 3 Final)

Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling

Cup Final – 30/8/09 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-21 Galway 2-13

Interdivisional Competitions

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final – 21/3/09 at Dolla

Mid Tipperary 4-13 North Tipperary 0-13

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final –

30/5/09 at Borrisoleigh

North Tipperary 3-12 Mid Tipperary 2-7

Under 15 Hurling Final – 25/4/09 at Toomevara

North Tipperary 1-13 Mid Tipperary 3-4

Under 14 Football Final – 10/4/09 at Golden

South Tipperary 3-12 West Tipperary 2-4

Cumann Na mBunscol County Finals

Hurling

Roinn A – Holycross NS 1-8 Scoil Ailbhe 1-6

Roinn B – Carrick CBS 3-06 Templederry NS 3-05

Roinn C – Loughmore NS 1-3 Borrisoleigh Boys NS 0-2

Roinn D – St. Mary's Clonmel 5-3 Kilruane 3-0

Roinn E – Two Mile Borris NS 1-6 Ballinahinch NS 1-03

Roinn F – Grangemockler 2-5 Ballinure 2-4

Roinn G – Kilcash 1-10 Aghlish 0-2

Under 11 "A" – Scoil Ailbhe 7-05 Holycross NS 0-05

Under 11 "B" – St. Mary's Clonmel 4-03

Gaelscoil Durlas 2-02

Under 11 "C" – Loughmore NS 1-05 St.

Colmcille's NS Templemore 1-05

Under 11 "D" – Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea 6-4

Ayle NS 0-4

Camogie

Roinn A – Dunkerrin NS 4-02 Our Lady's Cahir 3-04

Roinn B – Presentation Thurles 6-2 Burgess NS 3-0

Roinn C – Gaelscoil Nenagh 4-1 Youghalarra NS 1-2

Roinn D – Kilruane 6-01 Powerstown NS 1-0

Under 11 "A" Camogie – Our Lady's of Mercy

Cahir 4-6 St. Mary's Nenagh 0-1

Under 11 "B" Camogie - Scoil Eoin Naofa

Roscrea 8-04 Ballylooby NS 7-02

Football

UNDER 13 BOYS FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Carrick CBS, Runners Up Templemore.

Roinn B: Winners Tipperary CBS, Runners Up Scoil Ailbhe.

Roinn C: Winners Gaelscoil Durlas, Runners Up Fethard.

Roinn D: Winners New Inn, Runners Up

Ardfinnan.

Roinn E: Winners Moycarkey, Runners Up

Lisronagh.

Roinn F: Winners Mount Bruis, Runners Up

Gortnahue.

UNDER 11 BOYS FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Scoil Ailbhe, Runners Up St. Marys.

Roinn B: Winners Powerstown, Runners Up

Killenaule.

Roinn C: Winners Clerihan, Runners Up

Loughmore.

Roinn D: Winners Clonoulty, Runners Up Scoil

Eoin Naofa, Roscrea.

Peil na mBan

UNDER 13 LADIES FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Our Lady's Cahir, Runners Up Sisters of Charity.

Roinn B: Winners Gaelscoil Cluan Meala, Runners Up St. Joseph's Templemore.

Roinn C: Winners Rathkeevin, Runners Up

Grange.

Roinn D: Winners Moycarkey, Runners Up

Clonoulty.

UNDER 11 LADIES FOOTBALL

Roinn A: Winners Our Lady's Cahir, Runners Up Sisters of Charity 'A'.

Roinn B: Winners Powerstown, Runners Up Sisters of Charity 'B'.

Roinn C: Winners Rathkeevin, Runners Up

Gaelscoil Cluan Meala.

Roinn D: Winners Mount Bruis, Runners Up

Upperchurch.

I.N.T.O Mini Sevens FOOTBALL

Girls INTO Sevens: Winners Our Lady's Cahir,

Runners Up Gaelscoil Durlas. Munster Club

Championship

Club Championships

Senior Hurling

1st Round – 1/11/09 at Semple Stadium

Newtownshandrum (Cork) 0-19 Thurles

Sarsfields (Tipperary) 1-15

Senior Football

Semi-Final – 22/11/09 at Tralee

Kerins O'Rahillys (Kerry) 1-8 Moyle Rovers 0-9

Intermediate Hurling

1st Round – 31/10/09 at Whitegate

Whitegate (Clare) 1-13 Carrick Davins 0-10

Intermediate Football

Semi-Final – 15/11/09 at Killarney

Spa (Kerry) 2-15 Carrick Swan 1-6

Junior Hurling

1st Round – 15/11/09 at Sean Treacy Park

Aherlow 3-20 Tourin / Glen Rovers (Waterford)

2-15

Semi-Final – 22/11/09 at Lattin

Blackrock (Limerick) 0-11 Aherlow 0-9

Junior Football

1st Round – 22/11/09 at Ballyagran

Mountcollins (Limerick) 1-9 Kickhams 1-8 (after

extra time)

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2008

County Finals – Hurling

Under 21 "A" – 21/12/08 at Templemore

Thurles Sarsfields 1-16 Templederry 0-14

Under 21 "B" – 13/12/08 at Templemore

Mullinahone 0-15 Kildangan 0-13

Under 16 "A" – 13/12/08 at Drombane

Loughmore-Castleiney 2-15 Clonoulty-Rossmore

0-8

County Finals – Football

Under 21 "A"

Second Replay - 6/12/08 at Cahir

Moyle Rovers 1-11 Aherlow 1-8

Under 21 "C" – 20/12/08 at Newport

Sean Treacys 3-8 Ballinahinch 0-7

Munster Club Championship

Junior Football

Semi-Final – 30/11/08 at Bruff

Bruff (Limerick) 1-7 Cappawhite 1-6

COUNTY TEAMS – 2009

(Compiled by John Smith)

HURLING

Senior: Waterford Crystal Tournament

14/1/2009 at St. Mollerans, Carrickon-Suir (First Round)

Tipperary 0-14 Waterford 1-9

Team & Scorers: Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'), John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-2, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-4 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65'), Paul Kelly (O'Loughlins Gaels) 0-3. Subs: Shane Maher (Burgess) for Fanning; John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Dunne.

18/1/2009 at Cahir (Semi Final)

Tipperary 3-9 University of Limerick 1-8

Team and Scorers: Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Shane Maher (Burgess), Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); Patrick Maher (Lorrha), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-0; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Pat Kerwick (Killenaule); Willie Ryan (Toomevara), Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-3 (0-1 free), Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) 1-3. Subs: Conor O'Mahoney for S. Maher, Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Buckley, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for P. Maher, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-0 for Devane, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 for Ryan.

25/1/2009 at Ogonnelloe (Final)

Clare 1-12 Tipperary 1-7

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahoney (Newport), Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3 (0-1 free); Pat Kerwick (Killenaule), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-2, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 1-0, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlins Gaels). Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1 for Corbett, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Kerwick, Shane Maher (Burgess) for Hennessy, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Moloney.

Allianz National League

8/2/2009 at Walsh Park, Waterford

Tipperary 2-13 Waterford 1-12

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 ('65'), Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); Shane Maher (Burgess), Thomas Stapleton (Terryderry Kenyons); Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 1-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 0-1, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-2; Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) 1-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara); Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-4 (0-3 frees). Subs: John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2 for Kerwick, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Stapleton, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Ryan, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) for Maher.

14/2/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-15 Cork 0-9

Team & Scorers: Gerry Kennedy (Killenaule); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); Shane Maher (Burgess) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-2, John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Pat Kerwick (Killenaule); Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 1-0, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-5 frees). Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-1 for Kerwick, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2 for Devane, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for S. Maher, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Woodlock, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 for S. McGrath, Tony Scroope (Burgess) for Kelly.

1/3/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-23 Clare 0-16

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-9 (0-7 frees), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Willie Ryan (Toomevara) 0-7 (0-4 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) 0-1. Subs: Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 for Ryan, Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) for Woodlock, John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for N. McGrath, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for S. McGrath, Shane Maher (Burgess) for Dunne.

22/3/2009 at Nowlan Park

Kilkenny 5-17 Tipperary 1-12

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'), Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-3 (0-2 frees), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1; Tony Scroope (Burgess), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels). Subs: Shane Maher (Burgess) for Dunne, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for Fitzgerald, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-0 for Shane McGrath, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3 for Kelly, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) for Callanan.

29/3/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-19 Dublin 4-11

Team and Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 ('65'), Shane Maher (Burgess); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 1-0, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2 (frees), Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-4 (0-3 frees), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-2; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-5, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney), John O'Brien

(Toomevara) 0-3. Subs: Patrick Maher (Lorrha) for Ryan, Tony Scroope (Burgess) 0-1 for Hennessy, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for Shane Maher, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for Webster, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Woodlock.

5/4/2009 at Pearse Stadium

Tipperary 1-17 Galway 1-15

Team and Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Shane Maher (Burgess); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Patrick Maher (Lorrha), Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-11 (0-7 frees, 0-1 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-2; Tony Scroope (Burgess) 0-1, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney), John O'Brien (Toomevara). Subs: Declan Fanning for Curran, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Webster, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for Patrick Maher, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for O'Brien, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for Woodlock, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Scroope.

19/4/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-17 Limerick 1-11

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Shane Maher (Burgess); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Benny Dunne (Toomevara); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 1-3, John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-5 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2, Patrick Maher (Lorrha). Subs: Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for S. Maher, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Dunne, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Patrick Maher, Tony Scroope (Burgess) for O'Brien, Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) for Curran, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for T. Stapleton.

3/5/2009 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Kilkenny 2-26 Tipperary 4-17 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange) 0-1 free; Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Shane Maher (Burgess); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 1-1, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-7 (0-6 frees, 0-1 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-5, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-1. Subs: Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Fanning, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) for S. Maher, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Maloney, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Woodlock, Diarmaid Fitzgerald (Roscrea) for T. Stapleton, Eamon Buckley (Drom-Inch) for P. Maher, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) for Webster.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

31/5/2009 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-19 Cork 0-19

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Mahony (Newport); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-3, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-5 (0-4 frees). Subs: Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) for Webster; Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for O'Mahony; Darren Gleeson (Portroe) for Cummins (blood-sub); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for N. McGrath; Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-2 for Woodlock; Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for Callinan.

21/6/2009 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final)

Tipperary 3-18 Clare 1-22

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Declan Fanning (Killenaule) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-3, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-0, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-3 frees, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-2, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7 (0-1 free). Subs: Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for O'Mahony, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Kerwick, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Shane McGrath, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Callinan, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for E. Kelly.

12/7/2009 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 4-14 Waterford 2-16

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 free, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-1, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 (0-1 free), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-3 (0-2 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-2. Subs: Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Curran, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Kelly, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1 for Woodlock, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Kerwick, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for O'Brien.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

16/8/2009 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 6-19 Limerick 2-7

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-3 frees, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 1-3, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-3, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-3, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-5 (0-5 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 3-1. Subs: Benny

Dunne (Toomevara) for S. McGrath, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for Woodlock, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Kerwick, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for E. Kelly, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Corbett.

6/9/2009 at Croke Park (Final) Kilkenny 2-22 Tipperary 0-23

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); James Woodlock (Drom & Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Pat Kerwick (Killenaule), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-3, John O'Brien (Templederry); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-13 (0-8 frees, 0-3 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4. Subs: Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for O'Brien, Willie Ryan (Toomevara) for Kerwick, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Woodlock.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

31/5/2009 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-6 Cork 1-24

Team and scorers: Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins), Shane Walsh (Fethard), John Harkin (Templederry Kenyons); Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons), John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy), Sean Horan (St. Patrick's); Willie O'Dwyer (Carrick Davins) 0-1, Timmy Minogue (Templederry Kenyons); Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard), Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Cathal Dillon (Aherlow); Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Jody Ryan (Sean Treacys) 0-1 (free), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 1-1. Subs: Fergal Horgan (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) 1-0 for A. Ryan; Denis Stapleton (Sean Treacys) 0-1 for O'Dwyer; Mark O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for J. Ryan; Danny Lyne (Moyle Rovers) for Horan; Sean Keating (Moyle Rovers) for Coughlan.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

3/6/2009 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-22 Cork 0-25 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Donnagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic (Thurles Sarsfields), Kevin Maher (Lorrha); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Thomas Stapleton (Templeserry Kenyons), Thomas McGrath (Ballingarry); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-6 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-9 (0-5 frees, 1-0 pen, 0-1 '65'), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 1-1. Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for T. McGrath; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Gleeson; John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-3 for Hennessy; Shane Quinlan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Carey; John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy) for K. Maher; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for S. Bourke.

15/7/2009 at Fraher Field, Dungarvan (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-14 Waterford 3-21

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Donnagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Thomas Stapleton (Templeserry Kenyons), Kevin Maher (Lorrha) 0-1; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-2, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1. Subs: John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for D. Maher, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Ryan, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-0 for S. Bourke, John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy) for Stapleton.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

29/4/2009 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (First Round)

Tipperary 1-21 Limerick 0-11

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetuohy), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers); Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-3, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-6, (0-2 frees, 0-1 pen), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) 1-6 (0-1 '65'); Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg). Subs: David Butler (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) 0-1 for O'Brien, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for A. Ryan, David Collins (Drom-Inch) for Cleere, David Flynn (Roscrea) for Stapleton.

24/6/2009 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 5-17 Cork 5-17 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetuohy), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers); Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 1-1; Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-2, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan); Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-4 (0-2 frees), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 2-6 (0-2 frees), David Collins (Drom-Inch) 1-2. Subs: David Butler (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams) 1-1 for Cleere, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Maher, Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1 for T. Butler, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for O'Dwyer, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for P. Ryan, Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for O'Dwyer, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg) for Forde, Eoin O'Connell (Fethard) for A. Ryan.

1/7/2009 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final Replay)

Tipperary 2-21 Cork 1-12

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetuohy), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny) 0-1, Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers); Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry) 0-1, Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons); Sean Curran (Mullinahone), Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-11 (0-7 frees, 0-1 '65'); David Collins (Drom-Inch) 1-2, Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1. Subs: David Butler (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams) 1-1 for Heffernan, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg) 0-2 for Cleere, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Gleeson.

