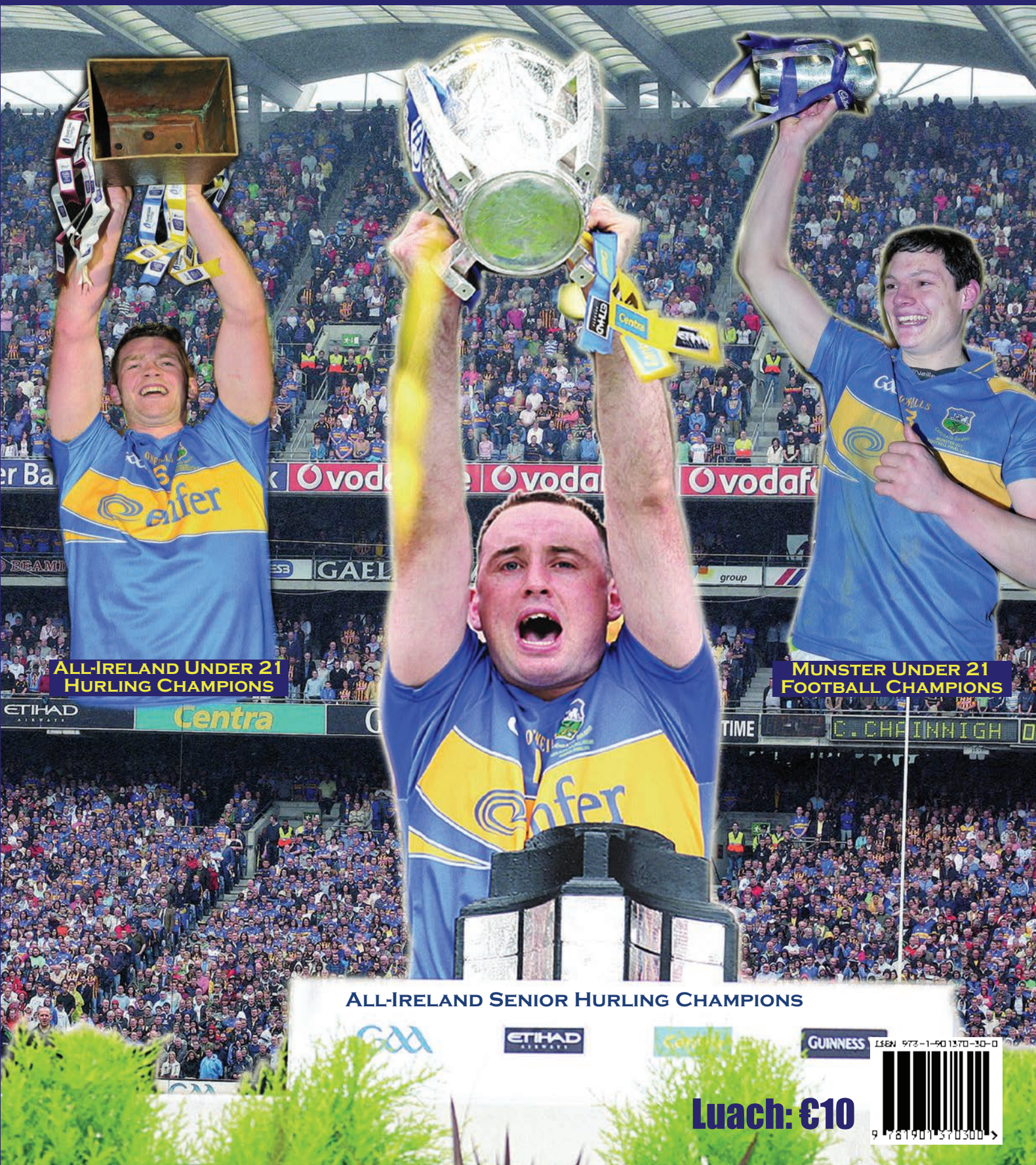


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From May misery to September glory

by John O'Grady

We bask in glory. A special kind of glory. The frenzied excitement of September 5th and its celebratory follow-up has subsided. A quiet but intense satisfaction stays with all Tipp folk. The 26th senior All Ireland title will long be held in affection. After all, it was won against the odds, the overwhelming weight of prediction and hurling's second four-in-a-row holders. In that last aspect it emulated the feat of John Maher's 1945 team which stopped Cork and took over from them in possession of the national title. Eoin Kely's name will be linked similarly with a historic success. So will Liam Sheedy's managership assume a role and a profile unheard of in distant times.

The story of 2010 deserves to begin, as above, with its happy end, its sensational All Ireland final. Still, the order of events has its claims too. It was a sequence in six stages, a tale of initial and discouraging defeat followed by recovery through the "phase" process, re-entry to the main highway – capped ultimately with the victory which, after nine years absence, brought the McCarthy Cup to the Premier County – the old tag gaining high validity once more.

A LEESIDE LESSON

We had grounds for reasonable confidence going to Cork on May 30th. Over confidence? The assertion was made in the light of what happened, though it would be hard to visualise it from mentors or players. Cork, after all, has fierce motivation – three losses in a row to Tipp; their need to pull off a first substantial success under Denis Walsh and after the lengthy and controversial strike. In addition, they had suffered a big reverse at the hands of Galway in the League Final. We had done nothing great in the League but the display in the '09 All Ireland, luckless from the stage where hopes of victory looked well-founded, had Tipperary the general nominees as top challengers to Kilkenny.

Close to 40,000 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh on a dull, grey day were to witness an eye-opener that made a disturbing spectacle for visiting onlookers. Our lineout: Cummins, Stapleton, Maher, Curran, Fanning, O'Mahony, Cahill, Brendan Maher, Shane McGrath, Noel McGrath, Callanan, O'Brien, Kelly, O'Meara, Corbett. There were no doubt which of the fifteen had been most discussed in the build up to the game. Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) was an out of the blue choice at full forward, coming to light in camp games and friendlies, a prospect as little known to us as to the Cork public.

Cork, too, were fielding a full forward of interest in Aisake Ó h-Ailpin, towering even above Padraic Maher. He was to have a prompt impact, being held for a free. Horgan drilled it in for our first unwelcome shock. A Cusack stop from Corbett had denied Tipp already. The flow of play was quickly adverse. Cork's Gardiner-Curran-Ó h-Ailpin line had been questioned on League Final form but were here hurling with purpose, to our cost. A pattern of short puck-outs to Gardiner saw him lob at ease to the Blackrock end. He found Aisake. The lay-off to Horgan brought their second goal – the locals were in full chorus in the audience. Our defensive set-up was amended – Curran to full back, Maher to the wing, Cahill to corner.

SLIDE TO DEFEAT

Somewhat of a settling down followed. We scored four against one in points to the welcome interval, standing 2-5 to 0-8 in arrears. O'Brien, Kelly and Brendan Maher took us to just two down. On sixty minutes our rearguard was breached for a terminal third goal. Jerry O'Connor laid off against a stretched defence, found Aisake alone inside. He beat Cummins with easy finality. Our fabric was now torn apart. Cork topped it off with a string of superfluous scores to the extent of 3-15 to 0-14. Their supporters greeted it with the emotion of people long waiting relief and now entitled to relish it. For our brigade of travellers and for all at home with screen or radio the fact of the loss made less impact than the manner and the margin of it. Our place in the pecking-order was under serious question, a two year reign in Munster ended and the "phase" sector to be explored. For the record, we had called in five reserves: Hennessy (for O'Meara); Gearoid Ryan (O'Mahony); Hammersley (Noel McGrath); Brennan (John O'Brien); Conor O'Brien (Shane McGrath). O'Meara's debut was luckless. A brief switch to wing forward was followed, in retrospect, by a suspension under the review



Brendan Maher gets the better of three Kilkenny players in the All-Ireland final.

system.

In longer, and happier, retrospect one wonders how a cryptic but accurate forecast that we had seen the All Ireland winners in action that day by the Lee would have been received! Cork would definitely have seemed to be the obvious candidates. Thirteen of our starting All Ireland fifteen began in the game that promised so little but proved to be an affordable loss, as well as a sharp lesson.

Shorn of provincial prestige we tuned to the Saturday sector that involves early losers. Liam Sheedy, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan had five weeks to re-group, the players as long to re-think. We couldn't be as bad as the flat display in Cork suggested. Changes were inevitable for the visit of Colm Bonnar's Wexford. A wholesale revision took place in the inner defence. Conor O'Brien, Fanning and Cahill were the trio.

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Outside were David Young, O'Mahony and Padraic Maher. Young had done well in the camp games. Midfield stayed as before. Not so the attack. Gearoid Ryan and Lorrha's Patrick Maher were promoted. The suspension of Brian O'Meara ruled him out. Young, Ryan and "Bonner" Maher were to be significant recruits in the long run.

SATURDAY SUCCESS

The Stadium venue was a bonus. In the circumstances it was a very welcome one as we faced into the knock-out category. Wexford had lost to Galway after doing well to the brink of half time and being later overwhelmed. The game began with a curio among injuries – Fanning's first dealings with Banville ended with helmet tugged and blood drawn. Instant call for Curran who had been out with injury – so had Paddy Stapleton. A fairly level opening had us a couple of points ahead on three occasions before a second quarter surge took it to 0-15 against 0-7 at the break. No doubting the first eye catcher for Tipp. David Young drove three long points with great assurance. The issue was speedily settled on resumption – we registered 2-2 in eight minutes, the points from Eoin Kelly, Young to Shane McGrath to Noel McGrath to Corbett – a brilliant move for goal number one. "Bonner" Maher to Corbett for number two – it was almost a preview of games to come for the lethal Lar. Veteran 'keeper Cummins preserved a clean sheet against the late efforts of the losers as Daragh Egan made it three for the victors in a tension free finish. Gearoid Ryan's four points from play and "Bonner's" two – his all out bustling style a definite plus. Final score: 3-24 to 0-19 and another Saturday beckoned.

Joe Dooley's Offaly came next. They had pulled off a great draw with Galway in Leinster and done respectably in the replay. Portlaoise was the neutral venue. The mentors came up for this test with a newsmaking midfield for Young and a centre forward one for Shane McGrath. We fielded Stapleton, Curran, Cahill at the back. Fanning was back to line up with O'Mahony and Padraic Maher. Ryan, McGrath and Patrick Maher were the outer attack. Noel McGrath, Kelly and Corbett completed the offensive choice. No great stress was experienced in a smooth performance – we could afford to send in reserves for late innings – Callanan, Hennessy, Bourke, Conor O'Brien, John O'Brien. Eoin Kelly put his name to eleven points. Offaly "never built" up any threatening momentum with nine first half wides depressing their followers. Our top men on the day were probably Fanning and Brendan Maher. Many onlookers were no longer looking on when Shane Dooley raised a cheer of no great enthusiasm with a goal in injury time. Tipp had already outpointed and out-hurled the Leinster side, moving on to a higher hurdle, namely Galway.

GALWAY HURDLE

The Wexford and Offaly games hinted at Tipp recovery. The Galway one strengthened the evidence. A quarter final with quality hurling and such ups and downs as to make one alternately worry and rejoice, it had a fair claim to "game of the year". The finale was brow-mopping time as Tipp character fashioned a marvellous recovery to win what could as readily have been lost. In the context of September it was a key to the emergence of Tipp from the gloom of May. Pa Bourke's deft feeding back to Corbett for his angled winner will go down as the crucial third score of the team's late, late flourish. A Sars duet of skill and nerve won the fluctuating day; it opened Tipp's way to a later and greater triumph.