12/7/2009 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 1-13 Waterford 0-18

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetuohy), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers); Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); John O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons); David Collins (Drom-Inch), Sean Curran (Mullinahone), David Butler (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams). Subs: Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Maher, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg) for Collins, Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for A. Ryan, Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for D. Butler.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

25/7/2009 at Portlaoise (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 0-20 Wexford 0-19 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetuohy), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1; Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry) 0-1; Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan) 0-1, Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-2, Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-9 (0-5 frees, 0-1 '65'); David Collins (Drom-Inch), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg) 0-1. Subs: David Butler (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams) for Collins, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for Cleere, John Condon (Lattin-Cullen) for T. Butler, Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Gleeson, Andrew Ryan (Toomevara) for Maher.

9/8/2009 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Kilkenny 1-21 Tipperary 2-16

Team and scorers: Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Liam Butler (Moyné-Templetuohy), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-3, Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; David Collins (Drom-Inch) 1-1, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-8 (0-7 frees), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry). Subs: David Butler (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams) for Cleere, Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for L. Butler, Michael O'Brien (Clonmel Óg) for Collins, Jason Forde (Silvermines) for Hogan.

FOOTBALL

Senior: McGrath Cup

11/1/2009 at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town (Quarter Final)

U.C.C. 2-7 Tipperary 2-6

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan), John Coughlan (Moyné-Templetuohy), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg); Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow), Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), Shane Kearney (Clonmel Óg); Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; Ian Barnes (Clonmel Commercial), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 2-4 (2-0 pens, 0-4 frees), Brian Coen (Fethard). Subs: Dwayne Burns (Clonmel Óg) for Barnes, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Coen, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Fitzgerald, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Kearney, Liam O'Gorman (Cahir) for Mulryan

Allianz National League

1/2/2009 at Semple Stadium

Down 0-18 Tipperary 1-9

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg) 1-0, Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercial); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers); Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-2 '45's), Brian Coen (Fethard), Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-2 frees. Subs: Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Mulvihill, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for Hannigan, Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Dalton, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Austin, Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan) for Fitzgerald, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Conor Morrissey.

15/2/2009 at Breffni Park, Cavan

Tipperary 0-13 Cavan 0-11

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-2; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Shane Kearney (Clonmel Óg), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-7 frees. Subs: Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Phelan, Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1 for Carey, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Dalton, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Mulvihill, James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Kearney, Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercial) for Hannigan.

8/3/2009 at Kilmallock

Tipperary 1-11 Limerick 1-10

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercial), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-2, Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-5 (1-0 pen, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Hanrahan, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Murphy, Shane Kearney (Clonmel Óg) for Coen, Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers) for Fox, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Jones, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Tierney.

15/3/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-16 Offaly 1-8

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-3 (0-1 free), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Brian Coen (Fethard) 1-3, Barry

Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5 (0-4 frees). Subs: Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Mulvihill, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1 for Tierney, Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers) for Coghlan, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Hannigan, Shane Kearney (Clonmel Óg) for Carey, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for C. Morrissey.

22/3/2009 at Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon

Tipperary 2-13 Roscommon 1-10

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg); Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Christopher Alyward (Clonmel Óg) 1-0; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials); Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 1-0; James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-9 (0-5 frees). Subs: Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for O'Brien, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Alyward, Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Tierney, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Hanrahan, Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) for Coghlan, Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan) for C. Morrissey.

29/3/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-18 Louth 1-11

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials); Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-4, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-8 (0-6 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-3 for Murphy, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Hanrahan, Ian Barnes (Clonmel Commercials) for Fitzgerald, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Tierney, Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow) for Mulvihill.

12/4/2009 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-9 Longford 0-10

Team and Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Laurence Coskeran (Aherlow); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), Liam O'Gorman (Cahir); Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-2, Shane Kearney (Clonmel Óg), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Ian Barnes (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2 frees, Alan Curran (Mullinahone), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-4 (0-1 free). Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Coghlan, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Kearney, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for O'Gorman, Stephen Murphy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Curran, Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) for Costigan, James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Fox.

25/4/2009 at Pearse Park, Longford (Division 3 final)

Tipperary 0-18 Down 1-14 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Niall Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-4, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5 (0-4 frees, 0-1 pen). Subs: Robbie Costigan (Cahir) for A. Morrissey, Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1 for Fitzgerald, Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers) for C. Morrissey, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) 0-1 for Mulvihill, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Jones, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Coen, B. Coen (Fethard) for Tierney, Michael Phelan (Ardfinnan) for Fox, Eamon Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials) for Aylward.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

24/5/2009 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-9 Limerick 1-11

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) 0-1, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard) 1-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 (frees). Subs: Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers) for Morrissey; Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Jones; Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) 0-1 for Tierney; Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Austin; Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Coen (blood sub).

ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

4/7/2009 at Drogheda (Round 1)

Tipperary 2-10 Louth 1-12

Team and Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) 0-1, Robbie Costigan (Cahir); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-0, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Brian Coen (Fethard) 1-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 frees. Subs: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard) for Mulryan, Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Carey, Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) 0-1 for Austin, Eamonn Hanrahan (Clonmel Commercials) for Coghlan, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Mulvihill.

11/7/2009 at Semple Stadium (Round 2)

Tipperary 1-12 Sligo 1-13

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Christopher Higgins (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) 0-2, Robbie Costigan (Cahir); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 1-1; Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-6 (0-4 frees). Subs: Damien O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1 for Carey, Aidan Fitzgerald (Fethard) 0-1 for Aylward, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Mulryan, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Austin.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

24/5/2009 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-8 Limerick 0-15

Team and scorers: James Farrelly (J. K. Brackens); Gerald Hally (Cahir), Richard Power (Moyle Rovers), Donal Lynch (Commercials); Louis Everard (Moyn-Tepletuohy), Pat Marnane (Galtee Rovers), Pa Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Patrick Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Paul Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney); Aidan Savage (Ardfinnan), Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Diarmuid Foley (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Tony Doyle (Killenaule) 0-2, Benny Hickey (Cahir), 1-5 (0-2 frees), Barry Shortall (Rockwell Rovers). Subs: Kevin Halley (Rockwell Rovers) for Shortall; Mark Cahill (Drom-Inch) for Savage.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

21/3/2009 at Cooraclare (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-5 Clare 0-9

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Sean Mullins (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), John Coghlan (Moyn-Tepletuohy), Brian Fox (Eire Óg, Annacarty); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free), John Cagney (Clonmel Óg), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 2-1; Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free), Dwaine Burns (Clonmel Óg), Brian Quinn (Burgess). Subs: Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Mullins, Tony Dunne (Burgess) for Coghlan, David Keogh (Silvermines) for Acheson, Diarmuid Foley (Moyle Rovers) for Burns.

28/3/2009 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Cork 1-9 Tipperary 2-5

Team and Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), John Coghlan (Moyn-Tepletuohy), Brian Fox (Eire Óg, Annacarty) 1-2; Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) 0-1, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers); Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 1-0, Dwaine Burns (Clonmel Óg) 0-1, Brian Quinn (Burgess). Subs: Tony Dunne (Burgess) for Quinn, Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for Acheson.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

15/4/2009 at Semple Stadium (First Round)

Tipperary 1-6 Kerry 1-11

Team and scorers: Aaron Wall (Cahir); Eoin Fitzpatrick (J.K. Brackens), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers); Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg), Luke Murphy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace); Sean O'Meara (Arravale Rovers), Eoin Kent (Ballina); Ross McGrath (Newport) 0-1, Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 frees, Roger Peters (Cahir); Gerard Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Jack Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-1 free. Subs: Johnny McMahon (Inane Rovers) 1-1 (0-1 free) for Kent, Thomas Hill (Moyle Rovers) for Peters, Bryan Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Hewitt, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Fitzpatrick.

24/4/2009 at Semple Stadium (Second Round)

Tipperary 1-15 Waterford 0-6

Team and scorers: Aaron Wall (Cahir); Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers); Gerard Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Luke Murphy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace); Jack Lonergan (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Sean O'Meara (Arravale Rovers); Thomas Hill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Ross McGrath (Newport) 0-2, Roger Peters (Cahir) 0-3 (0-2 frees); Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials), Johnny McMahon (Inane Rovers) 0-6 (0-5 frees), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 1-1. Subs: Eddie Kendrick (Cahir) for O'Meara, Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Matassa, Eoin Kent (Ballina) for Lonergan, Brian O'Hara (Clonmel Commercials) for Mulhair, John Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) for Dwyer

13/5/2009 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-13 Cork 0-10 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: Aaron Wall (Cahir); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg); Luke Murphy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace) 0-1, Gerard Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Eddie Kendrick (Cahir), Jack Lonergan (Moyle Rovers); Thomas Hill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Ross McGrath (Newport) 0-3, Roger Peters (Cahir) 0-3; Michael Ivors (Ballingarry), Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-3. Subs: Shane Power (Clonmel Commercials) for Treacy, Sean O'Meara (Arravale Rovers) for Lonergan, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Hill, Shane Foley for Hewitt, B. Hewitt for Power, Johnny McMahon (Inane Rovers) 0-1 for Kendrick, Eoin Kent (Ballina) for McGrath.

5/7/2009 at Pairc Uí Chaoimh (Final)

Kerry 0-12 Tipperary 0-6

Team and scorers: Aaron Wall (Cahir); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg); Luke Murphy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace), Gerard Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Jack Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Eddie Kendrick (Cahir); Thomas Hill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Michael Ivors (Ballingarry), Roger Peters (Cahir) 0-1; Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Ross McGrath (Newport), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-1. Subs: Sean O'Meara (Arravale Rovers) for Lonergan, Johnny McMahon (Inane Rovers) 0-2 for Treacy, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Hill, Eoin Kent (Ballina) for Kendrick, Shane Power (Clonmel Commercials) for Ivors.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

3/8/2009 at Tullamore (Quarter Final)

Mayo 3-10 Tipperary 1-8

Team and scorers: Aaron Wall (Cahir); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg); Luke Murphy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace), Gerard Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials), Eddie Kendrick (Cahir) 1-0; Thomas Hill (Moyle Rovers), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-4 frees, Ross McGrath (Newport); Roger Peters (Cahir), Johnny McMahon (Inane Rovers) 0-4 frees, Shane Fagan (Ardfinnan). Subs: Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Fagan, Shane Power (Clonmel Commercials) for Peters, Michael Ivors (Ballingarry) for Hill, Eoin Kent (Ballina) for Matassa.

2010 Munster Championship Fixtures

Senior Hurling

Quarter-Final

Tipperary vs. Cork at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Semi-Finals

Limerick v Winners of Tipperary v Cork

Clare v Waterford

Under 21 Hurling

Bord Gais Energy Munster Under 21

Hurling Championship

First Round

Cork v Waterford

Semi Finals

Tipperary v Winners of Cork v Waterford

Limerick v Clare

Minor Hurling

ESB Munster Minor Hurling Championship

First Round

A. Cork v Tipperary

B. Waterford v Clare

C. Kerry v Limerick

Quarter Finals

D – Losers of A a bye

E – Losers of B v Losers of C

Semi Final Play Off

Losers of A v Winners of E

Semi Finals

Winners of A v Winners of B

Winners of C v Winners of Semi Final

Playoff

Senior Football

Quarter-Final:

Clare v Waterford

Kerry v Tipperary

Semi-Finals:

Limerick v Winner of Clare v Waterford

Cork v Winner of Kerry v Tipperary

Under 21 Football

Cadbury Munster Under 21 Football

Championship

First Round

Clare v Limerick

Cork v Kerry

Semi Finals

Tipperary v Winners of Clare v Limerick

Waterford v Winners of Cork v Kerry

Minor Football

ESB Munster Minor Football Championship

First Round

A. Tipperary v Kerry

B. Limerick v Waterford

C. Cork v Clare

Quarter Final

D – Losers of A a bye

E – Losers of B v Losers of C

Semi Final Play Off

F – Losers of A v Winners of E

Semi Finals

G – Winners of A v Winners of B

H – Winners of C v Winners of F



Stone erected last summer to the memory of Toomevara hurler, Jerry Hough.

Gerry Hough 1935 - 1961

Gerry Hough was born on 9th October 1935 to John and Bridget Hough, Ballycrinode and was, along with his twin sister Mary, the youngest of the Hough Family. He was born into a parish and family steeped in hurling tradition from the foundation of the G.A.A. it was only to be expected that hurling would play a very large part in his life.

Gerry along with the rest of the family went to Kilkeary National School and afterwards as was the norm at the time went to work locally.

He learned his hurling skills and acquired the arts of the game from his peers and most notably his brother Jack while playing in the Ryan's Field near Ballinamona Cross, or after making his way with Jack to Ballinree where as many as fifty could be found there on any evening honing their hurling skills. The skills learned on those evenings were to stand Gerry in good stead with Toomevara later on.

His love of hurling and his prowess on the hurling field ensured a distinguished career with Toomevara.

In 1955 Gerry played at centre field on the Toomevara intermediate team that won the North championship. He was also a member of the Gortagarry team that won the Abbot Cup in the Ballyskenach tournament the same year.

In 1956 and 57 he was on the Toomevara senior team defeated in the North semi final by Lorrha in 1956 and the final by Nenagh in 1957.

1958 saw Gerry partner his brother Jack at midfield on the Toomevara senior hurling team that won the North Championship but lost to Thurles in the county final.

Defeat was again Toomevara and Gerry's lot in the 1959 North Final, losing to Kilruane.

1960 saw Gerry and his Toomevara teammates regain the North title and the most famous and treasured memory of Gerry was being part of the Toomevara team that won the county senior hurling final against Thurles Sarsfields in that year. Gerry played at full forward that famous day in Templemore which will live long in the memory of Toomevara people and indeed in

the memory of hurling folk from much further afield.

Toomevara hurling was on a crest of a wave at this time and his contribution to the team was immense. Toome retained the North Trophy in 1961 and in September of that year the Liam McCarthy cup was paraded in the village. Gerry had recently started a new job as a lorry driver and along with the rest of the Toome team were preparing for another county final.

One week before the county final word spread through the parish of a tragic accident in Lisivard in West Cork and the sad news that Gerry had been killed in the accident. The news of Gerry's death overshadowed everything else that was going on in the parish and when his teammates lined out in the County Final and lost to Thurles the following Sunday, the talk on the day was all about the tragic accident and Gerry's death the previous week.

Gerry's time on the Toomevara team coincided with one of the most successful periods for many years and we will never know what would have happened if the events in a small country village in West Cork on the 2nd October 1961 had turned out differently.

Gerry had many interests in his short life, but his love of hurling surpassed all. His love for all the parish teams, for the green and gold was deep rooted and passionate. He lived for the game of hurling.

A part from hurling he was reputed to be a handy pitch and toss player and Ballinamona Cross was the venue for some serious contests. Swimming was another sport Gerry learned quickly with other locals in the Tiermoyle River.

Gerry was a very modest man who was reluctant to speak about his own achievements on the field. He was liked by all who knew him, a lovely fella, a gentleman.

He was loved and respected by everyone because of his obvious sincerity and his desire to do his best always.

He will be remembered in Toomevara as a man who lived for hurling, whose life was cut short so tragically at the tender age of 26.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Friends We Lost

Nicholas Bergin

(Galtee Rovers/St. Pecauns) 1913 - 2009

With the passing of Nicholas Bergin Galtee Rovers /St Pecauns has lost one of its staunchest supporters and lifelong leaders. Nick fulfilled many roles from player, mentor, committee member and supporter and all were performed with enthusiasm, energy and passion. Generations of Galtee Rovers/St Pecauns players have benefited from his experience and wisdom and have developed positively as a result.

Nick was born in New York in 1913 but returned to Ireland as an infant with his parents, to be raised in the family homestead at Cappauniac. Growing up in a Gaelic family he was well versed in the traditional folklore and history of his native parish and developed a great love and pride in his native place.

His father, Will, was a keen supporter and player with the Bansha teams of the early years of the century and played in the famous Manchester Martyrs Games of 1902 - used to defray costs of the erection of the Maid of Erin Memorial in Tipperary town.

He passed on his love of Gaelic games to his sons and all went on to play a significant role in the development of the fledgling association in the parish.

Together with his brothers Pat and Billy, Nick became a player of repute and proved to be a committed and earnest competitor- displaying qualities of honesty, leadership and loyalty to his club. Though little by way of silverware came their way, they did win a Junior hurling title in 1940, their contribution was none the less significant.

Nick was a traditionalist and espoused all the virtues that made the GAA in Bansha and Kilmoyler the force it is today. His support for all parish activities was total and many benefited as a result such as the St Pecauns Pattern Day Committee where the traditions of times past and generations unknown were kept vibrant and alive.

Nick was a wonderful husband to Lena and father to Liam, Pat, Tom and Mike and daughter Helen, molding them in the fashion of decency and integrity. His love of Bansha and Kilmoyler was always to the fore and the success of his sons and grandchildren on the playing fields of Tipperary gave him great pride and justifiable satisfaction.

Nick was generous with his knowledge and time and his commitment to the service of his parish spoke volumes for the man. Never one to seek the limelight, he was content to support the improvements of his club and all cultural activities of the parish. He was elected Life President of Galtee Rovers/St Pecauns and also was awarded the prestigious Sean Ghael Tiobrad Arann award for his services to the GAA.

Nick's long life is a cause for celebration and he has left us a legacy of distinguished service. It's a long way from the Bronx to Cappa but Bansha and Kilmoyler benefited from an extraordinary journey undertaken by this extraordinary man. *Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.*

Philly Bergin

(Inane Rovers)

On 1st of January we were saddened to hear of the death of Philly even though he had been in ill health for some time. Philly as a young man left these shores and worked in England, where he was manager in the famous Walls firm. He got employment there for many from Roscrea and surrounding areas.

In the sixties Philly returned home and took up employment in Roscrea Bacon Factory. He became actively involved in Inane Rovers and served as treasurer in the sixties. After that he continued to serve on committee and acted as a selector for many teams. In 1992 he was elected Vice President and served as same until his death. Philly will be fondly remembered by all who knew him and we extend our sympathies to his daughters, Sheila and Angela.

Solas na bhFlaitheas da anam.

Tom Bergin

(Moyne/Templetuohy) 1923-2008

Although Tom was in failing health in the latter years of his life, his death still caused great sadness in the parish and particularly to all those who got to know him during his many years of involvement with the Moyne/Templetuohy Juvenile Club. While many were putting their energies into the adult



side of the club, Tom saw the need of paying particular attention to the younger footballers and hurlers, and so dedicated his life to the youth of the parish. He was popular with the young players and they were relaxed in his company, often heard sharing the latest joke.

In the early days of his involvement with the Juvenile Club, Tom's main task was to transport the players to and from the games. Not all parents had cars in those days and this job was always left to a couple of mentors. On one such occasion when mentors were scarce, Tom had set out with his load of players and on arriving at the playing pitch, he realised that his was the only transport available, so having dropped his load, Tom returned home, hitched up his covered calf trailer and brought the remainder of the team and won the game. That would not be allowed to happen in today's world. But such was Tom's dedication to the cause and his eagerness to succeed.

The club wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to his wife Alice, sons Tom, Tim and Willie and daughters Maura and Noreen and extended family.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Donal Bourke

(Drom/Inch) 1941-2009

In March 2009 Drom-Inch lost one of its most well-known and respected members with the passing of Donal Bourke. Donal was an embodiment of the term "pillar of the community" and during his 67 years gave dedicated service to Drom-Inch GAA and many other community causes. He hurled with the club during the 1950s and '60s before moving on to act as selector.

The pinnacle of his involvement was undoubtedly Centenary Year, when he was a selector on the senior team which won Drom-Inch's second Mid senior title. When Drom-Inch club purchased their present grounds in the late 1980's Donal was to the forefront in helping to develop the facilities which are so admired throughout the county today.

At the time of his death Donal was club Vice-President and he was an enthusiastic supporter of all the teams both at juvenile and adult level. He was one of the prime movers in the construction of Drom Community Centre in the early 1980s and was also the chairman of Borrissoleigh Coursing Club. Donal was held in the highest esteem by all those who knew him and his warm, genial personality will be sadly missed. We extend our sympathies to his wife Nuala, son Andy, daughters Ena and Eileen, son-in-law Pádraig, grandchildren Margaret and Daniel and his extended family.



Paddy Bourke

(Éire Óg Nenagh) 1923-2009

It was with deep sadness that the town of Nenagh heard of the passing of one of her beloved sons who was Joint President of Nenagh Éire Óg. Paddy Bourke was a familiar figure attending Mass daily and could be seen afterwards having a chat with his pals, which invariably would nearly always have a sport connotation.

Paddy Bourke was born in Wolfe Tone Terrace, Nenagh in 1923 and along with his brothers Tom, Mixie, and Jackie learned their craft and skills in the surrounding fields and indeed on Pound Street. Paddy played all grades of hurling and football with Nenagh teams lining out for Pound Street in the Street leagues, Sarsfields, St Mary's and Eire Og Nenagh. His cousins the Brophys were over the team and there was no favour asked or given. Paddy had to make his spot on the team by displaying his full range of skills and his innate and unique speed. Paddy was also a member of the MacDonaghs running club, a member of Nenagh Ormond Rugby Football Club, a founder member of Nenagh A.F.C. and he was one of the prime instigators of the formation of Sarsfields Handball Club. Paddy went to the C.B.S. in Nenagh and lined out for Rice, Croke, Dean Ryan and Harty



Cup hurling teams.

Paddy worked for, among many employers, The L&N Company. This saw him posted in Thurles where he donned the famous Blue and White of Sarsfields, which was littered with inter-county stars during the 1950's. Paddy being a dual star also played football with the Thurles Sarsfields.

When he was transferred to both Tullamore and Athlone he carried with him in his heart his deep love for hurling and football and was instrumental in organising and playing with teams whilst posted there.

Paddy played in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s winning many medals in both codes, but I suppose the one period that stood out in his mind and was the one that he spoke about most was St.Mary's Intermediate county final of 1947. Paddy played an important part along with others in bringing the Birr Road lads and the Pound Street lads together to form Saint Mary's in 1947 so in their first year as a united front success came their way.

Paddy played senior with Burgess for one year and even though of slight build he was able to look after himself and didn't possess any shyness when it came to the rough and tumble of Championship hurling.

In recent years Paddy was to be seen at all matches in MacDonagh Park and he loved for nothing better to see his beloved Eire Óg playing well and winning matches. It was here that Paddy met those wonderful men of yesteryear who recalled the deeds of the heroes of half a century or more ago. In the week that he passed away we photographed Paddy proudly holding the Frank McGrath Cup with his two sons James and John and his daughter Catherine. Paddy Bourke was a great Irishman, Munster man, Tipperary man, Naynagh man and above all a quintessential and passionate sportsman. *Go Ndeanaí Dhia Trocaire Orthu.*

Tom Bourke **(Moycarkey/Borris) 1935-2009**

The death occurred in August of Tom Bourke. Tom's hurling playing career began in the mid 1950s, making his senior debut in 1956. Tom won a No. 2 junior hurling medal with the Two-Mile-Borris team in 1957 when playing at full forward and in 1960 he was a member of the team that beat Moyne-Templetuohy in the Mid No.1 J.H final before losing out to Kilruane MacDonaghs in the county final. In 1962, Moycarkey-Borris qualified for the county senior hurling final before losing out to Thurles Sarsfields by one point after one of the best county finals for some years. In 1965 the club at last turned the tables on the Blues after a replay winning their first Mid S.H title in 22 years. Tom was a versatile player and was involved as a defender and forward during those seasons. Tom was also a fine footballer he played both with Baile Daith (a Bord na Mona orientated team) and the parish club winning a junior football medal in 1963, the first parish team ever to win a Mid football championship. Tom's former GAA and Bord na Mona colleagues formed a guard of honour from Littleton field to St. Kevin's Church at the removal of his remains. The coffin was draped in the red and yellow colours of the Moycarkey-Borris club.



Neddy Butler **(Moycarkey/Borris) 1922-2009**

The death occurred in July of Neddy Butler. He had a lifelong interest in sport particularly athletics, hurling and greyhound racing. Reared in the townland of Coolcroo he was a member of that athletic club for many years in the days of the "old" club. He was a member of their first team to take part in competitive cross country in 1938 and remained with Coolcroo right up to their final days with the AAUE in 1954. He competed at all levels and grades of cross country and road running and when the club was later revived in the late 1950's Neddy took a keen interest in their progress. Neddy was a member of the Littleton junior hurlers winners of the Mid championship in 1941 and was also on winning junior Two-Mile-Borris teams. His coffin was adorned by the flags of the athletic and GAA clubs and members of both organisations formed a guard of honour at the reception of the remains at Littleton church.



Kevin Butler **(Sean Treacys)**

Kevin Butler of Blackstairs, Hollyford passed away, peacefully on Saturday the 17th October 2009, at just 24 years of age after a brave battle with cystic fibrosis. His life was short but what Kevin packed into that time is a reminder to us all of what can be achieved with the right positive attitude and conviction.

From his early days he always wanted to be on a team. He was part of Sean Treacys GAA club teams at all juvenile levels including minor. He also took part in set dancing in Scór Na nÓg. The highlight of his hurling career was playing at No 15 on the Sean Treacys U12 hurling team who won the west U12 B hurling championship. He was a skillful and courageous player who scored many goals. He never shied back when the going got tough. He had the true Sean Treacys spirit.

It is difficult to believe he is gone, silent and at rest. He had been seriously ill for the past few months. On many occasions during that time, he seemed to defy death and to have one more trick up his sleeve. However the final call came and Kevin passed peacefully to his eternal reward leaving us all so much the poorer for his passing. His illness never held him back.

He simply wanted us to get on with life, not to feel sorrow or pity for him but to carry on as normal. He was never downhearted. When courses of medical treatment failed him he looked forward to the next call.

Kevin had many friends which could be seen by the huge turnout at his funeral and the many tributes paid to him on his Bebo & Facebook. His coffin was draped with the blue and gold flag of the Sean Treacys club and his favourite No15 jersey. The Sean Treacys GAA club players, members, officers, past and present, together with members of surrounding clubs and friends from Tipperary and Limerick, formed a guard of honour at the removal. His hurling medals, hurley and his number 15 jersey were brought to the altar as part of the offertory gifts at his funeral mass.

We will miss the "funnyman" He had such a bubbly personality that people always wanted to be in his company. He will be missed especially by his parents, Pat and Patricia and by his older brother, and best friend, Niall.

He bore his illness with dignity and courage. He was helped in no small way by his family who gave him the best of everything, through the many difficult days and nights. It could be said that in this life all you are asked to do "Is to bloom where you are planted" There is no doubt that in Kevin's life he "blossomed well", during his short stay with us. We sympathise sincerely with all his relations and friends and particularly with Pat, Patricia and Niall on the loss of a precious and unique son and brother. His memory will live on with all who had the privilege to know him.

"A Hero is always remembered, but a Legend is never forgotten"
Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis

Paddy Cahill **(Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1927-2009**

Paddy Cahill was one of the most recognizable and popular characters in the village of Cloughjordan. He played for the Kyle junior team and won a North Tipperary junior hurling medal with Kilruane MacDonaghs in 1950. He was a founder member of the committee which purchased and developed the land to provide the club with its grounds at Thomas MacDonagh Park. For many years he was a regular steward at matches in MacDonagh Park. Paddy was acknowledged as a shrewd judge of the game and he served as senior selector in the early seventies. He was an avid supporter of MacDonaghs and was a great follower of juvenile teams. Paddy was the best of company, enjoyed his pint and loved a good singsong. At his funeral club members of all ages formed a guard of honour. To his wife Kathleen, son Michael, daughter Susan and extended family sympathy is extended.
Leaba i measc na naomh do.



Bill Campion (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1918-2008

When Bill Campion passed on to his eternal reward in his 89th year, Clonoulty-Rossmore lost one of its longest serving and most loyal servants. Bill had been caretaker of the field and clubhouse for several decades, serving his 'apprenticeship' at the field under Paddy Loughnane. He was an ever present around the clubhouse well into his eighties, and his passing was met with sadness by the many people and players who had come into contact with Bill throughout the years. Originally from Clontubrid in County Kilkenny, Bill came to the area as a result of his job cutting timber. It was here he met Peggie who had lived all her life opposite the hurling field in Clonoulty. They married and had three sons.

It was no surprise that Bill, a proud Kilkenny man, played hurling for the club. He worked on the railway with CIE up to his retirement, and was driving as recently as six months before his death.

Bill took great pride in his duties as caretaker, and many a player were left in no doubt as to the condition Bill expected the dressing rooms to be left in! He was certainly missed when he eventually retired as our caretaker. Bill was vice-president of Clonoulty-Rossmore GAA club for many years, and it was fitting that the club provided a guard of honour at his funeral.