We chose as against Offaly. The Young at midfield and Shane McGrath on the "forty" ploy was repeated, a tribute to David's impact and a hope that McGrath's attacking style would work closer to goal. After thirty minutes, a revision took place, Callanan coming in to his familiar place and McGrath reverting to his. Both moves were to be of benefit. Though we took the day's first goal on Patrick Maher's setting up of Eoin Kelly, six



Padraic Maher breaks out of the Tipperary defence against Kilkenny in the All Ireland Final.

unanswered Galway points in a row had Tipp on the back foot. Damien Hayes was a particular threat, though Joe Canning had been seen in that role in the previews. Eanna Ryan latched onto a puck out and left defenders trailing before finishing high to the corner of the net. Then came a Tipp spell that enabled us to go in at the break at 2-8 to 1-9. Kelly and Brendan Maher pointed before Noel McGrath glanced an overhead ball inside to Callanan. The skilful provision was matched by an emphatic finish and prospects brightened.

We shipped a second blow on 36 minutes. A ground ball of no obvious threat was fluffed and an attempted defensive prod on the ground only put it into Damien Hayes' patch. The goal was a big reverse but, thankfully, the damage was repaired by Gearoid Ryan off a Patrick Maher lay-off. We went a reassuring four up but there was to be no smooth success. If Joe Canning was held scoreless from play he availed of a penalty award to re-open the issue. Galway subs Hynes and Callanan pointed and had them two ahead at 3-16 to 3-14. We drew on our squad in this critical situation – John O'Brien and Pa Bourke for Noel McGrath and Patrick Maher. Conor O'Brien came on for Declan Fanning. The dividends from the fresh legs were to be huge. John O'Brien tapped over for one, Gearoid Ryan for a second and, climactically, Lar Corbett for the flag that signalled recover and victory. Some late Galway attacks had us on edge of seats. Would they perhaps gain a levelling free, as so often tends to appeal to referees. Not in this instance. A semi final beckoned. We were back in the mainstream after meeting three fellow losers, Galway by far the strongest under John McIntyre's direction. In the process such as Gearoid Ryan and Patrick Maher had claimed places on merit and on effort in a stronger selection all-round.

DOWNING THE DECIES

Kilkenny had destroyed Cork in the first semi final despite losing Shefflin early on. The consensus in media and general opinion was now even more adamant – it didn't matter who came through to face the five seeking Cats! Somebody had to take on the task and it might as well be the county that had come close to toppling them a year earlier. To get there, we had to beat the side that had beaten Cork in a provincial final replay and Cork, of course, had hammered us. The logic of form was to be contradicted before 50,000 at Croke Park, where our record against the Decies had not been good – the '08 semi final the

ALAN KELLY MEP

Well done to all Tipperary teams in 2010, and the Best of luck for 2011. Thanks to all on the Senior and U21 Hurling Teams and to Liam, Eamon and Michael. A Sincere Welcome to Declan, Tommy and Michael, and best of luck in 2011.



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Patrick Finn (9) and his brother James Finn (7) from Portroe after the Tipperary vs Wexford game with their hair in the Tipp colours.

latest instance.

Tipp selection: Cummins; Cahill, Curran, Stapleton; Fanning, O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher, Shane McGrath; Corbett, Noel McGrath, Patrick Maher; Ryan, Kelly, John O'Brien. The placing that was to work a "treat" was that of Noel at centre forward. At the rear, Paddy Stapleton went to the left corner to mark John Mullane. A wing berth for Corbett and a corner for Ryan were other options in the attack.

For fifteen edgy minutes neither side had really found a rhythm – scores were level four times. We shot early wides, including some frees of scoreable range. Mullane was an early threat, drawing some frees in our holding operation. Came our first big move, a Corbett advance on Hennessy at the Railway posts, and a kicked finish. The goal was quite an uplift. Noel McGrath was drifting well away from "Brick" Walsh's reach. He and John O'Brien figured large in our interim lead of 1-10 to 0-8. Waterford's defence, so tight in smothering Cork's attack, was here being stretched by Tipp's space-exploiting tactics. Noel also prospered when given the free taking role. Curran held firm at full back, Fanning very active at right half in a generally alert rearguard. Our midfield, too, was in fine form. The half time picture was healthy, at five ahead, but the Decies might find their Munster dash after hearing Fitzgerald's dressing-room homily.

They did respond, coming within three. Ken McGrath was now in. Noel McGrath and Corbett came up with steadying points before the contest changed sharply our way. A Noel McGrath line-cut found Kelly for a neat finish – eight up. Callanan came on as mentors repeated their policy of the Galway game. Corbett dashed through with light footed grace and Kelly had his second goal to clinch superiority. He had 2-3 on the day. To compound the Decies problems Mullane found Cummins equal to his goal bound hit. The clean sheet, though, did get spoiled on an Eoin McGrath goal in injury time – to nobody's concern. We'd beaten now both League and Munster champions to send us on to Sept. 5th with a decent C.V. The '08

defeat had been reversed, by John O'Brien in particular with six points from play. Noel McGrath's part was singled out in the analysis of the game. At 3-19 to 1-18 the margin was encouraging. Our attack had gained in menace.

FINAL ODDS ADVERSE

The build up to the All Ireland reached saturation point in the media. For most commentators the issue wasn't even half open. Such tags as "best ever" gave advance command to Kilkenny. News of Shefflin's availability added to the near certainty. A record fifth would be a target surely within reach for so strong a panel – evident in the way they shrugged off Shefflin's exit in the Cork game. Tipp would find it hard to cope with a side alerted by their '09 escape – such was a common and understandable belief. We would certainly have sympathy from many quarters but that doesn't convert on the scoreboard!

The four time champions trained before large and expectant crowds, Tipp before a good gathering of hopeful well wishes. The rival colours were flown on houses, streets, cars. The Kilkenny motif was a confident number five. Slogans wished success to respective counties and to club representatives. The politicians made sure to be in on line with local sentiment! Plainly the hurlers were bidding for something immense and of deep concern.

For the huge task on hand, for the quest for a first title in nine years – what a contrast with the title rich Cats – we chose: Cummins; Stapleton, Curran, Cahill; Fanning, O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher, Shane McGrath; Ryan, Corbett, Patrick Maher; Noel McGrath, Kelly, John O'Brien. Henry Shefflin duly lined out on the "forty" for the defenders of a quarter of crowns. The preliminaries, loud and colourful, built tension to maximum height – a severe test of composure for a player and anxious, too, for a mere spectator.

TIPP SETTLE TO TASK

Tipp, it was soon evident, were not short of composure. The '09 experience was probably a reassuring factor for most. It was great to see Kilkenny's early advances coped with by alert and



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decisive defence, no openings conceded. The Cats' own recipe of physical, tight battling was being copied. Our midfield settled promptly, too, and soon we had taken the fight upfield with heartening success. In ten minutes it was 1-3 to 0-1. Lar Corbett supplied the ideal boost with a breach of their rearguard so emphatic as to make his goal an uplift for us and a considerable blow to them. From a Shane McGrath lob he outfielded Noel Hickey in an isolated duel, turned and rammed past P.J. Ryan. A Cummins stop from Reid added to the positive beginning.

Shefflin's exit after twelve minutes as his cruciate yielded to the strain was soon a Kilkenny negative. Team mate Tenyson's similar ailment did not prove as vulnerable. The "King's" loss hadn't counted against Cork but was to be no help on the biggest day. Their attack lacked his vision as a provider as well as his personal aspect as a scorer. General applause showed respect for his status as he limped to the line.

Concession of frees ate into our lead as Power converted. Eddie Brennan snatched at a chance in dangerous ground – not like Kilkenny at their lethal best. The lead was re-built by Kelly, a Cummins free and two each from Brendan Maher and John O'Brien.

We were hurling smoothly and Kilkenny's reputation for close and co-operative marking was not being lived up to. On twenty minutes the lead was six. The run-up to half time, though, was of growing concern. The champions response gained a large dividend when a Larkin run found Power loose on the left. Richie drove across Cummins to the net. Referee Wadding's interim whistle found the scoreboard giving Tipp only minimal edge, 1-10 to 1-9. Their goal looked a morale-lifter. On the run of possession and the quota of play, we had cause to worry. Yet it was great to have seen Tipp in combative mood and certainly up to the level of the '09 performance.

CORBETT'S CLINCHER

Kilkenny's flair for second half, even last quarter, demolition of the opposition had carried them through on many a day.

How would Tipp react to the erosion of the good early margin? Answer: In thrilling fashion. Brief parity on the restart. Then a patch of the sort called purple but better tagged blue-and-gold. Noel McGrath to Corbett goal! McGrath himself onto the break of a Cummins free – goal! At 3-11 to 1-10 we had stretched well clear. Kilkenny were far from quelled – four points in a row for only three between. The position was repeated when Reid answered a Kelly free. Injury to O'Mahony now had Conor O'Brien in and – importantly – Padraic Maher to centre back.

The class and striking of Seamus Callanan had earlier in the year given way to the energy and threat of Lorrha's Patrick Maher. Now, with ideal timing, Callanan re-appeared for John O'Brien. Instantly Seamus was drifting into space and hitting two precious points. Kelly made it six up. Again the Cats narrowed the gap, Mulhall and Power the contributors. If anxiety remained, Benny Dunne and Seamus Hennessy eased it – again six to the good on 69 minutes. The great feat was looming as followers bayed in delight. They had one further and climactic thrill in store. Patrick Maher somehow flicked to Lar Corbett though stretched on the sod. With deft stickwork Lar controlled, paused and beat the advancing 'keeper. At 4-17 to 1-18 – Rice had an academic last flag – Tipp had not only won but done it devastatingly against the bookies' odds and the general consensus. The 26th All Ireland was and forever will be, a special won.

Far from being flawed by the backward step that began the journey, the victory gains in merit from the recovery. To get the team back on track was a feat of management and of psychology. Judicious additions to the selection, especially in attack, gave us the balanced side which had the grit and the skill to do what few expected and limit record seeking Kilkenny to what they had so spectacularly achieved since 2007. The link with 2001 through captain Eoin Kelly, goalie Brendan Cummins and fleet-footed Lar Corbett was a tribute to all three for long service and great persistence. The baton has been handed on in optimistic prospect.




Tipperary rush on to Croke Park to celebrate their win in the All-Ireland in September.

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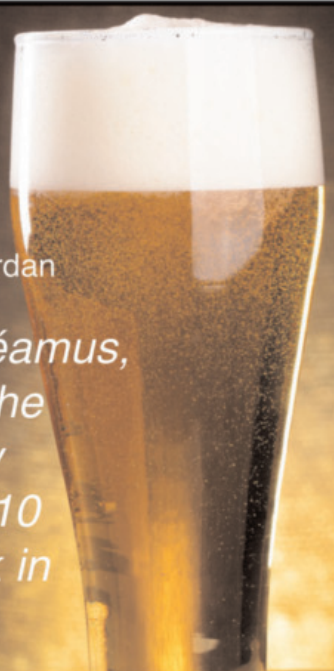
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Win over Kilkenny the League highlight

By J.J. Kennedy.

Every sport has its special rivalries – Ali and Liston, Arkle and Millhouse, Celtic and Rangers. In the past few years the hurling equivalent has been Tipperary and Kilkenny.

And so as Liam Sheedy steps aside there's no doubt his three-year management has been defined by that rivalry with Kilkenny. We had our significant days against others but really Kilkenny was the business. And when we look back on the league of 2010 that snow-stalled fixture with Kilkenny stands out from the list as the most significant fixture in the schedule. In other ways it was a mixed league for Tipperary as we failed to make the final but that wintery win over the 'cats', the night when Sheedy and Cody barked at each other on the sideline, stands apart.

As ever the year begins with the Waterford Crystal, that pre-season warm up as the players re-acquaint themselves with playing conditions. Did I say warm-up? This was the year when Arctic conditions moved south. Some claim ice-hockey in Canada is hurling adapted to polar conditions. We might have played ice-hockey hereabouts too last spring such was the nature of the weather.