To his wife Peggie, his three sons Christy, John and Liam and all his family, we offer our continued sympathy. Go raibh maith agat Bill. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar d'ainm.



William Condon (Ballybacon/Grange) 1946 - 2009

Ballybacon/Grange G.A.A. Club extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of William Condon who passed away in January 2009 after illness bravely borne. Willie was very involved with this club for many years both as a player and also through his involvement with development of new field which was purchased in 1995. Willie worked hard to have this field ready for official opening in 1997 and to ensure that everything was in perfect order when Tipperary and Waterford senior hurling teams came to Goatenbridge for official opening and work carried out to seating and fencing and to the hall.

He won many honours as a player and was on the Ballybacon/Grange team when they won their first South intermediate hurling championship defeating Kilsheelan in Clonmel in 1966. He was at corner back two years later when they won South senior hurling championship in 1968 defeating Marlfield in Cahir. He won South intermediate medal in the same position in 1976 in Kilsheelan when they defeated Ballingarry. Willie was always interested in club affairs and was a good judge of young players and liked to see a bit of fire in these players in the matches they played. The large attendance at Willie's funeral in Ballybacon bore testimony to his popularity. The club saluted him with a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in club colours.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a aam uasal.



Jimmy Conroy (Nenagh Éire Óg) 1938-2009

It was with deep sadness and profound shock that we learned of the sudden and untimely death of one of Nenagh's most popular member of the community. As news filtered through the bush telegraph of Jimmy's passing, his neighbours, friends and his large Éire Óg family were numbed into disbelief that this very fit man was taken from us so unexpectedly.

Jimmy Conroy was the ultimate family man, a great Gael, an immensely proud Galway man, a tremendous Éire Óg man and an ardent G.A.A supporter and a passionate lover of the National game of hurling.

Jimmy hailed from the famous Carnmore/Claregalway parish where he was born in 1938. He played schoolboy hurling for his native parish before he went on to win two Connacht senior colleges medals with St.



Mary's of Galway. His club performances at a young age in his beloved red club jersey attracted the attention of the county selectors and Jimmy was selected on the Galway minor hurling team for 3 consecutive years, 1954, 1955, 1956. It wasn't long until he made his debut with the Galway senior team and Jimmy had his boyhood dream realised in October 1958 at Semple Stadium Thurles when he donned the maroon and white, lining out with no.13 on his back as the Tribesmen beat Wexford in the Oireachtas final to win the Thomas Ashe trophy.

Jimmy Conroy was an automatic choice on the Galway hurling team from 1958-1968 when for the most part they partook in the Munster Senior Championship.

Jimmy Conroy joined An Garda Síochána and during his many postings he carried his well-honed skills, determination and boundless energy with him in helping local teams. He played with Whitegate and Éire Óg Ennis, as well as lining out for the Clare Division of the force in competitions. One of Jimmy's proudest and happiest moments in the Banner was when he assisted Feakle to win the Clare Cup. Jimmy was a popular, well respected and highly regarded acquisition by the "Toomevara Greyhounds" as he was stationed in the local village from 1966-1971. His many battles with the North Tipp teams are often spoken about, but I suppose none more than the intense rivalry between Toome and they're near neighbours Moneygall that was guaranteed to fill MacDonagh Park Nenagh when they met.

Jimmy was transferred to Nenagh in 1972 and with building a new house and starting a family he was kept busy. His hurling career now ended Jimmy was called upon to referee club matches and was often called upon to referee inter county matches held in Nenagh. Jimmy became a member of Éire Óg and he proved to be a very valuable asset as an administrator, team manager, selector, and in later years a keen player in that exclusive den of rogues the "45" club.

Jimmy was one of the prime instigators of setting up the Éire Óg Juvenile Committee. Its inaugural meeting was held in Nenagh C.B.S. in 1982 and Jimmy was elected vice-chairman with Bro. Pat Madigan as chairman. Over the next 3 decades Jimmy would hold several different posts at the top table. He was a marvellous administrator with tremendous attention to detail. It was as team manager that his true vocation was realised. Jimmy will be fondly remembered by the scores of youngsters that passed through his hands and under his tutelage they all blossomed. Jimmy along with his kindred spirited cohorts and fellow selectors were to be part of an enormously successful period for Éire Óg juveniles at Under 12, 14, 16 in both codes hurling and football, being a familiar sight at our matches with his daughter Breda. Jimmy was a selector on the two in a row North Tipperary Under 16 hurling teams that won Munster finals in 1989 and 1990. He was also a selector with the Tipperary county under 16 teams. Jimmy served as an officer with both North Tipperary Bord na nOg and County Tipperary Bord na nOg.

Jimmy right up to the end was a loyal supporter of Éire Óg Juvenile Committee. He was "promoted" to an officer post in the senior club, a job which he applied himself to with his usual diligence and panache. Jimmy was a manager and selector on many successful Minor and Under 21 Hurling teams. was very supportive and encouraging to both Derek and Tom all through their sporting careers. Jimmy was a wise, shrewd and great judge of hurling. One of his many proud moments was in 1995 when we brought the Dan Breen to Nenagh for the first time. One of his biggest disappointment was when he was Tipperary Minor hurling selector we failed at the last hurdle in the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny in Croke Park in 1991.

Jimmy was instrumental in bringing the Galway team with the Liam McCarthy cup to Nenagh for a glorious celebration with a huge attendance in 1980.

Jimmy used all his organisational skills and training in organising the highly successful display of memorabilia, photos, and G.A.A. books etc by the Clubs of North Tipperary at the newly built Éire Óg Complex for the Division's Centenary.

Having lost two county finals with Carnmore in 1971-1972 as a player Jimmy went back and trained the senior team in his native parish often citing to me an Seanfhocal "An Áit an nÓlann an tuan an Baine". Jimmy was looking forward to seeing his grandson Billy O'Brien lining out with pride for "The Blues" as he had been nursing him along gently and doing what Jimmy always done bringing youngsters along bit by bit and not rushing them, letting them develop their own style naturally.

Jimmy Conroy was laid to rest in Lisbonney graveyard on Sunday 22nd Nov.

Jimmy will be leaving behind him a hugely loving and grieving family, former colleagues who will mourn him, a community who will miss his warm, generous heart but above all else he will be leaving behind him a significant legacy where he used all his God given talents and attributes to make his mark in this life.

Solas na bhflaitheas dá anam uasal

John Corbett (Éire Óg) 1929-2009

John Corbett passed to his eternal reward on January 23, 2009. He had been in failing health for some time.

John was the eldest of a family of nine, born to Walter and Mary Corbett of Newtown, Donohill. He attended Annacarty National School, coming under the influence of schoolmaster, Bill O'Donnell.

John's playing career began in the 1950s during a lean period with the club. Success first came his way in 1960, when he won a West junior hurling championship, playing at cornerback, while his brothers, Paddy and Willie, played in the forward line. He won a West senior hurling medal in 1964.

John's trademark was his thick mop of bushy hair. He served as club treasurer for a period of time. At one time the club was training in Corbett's field at Newtown and now the present new development of field and dressingrooms is on land acquired from John Corbett. At the time of his death he was President of the Éire Óg club.

Go nDéana Dia trocaire ar a anam.



Philip Cottrell (Portroe) 1976-2009

There was deep sadness and shock in our little village when news reached us of the death of Philip Cottrell on 23rd April 2009. Philly as he was affectionately known, was a bubbly character always full of energy with a word for all he met. Philip played on many juvenile teams down the years and he was a great supporter of all the Portroe teams. He also threaded the boards in Scór with his acting ability in the Novelty Acts bringing a smile to many a face.

To his wife Caroline, daughter Chloe, sons Jamie and Rhys, his mother Teresa, his father Johnny, his brothers, sisters and friends, the club offers its deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Bobby Dillon (Lorrha) 1919-2009

Bobby Dillon was chairman of the Lorrha club for two years in 1976 and 1977 and also served as vice-chairman in the early 80s. His tenure coincided with the upturn in fortunes at underage level when Lorrha won under-14 'B' title in both 1976 and 1977, while the under-16s won the 'B' title in 1976, a prelude to success at senior level in the 1980s.

Bobby was a former Fianna Fail councillor in North Tipperary between 1974 & 1979. Before becoming involved in politics, he served in the signal corps in the army for a number of years.

He ran a filling station in Lorrha village, where after twelve years, he and his wife, Sheila, moved to their new home and filling station at The Ferry, where they were to spend the next 29 years prior to their retirement ten years ago when they moved across the bridge to Portumna.

Bobby Dillon is survived by his wife, Sheila, and their children, John, Anne, Robert, Majella and Lorcan.



Bríd Delaney (JK Brackens)

On March 20th 2009 the parish of Templemore, Clonmore and Killea was shocked by the sudden death of Bríd Delaney after a short illness. Bríd died surrounded by her family at Aut Even Hospital, Kilkenny.

Bríd was married to the late Mick Delaney, founder member and former chairman of JK Brackens GAA Club who died in September, 2004. Bríd's life was immersed in sport beginning with her native club



Monaleen and her native county Limerick. While working with the civil service in Dublin she met her late husband Mick, a player with the very successful Young Irelands club in the 1960s.

They moved back to Templemore to settle in Mick's native Knockanroe in 1965 and both took a keen interest in the development of the local GAA. Bríd loved to discuss the build-up and aftermath of all championship games between her native Limerick and Tipperary. None gave her greater satisfaction than the three-game saga in 2007 which gave her a great deal of mileage.

Bríd was always first in the car to support JK Brackens senior and juvenile games and Templemore Camogie Club especially when her own family were involved.

Known to be a quiet-spoken lady, her wonderful singing voice could silence a room with a rendition of her favourite ballad Shanagolden.

Bríd was a devoted mother to her family and a wonderful neighbour, a lady of outstanding values, a daily Mass-goer, a long serving choir member and member of Templemore ICA, Templemore Golf Club and Active Retirement Association and JK Brackens GAA Club.

The club provided a guard of honour at her funeral and the large attendance was testament to the high esteem in which Bríd was held locally.

May she rest in peace.

Paddy Delaney (Borris-Ileigh)

Unfortunately in most clubs from one Yearbook production to the next, the passing of many of the stalwarts of the Association is an ongoing part of life. Our sympathies and support in such times cross all parochial bounds and rivalries and the marvellous family of G.A.A. brotherhood unfailingly displays that great ethos of respect, dignity and solidarity which is one of the Association's most fundamental cornerstones. In Borris during the year we lost Paddy Delaney. His is a great loss; primarily to his family Nora, Philip, Vera and P.J. and to his grandchildren and extended family. His loss is also felt on the streets of "Borris" where the people of his beloved parish were fortunate enough to have shared a long and memorable journey of life with "Delaney".

Paddy was associated throughout his entire life with the Borris-Ileigh Hurling Club. He couldn't but be part of Borris hurling. His heritage through his late father Tom Delaney linked Paddy back to the early days of our club. The old "Forge" at Gortalough was where Paddy's boyhood days were filled with the stories and legends of his parishes hurling lore. The "Forge" where his uncles expertly plied their trade was a gathering place of a rural community whose very lives were sustained by talk and stories of hurling. Against this backdrop Paddy grew up and went on to be a pivotal contributor to the great hurling era of the late 40's and 50's for which Borris is remembered the length and breadth of the country. His exploits as a goalkeeper will always be remembered especially against Boherlahan of the period, when he "blocked hayseeds" on many occasions.

He won county honours with Borris-Ileigh in 1953 and a National Hurling League medal with Tipperary in 1954.

In later years Paddy went on to serve his club at Committee level, regularly defending the club's fortunes at North Board meetings. He served for years as a selector and his hurling knowledge and shrewdness on the sideline contributed to many a Borris victory. His presence in the dressing room throughout the '70s and '80s was always a vital re-assurance and encouragement.

With sleeves rolled up to the elbows, towel on his knees and the "magic bottle" in his hands: "Delaney" brought flagging limbs and muscles through many battles.

For the warmth and friendship of his personality, the unique hospitality of his salute and greeting, Paddy will always be remembered. He was the most likable person one could ever meet. He oozed personality and character. His natural wit, his turn of phrase and dramatic tone of voice, will long re-echo through the streets of Borris. One can readily understand how he was so successful as a representative for the Gleeson Group and Tipperary Mineral Water.

At the time of his passing, Paddy was the Hon. President of the club. As we took our place in the time honoured tradition to form the club's Guard Of Honour at the removal of "Delaney's" remains - bhi a fhios againn nach mbeadh "a leitheid ann aris".

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal i gceanntar laochra uilig na nGael.



Thomas Everard
(Drom/Inch) 1921 – 2009

Thomas Everard died on the 23rd of June 2009 after a short illness at his home with all his family around him. It was the day after his 88th Birthday. He had been blessed with great energy and health and was fully active up to a short time before his death. Indeed on Lá na gClub, his hurling oration inspired all present and gave us an insight into his life of devotion to his club and parish. Tom understood what the GAA could do and did for a community. He was a leader in that community for half a century.

Tom was born in Templetuohy in 1921. He won Harty cups with Thurles CBS in the late 30s. With his brothers Mick, Ned and Johnny he played hurling and football for his native Moyne-Templetuohy. After leaving Thurles CBS Tom studied in Dublin for a few years before taking up employment in the South Eastern Cattle breeding station in Dovea. Tom married Annie Cantwell in the mid fifties. They were blessed with four children Marian, Tom, Catherine and Martin.

Tom put in a huge effort into developing his new club Drom/Inch. At various times he filled different roles, always leading from the front. He took great delight in the clubs successes in 1971 and 1984. He had a special place in his heart for the juvenile club and hardly ever missed a game. Tom also made great contributions at Mid and county board level. He was a selector on Tipperary teams at minor, U21, intermediate and senior level.

His energy and generosity knew no bounds and the club is deeply indebted to their inspirational President.

Tom also had a great passion for greyhounds on the track and on the coursing field. He walked them early in the morning and late in the evening, down his beloved Church Road.

The club offers their thanks to Annie and her family for a life of service and leadership.

Ni Bheidh a leitheid ann aris.

Eddie Fahey
(Templederry Kenyons) 1985 -2009

A great sense of shock and sadness descended over Templederry and the surrounding area on the evening of Monday 9th March when news broke of the untimely passing of Eddie Fahey.

Eddie had a keen interest in Gaelic Games from a young age and was on the U14 hurling panel that won the divisional championship in 1996 with a North U12 Football medal following a year later. He was a member of the team that brought Templederry School its first North

Cumann Na mbunscol hurling and football titles in 1998. 1999 and 2000 again proved to be fruitful years for Eddie winning back to back North U16 titles in hurling and football and county honours coming his way with the 2000 hurling team.

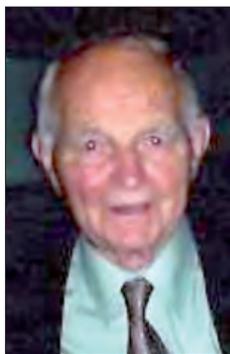
His success continued at minor level winning North and county hurling championships and a North football title in 2001. Wing back was always his favourite position and he played a vital part in the victorious North and county U21 championship campaigns of 2005. North Junior hurling League and North Junior football Championship medals came his way in 2008 when he was also a member of the all conquering intermediate panel that won the North League, North championship and county championship.

Eddie was a very popular young man and is deeply missed by everybody. To his father Donie, mother Mary, brothers J.J. and Dan and extended family we offer our sincerest sympathy.

Timothy (Tadhy) Fahy
(Solohead) 1937-2009

The sudden death this year of Tadhy Fahy breaks another link with the Solohead team of the 1950s. He first came to prominence in 1951 when he won an under 15 hurling championship. He won junior hurling championships in 1955 and 1959 and played in the senior hurling final of 1960. Work commitment took him to live in Portlaoise where his son was a prominent hurler with Clonad and Laois.

Sincerest sympathy is expressed to his wife and family. R.I.P.



Ned Finn
(Ballinahinch) 1942-2008

The death occurred of Ned Finn, late of Clonbrick, Oola and Lackamore on 30th December 2008. Originally from Cappawhite, he moved to Munnia, Killoscully in the parish 15 years ago. He was a active member of the Ballinahinch GAA club since then heavily involved in many sales of works, an active ticket seller for the club with his many contacts. As a member of the committee for numerous years he played an important role in the recent developments that took place in the GAA grounds. Our sympathy goes out to all those who knew him, and especially to his wife, Kathleen, and his four sons and daughter.
Ar dheis laimh Dé go raibh a anam.



John Fitzpatrick
(Newcastle) 1973-2008

On Sunday August 24th, 2008, John Fitzpatrick tragically died at Moonvoy, Tramore as a result of a motor-bike accident.

He was a talented hurler and footballer, who brought great strength and skill to all the Newcastle teams he played for, from juvenile to adult.

He represented the county at minor football level.

He enjoyed success at juvenile, minor and adult level with the Newcastle club.

His loss, at such a tender age, was felt by all his family and friends.

To his partner Clare, two children, Shannon and Sean, his brother and sister and all his extended family, we extend our deepest sympathies.



Joseph Fitzgerald
(Solohead) 1940/2009

The death took place following a long illness on September 3rd of Joseph Joe Fitzgerald in Stirling Ontario Canada. Formerly of Bohertrime, Raheen Lower he played senior football in the red and green of his beloved Solohead in the 60s and also tagged out with Solohead Junction Ramblers soccer club.

He emigrated to Canada in 1978 and despite thirty one years in his adopted country he never tired of hearing of Solohead progress at West and county level or of Tipp hurlers in the pursuit of the Liam McCarthy Cup.

He is sadly missed by his wife Theresa, daughter Josie, son-in-law Chris and grandchildren.

May he rest in peace.

Andy Fogarty
(Moycarkey-Borris) 1919-2009

The death occurred in July of Andy Fogarty of Parkstown, Horse and Jockey. Andy played hurling with Moycarkey and Graigue in the 1940's and 1950's. Andy was part of the Moycarkey team which lost the Mid No. 2 junior hurling final in 1950 before going one better the following year in the same grade, defeating Gortnahoe by 3-5 to 1-1. After his playing days ended, Andy retained a keen interest in the fortunes of the Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary hurling teams. *May he rest in peace.*



Peter (Perie) Faulkner
(Carrick Swan) 1931-2009

Perie Faulkner's death earlier this year was felt with sadness in Carrick Swan club. Perie served in a number of positions within the club most notably on juvenile committees and as juvenile selector where he was instrumental in guiding many future adult players when they first joined the Carrick Swan club. He later went on to serve as selector with successful minor and Under 21 teams and worked tirelessly over many years. A true Carrick Swan man whose family remain closely linked with our club. We extend our sympathy to his wife Peggy, sons Michael and Pierce and his extended family. May he rest in peace.



Jack Gleeson
(Clonoulty-Rossmore and Holycross-Ballycahill) 1921 - 2009

Jack Gleeson lived practically all his life in the house in which he was born, at Moyaliffe, Ballycahill, an important border area, between the parishes of Holycross-Ballycahill and Clonoulty-Rossmore, between the Mid and West G.A.A. divisions, and between the North and South Ridings of Tipperary. His land straddled the border also.



This border location is reflected in his hurling history. He went to school in Cloneyharp where his teacher was the famous Tim Gleeson of Thurles Blues fame. He went on to Templemore C.B.S. for secondary school, staying with an aunt in the town until he did his Leaving Certificate. After that he served some time in a garage, went to work in Dwans for a while and eventually ended up in the Sugar Factory, where he worked for thirty-five years.

He didn't play underage hurling as he was living at Templemore during those years, where the game was football. His first team was Holycross-Ballycahill and his first success was a county junior championship with them in 1941, when he was twenty years of age. There's a blurred photograph of most of the team in the Holycross-Ballycahill G.A.A. history and the team includes such notables as Dinny O'Gorman and Dan Mackey.

Promoted to senior ranks the following year, Holycross-Ballycahill hadn't much success until 1947, when they defeated the great Thurles Sarsfields team to take their first divisional senior title. According to the report of the game, Jack Gleeson gave a 'sparkling display' in goal. The winners were defeated by Carrick Swans in the county semi-final.

Jack wasn't involved the following year when Holycross-Ballycahill went all the way to win their first county senior final. He had a blood-poisoned hand and was out of commission.

The following year he came to play with Clonoulty-Rossmore. According to himself, he wasn't transferred but simply started playing with his new team. Maybe Clonoulty-Rossmore were looking for a goal keeper because he played in that position when beaten by Kickhams in 1950.

Success came in 1951 when Clonoulty defeated the kingpins of senior hurling in the West Division at the time, Kickhams, in the final at Cashel's new sportsfield, with Tony Brennan starring. They won by 3-2 to 0-3. It was the club's first West senior title since they completed four-in-a-row in 1933. Clonoulty upset the county champions, Borrisoleigh, in the county semi-final but the bubble burst in the final when Jack's old team, Holycross, defeated them by 5-15 to 1-4. In the same year he won a Munster final with the Thurles Sugar Factory team.

Jack continued to play without success until 1954, when the parish split into two teams, Clonoulty and Rossmore. Playing with the former they were beaten by a Rossmore side that included four of his cousins.

Jack was already following the fortunes of Tipperary and other inter-county sides before the end of his playing days arrived. He cycled to Cork in 1942 and 1946 to see Tipperary defeated by Cork and Limerick respectively. He also cycled to Dublin in 1942 - it took him ten hours - to see Cork win one of their four-in-a-row. From these journeys he got to know a lot of players and teams. He first saw Phil Cahill play against Cork at Thurles in 1931 and regards him as one of Ireland's greatest hurlers. He reckons the best game he ever saw was the 1947 All-Ireland final in which Kilkenny defeated Cork by 0-14 to 2-7: 'It was a show to the world!'. The best club game was between Ahane and Sarsfields at Newport sometime in the early forties. He believes that John Doyle was

the best player he saw in a long life.

All the memories of those years were firmly etched in a photographic memory. He never really forgot anything and the names of players and teams tripped lightly from his tongue. He knew a large number of top inter-county players, including the famous Christy Ring, and revelled in talking to them about games and incidences in their playing careers.

Almost as impressive is a giant scrapbook compiled by his brother, Matthew, and himself with information on G.A.A. personalities and teams going back to the late forties. It could be called the "Book of Moyaliffe" and will take on similar historical significance to the Annals of the Four Masters in the course of time, containing as it does so much information on hurlers and footballers from all the counties of Ireland for over half-a-century. Both Matthew and Jack deserve our thanks for the collection which is now available in the Tipperary Studies section in Thurles library.

Jack's passing on the 2nd of April 2009 was met with great sadness by all those who know him. He was a warm character, generous with his time and a true story-teller. We extend our deepest sympathies to his sister Molly, his nieces and nephews and his circle of friends who reveled in his company. May he rest in peace.

JJ Grace
(Galtee Rovers/St. Pacauns) 1942 - 2009

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of JJ Grace, Galtee View, Bansha this year.

JJ was born in 1942 and played with Galtee's with distinction in both hurling & football. His main love was hurling and he was known as a top class goalkeeper, at a time when goalies were not afforded the same level of protection they are afforded today.

Outside of GAA, JJ had many loves, being heavily involved in local soccer with Bansha Celtic over the years. In later years he spent time in Doolin, Co Clare with friends and here he got great enjoyment from the area and going out to sea.

His family are heavily involved in sport; He played with his brothers on many teams over the years and got great enjoyment from seeing them and the next generation keep the Grace name on many Galtee Rovers teamsheet.

Our sympathies extend to JJ's wife Nora, his children David & Colette and to all their extended families. May his soul rest in peace.

Billy Hayes
(Upperchurch-Drombane)

The untimely passing of Billy Hayes of Shanballyduff, Drombane created a great void in sporting circles not only in his native parish but much further afield.

Billy loved sport and he fully participated in many activities from hurling, hunting, fishing and racquetball. He gave of himself unselfishly to many organisations in the parish not least the juveniles. He was held in high regard by the youth. He was a well-known umpire throughout the county. Later on in life he was a dedicated caretaker for many years of the local GAA pavilion. He was always most helpful and courteous.

Billy was a great character with a hearty laugh. Young and old will sadly miss his presence throughout the community.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.



Johnny Hayes
(Galtee Rovers/St. Pecauns) 1978 - 2009

The sympathies of all members of the Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun's GAA Club go out to the members of the Hayes family, Galtee View, Bansha on the death of Johnny Hayes this year, tragically at a young age. Johnny was born in 1978 and played with Galtee's all levels up to under 21 grade in both hurling & football. During this period medals were hard to come by, the most notable victory being an under-21 hurling "B" title, won by beating Aherlow.

However at adult level Johnny had better luck. He was a member of the junior hurling team which claimed the co title in 1999 and which went on to county victory at intermediate level in 2001. It was a source of great pride to his family that both Johnny and his younger brother Colm Hayes played a vital role in both these triumphs. The club express their sympathies to his parents John Joe & Margaret, his brothers Colm & Paul and to his extended family.

Seamus Kennedy
(Ballinahinch) 1945-2009

Seamus Kennedy, Farniegh, passed away in late March this year, aged 64. Seamus played with the Ballinahinch club for a number of years in both hurling and football. He later managed the football team for a number of years in the 90s, which brought North junior football titles to the club.

He was the driving force behind many facility projects in both the parish and the club heading up the local FAS system when it was in full swing. The stand in our grounds at Shallee was the fruit of his hard work and drive. He ran the local pub in Ballinahinch village for numerous years. A well known personality in the locality he will be sadly missed, and especially by his wife, Carmel, and his four sons and three daughters.

Ar dheis laimh Dé go raibh a anam.



Thomas Kevin
(Boherlahan Dualla) 1927-2009

On Monday, October 19th 2009, the death took place after a long and debilitating illness of Tom Kevin, Nodstown, Boherlahan. Tom had reached the ripe old age of eighty two.

During his long life, Tom contributed to many facets of life in this parish. In his younger years, he had been an active member of the local hurling club with whom he played through the late forties and fifties. He captained the local senior team to Mid final honours in 1953. Tom was also a member of the successful Tipperary hurling squad in 1951. In later years, he served the local club as team selector where his advice was always welcome and constructive. For over a decade, Tom's health went in to gradual decline and his death on October 19th was a great loss.



Peader Kennedy
(Knockshegowna & Lorrha)

It came as a great shock to his family and the local community in Ballygarry to learn of the sudden death of Peader Kennedy Ballymona, on the 19th December 2008. Peader died suddenly in the company of his friends while playing a game of cards.

Peader was born in Ballymona and lived for a while in Birr. It was here that he first went to school and where he got his first taste for hurling. His family moved back to Ballymona at a later stage and Peader attended the Pike School following on to Birr CBS.

Peadar took up farming at an early age and when he married Maura, it was in Ballymona where he reared his family. He continued farming until his retirement. He played minor with Lorrha / Knockshe at 15 years of age, U21 with Lorrha winning divisional honours in 1965 & 1966. A proud moment for him was being a successful captain in 1966 and bringing home the county U21 title to both Knockshe & Lorrha. Peader played at corner back in 1966 with Tipperary under 21 who were narrowly defeated by Limerick. He came to the notice of the county intermediate selectors and Peader played in corner back position in 1966 on the team that defeated Dublin in the final. He played a major role at centre back for Knockshe especially in 1969 when they won the county Junior title. The following year he captained Tipperary intermediate who was narrowly defeated by Limerick in the Munster championship. He was also a member of the Tipperary intermediate team that was successful again in 1971.

A continued back injury for a good few years forced Peader to retire from GAA games as a player. He continued to serve the club as selector on a few occasions and was always to the forefront when serious matters were decided in the club. He was a great judge of livestock, cattle, sheep and horses and his opinion was well respected by several of the local farmers in the area.

Peadar had great heart and courage. Peadar didn't beat around the bush and was straight to the point. He was a very well respected man in the area and his death has left a huge void in the local community. He was such an important part of the Knockshegowna GAA club, the game of cards, and the local community. He was a true family man and to his wife Maura, his son, Michael and his daughters, Sinead and Maria we offer our deepest sympathy. *Ar dheis De go raibh an ainm.*



Tadhg Kirby
(Solohead) 1940-2008

The death of Tadhg Kirby occurred on December 8th 2008 after a short illness. Tadhg played in all grades of hurling with his native Solohead, and was on the panel that won the county junior hurling championship in 1959. Tadhg's father John B. was full forward on the Solohead team that won the county junior hurling championship in 1939. Tadhg joined the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in Roscrea in 1958, where he was to meet his future wife Nancy Walsh. They married and reared a family of two boys and four girls. Tadhg then played with the Ballyskenagh Hurling Club for many years in the sixties and seventies. Tadhg was also an accomplished accordion player, playing with the Roscrea Comhaltas for many years.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Nancy, sons John and Tadhg, daughters Marie, Madeline, Josephine and Róisín, daughter in law Siobhán, son in law Leo and grandchildren, brothers and sisters.