Anyway our year began on a stinging frosty night, Tuesday January 26, under lights at Borrisoleigh. Clare, under new manager Ger 'Sparrow' O'Loughlin, were the visitors having dispatched WIT in an opening bout. They'd beaten us in the previous year's final at Ogonnelloe. An historic aspect of this game was the fact that players for the first time were compelled to wear helmets. For Brendan Cummins particularly it must have been a strange sensation.

I'm ever mindful that this publication serves as a valuable record of events so let's note the players who began our 2010 season: Brendan Cummins; Conor O'Brien, Declan Fanning, Paul Curran; David Young, Thomas Stapleton, Shane Maher; Benny Dunne and Gearoid Ryan; Pat Kerwick, Hugh Maloney, Paul Kelly; Pa Bourke, John O'Brien, Eoin Kelly. By end of season, September 5, only six of the same personnel would start against Kilkenny; such is the flux that a year can bring.

As for the game, well, we lost by 0-17 to 1-12. Clare looked sharper, led five-two after ten minutes and by ten-six at half time. Eoin Kelly had a penalty batted away in the third quarter and it wasn't until substitute, Noel McGrath, turned in a goal near the end that we threatened a late win. It didn't happen, however, Clare holding out for a two-point success. Again for record purposes the substitutes employed on the night were: Micheal Webster for Pa Bourke, Lar Corbett for Paul Kelly, Noel McGrath for Pat Kerwick, Shane McGrath for Gearoid Ryan and Patrick Maher for Benny Dunne. All bar Webster would start in September.

Snowed off

Anyway nobody was too perturbed about a January defeat to Clare in the Crystal Tournament because already eyes were on a February league opener under lights at the Stadium against Kilkenny. The game was fixed for Saturday 20 and a real gala event was promised. Having lost the 2009 league and championship finals to Kilkenny this game had added significance for Tipperary. A 'must win' you might say, unless the prevailing order was to be endorsed.

In preparation for the game Tipperary won a challenge match against Dublin the previous Saturday and everything was in order for the big opener. But then it snowed - and snowed with devilish timing. The All Ireland vocational schools' senior hurling final went ahead (Tipperary beating Kilkenny by 2-13 to 1-13) but when time came for the senior game the snow fell with a vengeance and made under-light conditions almost impossible. In the end ten thousand fans were disappointed as referee, Barry Kelly, decided to call off the game as throw-in time approached.

With the league running to a tight schedule of games the match was re-fixed for the following Tuesday evening, February 23, with



Paddy Stapleton goes high to gain possession against Offaly in the Allianz NHL at Tullamore in April.

no admission charge. Off we headed again ... and once again the snow came. This time referee, Kelly, wasn't in the mood to hang around and make a late decision; some of us were only on our way to the pitch when a radio announcement told us to turn back – once more the game was off.

This was anti-climactic stuff, two false starts to our league opener, an opener that had been talked about all winter. And now another difficulty arose because Tipperary were scheduled to play Dublin the following Sunday, so the Kilkenny match went back to Sunday March 7. It was no longer a league opener – and no longer under lights. The best laid plans etc.

Versus Dublin

So, Tipperary eventually got their league campaign going on Sunday February 28 at Parnell Park. The Dubs shipped a hammering from Waterford the previous week and Tipperary probably felt that this would be a routine assignment to sharpen them up for Kilkenny. It was to be anything but routine. A nine-point defeat for Tipperary (1-21 to 1-12) was the shock outcome, a result that ultimately would prove very costly before this series was over. Perhaps it's as well the Kilkenny game had those false starts because Tipperary looked visibly unready for heavy action on the evidence of Parnell Park.

It was Eoin Kelly's first game as captain and once more let's record the line-out: Darren Gleeson; Conor O'Brien, Paul Curran, Brendan Maher; Padraic Maher, Conor O'Mahony, Shane Maher; Benny Dunne and Gearoid Ryan; Seamus Hennessy, Seamus Callanan, Hugh Maloney; Eoin Kelly, Lar Corbett, Noel McGrath.

We got away to a flier, Corbett fouled and Kelly goaling the penalty in the opening minute. A false dawn if ever there was one. Dublin showed all the pep and initiative as they settled from that setback. They eventually led, we retrieved the lead but the final push of the half was from the Dubs and we trotted off five adrift at the interval, 1-12 to 1-7.

We managed just five points in the second half as Dublin refused to back off from what was a rousing occasion for them. Eoin Kelly hit the post and late in the game cannoned a penalty off the crossbar as the day's fate was underlined. In fairness Dublin might have had goals too, Darren Gleeson, holding his ground admirably. 'We were beaten in every line', declared Liam Sheedy afterwards and that admission just about summed up a miserable league opener for Tipperary. Again for the record we introduced four subs: Declan Fanning for Gearoid Ryan, Paul Kelly for Seamus Hennessy, Michael Cahill for Conor O'Brien and Jody Brennan for Seamus Callanan.

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Parnell Park Tipperary didn't emerge for almost an hour. Tough talking, one suspects, with everyone conscious that Kilkenny were coming to town a week later and a second reversal would almost certainly end our league ambitions so early in the series.

Kilkenny at Last

Sunday March 7 dawned snow-less and the hurlers of Tipperary and Kilkenny finally got to tangle at the Stadium. There were changes from the Dublin game. Cummins was back in place of Darren Gleeson. In defence Declan Fanning came in for Conor O'Brien and there was a reshuffle too with the six now reading Brendan Maher, Padraic Maher and Paul Curran on the full line and Fanning, Conor O'Mahony and Shane Maher on the 'forty'.

We had a new midfield of Shane McGrath and Thomas Stapleton and the attack too saw significant change. Noel McGrath, Benny Dunne and John O'Brien started on the half line with Kelly, Webster and Corbett inside. Clearly there was a shake up after the Dublin game with only three players wearing the same numbers as the previous week.

Over twenty thousand fans availed of the free entry on a bitterly cold March afternoon. Kilkenny were without iconic names like Shefflin and Brennan but still looked formidable given their depth of talent. Recent history between the sides meant that this was going to be an edgy affair, an edginess that very briefly overflowed onto the sideline during the second half.

Eoin Kelly opened with the first two points of the game from frees but this was going to be a tough, tight encounter throughout. Four times the sides were level in the first half with both defences on top. An excellent save by Cummins to deny Aidan Fogarty and then a moment of brilliance from Eoin Kelly were crucial items in that first period. The game in fact was in added time before the break when Kelly took a pass from Noel McGrath and with a swivel and strike planted a peach of a goal. It gave Tipperary a 1-6 to 0-6 interval lead and ultimately would prove the crucial score of the game.

The second half remained on a knife-edge, though crucially Tipperary stayed ahead by a few points. Uncharacteristic wides by Kilkenny were a feature too as the game built to a tense climax. Briefly the tension saw Sheedy and Cody exchange pleasantries on the sideline as the outcome remained in doubt. Tipperary clung to a two-point edge before Jody Brennan and Noel McGrath sealed the win with two precious points at the 'death'.

It all ended 1-14 to 0-13 for a psychologically-essential win for Tipperary. A stonewall defence and that individual moment of brilliance from Eoin Kelly were the twin pillars on which this outcome was built. It wasn't championship hurling and it wasn't a full-strength Kilkenny but it did lay down a marker in this ongoing rivalry. We'd beaten Kilkenny – that was all that mattered. For the record the subs that day were: Hugh Maloney for Benny Dunne, Jody Brennan for Thomas Stapleton, Seamus Callanan for John O'Brien and Paul Kelly for Micheal Webster.

Versus Galway

There was little time to bask in the glory of the Kilkenny win because the following Sunday, March 14, saw Galway visit the Stadium. This was another tricky one and for the job Sheedy and co. opted again for a strong line-out, though with a few significant changes from the previous week. Michael Cahill and Paddy Stapleton came in as corner backs either side of Padraic Maher. The half line stayed the same but Brendan Maher was sent to partner Shane McGrath at midfield. Even in early March the All Ireland line-up was taking shape.

Half forward was the most problematic area of the team and for this assignment we started with Seamus Hennessy, Seamus Callanan and John O'Brien. A full line of Kelly, Corbett and Noel McGrath had a familiar appearance.

It was to be the proverbial game of two halves. Just over six thousand paid at the stiles to see a Galway side, minus the Portumna element, take Tipperary apart in the first half. Their interval lead was only four points (0-13 to 1-6) but it could easily have been double, even treble that amount. Tipperary were lucky. Cummins saved from Iarla Tannian and Paddy Stapleton did a marvellous flick to deny Joe Gantley another goal. Then at the other end Tipperary got a 'softish' goal when John O'Brien seemed to get a touch on a mis-hit Kelly '65'. We were thankful for small blessings to be only four down at half time.



Michael Cahill (Tipperary) and Cyril Donnellan (Galway) keep their eye on the ball at Semple Stadium in March.

Remarkably all changed, changed utterly in the second half. The turnaround didn't happen instantly but gradually Tipperary came to terms with the Galway challenge and remarkably the Tribesmen wilted. An inspirational Noel McGrath point immediately on resuming set the altered mood music. Curran came in at full back with Padraic Maher going centre in place of the off-colour Conor O'Mahony - he'd been ill during the week. Small elements combined to build a bigger picture. Tipperary chipped away at the lead and when Noel McGrath tapped in a goal at the three-quarter stage the home team was in front. Thereafter they never looked back as Galway, remarkably, could only manage a single second-half point.

It was encore stuff from Tipperary throughout the final quarter. Timmy Hammersley came on for Seamus Hennessy and joined in the parade with two points. Other subs employed on the day were Gearoid Ryan for John O'Brien, Paul Kelly for Noel McGrath and Micheal Webster for Lar Corbett. In the end Tipperary won by nine (2-17 to 0-14). Galway and John McIntyre were left bewildered by a second half collapse while Tipperary and Liam Sheedy were left pondering a sleep-walking first half. League games can be strange, erratic affairs.

Versus Limerick

The following Sabbath, March 21, we were off to Limerick for round four in the series. Given the Limerick 'strike' and with Justin McCarthy fielding an alternative fifteen we were expected to collect another win without much fuss. The occasion gave Liam Sheedy an opportunity to experiment and the line-out reflected that outlook. Darren Gleeson got his second game in goal. Conor O'Brien was back corner back beside Paul Curran and Paddy Stapleton. David Young got his first league start at wing back beside Padraic Maher and Hugh Maloney. Midfield stayed the same – Brendan Maher and Shane McGrath. In attack the half line this time featured Seamus Hennessy, Seamus Callanan and Gearoid Ryan with Eoin Kelly, Micheal Webster and Timmy Hammersley on the inside line.

It would be a stroll in the park. Thirteen minutes in and Limerick were down to fourteen when midfielder Dean Madden was dismissed. Tipp led 1-10 to 0-2 at half time, Timmy Hammersley the goal scorer. In the second half Tipperary continued on the rampage to eventually win by twenty-two, 2-24 to 0-8. Seamus Hennessy hit six from play. Inevitably we introduced a full compliment of subs: John O'Brien for Seamus Callanan, John Devane for Shane McGrath, Paul Kelly for Eoin

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Kelly, Michael Heffernan for Brendan Maher and Thomas Stapleton for Micheal Webster.

Waterford at the Stadium

Next up on March 28 was Waterford at the Stadium, a game that was sure to test our growing momentum since that early lapse against Dublin. Cummins was back in goal as we reverted to near full strength. The defence had Stapleton, Maher and Curran inside with Fanning, O'Mahony and Shane Maher outside. The Maher/McGrath midfield partnership was again on view. Unusually Lar Corbett started at number eleven between Gearoid Ryan and Noel McGrath. Eoin Kelly was out with a hamstring problem so the full line featured, unfamiliarly, Timmy Hammersley, John O'Brien and Paul Kelly.