James Lanigan
(Grangemockler/Ballyneale)

The passing of Jim Lanigan left a major void in the village of Grangemockler.

He was well-known in Tipperary G.A.A. circles. His father, Dick, was the well-known Tipperary and Bloody Sunday footballer.

Jim was very involved at underage and senior level with Grangemockler footballers over the years. There were very few lads in the parish from the mid-seventies to the late part of the eighties, who didn't get a lift to a match in his car. Indeed most football men in Tipperary could testify that he was in regular attendance at most of Tipperary league and championship games.

He died on August 2, 2009 after a short illness and as a testament to his popularity his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Grangemockler.

To his wife Alice, sons and daughters, the club extends extreme sympathy.

Ní bheadh a leitheid arís ann.



Mícheál Larkin
(Loughmore-Castleiney & JK Brackens)

On May 22nd 2009, the Loughmore-Castleiney and JK Brackens GAA Clubs were united in sadness when news broke of the death of Mícheál Larkin of Knockanroe after a long illness.

A native of Castleiney, Mícheál played hurling and football for the Castleiney club and later for the newly formed Loughmore-Castleiney and was the proud holder of Mid junior and senior football medals.

Although he never forgot his roots, Mícheál moved to Knockanroe in Templemore and it was here that his family of 5 sons and 2 daughters were reared. This move was to be to Templemore's advantage as Mícheál's sons became prominent members of Templemore underage teams and went on to play a big role in Clonmore and JK Brackens GAA Clubs. Mícheál was not found wanting and became a very hard-working club member and selector with Clonmore teams. He was very proud of the involvement of his sons and travelled far and wide to support them when they lined out for Clonmore and later for JK Brackens. In latter years the involvement of his grandchildren in the GAA was a great source of pride for Mícheál. He was also a great Tipperary supporter and loved to discuss the fortunes of the men in blue and gold.

Mícheál was a gentleman, a good neighbour and friend and a great Gael. He will be sadly missed by his wife and family and all who knew him.

May he rest in peace.



Paddy Lawlor
(*Nenagh Éire Óg*) 1931-2009

Paddy Lawlor was one of the longest and most ardent supporters of all the teams that represented the Éire Óg club. Paddy hails from a family who are held in very esteem in the local community. He was born along with his brothers Christy, Martin and John plus two sisters Mary and Winifred in Islandbawn.



Paddy travelled reluctantly every day up Anvil Hill to learn the Rs at Ballinree N.S. Islandbawn at that time was like a little republic organising its own teams and challenging all comers to challenge matches in the local fields. It was here that Paddy developed a life long passion for hurling. He carried this passion with him into the C.B.S. in John's Lane and there he developed his skills. Paddy himself reckoned he wasn't much good at hurling but his peers tell me a different story. "Gus" as he is affectionately known to all his friends was a keen handballer possessing a great eye coupled with beautiful and powerful hands and was as good with his left as he was with his right.

Paddy worked in the E.S.B. for a short time before he followed his Dad in to the North Tipperary Maltings and gave 37 years of unbridled sterling service. Paddy travelled the country in a lorry for his employers and built up a huge bank of customers who had the highest of respect for him but not all could agree with him on his ideas on hurling and his love for the "Naynagh Boys". He defended to the hilt all the Éire Óg teams of his times and would not countenance any criticism of its players. Paddy himself kept fit by travelling to matches all over the division and county. He done extra training by cycling on his own to the "Floating Ballroom" but made the return journey with Rita on the bar and was able to draw at all times on sufficient energy and fitness to get him home eventually. Paddy often challenged his nephew Damian, who writes an excellent Sunday Sports Column, when his views would be wide off the mark and would have a second go when Damian's Dad John would drive Paddy for the pension of a Friday when he would give him both barrels. Paddy indeed was very restrained recently at Damian's wedding in Kilkenny, as he promised, from not giving the local Tipperary Minor hurling team Manager an earful for overlooking several Éire Óg minors who deserved to be on the panel. Paddy and Rita were tremendous supporters of our Annual Dinner Dances and contributed to all fund raising appeals.

Paddy's two greatest hurling moments were when Billy O'Brien lifted the Frank McGrath in 1957 and then in 1995 when Conor O'Donovan brought home for the very first time Dan Breen. That night he treated us all in Una's to his party piece "the Hokey Pokey".

Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam.

Sarah Lonergan
(*Carrick Swan*) 1987-2009

Profound sadness descended on Carrick Swan club and the town of Carrick on Saturday 7th November on hearing of the death of Sarah Lonergan, beloved daughter of John and Dolores. The Lonergan family have long been associated with our club in a playing, supportive and administrative capacity and Sarah and her family have been lifelong supporters. At just 22 years of age we would have hoped that Sarah would be following Carrick Swan and her beloved Tipperary for many years to come but her life being cruelly cut short has saddened all who knew her. Sarah never missed a Swan or Tipperary game and her smiling and attentive face was always in the field early to support her team. Even during her illness, which she battled bravely throughout this year, she was always to be seen with club or county colours proudly worn. Sarah will be sadly missed by our club, but more especially by her family, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. May she rest in peace.



John Joe Lynch
(*Ballinahinch*) 1928-2009

John Joe Lynch hurled for Knockmeal Rangers in the 1940s playing in midfield and the forward division. Formally of Drumbaun, Killoscully, he emigrated from Ireland and passed away in Florida early this year. He will be sadly missed by his friends and family.

Ar dheis laimh Dé go raibh a anam.



Tom McGarry
(*Borrisokane*) 1939-2009

A hurler, intimately associated with the great Borrisokane senior team of the 1960s died this year in the person of Tom McGarry, formerly of Mill Street. Tom came to Borrisokane with his family in the early fifties.

His father was a Garda and the McGarry family resided directly opposite the old Sts Peter & Paul church.

He lined out at full forward on the team that (aided by some Shannon Rovers players) brought the first ever North minor title to the club in 1957, thus becoming the initial holders of the Canon Hamilton Trophy.

Three years later, with Rovers players again involved, he was on the side that had the distinction of being the first North under 21 champions. On moving up to senior grade he made the centre back berth his own and with the late Sonny Fogarty and Ronnie Slevin formed an extremely strong and dependable half back line. In 1961 Borrisokane drew with Thurles Sarsfields in the county semi final, the Thurles men's bacon saved by a late goal. Sarsfields went on to win the replay.

Tom took up primary school teaching as a career and was principal of Peterswell NS in Galway where he resided prior to his retirement. Her retained his links with Borrisokane and often paid visits there.

Thirteen months ago he was back to celebrate with his hurling colleagues that great achievement of the minors in 1957.

He is survived by his wife Breda, family Colie, Enda, Sarah and Aoife as well as daughters-in-law, sisters Carmel and Betty, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews and nieces to all of whom sympathy is tendered in their bereavement.



J.J. McGrath
(*Boherlahan Dualla*) 1971-2009

On July 31st 2009, the death occurred, after a long illness bravely borne, of J.J. McGrath. An only son, his untimely death was a sad occasion. 1996 was his greatest year, when Boherlahan defeated Toomevara in the county final. J.J. received the *Tipperary Star Man of the Match*, which he treasured to the end. His playing days over by the turn of the Millennium, he then took the onerous task of club secretary. Aided by his

sorrowing parents Seamus and Rose and girlfriend Leoni, ever loyal to the end, he fought that illness with the same tenacity so often shown on the playing field. Despite his efforts he had to courageously face defeat in the end. *May he Rest in Peace.*



Michael McGrath
(*Grangemockler-Ballyneale*) 1992-2009

The entire community of Grangemockler-Ballyneale and indeed the wider community of South Tipperary and Callan, where he attended school, were shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death of Michael McGrath on October 21 last.

He was very popular in school and in the parish. He was outgoing and friendly to meet at the garage, where he helped his father, Micheal.

Michael loved hurling and football and was an avid follower of the Tipperary hurling team. He played hurling and football with Ballyneale/Grangemockler and was a member of the minor team that reached the South final this year. The lads went on to win the final in his honour.

He began playing rugby two years ago, was quite good at it and enjoyed it immensely.

Michael was academically gifted and a hard worker with a bright future ahead.

To his parents, Michael and Catherine, brother Wayne, foster brothers Sean and Ryan, grandparents, relatives and friends we extend our deep and sincere sympathy.



Mai Maher
(Boherlahan Dualla) 1926-2009

Deep regret was felt in the parish at the death of Mrs Mai Maher. Mai hailed from a noted hurling family – the O'Donnells of Ballinree. Her father James captained the Boherlahan Junior team as county final winners in 1916. Her husband Tim was chairman of the local Boherlahan GAA Club for many years and was Mid board chairman and county board representative on the Munster Council. Her sons P.J. and Jim played for many years with Boherlahan, with Jim winning a minor county final in 1970. P.J. retired recently from his position of Mid Board GAA chairman. Mai's grandson David Collins was a member of the 2009 Tipperary minor hurling team. Mai, herself was quite a good camogie player in her day and played on local camogie teams. For over thirty years, she has been one of the main organisers of bingo in Boherlahan. *Go ndeanat Dia trocaire uirthi.*



Eddie Murphy
(Nenagh Éire Óg) 1952-2009

There was a palpable sense of shock and disbelief when news filtered around the town that Eddie, or as he was affectionately known to his pals "Spud", had passed away just 6 days short of his 57th birthday on 12.06.09. Eddie was born in Nenagh Hospital and lived his early years in Ballythomas. When Pat and Tess Murphy brought their family to Pound Street it was a great day for the local hurling club. Eddie was a tremendous acquisition. He proved to be a teak tough corner back whose no nonsense first time style of hurling endeared him to "Mohom" and his fellow selectors but was feared by all opposition in North Tipp. Eddie had a great turn of foot and was blessed with a great set of lungs, no doubt inherited from the O'Carroll's of Shannon Rovers. All shrewd observers of the game were well aware of his Knockshegowna cunning as his quick anticipating darts put paid to many a daring raid on the Nenagh goals. Eddie was a natural born leader and the captancy of some of his teams rested lightly on those broad shoulders.



Eddie was part of a very successful talented bunch of players who swept the boards at juvenile level in both hurling and football winning many a North and county title. His greatest moment was when in 1969 when he donned the number 2 blue jersey of his beloved Eire Og when the man beside him in the full back line Matt Sheary raised the Sean Treacy Cup after demolishing Moycarkey-Borris by 8-08 to 1-07 in the minor county final. Eddie was also a member of the North Tipperary Vocational School's hurling team who won Munster and All-Ireland titles in 1966 and 1967.

Eddie was an extremely popular young man and he served his time to the bar trade working firstly in the "52" and then in the "Zambezi". He hurled under 21 with Nenagh for 2 years without any great success. He like a lot of others of his day hit the boat and headed across the pond where he settled and reared a beautiful family in Luton. His two children Michael and Rita are like their Dad sports mad, with his son having his leg in a cast at the funeral as a result of a football injury. Eddie received every Monday morning faithfully for 27 years the *Nenagh Guardian* from his devoted mother and this helped to keep in touch with the auld sod he passionately loved and missed so much.

Beannacht Dé leis agus solas síorraí dá Annam.

Paul McKenna
(Borrisokane) 1934 - 2009

It was with great sadness that we heard on October 20th 2009 of the passing of the clubs most staunchest and loyal supporter Paul McKenna. Paul was a member of one of the most famous sporting families our parish has ever known. His brother "Mackey" won four senior all Ireland medals with Tipp in the '60s while his brother Ger won every honour in Greyhound racing for over half a century.



He was a life long member and supporter of Borrisokane G.A.A. club.

Paul was ever present at all our games both adult and juvenile irrespective of venue or time of day. He rarely missed a training session

for all our teams and his passionate support for our club throughout the county was acknowledged by the huge turn out at his funeral by all the clubs in the division and beyond.

Paul served as Chairman of our club and his trojan work for the promotion of our games and his involvement in the development of the County Board draw was greatly appreciated by all involved in the club. A very impressive guard of honour was provided by the club members at his removal from his home to the church

Our club and parish have lost one of its most loyal sons.

To his wife Geraldine, sons Vincent and Darragh, daughters Olive, Caroline, Siobhan, Aine and Paula, brothers and sisters and his large circle of friends we tender our deepest sympathy

Tom 'Gunner' Nolan,
(Moneygall)

Tom Nolan passed away in October following many years of illness which he bore with great courage and acceptance.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Tom was a gifted carpenter and in his young years he frequently made hurleys for many local players. He played all grades of hurling and football for Moneygall during the 60s when Moneygall re-emerged as a strong force in both codes. When his playing days were over he continued to be involved with the club and was one of the main mentors involved with the first Féile na nGael team in 1971. He became a referee with the North Board and was highly regarded as a very fair judge by all teams. He refereed the County Minor hurling final in 1970 and also officiated at National League level in football. He also acted as county minor selector for a number of years. He was an active club committee member for many years until illness struck in the early 80s. All who knew him were full of admiration for his acceptance of his illness and he was always happy to chat with friends about old times. His wit and humour never left him despite his suffering. He was pre-deceased by his brother Spike in 2008 and his sister Anne in 2005. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife, Mary, who looked after him so well for many years, and by his children, Tomás, Carmel, Colette, Sean and Brian.



Murt O'Keeffe
(Inane Rovers)

Murt O'Keeffe, late of Limerick Road, passed to his eternal reward on 29th September 2009. Murt was one of the founding members of Inane Rovers in 1950 along with his brothers Michael and Denis. He served on committee for some years and played for the club. However in 1953 Murt, like many of his generation was forced to emigrate. He remained in England until recently and came back to Carlow where he died. The Inane colours were proudly displayed on his coffin. We extend our sympathies to his brothers Michael and Seamus.

Leaba I measc na Naomh do.

Neil O'Dwyer
(Borris-Ileigh) 1930-2009

It was with great shock and sadness that the news spread of the death of the legendary bone-setter, Neil O'Dwyer on January 31st this year.

In Neil's early years while living in Templemore, he displayed his stylish hurling talents in the colour of College Hill, a team drawn from part of the parish. He won a Mid Tipperary junior hurling title with them in 1954, playing in the forward line.

Neil then moved to Fishmoyne with his parents Connie and Mai and lived there for the rest of his life. After the death of his mother in 1958, Neil cared for his father in his old age, as a devoted son should. A man of great conviction, he held deep republican beliefs all his life.

Neil packed a great deal into his life. He had a great interest in the countryside. He bred and raced greyhounds in his younger days and had many successes with them. He also loved gundogs as he had a deep interest in shooting. Neil also had a great passion for the G.A.A. He studied physiotherapy and put his knowledge to good use in the training of many a hurling team. He loved Killea, Templederry, Toomevara, Drom/Inch, but his greatest thrill was stepping onto the hallowed turf of Croke Park as masseur to the great Borris-Ileigh team



that won the All Ireland club title.

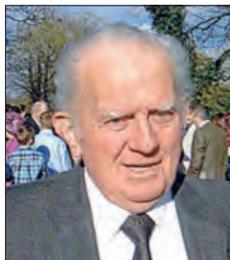
In later years, when playing the game was far from his mind, Neil's house had become a place of pilgrimage for players, club and county, that needed a miracle cure on the eve of some big game. His soothing hands had on many occasions enabled players to play important roles in major games when such a happening seemed impossible. A regular caller to Neil's kitchen was the great Tipperary and Toomevara hurler Tommy Dunne, a player with which Neil held in the highest regard.

People of all ages came from all over Ireland with ailments in ligaments, muscles, bones, etc. Nobody was ever turned away without being looked after in a very caring manner. In 2006, for his long and dedicated service to the G.A.A., Neil received the "Sean Ghael Award", an award which he accepted with great pride. Neil will be sadly missed by his sisters, relatives and many friends.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Robert O'Leary (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1928-2009

The sudden passing of Bob O'Leary, vice-president of Kilruane MacDonaghs, deprived the club of one of its most committed and dedicated members. Bob gave a lifetime of service to MacDonaghs as player, selector and administrator and was a passionate and loyal supporter of both club and county. He won a divisional minor hurling medal in 1952 before spending almost a decade in the United States. On his return he immersed himself totally in club affairs. Bob was a selector on various MacDonaghs teams, both juvenile and adult. He was a proactive, energetic and effective member of the club committee where he was never hesitant in voicing his opinion or challenging the cosy consensus. Bob was vice-chairman of Kilruane MacDonaghs from 1997 to 2008. To his wife Nora, sons George, Dermot, Stephen, Robbie, Mark, family and friends sympathy is extended. *Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam uasal.*



Seán O'Mara (Durlas Óg & Thurles Sarsfields)

It was with deep regret we learned of the sudden death of Sean O'Mara on Sunday evening 16th August 2009. A great G.A.A. fan, Sean had just returned from the All Ireland semi final in Dublin having seen Tipperary defeat Limerick.

In his early forties hurling was Sean's consuming passion in life. Whether it was Durlas Óg, Sarsfields or Tipperary Sean was present both at the training and the games, loving nothing better than to stop, chat and give his opinion on each and every fixture and player. Dr. Morris Park on training nights and big match days was a favourite haunt of his and he knew every player and manager well, establishing a brilliant rapport with everybody involved with the team. Sean was one of the most loyal supporters of Durlas Óg and Sarsfields and he took great pride in their successes over the years. Sadly he was not around to see his beloved Sars win this years county senior title.

His smiling face and friendly manner will be sadly missed from the playing fields and around the town of Thurles. We extend our deepest sympathies to his brother Tony, sister in law Eleanor, nephew, nieces, relatives and his many friends.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Michael (Mick) O'Shea (Carrick Swan) 1926-2009

There was sincere sadness in Carrick Swan club this year when former player and selector Michael O'Shea passed to his eternal reward. Mick as he was better known was part of Carrick Swan's famous 1947 county winning team and also part of many successful Swan teams during that era when he and his brother Tom formed part of one of the best half back lines in the county.

Mick was a gifted hurler but unfortunately just as in our current recession emigration was a fact of life and in 1955 he went to England to work and raise a family. He never lost interest in the fortunes of our club



or his beloved Tipperary and after he returned to Faugheen in 1974 he became actively involved as a selector with Carrick Swan. In that role he had a lovely way of getting the best out of players, no shouting or dramatics, just a quite word had the desired effect.

Mick enjoyed life to the full and when he could he would be seen at most Swan games. He was also a great Tipperary supporter and liked to travel to see them in action whenever he could. The attendance at Mick's funeral bore testament to the esteem in which he was held. He will be sadly missed and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, sons and daughters and the extended O'Shea family. May he rest in peace.

Canon Jim Power (Moycarkey/Borris) 1926 – 2009

The death of Canon Jim Power A.P. Fethard and a native of Leigh, Two-Mile-Borris removes one of the last of a former generation of hurlers from that area. From minor and junior ranks he graduated to the Moycarkey-Borris senior hurling team and became a resolute corner back for many championship games. His brothers John, Neddy and Willie, the Hayes brothers just up the road Tommy and Mick all gave great service to area and parish teams. During his days in Thurles CBS he played on Harty Cup teams and how appropriate that the trophy should be reclaimed by the school on the day before he died.

In all the parishes that his clerical duties took him he was much involved in GAA affairs and saw great success with the Crumlin hurling teams while in Dublin and also with his other Tipperary parishes such as Cappawhite, Tipperary town, Borris-Ileigh and of course Fethard-Killusty. The success of many schools and adult teams in those areas can be attributed to his advice and coaching. It gave him particular joy when Moycarkey-Borris won the county finals on 1982 and '84.

Go nDeana Dia Trocaire ar a Anam Dilis.



Philip Quinlan (Solohead) 1931/2008

Philip Quinlan, who died in July 2008, was one of Solohead most prominent players over a twenty year period. He was captain of the juvenile hurling team which brought the first ever under age title to the club in 1947.

He was also captain when the club won a West junior hurling championship in 1955. He also won west junior football medals in 1954 and 1955. He won a West senior hurling championship with St. Nicholas in 1957 and won West and county junior hurling championships in 1959. He also acted as a club delegate to board meetings on a number of occasions. His car was always available to carry team-mates and juveniles whenever required.

Sympathy is extended to his wife, son, daughters, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of friends. May he rest in peace.

Christy D'Estelle Roe (J. K. Brackens) 1920-2009

A feeling of real sadness and profound regret descended on the parish of Templemore on March 5th when news of the death of Christy D'Estelle Roe became known.

He took a deep interest in the town particularly the business and commercial life and there was no better man to trace any aspect of town life. He was a man of many interests and all his life he took a passionate interest in greyhounds. He was also a successful business man.

We know that if there was a single thread running through his life, a thread which united all the different strands of his being: it was a compelling love of the Gaelic Athletic Association, a commitment and loyalty which was total and unswerving and which covered the entire spectrum of the Association's activities. These stretched from being the youthful footballer of skill and tenacity, referee, through his years as a club stalwart both on and off the field to being a valued member of



Tipperary minor, junior and senior football teams.

From an early age he took a passionate interest in gaelic games, in particular football, and no doubt this stemmed from his father George who was very much involved in the GAA in Templemore at that time. As a young boy attending the newly opened Templemore CBS he soon made his mark on the field of play and he played in goal on the team that won the Cusack Cup for the first time in 1933, beating Thurles CBS in the semi final and Fethard in the final by 6-1 to 0-1, his older brother Brooklyn being also a member of that successful team. He played in two further Cusack cup finals in 1934 and 1935 losing both to neighbours, Thurles CBS.

By now Christy had developed into a strong and skilful footballer and he was selected for two years on the Tipperary minor football panels in 1937 and 1938, losing the 1937 semi final to Kerry and the 1938 game to Waterford.

In 1938 while still a minor he played club senior football and was wing back on the team that defeated Thurles Mitchels in the mid final at Thurles on September 11th by 2-4 to 1-4. To have made the team at such a young age in the company of such players as Bill McMahon, Kieran Holland, the Hanlys, the Meaghers, to mention but a few bore testimony to his ability as a player. In 1939 he played full back on the team that regained the mid senior football championship, beating Baile na dTeac in the final by 3-5 to 0-1. In 1942 he won his third divisional senior football title defeating Castleiney Loughmore in the final by 1-7 to 2-1.

Christy continued to give loyal and devoted service to the club up to 1960 but without success except in 1957 when the club won mid and county honours in junior football defeating Baile na dTeac in the mid and Grangemockler in the county by 2-2 to 1-2.

At county level he represented Tipperary from 1939 to 1944, junior football from 1939 to 1942 and senior football from 1942 to 1944. In 1940 he played full back on the junior team that lost to Cork in the Munster final by 1-6 to 0-3 and in 1944 the senior footballers had a great run in the championship, beating Waterford and Cork before losing the Munster final to Kerry by 1-6 to 0-5.

During his playing days and long after they ended he diligently served the club in an administrative capacity. For most players it is extremely difficult if not impossible to get them involved on club committees even after ending their playing days but Christy got involved on an administrative basis with the club in 1939 when only nineteen and he continued his involvement right up to and after his election as club chairman in 1960. During this period he served as vice-chairman, club committee member, selection committee and he took on an added responsibility in 1943 by becoming Mid board representative and in 1946 by becoming county board representative. These two posts involved him having to attend the monthly divisional and county board meetings and in the early to mid forties were demanding tasks with the only mode of transport being the bicycle. His father George was also an active committee member and was club secretary from 1939 to 1941 and club chairman from 1942 to 1943.

Christy Ryan (Portroe) 1926-2009

The death took place on 6th January 2009 of Christy Ryan, Ardarra. Christy had played a prominent role in the parish over a long number of years with his involvement in the hurling club, Scór and Killoran Community Centre to mention just a few.

In his earlier years he played on many Port teams playing in two North senior hurling semi finals with his expertise of ground hurling, a joy to watch. As he grew older he could never understand all the "bunching" in the modern game, as he said one good pull would scatter them all. In the fifties he had to emigrate to find work and settled in Huddersfield in England. Here he won many championships with the local club.

He returned to his naive home in the seventies where he again became heavily involved in the club. He served as a selector on many teams. His five sons, Jimmy, Pat, Chris (jnr), John and Connie all played hurling and football with the club with his grandson James keeping up the tradition winning a county minor 'C' medal in 2009. Over the years Christy's party piece was a lovely rendition of "The Village of Port" and he certainly had the voice to make it heard with his set dancing ability also gracing many a Scór stage.

To his loving wife Julia, his sons and a wide circle of relatives and friends, the club extends its deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.



Dinny Ryan (Roscrea and Tipperary)

In late September, word came through of the death of a former outstanding hurler, with club and county, Denis (Dinny) Ryan of Roscrea. In early July, his sister, Eileen Barrett, had died so it has been a year of sadness for the Ryan family. Dinny was one of a Sheehills family dynasty, who played for Tipperary at various grades. His brothers, Mick and Jack, were also Senior All Ireland medal winners in the 1949/51 era and were best known of the family, but Roddy and Donal like the other three also played Minor hurling for Tipperary. Mick travelled a bit and won County Senior hurling medals in Kilkenny and Cork. He died two years ago, but his reputation endures.

Dinny had a great love for hurling, was fiercely competitive and in the opinion of the late Dr. Hanly (a long time friend and supporter of Roscrea hurling) he had no peer, when fully fit. Only a few years ago Dinny was honoured at a Roscrea club reunion of the 1954 North Tipp Senior hurling winning team. The club had many reasons to appreciate him. Dinny was a star on three of Roscrea's North Minor titles 1943 to 1945 and he was in the Tipp Minor squad, which reached that year's All Ireland final but lost unexpectedly to Dublin. He was on the Roscrea Senior team as a teenager and won North titles in 1945, 1949 and 1954. Alas Thurles Sarsfields spoiled the party in a replay of the 1945 County Final, while Holycross Ballycahill proved superior in 1954. Dinny was a tenacious defender and the Roscrea full back line, in 1954, was highly respected.

Dinny's family were immersed in the game and his son Roddy played for many years with Roscrea Hurling Club and Inane Rovers Gaelic Football Club. Roddy married a former Tipperary camogie player Rose Ryan and the next generation is already making its mark on hurling in Roscrea. Dinny's other sons were also active in the GAA with Val playing for Roscrea in their last Senior Co Final appearance in 1985, while Donnchadh was an excellent underage player in both codes.

Predeceased by his wife Maura, Dinny enjoyed a chat about past and present hurlers and loved to see Roscrea and Tipperary doing well. *Ar dheis De go raibh se.*



Matty Ryan (Carrick Swan) 1942-2009

Matty Ryan was a most talented Carrick Swan hurler in the 1960s at a time when Carrick Swan club was going through a transition period. At that time it was men like Matty who kept our club on the road and he was a member of the 1962 Carrick Swan under 21 hurling team that won the first divisional title in that grade. Matty was also a member of the successful 1965 junior team and a number of our intermediate teams in the late 1960's. May he rest in peace.



Noel Ryan (Moneygall)

Noel served as secretary of Moneygall Club from 1960 to 1968 and again from 1982 to 1990. During his life he gave his time freely to the club and along with his duties as secretary, he was always deeply involved in all club activities. For many years he looked after the hurling field and always made sure it was in top condition. He acted as selector for many different club teams and always gave full commitment to his players. For a number of years he acted as county senior football selector. He was also actively involved in Scór and as well as preparing young people for the various competitions, he was also a member of the Set Dancing Group which enjoyed many successes in the 70s and 80s. He passed away peacefully in September following a short illness. Our sympathies to his wife Sadie, and his sons Declan and Barry.



Patrick (PJ) Ryan
(Solohead) 1931/2009

This year our club was saddened with the passing of one of the best under-age hurlers to represent the club during the second half of the 1940s . P.D.always played centrefield on the very good juvenile teams of 1946 and 1947 and he was a very accomplished stick-man. In his adult life his was the proprietor of a very successful auctioneering in Tipperary Town.

Sincerest sympathy is expressed to his wife and family. R.I.P.