We played well in the first half taking some textbook scores. Corbett in his new role hit four points, Gearoid Ryan and Paul Kelly firing two apiece. It might all have been consolidated but for Clinton Hennessy denying Noel McGrath with a marvellous save. Then at the other end Stephen Molumphy goaled for Waterford so we carried just a minimal lead to the interval, 0-13 to 1-9.

Waterford introduced John Mullane for the second half but some of Tipperary's best hurling was seen in the third quarter. A Noel McGrath goal was an important lodgement as we went five-up and seemed to have this game in our grasp. But it was Waterford who came strongest in the final quarter. Tipperary's attacks began to break down and the Deise chipped away at the lead. An Eoin Kelly goal from a twenty-metre free was important in their rally. In the end a foul on Dan Shanahan gave Eoin Kelly the leveller. It ended 1-19 for Tipperary, 2-16 for Waterford.

A dropped point on top of our defeat to Dublin meant the next game 'away' to Cork was going to be critical in deciding whether or not we made the league final for the third successive year. To complete the record we introduced just two subs against Waterford: Seamus Hennessy for Shane McGrath (injured) and Micheal Webster for Paul Kelly.

The Cork Game

The penultimate round of the league then took us to Pairc Ui Chaoimh on April 4 for a crunch tie that would decide our fate. Win and we would most likely be through to the final, so there was a lot at stake, especially with the game doubling as a dress rehearsal for the championship clash on May 30. The management opted for maximum strength when they chose the line out. Cummins was fronted by Stapleton, Maher and Cahill. Conor O'Brien got the nod at wing back beside O'Mahony and Fanning. By now Maher and McGrath was our regular midfield partnership. The evidence of the Waterford game saw Corbett again at centre between Noel McGrath and Gearoid Ryan. Eoin Kelly was back fit at full between brother Paul and Timmy Hammersley.

Early evidence was worrying for Tipperary. Aisake O'Hailpin was bothering Padraic Maher – a foretaste of May 30 - and we could easily have leaked some early goals. Michael Cahill denied O'Hailpin on one occasion and Cummins did likewise to Paudie O'Sullivan. Half forwards were being well beaten so our defence was under strain until Cork, strangely, moved O'Hailpin to the 'forty'. By half time we were four down, 0-11 to 0-7.

We brought an altered mood to the second half. Brendan Maher stepped up form considerably at midfield and was involved in the lead up to a fine Paul Kelly goal. Paul fed off brother, Eoin, for a pair of smart points too and the net effect of our improvement was to go from four-down at the interval to four-up in the third quarter.

But in a game of swaying fortunes Cork came again. Pat Horgan did a neat one-two over Cahill's head to volley a classic goal. We lost Brendan Maher to injury, a critical blow for the final phase. The game went

point-for-point, Tipperary baffled by some odd refereeing. In the tightest of finishes Jerry O'Connor gave Cork the lead and yet another 'soft' free gave Pat Horgan the insurance score. Darragh Egan got one back for Tipperary but in a frenetic finish we failed to save the day. It ended 1-16 to 1-15, a narrow and perhaps luckless loss to Cork. Perhaps we should have been forewarned before returning to the Pairc at the end of May.

Once again our record is completed by including the five subs employed on the day: John O'Brien for Timmy Hammersley, Jody Brennan for Brendan Maher, David Young for Declan Fanning, Hugh Maloney for Gearoid Ryan and Darragh Egan for Paul Kelly.

Offaly Match

The league was gone for Tipperary, though there was one final game to be played, an academic exercise against Offaly. The game was played at Tullamore on April 18 and given the lack of incentive Liam Sheedy opted to try out a few fringe players. Darren Gleeson got his third trip of the series in goal. Stapleton, Curran and Cahill fronted the Portroe man with David Young, O'Mahony and Padraic Maher on the half line. Hugh Maloney and Shane McGrath patrolled midfield. Hennessy, Callanan and Jody Brennan filled the half line with Eoin Kelly, Darragh Egan and Michael Heffernan on the inside line.

It was a low-key event, with nothing at stake for either side. Tipperary led 0-11 to 0-7 at half time. In the second half Eoin Kelly had to retire with a hamstring problem. Tipp were still leading entering the final quarter but then Shane Dooley goaled twice to snatch the initiative for the home side. Deep into injury time Tipperary were still trailing by two points when Seamus Callanan goaled a last-puck free to snatch a most unlikely win. It ended 1-18 to 2-14 to finally close accounts on a league campaign that had mixed quality from a Tipperary perspective. For the record Tipp introduced the following subs in Tullamore: Patrick Maher for Eoin Kelly, Shane Maher for Conor O'Mahony, Brendan Maher for David Young, John O'Brien for Michael Heffernan and Pat Kerwick for Darragh Egan.

So, it wasn't the most memorable league series from Tipperary though I suspect that win over Kilkenny was worth more long term to the blue and gold than a league title that eventually fell to Galway. Certainly it's a league that will long be remembered for the snow and the cancelled games, the sight of Sheedy pushing Cody and the win that ultimately acted as a precursor to September. Championships aren't won in February or March but little straws in an Arctic wind can sometimes be telling.



Tipperary Manager Liam Sheedy and County Chairman Barry O'Brien take a walk in the snow at Semple Stadium in February.

U21s cap memorable year

By J.J. Kennedy

Tipperary's ninth All Ireland U21 title capped a truly memorable hurling year for the county. Galway were the luckless victims who arrived into a county en fete six days after the senior win; the Tribesmen had to endure the heaviest defeat ever in the history of U21 deciders. For Tipperary it was the crème de la crème of All Ireland wins, achieved with a star-studded team eight of whom had been part of the senior panel the previous Sunday. For a magnificent seven of those eight it was the completion of a coveted treble pack of All Ireland medals in minor, U21 and senior grades. Historic stuff indeed.

Yet as the crowds celebrated wildly in Semple Stadium that Saturday evening it was perhaps easy to forget that the path to this All Ireland win wasn't exactly a primrose one. How near we came to exit in Cork must still cause a shiver in the spines of the management. And in the early phases of the Munster final nobody was dreaming of All Irelands either as Clare threatened to derail the project. The story then of this win is a deal more complex than the final would suggest.

Munster was treacherous, a veritable minefield, one where we could so easily have tripped up. And tripping up wasn't an option in this grade, lest the team go down in history as the greatest U21 combination ever not to win an All Ireland. Remember the 2009 team, the successful minor class of '06, who got caught in the first round by Waterford a few days after the Munster senior final. The pressure was on to avoid a similar fate this time - this was a 'must win' grade for Tipperary.

After that '09 exit Declan Carr's management team was replaced by a new quartet comprising Ken Hogan (Lorrha), Tommy Dunne (Toomevara), T.J. Connolly (Cashel K.C.) and William Maher (Ballingarry). It replicated a structure that has

now become the favoured model in Tipperary with Ken as overall manager, Tommy as coach and T.J. and William as selectors. There's was an onerous task, knowing that there was a talented side at their disposal but knowing also that nothing bar an All Ireland would satisfy expectations.

Versus Cork

With a bye to the Munster semi-final Tipperary's first outing was on July 14 when they had to travel to Pairc Ui Chaoimh to face a Cork team that had already dispatched Waterford quite impressively (1-16 to 1-3). It was just about the toughest opener you could imagine facing into fortress Cork against a county that made no secret of the huge effort they'd invested in this grade. Adding to the task was the fact that Brian O'Meara and John O'Neill were unable to start because of injury, though both would be pressed into service during the game.

For the record we began our campaign with the following fifteen: James Logue (Ballingarry); Kevin O'Gorman (Sarsfields), John Coghlan (Moyne/Templetuohy), Michael Cahill (Sarsfields); James Barry (Upperchurch/Drombane), Padraic Maher (Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borrisoleigh); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane Mac Donagh's) and Noel McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney); Denis Maher (Sarsfields), Patrick Maher (Lorrha), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Og); Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Adrian Ryan (Templederry).

3,598 paying fans turned up for the game and they were about to witness an extraordinary spectacle as the match went to extra time before eventually Tipperary came through by just two points, 2-17 to 0-21. What a game and what an escape by Tipperary in the original hour!



Padraic Maher in full stride in the U-21 All-Ireland final in Thurles in September

Tipperary had the better of matters in the first half. Noel McGrath immediately moved to corner forward in a swop with Adrian Ryan. The teams traded a brace of points each before Cork goalie, Darren McCarthy, made the first of a number of top-class saves, this time denying Noel McGrath. Seamus Hennessy was impressing at midfield at this stage hitting some great scores. Another save denied John O'Dwyer a Tipperary goal but there was a let off at the other end too when a Cork forward blazed wide. Tipperary were leading approaching half time before a typical Patrick Maher solo set up Michael Heffernan for a superb goal to leave Tipperary in command at the interval, 1-8 to 0-7.

The third quarter was uneventful. John O'Dwyer was again denied by the Cork goalie but Tipperary were holding their lead. The last quarter, however, was to see Tipperary teeter on the brink of championship exit. Our midfield and half forwards faded and Cork got on a roll, going from three-down to three-up as the game entered the final two minutes. It was crisis time for Tipperary but cometh the hour, cometh the man. Substitute, Kieran Morris, was fouled near goal and Seamus Hennessy stepped up to rifle home an unstoppable free. The ball actually cracked off the stanchion supporting the net and rebounded into play, so Tipperary could be grateful for an alert umpire who instantly raised the flag. Tipperary had come back from the brink to send the game into extra time on a score line of 2-11 to 0-17.

It was in the first period of extra time that Tipperary really put their stamp on this tie. Noel McGrath became fore influential scoring three points and setting up two more for Sean Carey. Padraic Maher and Brian O'Meara also emerged as big contributors. Seamus Hennessy's re-relocation to the half back line was also a key factor. The net effect saw Tipperary carry a 2-16 to 0-18 lead to the break in extra time. In the end it was enough, Cork unable to claw back this time and Tipperary emerging relieved after a truly epic battle against the old foe. As minors they'd beaten Cork in Munster and All Ireland finals and now three years later that edge was maintained.

For the record Tipperary used the following subs over the seventy plus minutes: Tom Butler (Clonoulty / Rossmore) for Denis Maher, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Adrian Ryan, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey / Borris) for John O'Dwyer, Ciaran Hough (Lorrha) for James Barry, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane Mac Donagh's) for Paddy Murphy and John O'Neill (Clonoulty / Rossmore) for Kieran Morris.

Munster Final

At a busy period for Tipperary hurling there was little rest time as the U21s faced into a Munster final on Wednesday July 28, just three days after the senior All Ireland quarter-final against Galway. Reigning U21 champs, Clare, came to Thurles for the final and were in no mood to roll over. The team showed just two changes from that which started against Cork. Sean Carey was in at wing forward in place of the injured Denis Maher and Brian O'Meara started at full forward with John O'Dwyer moving to the corner and Adrian Ryan slipping down to the subs.

Clare made a whirlwind start hitting a stunned Tipperary for 1-3 in the opening few minutes. It might even have been worse. Tipperary goalie, James Logue, atoned for an initial lapse by twice denying Clare a further goal, first from Darach Honan and then stopping a John Conlon 'penalty'. It took a great interception by James Barry to prevent another possible Clare goal so that the Tipperary fans in the crowd of 11,450 shuffled uneasily in the opening phase of this game.

We might easily have gone eight or ten points into arrears against a Clare team that contained ten of the panel that won the '09 All Ireland. Rattled and ruffled it took great nerve by Tipperary to weather that opening onslaught from the 'Banner'. But weather it they did. Key players settled to the pace of the game and by the twentieth minute a John O'Dwyer point had the teams level, 0-9 to 1-6. Clare regained the lead but then came



Patrick Maher solos away from his Galway opponent in the All-Ireland final.

one of those golden moments that will linger in the memory. Brian O'Meara fed Michael Heffernan with a hand-pass (albeit a dubious one) and the Nenagh man, without putting hand to ball volleyed spectacularly to the roof of the Clare net. Tipperary led at the interval 1-12 to 1-9, a far cry from being six-down in the opening minutes.

In the second half Tipperary kept a modest distance from Clare for most of the trip, mainly a three-point gap. A Seamus Hennessy 'penalty' might have closed it out after Brian O'Meara was fouled but the shot was tipped over for a point. At the other end Michael Cahill made one vital interception to prevent another Clare goal. In the end four points in succession from Paddy Murphy in the final five minutes clinched the title for Tipperary. It was a smashing encore from the Nenagh man. It ended 1-22 to 1-17.

It was Tipperary's twentieth provincial title in the grade. Big displays from players like Padraic Maher, Seamus Hennessy, Brendan Maher (who got a nasty facial injury in the opening minutes), Paddy Murphy and Brian O'Meara were central to the success. Above all else we'll remember that wobbly start and how the team eventually came to terms with a brave Clare bid to hold their titles of '09. For the record Tipperary used just one sub, Kieran Morris replacing John O'Dwyer at the end.

The remaining chapter of this story is easily told because the hard work was done in Munster. Outside the province, the All Ireland series was to prove a stroll in the park. The pair of All Ireland semi-finals was played at Tullamore on Saturday August 21, Tipperary facing Ulster champions, Antrim, in the opening bout. We fielded the same fifteen that started against Clare.

It was a non-event. The scoreboard read six-nil at the end of the opening quarter and a whopping 1-18 to 0-1 at the interval, John O'Dwyer getting the goal. And there was no let-up in the second half, John O'Dwyer adding a second goal in a final score line of 2-32 to 1-7. O'Dwyer got the man-of-the-match award as Tipperary were simply in a different class to hapless Antrim. Galway beat Dublin in the second semi. For the record we used our quota of substitutions as follows: Christy Coughlan (Templederrey) for Kevin O'Gorman, Ciaran Hough (Lorrha) for Brendan Maher, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey / Borris) for Patrick Maher, John O'Neill (Clonoulty / Rossmore) for Seamus Hennessy and Adrian Ryan (Templederrey) for Noel McGrath.



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In the first half of the semi-final Tipperary full back John Coghlan was booked for a frontal tackle. We thought little of it at the time but there was a Croke Park sequel which led to his yellow card being upgraded to a red and, despite a late appeal by Tipperary, he would miss the All Ireland final. In the reshuffle for the final Padraic Maher went back full back with Brendan Maher going centre and Ciaran Hough coming in at wing. Otherwise the team remained the same.

All Ireland Final

The final was played in Thurles under lights on Saturday September 11. The venue was a controversial one having been decided early in the year as the set location for future U21 finals. Galway objected and threatened at one stage not to travel. In the end they turned up, though their supporters refused to travel, the attendance of 21,110 dominated by celebrating Tipperary fans.

If you hadn't taken your seat on time, this match was over before you got settled. In just over thirty seconds full forward Brian O'Meara had out-muscled and out-fielded his opponent to fire home the opening goal. Two minutes later O'Meara fed John O'Dwyer for a second. Before the first quarter was over Patrick Maher had supplied Sean Carey for a third goal. Tipperary now led 3-5 to 0-2. Game over.

In fairness Galway kept trying and enjoyed some success in the second quarter as Tipperary slackened. Fine goalkeeping by James Logue and some wayward shooting by the Galway

forwards prevented too much encroachment on the lead and Tipperary still led comfortably by 3-7 to 0-9 at the interval.

However, the third quarter saw Tipperary come with renewed energy. Noel McGrath was no excelling after a quiet opening period and soon Patrick Maher streaked through for our fourth goal. Galway hit the crossbar and then a booming free by Noel McGrath from out the country somehow deceived the Galway goalie for our fifth goal. And all the time the points kept coming with relentless regularity. It ended 5-22 to 0-12, the largest margin ever in an U21 final. Inevitably in such circumstances we used up our quota of five subs: Christy Coughlan (Templederry) for Kevin O'Gorman, John O'Neill (Clonoulty/Rossmore) for John O'Dwyer, Adrian Ryan (Templederry) for Paddy Murphy, Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) for Noel McGrath and Kieran Morris (Moycarkey) for Michael Heffernan.

It was a party night for Tipperary, the game a no-contest. In truth this championship was won in Munster. With an overlap of eight from the county senior panel this was a particularly tricky team to manage and in that regard Ken Hogan and his colleagues take major credit. Besides, many of the U21 games are fixed for a few days after major senior events so keeping the players focused and ready is no easy task. In the event it was a task that Ken Hogan, Tommy Dunne, T.J. Connolly and William Maher accomplished with distinction. It was our first U21 All Ireland in fifteen years, an overdue win, one that offers great promise for the future.

Tipperary Under 21 Hurling Panel – 2010 All-Ireland Champions

<i>Player</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Games</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Sub</i>	<i>Minutes Played</i>	<i>Scored</i>	<i>Placed Balls</i>
James Logue	Ballingarry	4	4	0	260	0-0	0-0
Michael Cahill	Thurles Sarsfields	4	4	0	260	0-0	0-0
Padraic Maher	Thurles Sarsfields	4	4	0	260	0-1	0-0
Michael Heffernan	Nenagh Éire Óg	4	4	0	256	2-13	0-0
Paddy Murphy	Nenagh Éire Óg	4	4	0	254	0-9	0-0
Seamus Hennessy	Kilruane MacDonaghs	4	4	0	241	1-12	1-7
Brendan Maher	Borris-Ileigh	4	4	0	239	0-3	0-1
James Barry	Upperchurch-Drombane	4	4	0	235	0-0	0-0
Kevin O'Gorman	Thurles Sarsfields	4	4	0	234	0-0	0-0
Noel McGrath	Loughmore-Castleiney	4	4	0	226	1-17	1-6
Patrick Maher	Lorrha-Dorrha	4	4	0	225	1-2	0-0
John O'Dwyer	Killenaule	4	4	0	221	3-10	0-0
Sean Carey	Moyle Rovers	4	3	1	205	1-12	0-0
Brian O'Meara	Kilruane MacDonaghs	4	3	1	202	1-7	0-1
John Coghlan	Moyne-Templetuohy	3	3	0	200	0-0	0-0
Ciaran Haugh	Lorrha-Dorrha	3	1	2	106	0-0	0-0
Adrian Ryan	Templederry Kenyons	3	1	2	78	0-1	0-0
Kieran Morris	Moycarkey-Borris	4	0	4	63	0-4	0-2
Thomas Butler	Clonoulty-Rossmore	1	0	1	54	0-0	0-0
John O'Neill	Clonoulty-Rossmore	3	0	3	29	0-2	0-0
Christy Coughlan	Templederry Kenyons	2	0	2	26	0-0	0-0
Denis Maher	Thurles Sarsfields	1	1	0	26	0-0	0-0
Joe Gallagher	Kildangan	1	0	1	4	0-0	0-0
Sean Curran	Mullinahone	On the panel but did not play in the championship					
Bill McCormack	Thurles Sarsfields	On the panel but did not play in the championship					
Paudie Greene	Upperchurch-Drombane	On the panel but did not play in the championship					
Sean O'Brien	Newport	On the panel but did not play in the championship					
Darren O'Connor	Roscrea	On the panel but did not play in the championship					
Aidan McGrath	Loughmore-Castleiney	On the panel but did not play in the championship					
Padraig O'Dwyer	Éire Óg Annacarty	On the panel but did not play in the championship					

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Larry Ryan of Cashel remembers the 1937 All-Ireland

by Sean Moran

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For one spectator at Sunday's All-Ireland hurling final there will be a guaranteed cause for celebration even before the ball is thrown in. Larry Ryan from Cashel will be 80 and hoping that history repeats itself.

When he was just seven his father brought him to the 1937 final between Tipperary and Kilkenny, played that year in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, as the original Cusack Stand was being constructed but was 11 months behind schedule leaving Croke Park unusable for the hurling final.

The counties had each won 11 All-Irelands at that stage and the six previous final meetings had been evenly shared. But Tipperary were a younger team, which was to be a significant advantage on the vast new playing surface (180 x 100 yards) in Killarney.

An ageing Kilkenny, for whom the great Lory Meagher made his last appearance in a county jersey, went down to their heaviest All-Ireland defeat, 0-3 to 3-11.

"The special train left Cashel for Killarney on the morning," remembers Larry Ryan. "There was a branch line there. Although we were living in Cashel my father's people were from Bishopswood, near Dundrum out Clonoulty-Rossmore country. I had four uncles on the Bishopswood team that narrowly lost to Tom Semple's Thurles Sarsfields in 1904."

When Tipp next faced Kilkenny, a neighbour Jim Devitt, a neighbour of the Ryans on Cashel's John Street was playing and again Tipperary won – a trend that stretched from the early 1920s until eight years ago.

"It was an article of faith with us growing up. We assumed that we would beat them," he says.

"I have one flashing memory, a Tipperary goal as I looked down from what seemed to me very high up," he recalls of the afternoon, which had started alarmingly for him.

"There was mayhem outside the ground and the crush was immense. It must have been quite dangerous. In the movement of the crowd I was separated from my father – I remember him calling in the distance.

"A great big man picked me up and passed me overhead from one person to another, like a rugby ball, until I reached my father. I'd imagine my father was more frightened than I was."

There were 50,000 estimated to be in attendance on the afternoon and Killarney was swarming with visitors. There wasn't the same colour at matches in the 1930s: "the only colours were the crepe paper hats that always ran in the rain," he remembers.



Tipperary, All-Ireland senior hurling winners at Killarney in 1937. Back row, left to right: Dinny O'Gorman, Bill O'Donnell, Willie Wall, Jim Lanigan (capt.), John Maher, Jer Cornally, Gerry Doyle, Dan Mackey, (Johnny Leahy); centre row, left to right: (William Leahy), Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey, Jimmy Cooney, Johnny Ryan, Bunny Murphy, Tommy Treacy, Phil Ryan, Michael Maher. Front row, left to right: Paddy 'Sweeper' Ryan, Tommy Doyle, Jack Gleeson, Tommy Butler.

"We went to a restaurant afterwards and shopped for souvenirs to bring home.

As an adult Larry Ryan took a position teaching English in the Christian Brothers Greenpark grammar school in Armagh in 1956 before moving to Belfast in the 1960s where he has lived since.

Born on the 5th September – just two days before his county recorded the famous 1930 All-Ireland win, becoming the first county to sweep the boards (senior, minor and junior) he has shared his birthday with a number of All-Ireland finals and specifically a number of Tipperary triumphs.

As well as 1937, the county won the MacCarthy Cup on the same date in 1965, against Wexford, and once more by beating Kilkenny in 1971 so Sunday will be his third birthday watching the two counties in action.

The Westmeath author John Weldon, who was better known by his *nom de plume* Brinsley MacNamara under which he wrote *Valley of the Squinting Windows* attended the final and wrote an account for *The Irish Times*, which concluded on an elegiac note.

"Later one mingled again with the crowds in the streets, they were moving out of Killarney now and going up against the mountains, which had begun to change their colours in the evening light. The scene had the timeless quality of a great painting."