Tim Ryan
(Drom/Inch) 1944 – 2009

The news of the death of Tim Ryan, Newline, Drom sent a shock through the parish of Drom-Inch. A wave of sadness followed that engulfed all the club members and neighbours. We mourned the loss of a friend and a life long club man who served his parish so well.

Tim played all grades for the club. He was a member of the U21 team that won the first mid title in 1964. Another first followed in 1970 when Drom-Inch won the county intermediate title. He played senior for the next few years. Tim was a selector in 1974 when Drom-Inch won their first senior mid title. Tim continued to serve club and parish in every way he could.

The huge crowds who attended his funeral gave testament to a man of honour and highest principle. Tim was the most humble of men who sought by many for advice on all kinds of matters. The parish is the poorer for his passing. He is missed by club and parish but most of all by his devoted family. We offer sincere sympathy to his wife Peggy, his daughters Una, Anna, and Mary, grandchildren, Sarah, TJ and Eabha, sons in law Tom and Cian, sisters Monica and Joan and all his relatives.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal.



Late Roger Ryan
(Toomevara, Roscrea and Tipperary)
1944-2009

Once described in a match commentary by Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh as "Ruairi Mor Ó Riain", Roger was certainly that and more. He had a big heart and enjoyed the game, whether he won or lost. Roger had a promising early career with Toomevara and in many ways resembled his late brother Tom, who died too young. Roger's impressive club form brought him to the attention of the Tipp selectors and he made his debut in the 1970 Munster Championship –the start of the 80 minutes duration for some but not all Senior Inter county Championship games. His All Ireland victory came in 1971, when his two goals put a dent in the Kilkenny challenge. Despite all of his hurling that was the peak of his success. He was one of the most feared full forwards in the game, for the duration of his career, but championship wins were getting scarce for Tipp. He had a good day against Cork in 1973, when he led Tipp's late rally to score four goals in the last nine minutes, to steal a Tipp win by six points. Roger scored two of Tipp's five goals. Limerick spoiled the party in the final, but Roger's battle with Pat Hartigan will be remembered for its honesty and intensity. Tipp lost by a point in a thriller .There were many shouts of his famous "ah ref", when he failed to secure possession, on that hectic Munster final day.

In 1974, Roger captained Tipp in the championship against Clare, but Tipp scored a miserable 1-7 and lost by a point. The bad spell continued in 1975, when a draw and loss to Limerick marked the end of Roger's inter county career...or so we thought.

In 1977, Tipp lost a six point lead to Clare and the first round game ended in a draw . For the replay Roger ,who was a selector with John Doyle and Paddy Kenny, came out of retirement to play at full forward. His presence led to an early Tipp goal, but they lost by three points and Roger concentrated on the club game after that.

He had won a County medal with Roscrea in 1973, playing at centre forward against Kilruane MacDonaghs and continued to give the club good service, in a variety of positions. In 1976 and 1978, Roscrea lost county finals to Moneygall and Kilruane MacDonaghs both by a point, but they had their reward in 1980 ,when Roger ,who had been injured for most of the year while captain, scored the winning goal less than a minute and a half from the end, having come on as a substitute a few minutes earlier. His goal finished the Kilruane MacDonagh bid for four in a row. Kevin Brady, the acting captain, lifted the cup.



Roger had another chance in 1981, but suffered the disappointment as captain of losing the North and county Finals to Borris-Ileigh. He served Roscrea in an official capacity and was great to encourage players, who were not regulars on the teams. He also had a habit of thanking players who came on and went off, after the games. One of his great hurling memories was an Inter Firm All Ireland won with Roscrea Bacon Factory, in 1972.

In latter years, Roger had returned to Toomevara and helped the club as a senior selector to win several of their county titles. Having been ill for some time, the full time whistle sounded for him last May. There were many good stories told at his obsequies by former colleagues and opponents. Roger would have enjoyed it all. A Tipp hero has left us. God bless his memory and console Teresa and his family.

Jimmy Shanahan
(Moycarkey/Borris) 1942-2009

Jimmy Shanahan of Ballydavid, Littleton, who died in July, 2009 was a stalwart supporter of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA Club. In his younger days he played hurling with the club and was a respected committee member for many years. The club will always be indebted to him for allowing them to purchase some of his lands where the new field is now situated at the end of the old sportsfield. His gesture in that sale will live on as a memorial to him. His coffin was draped with the club colours and members past and present formed a guard of honour.



Pat Skehan
(Moycarkey/Borris) 1951-2008

The death occurred in November 2008 of Pat Skehan of Littleton. In 1968, Pat played juvenile hurling and football with the club and was part of the Moycarkey-Borris panel that captured the county minor "A" hurling title for the first time in the club's history, defeating Roscrea by 3-5 to 2-3 in the final. In the same year, Pat was part of the Littleton team which won the Moycarkey-Boherlahan U-18 parish league final. In 1969, Pat played at wing-forward for the Moycarkey-Borris minor hurlers who retained the Mid final but lost their county title at the final hurdle at the hands of Nenagh. After his playing days, Pat was an avid supporter of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club. *May he rest in peace.*



Jimmy Slattery
(Borris-Ileigh)

It was with great sadness that we heard on the 31st August 2009 of the passing of Jimmy Slattery after an illness borne with courage and fortitude. Borris-Ileigh Juvenile GAA Club lost one of its long servants from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Jimmy served the club as a committee member and a team selector during that time. One of his proudest moments came in 1991 as a selector with the U16B team that won the county final for the first time for the club.

Jimmy was a great family man and followed the fortunes of all his children at all levels with tremendous enthusiasm. He lived life in a uncomplicated manner and was a quiet and unassuming man who always had a smile on his face.

The loss of Jimmy to the Slattery Family was deepened further on the 20th of November last when we learned that his wife Bridie had passed away. Bridie was a great support to her husband Jimmy and the rest of her family during his illness even though she herself was suffering ill health. They were a lovely friendly couple and will be sadly missed by their neighbours and friends in Borrisoleigh. To their sons John and Jimmy, daughters Mary and Patricia, and immediate family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anamacha



Paddy Sweeney
(Clonoulty-Rossmore and Brian Boru's, London) 1938-2009

On this 16th of September this year, it was with sadness and shock that we learned of the sudden passing of Paddy Sweeney. Born in Toragh, Rossmore, Paddy was very active in the club in his early years both on and off the pitch. His family were steeped in hurling tradition and the Sweeney's field in Toragh regularly housed local championship matches in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Paddy was secretary of the reformed Rossmore club when they split from Clonoulty in 1952. A well-liked and capable administrator, he tasted success with the club when they won the West junior 1 hurling championship in 1956.

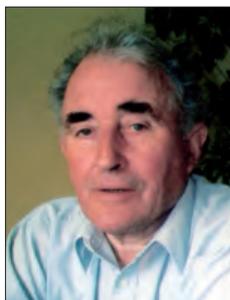
Like many of his generation, Paddy went to work in England in 1961 where he continued his love affair with hurling at the Brian Boru's club. Playing in goals, he won three county senior hurling finals with the London outfit. He was also treasurer of the club for over 17 years.

Paddy spent nearly 40 years across the Irish Sea but never lost his love for his native parish and county. When Clonoulty-Rossmore won their first county final in 101 years in 1989, subsequent celebrations in London were facilitated and organised by Paddy who took great pride in welcoming the boys in green and gold over to his adopted home and club.

While living in London, Paddy became reacquainted with fellow parishoner, Anne Ryan (Lanty) of Turraheen. They married and had two children Marian and John. The Sweeneys moved back to Clonoulty-Rossmore eleven years ago, and had settled back into life in the parish before Paddy's untimely death in September.

To Anne, Marian, John and the extended Sweeney family, the club wishes to express its sincere sympathy. While we all mourn his passing, his loss is undoubtedly felt greatest by you.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Michael Troy
(Moyné/Templetuohy) 1919-2008

Following a short illness Michael went to his eternal place of rest at the grand old age of 89 years. He was an excellent exponent of all that was GAA. His love for his beloved club Moyné/Templetuohy was there for all to see. He played hurling with his club during the forties and fifties. He was chairman of the club in 1971, the year the club won its only county senior hurling title. Michael later served as Secretary of the club for a number of years and was also a selector with many teams enjoying much success particularly in 1961 and 1965 when the club won Mid and county junior hurling titles. Michael's knowledge of the game was well known, so much so that in 1966 he was appointed selector to the Tipperary intermediate hurling team. Tipp went on to win the All Ireland intermediate hurling championship that year. He was also very much involved as a selector with the Ballyduff Creamery hurling team during the early days of the Inter Firms hurling competitions.

Later in life while continuing to attend most games, from juveniles to senior, Michael turned his attention to the cultural side of the GAA by getting involved in Mid and county Scór. He always made himself available when called upon and was often the first person people met when entering the hall. He also served on the county's appeals committee and was a Styles Man in Semple Stadium, Thurles for a long period of time and later became, with his late brother Paddy, one of the senior stewards at the stadium.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Tom Tierney
(Toomevara) 1934-2009

Another link with the famous Gurtagarry team that won the North junior hurling championship in 1955 was broken with the passing of Tom Tierney on August 4, 2009.

In his hurling days Tom was a very skillful hurler and got many vital scores during his career, having come through the juvenile ranks in the late 1940s. His talent was recognised when he received a number of trials for the county minor team in 1952.

Tom represented Gurtagarry and played some outstanding games with them during the 1955 campaign. He also played with Toomevara in 1958 when they defeated Kilruane MacDonaghs in the North junior final.

While he never made the breakthrough at senior level, Tom remained very loyal to the club and such was his interest that he continued to play until 1968.

Tom Tierney was a very quiet and unassuming man with great wit and a wonderful sense of humour with a special love of hurling and he was a loyal supporter of all Toomevara teams.

His untimely death was a great shock to the parish of Toomevara but more so to his daughters, Noreen and Mary, his son, Sean, his sisters and their extended families.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



Patricia Tucker
Nenagh Éire Óg 1946-2009

On the 24th of March this year we lost one of our most ardent and faithful supporters in the club. This pales into insignificance as the Tucker family lost a beautiful and devoted mother and grandmother. One of our greatest servants in the Éire Óg Club is John Tucker who as a player, a committee member, a successful coach, trainer and selector brought his beloved Éire Óg to new heights. John lost in Patricia his best friend, his soul mate and the person who shared in all our victory celebrations and who picked up the pieces when grief was all around the place after hard to take defeats.

Patricia gave us four very important playing members in David, John, Eddie and Kevin. The boys have been part of many successful teams lining out in the famed sky Blue at under 10, 12, 14, 16, minor, under 21, junior and senior hurling and football. Like all mothers Patricia was a good psychiatrist, a good nurse, a good counsellor whilst at the same time meeting the boys individual needs in terms of food, gear preferences, films, music etc. In fact Patricia ensured that all her lads were impeccably toggged out and was excellent at doing all the little chores that we guys take for granted. Patricia supported John, since they tied the knot in 1968, in his long illustrious playing career and was happy to do the same for the four lads whether it was playing for Éire Óg or Tipperary. Patricia and Paula her daughter were ecstatic in the way they revelled in victories by their two favourite teams and there are some wonderful photographs of both celebrating in Rohans in many an album. Patricia was some woman to pray and could be seen many is the morning beating down Wolfe Tone Terrace to visit St. Mary of the Rosary Church. Patricia passed on to her family the love and warmth she exuded. The Tuckers were the best and most sought after babysitters in Nenagh. Patricia was extremely generous and was one of a fantastic group of Éire Óg and Nenagh women who ran the marathon for local causes. Coming from an old and highly respected family, the O'Riordan's from the Birr Road who were extremely popular in the community, there is many a youngster in Nenagh who got a good start in life from Patricia's kitchen in Yewston.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a h-anam dilis.



Tom Toomey
(Solohead) 1916/2008

Tom was one of the most prominent community worker in the parish of Solohead all his life. A life long pioneer, he was treasurer of the club for a period of 30 years during the 1930/40/50s and was one of the clubs most loyal followers. His family continue the strong link with the club and are now some of its most generous sponsors. His son, John won an intermediate hurling championship with the club in 1987.

Sincerest sympathy is express to his wife, Babs, sons, Michael, Tom, Pat, and John, extended family and a very large circle of friends. May he rest in peace.

Billy (Ginga) Walsh
(Carrick Swan) 1936 -2009

Carrick Swan club lost one of it's most loyal supporters during the summer when Billy Walsh, Ginga as he was affectionately known, passed away after a long and brave battle against ill health. Billy loved Carrick Swan, Tipperary and the game of hurling.

Billy was an accomplished hurler in his youth but the need to find work resulted in his departure for England at a time when he was selected to play minor hurling for Tipperary. While in England Billy maintained a keen interest in the fortunes of our club and the Tipperary team and when he visited he loved to attend a game of hurling. When Billy returned to live in Carrick-on-Suir with his wife Pauline some years ago it was as if he had never gone away.

Ginga as we all knew him had a great liking for song and one of his favourites was the Carrick anthem 'Theres a train leaving Carrick for the match'. His train has left now but we will always remember him. We offer our sincere sympathy to Catherine, Derek and Tom and his extended family. May he rest in peace.



Andrew Walsh
(Moyle Rovers) 1990-2009

On the morning of Sunday 4th October 2009 , Andrew Walsh was tragically killed in a hit and run accident as he left Barna Golf Club. He had commenced studies in University of Limerick in September and had attended a 21st birthday party with his brother Paul in Barna.

Andrew had moved from Meath with his parents and brothers to their new home in Jossetown, on the main road between Fethard and Lisronagh . The three boys started playing football with Fethard, their mother's home club. Each one in turn transferred to Moyle Rovers, with Andrew making the switch in 2007. A very talented footballer , he helped his new club win the south minor football championship in 2007 and made a significant contribution in their county minor football win in 2008.

Andrew was also a gifted soccer player and played for the TSDL in the Kennedy Cup and for Clonmel Town at all age levels. He attended Rockwell College from September 2003 to June 2009. He played on the 1st year rugby team and he was out-half on the junior cup team in 2005 .

He was always able to balance his love of sport with his academic studies and in the Leaving Cert 2009 he achieved sufficient points to study Business in University of Limerick.

Our deepest sympathies go to his parents, Michael and Anne, and to his brothers, Paul and David . His goodness and generosity will always be in our thoughts and in our prayers. "Boss" you will always be remembered by your good friends in Rockwell and in Moyle Rovers. *Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.*



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