There are not many artists painting hurling scenes but one is Michael Hanrahan. This picture shows him painting a scene from this years All Ireland Senior Hurling Final, Kilkenny v Tipperary. Michael may be contacted at 8 Cois Tra, Lahinch, Co. Clare. Telephone Number: 086 8251550. E-mail mphanrahan55@hotmail.com

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Tipperary Minor Hurling Panel 2010



Back l-r: Pat Lupton, John Grogan, John Ryan, Ross Mullane, Niall O'Meara, David Reddan, Aidan McCormack, Tommy Heffernan, Seamus Kennedy, Dan McCormack, John Meagher, Jason Forde, Davin Flynn, Justin Cahill, Darragh Quinn, Eoin Fennelly, Shane Hassett, Pat Ralph. Front: Pat Looby, Paddy Dalton, David Butler, Liam McGrath, Cathal Barrett, Brian Stapleton, Cathal Horan, Andrew Ryan, Pa Dunne, Michael O'Brien, John McGrath, Joe O'Dwyer, Liam Treacy.

Tipperary Minor Football Panel 2010



Back l-r: Bill Walsh, Micheal Murphy, Donagh Leahy, Niall O'Meara, Jonathan Ryan, John O'Callaghan, Kevin Seymour, Conor O'Sullivan, Michael O'Flaherty, Keith Kennedy, Benny Harkins, Shane Power, Christopher Ryan, Bill Maher. Front l-r: Liam McGrath, Padraig O'Meara, Shane Taylor, Paul Nolan, Paddy Dalton, Billy Hewitt, Liam Boland, Michael O'Sullivan, Liam Treacy, Shane Leahy.

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Tipperary Supporters' Club had a very successful 2010

2010 was a truly memorable year for the Tipperary Senior Hurling team regaining the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship for the first time since 2001, which along with All-Ireland Championships at Under 21 and Under 16 (sponsored by the Tipperary Supporters Club) provided many great moments for Tipperary Supporters. The competitive season stretched from January to September with 14 competitive games yielding 10 wins including victories over Kilkenny, Galway and Offaly in both League and Championship and wins over Wexford and Waterford in the Championship.

Tipperary were beaten in the quarter final of the Waterford Crystal Munster Cup. 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 large turnout of Tipperary supporters heard Liam Sheedy launch the membership scheme for 2010. Liam urged all Tipperary Supporters to join the club. Among the fine attendance were County Board officers Barry O'Brien, Chair, Seán Nugent, Vice-Chair along with Tim Floyd, Secretary and Eamonn Buckley, Treasurer. At the membership launch, Gerry Slevin, former Editor of the *Nenagh Guardian*, kindly donated the proceeds of his recent book *Through Memory's Haze* to the Tipperary Supporters Club. Gerry presented a cheque for €3,000 to John Tierney, the Chair of the Club and John expressed the sincere gratitude of the Club to Gerry for his generous contribution.

The membership scheme in 2010 has again been very successful and, despite it being a difficult time for many people, a record number of supporters again joined up and received the free gift which was a specially designed Tipperary Supporters pen with a pull-out containing the 2010 fixtures. Other features of membership were a special car sticker, membership card, draws for 5 pairs of stand tickets to each of Tipperary's Munster and All-Ireland SH Championship games and a deluxe All-Ireland Hurling Final weekend with a pair of stand tickets to the game and two nights' accommodation at the 4 star Louis Fitzgerald Hotel www.louisfitzgeraldhotel.com. Details of all prize winners are on www.tipsupportersclub.com and more members than ever joined on line there. The direct debit scheme went from strength to strength, which saves greatly on administration and costs, a major point for any organisation which relies totally on voluntary effort. Louis Fitzgerald has kindly provided an attractive 25% discount on accommodation at the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel for Tipperary Supporters Club members, log on to www.tipsupportersclub.com for further details.

Supporters are invited to the 2011 launch which takes place in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Thursday 20th January 2011. 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@tipsupportersclub.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 2010 Allianz GAA National Hurling League was scheduled to be against All-Ireland Champions Kilkenny in Semple Stadium. The exceptionally bad weather conditions at the time resulted in the game being postponed on two occasions but when it did go ahead Tipperary registered a significant win.

The Club's Annual General Meeting took place in the Templemore Arms Hotel, Templemore, on 24th March, our first AGM at that venue. Among those to address the meeting were Liam Sheedy, Barry O'Brien, County Board Chair, and Michael Fenton, Chair, Tipperary Association, Dublin. Liam Sheedy urged all Tipperary supporters to assist the club. Also present at the meeting were players Larry Corbett, Noel McGrath and Brendan Maher. Matt Gleeson had decided to step down after many years of tremendous service as a committee member and tributes were paid to Matt's contribution. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: John Tierney (Chairman), Joe Tuohy (Secretary), Eamonn Buckley (Treasurer), John Ryan (Assistant Treasurer) and John Coman (PRO and Membership Officer). During the year, Michael Collins of Newport was co-opted on to the Supporters Club Committee.

Following the Allianz GAA National Hurling League campaign, the Annual Golf Classic was again a major fund-raising and social success in the club's calendar. For the tenth year in succession the County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel was the venue on 13th and 14th 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 delighted to welcome Paudie Butler, GAA National Director of Hurling to Dundrum to launch the All-Ireland Under 16 Championship and to preside over the draw for it.

Following the Munster Championship defeat to Cork, the senior panel and management refocused on the All-Ireland series and qualified for the quarter final after wins over Wexford and Offaly. In the quarter final, a great finish to the game saw Tipperary beat Galway by one point. In August, a clearcut win over Munster champions Waterford in the All-Ireland semi-final qualified the team for a rematch of the 2009 All-Ireland Final against Kilkenny.

The Supporters' Club was delighted to assist team management with financial and logistical support towards the expenses of



Conor Shanahan, Tipperary Supporters' Club Junior Mascot, pictured before the Tipperary v Waterford Allianz NHL game on 28 March 2010 with captains Stephen Molumphy and Declan Fanning and referee Cathal McAllister (Cork). Photo courtesy Jerry Ring.



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training, travel, accommodation and specialist injury treatment, including elements of intensive training camps. The club also offered assistance to the County Board in managing medical claims relating to the senior hurling panel. To help meet the costs of Tipperary's participation in the Final, the club organised a second Golf Classic at the Palmerstown House Estate, Johnstown, Co Kildare on 3rd/4th September, the weekend of the All-Ireland Final. 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 Palmerstown for providing a lovely venue and superb back up support <http://www.palmerstownhouse.com/>.

In the All-Ireland Final, which Tipperary entered as outsiders against four-in-a-row champions Kilkenny, the team provided an thrilling display of hurling in what was seen as a great final. This year Tipp were not to be denied and the victory will stand well in the list of Tipperary's 26 All-Ireland championships. It was a great moment for all Tipperary supporters when Eoin Kelly, captain, raised the Liam McCarthy Cup. That evening the panel and management got a huge reception from the Tipperary supporters gathered in the Burlington Hotel for the traditional banquet organised by the Tipperary Association, Dublin, in conjunction with the Tipperary County Board and the Tipperary Supporters Club.

The minor team were knocked out of the Munster Championship by Clare in Ennis. The Under 21 team won the Munster Final in Thurles against All-Ireland champions Clare, and went on to become All-Ireland champions in a powerful display against Galway in Thurles six days after the senior final. 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 again won this year's final, beating Galway in Semple Stadium. This competition has proved to be an important springboard for our minor teams.

Measures of the success of the season can be seen in the nomination of 14 players for Vodafone GAA All Star Awards. The six Tipperary winners, Eoin Kelly with his sixth award along with Pádraig Maher, Larry Corbett, Brendan Cummins, Brendan Maher and Noel McGrath, meant that Tipperary was the county with the highest number of award winners. Larry was also the winner of the Player of the Year award while Brendan Maher was also nominated for that award. Brendan won the Young Player of the Year Award while Noel McGrath was also nominated for it. Congratulations also to Séamus Hennessy who was selected as Bórd Gáis Under 21 Hurler of the Year. We would also look forward to a full return to action for James Woodlock, Paul Kelly and Pat Kerwick, all of whom suffered serious injuries.

In October came the announcement that Liam Sheedy, Eamonn O'Shea and Michael Ryan had decided not to continue as manager, coach and selector of the senior team. The Tipperary Supporters Club would like to record our sincere thanks to Liam, Eamonn and Michael for the outstanding service which they gave to Tipperary for the past three years, culminating in the terrific All-Ireland success of this year. Go néirí libh.

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. This year we introduced a very popular text service for current members giving them immediate information on the senior championship team selection. Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann!

Another way in which supporters can show their backing for the team is by applying for the Bank of Ireland Tipperary GAA Credit Card (see www.tippsupportersclub.com for more details). Discounts continue to be rolled out for members and the latest feature is a local discount scheme run by a Nenagh company, www.mysaver.ie. Just go to that website and nominate Tipperary Supporters Club as your club to be free discount offers texted to

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Tipperary Supporters' Club



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

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- weekly draw for prizes which have included draws for match tickets, Tipperary Supporters Caps, Keyrings and Radios.
- a weekly email to members with all the news of competitions, prizes etc
- Conor Shanahan of Clonakenny, Lucy Cunningham of Drom and Daragh Phelan of Clonmel were the lucky winners of the draw to be Match Mascots for the Tipperary SH team at the NHL home games against Waterford, Galway and Kilkenny respectively. The mascots and their families has a great day out which included meeting the team captains and being guests of TippFM at the live radio commentary, where they got a lovely welcome from Paddy Finucane and Walty Moloney of the TippFM team www.tippfm.com.
- Eugene Ryan from Rossmore won an interview with Larry Corbett. The interview was published in the County Senior Hurling Final programme and it can be read on www.tippsupportersclub.com also.

There will be lots of prizes and events in 2011 too so if you are a Tipperary Supporter and under 18 years of age join for FREE on www.tippsupportersclub.com. The Junior Membership is one of the many ways that the Tipperary Supporters Club supports underage hurling in Tipperary. A special thanks is due to Jim Reidy for all his work on Junior and Adult memberships.

Did you know?

Tipperary Supporters Club sponsors the All Ireland Under 16 Hurling Championship, which is organised by Tipperary GAA Bord na nÓg and held in Tipperary every year.

Tipperary Supporters Club invested more than €10,000 in under age hurling in Tipperary in 2009.

Adult membership costs just €30 and includes membership card, car sticker, specially-designed exclusive gift and entry in to draws for stand tickets for all of Tipperary's Munster and All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship games in 2011. Adult membership can be bought on line at www.tippsupportersclub.com.

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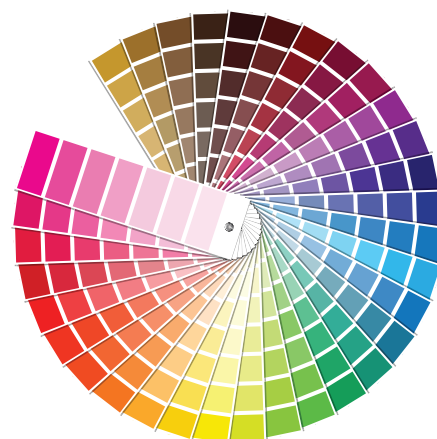
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Tipperary Intermediate Hurling 2010



Tipperary IH Panel. Back l-r: Richie McGrath, Martin Dunne, Colin Larkin, George Hannigan, Alan Byrnes, Willie O'Dwyer, Pat Buckley, John Foley, Thomas Gleeson, Keith O'Dwyer, Cathal Dillon, Sean O'Brien, Willie Keogh. Front Row L/R: Lee Mackey (Capt.), Niall Teehan, Philip Austin, John Coughlan, Sean Carey, Ronan Sherlock, Bill McCormack, Pat Murnane, Evan Hanley, John Lillis, Timmy Dalton.

Tipperary Junior Footballers 2010



Tipperary JF v Kerry: Back l-r: Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Foley, Gavin Ryan, Laurence Coskeran, Liam O'Gorman, Richard Power, Kieran Kenrick, Stephen Hahessy, Paul McEvoy, Bernard O'Brien, Jack English, Declan Lynagh. Front l-r: Tony Egan, Darren Lowry, Ger Hally, Darragh Dwyer, Pdraig O'Dwyer, Donagh Heffernan, Ryan O'Dwyer, David Buckley, Thomas Hanly, Derek Bourke, Robbie Kiely, Donal Lynch.

Tipperary Senior Football

By Shane Brophy

While it would appear that Tipperary football took a step back in 2010, the fact that they didn't hit the headlines this year shouldn't hide the fact that the premier county are still going in the right direction at senior inter-county level.

Successive promotions in 2008 and 2009 saw Tipperary play in division two if this year's National League but while their stay, for the moment, has just been one year, it was still a very positive league campaign.

Tipperary found themselves in a very competitive division and at the start of which, if you had offered Tipperary five points from their seven games, they would have believed that it would have been good enough to stay up.

In the other three divisions, a fine-point haul would have been good enough to avoid being in the bottom two but in the end Tipp came up short by just a point of earning a second year in the second tier.

Reflecting on the league, Tipperary will rue the defeat to Donegal in round five as the costly one. It was made even more disappointing that it came just six days after the superb win over Meath. However, they were not able to get back down from the high of that win and the single point defeat to the Ulster side ultimately proved crucial.

Poor starts dogged Tipperary's league campaign yet again. In the opener at a foggy Portlaoise in early February, Tipperary allowed Laois open a ten-point lead at one stage before reeling in the home side to level but weren't able to kick-on. However, they were to get their revenge later in the summer.

When Tipperary suffered a heavy 12-point defeat at home to Kildare in round two, we wondered were Tipperary out of their depth in the division but we got our answer in round three as Tipperary galvanised themselves and earned a superb draw in Newry against subsequent All Ireland runners-up Down who

started ten of the side that began the All Ireland defeat to Cork.

The point gave Tipp the boost they required as they went onto beat Meath in round four in what was the highlight of the league campaign. The subsequent defeat to Donegal proved costly as it meant Tipperary had to earn something from the trip to Crossmaglen to take on Armagh.

Tipperary again started slowly with Armagh leading by 12-points at one stage early in the second half. Yet again, Tipperary made a dramatic comeback to level with five minutes to go before the Orchard men found their stride to win in the end by four points.

The defeat meant that the final game against Westmeath was immaterial with both teams already doomed to relegation but Tipperary ended on a high with a good six-point win as thoughts turned to the championship.

It couldn't have been much tougher for Tipperary in their Munster Championship opener as they welcomed All Ireland champions Kerry to Semple Stadium in mid May.

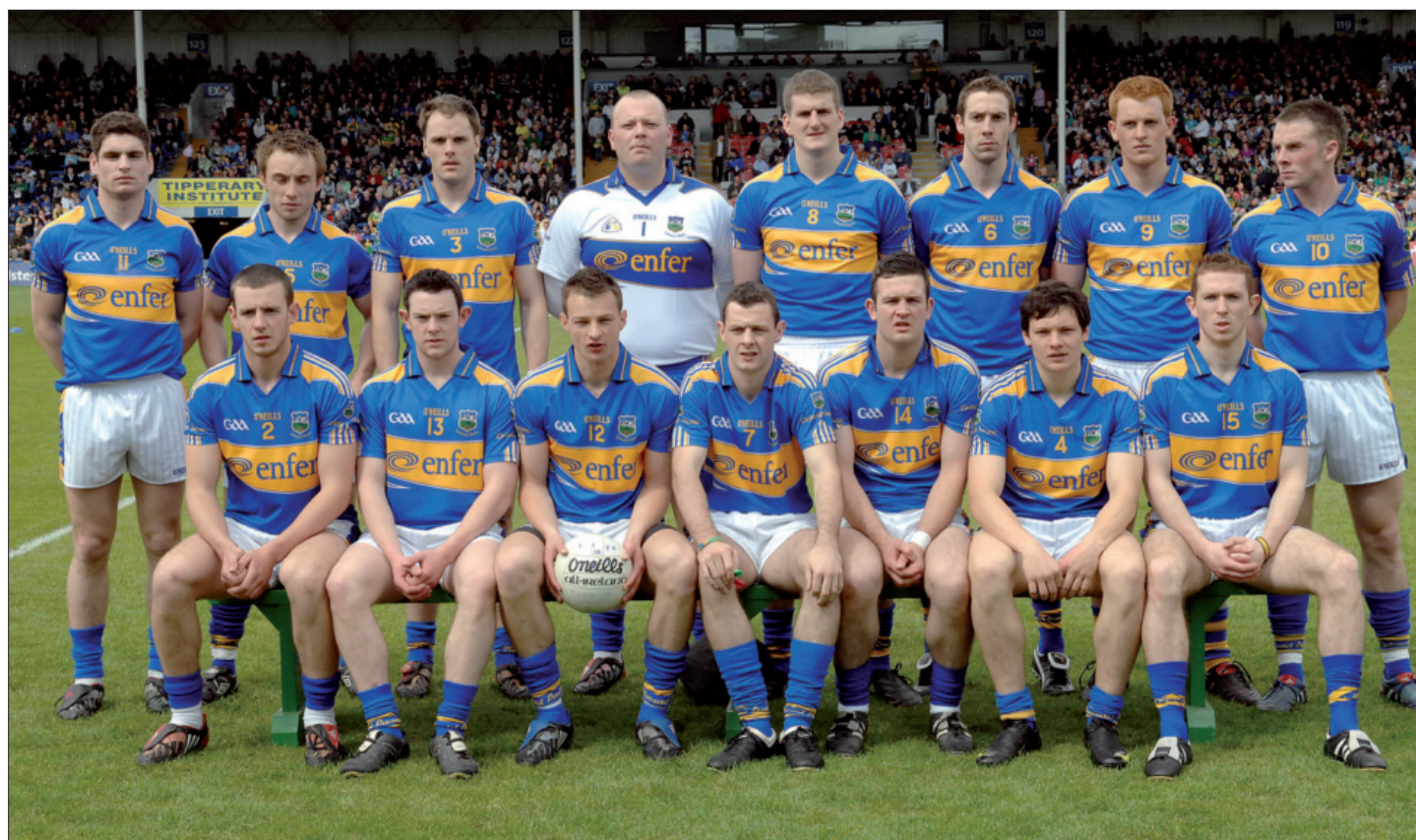
A superb goal by Philip Austin in the fifth minute got Tipperary off to a superb start and while Kerry recovered to lead by one-point at half time, Tipperary were struggling to stem the tide as Kerry's movement plus the presence of Kieran Donaghy at the edge of the square posed major problems.

A Barry Grogan goal in the 50th minute ensured Tipp were still in the game trailing by two points but Kerry pulled away in the end to record a comfortable victory.

Tipperary had to endure another long wait until their All Ireland Qualifier when they were drawn to meet Laois in Semple Stadium. With key players, Ciaran McDonald and Christopher Aylward having left for the US for the summer and Sean Carey opting off the panel to concentrate on the Tipp Under 21 hurlers, it appeared a bridge too far again for Tipp.

However, that wasn't the case as Tipperary recorded another notable victory in what was a close game from start to finish, decided by Brian Mulvihill's match-winning point, deep in injury time.

Tipperary's reward was a trip to Croke Park to take on Dublin.



Tipperary SF V KERRY

Back l-r: Philip Austin, Chris Aylward, Niall Curran, Paul Fitzgerald, Kevin Mulryan, Robbie Costigan, George Hannigan, Peter Acheson, Front l-r: Paddy Codd, Sean Carey, Hugh Coghlan, Ciaran McGrath, Barry Grogan, Ciaran McDonald, Brian Mulvihill.



Barry Grogan prepares to sidestep Stephen Cluxton in the build up to Tipperary's goal versus Dublin

At that time, the Dubs were reeling off the back of a five-goal humbling at the hands of Meath in the Leinster semi-final.

John Evan's charges travelled to GAA headquarters confident of getting a result. However, the occasion got to some of the Tipp players and they allowed Dublin to get the first five points of the game and it appeared ominous.

However, despite also conceding a goal to Michael Dara McAuley, Tipp once again battled back and with the help of a Barry Grogan goal trailed by just two points at the break. Tipperary were dictating the game at this stage but were never able to gain parity against their illustrious opponents who were under severe pressure from their supporters.

The Dubs found a way to pull away in the end and while the result appeared disappointing at the time considering Dublin's problems, that they went onto reach the All Ireland semi-final, before losing to Cork in a game they should have won, provides an indication of how well Tipperary played.

The question as we face in to 2011 in what will be John Evans' fourth year at the helm will be is there any more to come from the team. In what is a relatively young squad, they are all a year older and more experienced while the success garnered by those on the Under 21 team will be invaluable in terms of confidence going forward.

In terms of what to expect in 2011, the main aim will be to earn promotion back to division two straight away. Division 3 is a tough division with all eight teams harbouring ambitions of getting into the top-two berths.

The league will probably be the main focus because of the draw for the Munster Championship which has seen Tipperary paired against Kerry once again, this time in Killarney. What will be in Tipp's favour will be the lack of expectation as the home side will be overwhelming favourites but will be under pressure after what was a poor 2010 when they exited the championship at the quarter final stages.

Overall, it was a good year for Tipperary at senior inter-county level and that some people see it as a disappointing one shows just how far we have come over the last three years and

with football at underage level thriving, better things appear in the offing in the years to come.

National Football League Division 2

6 February	Portlaoise	Laois	1-13	Tipperary	1-11
13 February	Thurles	Tipperary	0-8	Kildare	1-17
6 March	Newry	Down	0-14	Tipperary	1-11
14 March	Thurles	Tipperary	1-9	Meath	0-10
20 March	Thurles	Tipperary	2-5	Donegal	1-9
28 March	Crossmaglen	Armagh	1-15	Tipperary	2-8
11 April	Thurles	Tipperary	2-13	Westmeath	1-10

Tipperary were relegated despite earning five points

Munster Championship

16 May	Thurles	Tipperary	2-6	Kerry	2-18
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All Ireland Qualifiers

ROUND 1					
27 June	Thurles	Tipperary	0-13	Laois	0-12
ROUND 2					
9 July	Croke Park	Dublin	1-21	Tipperary	1-13

Tipperary Senior Football panel 2010: Ciaran McDonald, Barry Grogan, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Eoin Kearney, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Robbie Costigan, Liam O'Gorman (Cahir), Stephen Hahessy, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swans), Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Christopher Aylward, John Cagney, Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Brian Fox, Pdraig O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty), Brian Coen, Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard), Shane Egan, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), James Tierney (Golden Kilfeacle), David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), Paddy Codd, Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule), Derek Bourke, Ciarán McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Peter Acheson, Sean Carey, Dara Dwyer, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincent's, Dublin).

Historic Munster title for Under 21 footballers

By **Shane Brophy** (*Nenagh Guardian*)

The full set is now complete.

Until a cold and crisp night at Austin Stack Park in Tralee on March 31st last, the Under 21 Football title was the only one that eluded Tipperary from having the perfect set of Senior, Intermediate/Junior, Under 21 and Minor at both hurling and football.

To win for the first time in any competition is memorable but this will live long in the history of Tipperary GAA.

If beating Kerry wasn't big enough, to do so in their own backyard was a remarkable achievement which was acknowledged by a knowledgeable home support who did not begrudge Tipperary their deserved victory.

Tipperary got to the final by virtue of an impressive semi-final win over Limerick at Semple Stadium where they outscored the visitors by 0-16 to 2-5 with Sean Carey the star of the show kicking seven points, six from play.

Less than two weeks later, Tipperary travelled into the lion's den to take on Kerry in Tralee and won in fairytale style. To do so coming from behind, playing in to a strong wind in the second half showed the strength of character within the side, under the leadership of senior star Ciaran McDonald who finally banished the memory of the 2009 defeat, which acted as his and the panel's motivation ahead of the game.

You would have expected that if the game, as expected, was tight in the closing stages that the tradition of success in Kerry would come to the fore in the closing stages but it was Tipperary who finished the game the stronger, a feature also of the first half which indicates that the premier men were in better physical condition than their rivals.

Accounting for such a victory, it is probably unfair to pick out certain players over others but for Tipp to prevail, they needed big performances.

From 1 to 17, they left nothing out on the field. One thing was certain before the game, Kerry were not going to have things all their own way. Much like the senior set-up, Tipperary defended diligently, never allowing Kerry to create many clear-cut scoring opportunities.

Playing into the teeth of the breeze, Kerry made a blistering start and were 1-2 to 0-1 ahead after the opening quarter. Crucially, Tipperary managed to get the upperhand before the break and helped by a goal by Bernard O'Brien and points from Alan Moloney and Sean Carey, swept to a 1-4 to 1-2 lead at the break.

As expected, Kerry took control on the restart but Tipperary defended with great resilience only allowing the homeside to get into a one-point lead. The character of the Tipperary team shone through in

the final quarter.

It took Tipperary a full seventeen minutes to score in the second half and it was man of the match Peter Acheson who drew the foul with Sean Carey converting. Between the 49th and 53rd minutes, Kerry kicked four wides and at this stage you wondered if it was going to be Tipp's day after all.

Super-sub Shane Egan proved to be the hero kicking two points from play in the final ten minutes with the final whistle bringing unbridled scenes of joy on the pitch.

In their first All Ireland semi-final in the grade, Tipperary took on Ulster champions Donegal in Parnell Park. Lady luck wasn't on Tipp's side that night. The night before the game, midfielder Peter Acheson was struck down with a virus which ensured he wasn't at 100% but still gave what he could to the cause.

With the game still in the melting pot early in the second half, captain and full back Ciaran McDonald was harshly sent off for two bookable offences. Added to that, Donegal goalkeeper Peter Boyle pulled off two fantastic saves from Alan Matassa and Peter Acheson, goals which could have changed the course of the game.

However, Donegal pulled away to win by eight points in the end but only after a gutsy Tipperary effort.

Munster Semi-Final: 18 March at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-16 Limerick 2-5

Tipperary: Kieran Kendrick (Moyle Rovers); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow, Capt), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials); Pdraig O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers 0-2); Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers 0-1), Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow 0-3), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers 0-7, 1 free); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen 0-3, 1 free), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers).

SUBS: Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for Ryan (44); Thomas Hanly (Aherlow) for O'Brien (51); Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers) for O'Meara (53); Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for M O'Dwyer (60+1).

Munster Final: 31 March at Austin Stack Park, Tralee Tipperary 1-7 Kerry 1-6

Tipperary: Kieran Kendrick (Moyle Rovers); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow, Capt),



Bernard O'Brien in action against Kerry in the Munster final.



Jubilant Tipperary celebrate their Munster U-21 football final win over Kerry. (See team photograph elsewhere).

Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Pdraig O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers 0-2, 1 free), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers 0-2 frees), Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow 1-0), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen 0-1 free), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers).

SUBS: Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers 0-2) for O'Meara (ht); Thomas Hanly (Aherlow) for O'Brien (50).

All Ireland Semi-Final: 17 April at Parnell Park, Dublin Donegal 0-12 Tipperary 0-4

Tipperary: Kieran Kendrick (Moyle Rovers); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow, Capt), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials); Pdraig O'Dwyer (Eire Og Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers 0-1), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers 0-2, 1 free), Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen 0-1 free), Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers), Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers).

SUBS: Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for M O'Dwyer (ht); Thomas Hanly (Aherlow) for Matassa (44); Brian O'Meara (Kilruane

MacDonaghs) for Egan (47); Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for O'Brien (56); Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Carey (60).

Tipperary Under 21 Football Panel: Peter Acheson, Edmund Burke, Sean Carey (all Moyle Rovers); Jimmy Carr (Cappawhite); John Coghlan (Moyne / Templetuohy); Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers); Jack English (Ballyporeen); Kevin Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty); Gerald Hally (Cahir); Thomas Hanley (Aherlow); Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite); Ciarán Kendrick (Moyle Rovers); Eoin Kennedy (Éire Óg Annacarty); Robert Kiely, Darren Lowry (both Arravale Rovers); Declan Lynagh (J.K. Brackens); Donal Lynch, Aldo Matassa (both Commercials); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Paul McEvoy (Cahir); Ross McGrath (Newport); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers); Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow); Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers); Pdraig O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty); Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Kevin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens); Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan); Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen).

Management: John Evans (Manager); Michael O'Loughlin (Trainer); John Cummins, Tommy Toomey, Jonathan Cullen (Selectors)

Friends of Tipperary Football

The Friends of Tipperary Football exists to support Tipperary Football teams and ensure that our players are given the best possible preparation for their championships. Friends of Tipperary Football is a sub-committee of Tipperary County Board but has its own officer board and executive committee. The Treasurer of County Board is ex-officio Treasurer of the Friends of Tipperary Football. The officers and committee are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting which is usually held in November. While we support our players both on and off the field, our main aim is to financially support our teams and ensure that our teams have top training facilities. Underage development squads at U14, U15, U16 and U17 are strategically important in the progression of Tipperary football and the Friends are active in supporting these groups.

The Friends are also organising a supporters network for travelling to games, and organising social activities for fans.

You can support us by joining Friends of Tipperary Football. It is just €20 per year and there are many membership benefits. This year you will get an official Tipperary Teams Calendar with teams in both hurling and football from under 14 to senior and be entered in a draw for €5000

Friends of Tipperary Football Committee - Chairman: Joe Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Secretary: Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers); Treasurer: Michael Power (Newcastle); P.R.O.: John Costigan (Cahir); Fundraising Co-ordinator: Pat Moroney (Aherlow).

The London Hurling Scene *by Laurence Cooney*

Much Tipperary interest in this year's London Hurling County Final

There was much Tipperary interest in this year's London county final in which Kilburn Gaels won their first ever title at Ruislip on Sunday October 10th. Their thirteen-point victory over Sean Treacy's was the culmination of many years work nurturing the game at underage and grass-roots level since the club was established in 1991.

A product of that work at underage level was their London-born full forward, Michael O'Dwyer, whose two first-half goals paved the way for Kilburn Gaels' historic victory. But just like his Borris-Ileagh-born father Mickey Joe, Michael is also a fanatical Tipperary supporter and as his two 'killer' goals proved, young Michael is a real chip off the old block!

Kilburn Gaels manager and Moyne-Templetuohy native, Tom Bergin, was also another happy Tipperary man that Sunday evening as was club founder and Ballyporeen native, Eugene Hickey, and also club stalwart, Seamus Mackey, from Holycross. Among the other Tipp men involved in the Gaels' historic success were full back and Burgess man, Leo Quigley, and Killenaule's, Keith Kennedy, who lined out at wing back. Substitute, Mick Feeney, from St. Mary's, Clonmel also saw some action in the second half while Lorrha man, Richie Bourke, and Moneygall man, Dan Sutton, were also among the Kilburn Gaels' panellists.

It was therefore quite a proud day for all the Tipples associated with the Kilburn Gaels's success and none more so than founder member, Eugene Hickey. The Ballyporeen man has been involved in the promotion of GAA all of his life both on and off the field.

A former chairman of the London GAA County Board, Eugene was also the first chairman of Kilburn Gaels and also played as well as serving at many levels of officialdom for the legendary Desmonds club since he made London his home back on March 17th 1968!

Formed in 1961, Eugene Hickey was involved in ten county final appearances for the Desmonds, including five victories. Among the leading Tipperary men to line out for the Desmonds in that time were Dessie Kennedy and Mickey Joe O'Dwyer

(Borris-Ileagh) and goal-keepers Tadgh Murphy (Roscrea) and John Farrell (Knockavilla Kickhams). The Desmonds was also Martin McGrath's first port of call when he came to London in 1988.

Introducing the Local Born to Hurling

Three years later Kilburn Gaels underage club was formed for the purpose of introducing the game of hurling to local born aspiring young players. The work and vision of both Brendan O'Connor and Mickey Joe O'Dwyer, whose two sons Rory O'Connor and Michael O'Dwyer played their part in the club's recent historic breakthrough, finally paid off at senior level on October 10th.

"Everyone is understandably delighted with the club winning their first senior title. This year's side was our best team so far and I believe we can go from strength to strength," said Eugene who was also very impressed with Tipperary's All-Ireland final success this year.

"I was not all that surprised when Tipperary won the All-Ireland final this year after being so unlucky in the previous year but staying at the top will be even more difficult than getting there," concluded Eugene Hickey.

Meanwhile the Sean Treacy's dressing-room was understandably quite a sombre place after the full-time whistle. Bidding for their sixth title nothing went right for them after Michael O'Dwyer's double goal strike in the opening ten minutes and after trailing by three points at the interval despite playing with the breeze the writing was already on the wall for them.

Sean Treacy's failed to raise a single flag in the second half despite some good individual displays from Boherlahan's, David Maher, Ballingarry's, Johnny Holohan, and Toomevara's, Terry Delaney, in the opening period. Other disappointed Tipperary players involved in last Sunday's game were Paul Doyle - JK Brackens - Templemore at full-back, centre back and Carrick Davins clubman, Michael Arrigan, and panellists Aiden Webster from Loughmore and Cashel man, Liam Barron.

Sean Treacy's manager and Rosegreen man, John Cormack, and selector and club chairman, Sean McGuire, from Thurles and club mentor and Roscrea man, Martin Carroll, have also enjoyed better days following the men in red and white hoops than last Sunday, but Sean McGuire pledged that they will be back!



Kilburn Gaels with the cup following their historic win in the London senior hurling county final. Back row, left to right: Paul Doyle, Andrew Carey, Diarmuid Dennehy (Cork), Michael O'Dwyer (London and Borrisoleigh), Richie Burke (Lorrha), Leo Quigley (Burgess), Martin Lenihan (Limerick), Niall Forde (Galway), Stephen Olden (Cork), Aidan Power (Limerick), Seamus Mackey (Holycross), Robbie Stakelum (Longford), Dan Sutton (Moneygall), Sean Riordan (Kerry), Brendan O'Connor (Clare). Front row, left to right: John Reddan (Clare), Gary Lane (Cork), Emmett Morrissey (Limerick), Donal Kinsella (Dublin), Colm Forde (Clare), Keith Kennedy (Killenaule), John Joe Burke (Kilkenny), Brian Forde - capt. (Clare), Brian McGovern (Meath), Cathal Forde (Galway), John Keane (Galway), Tom Bergin - team manager (Moyne-Templetuohy), Jim King - physio, Noel Harrison - selector (Clare).

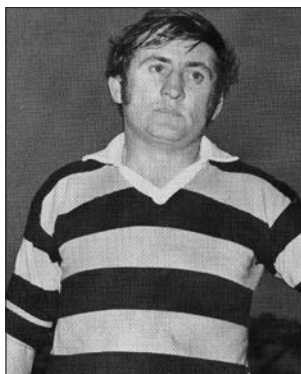
Holycross man only Tipp representative on London Hurling Legends XV

On the eve of this year's London county final on Sunday October 10th, fourteen former players, considered by a special selection committee to be the best hurlers to have lined out for the Exiles over the past fifty years, were feted at a special banquet in Ruislip. Representing the late Martin Connolly was his son Paul while seven of the chosen team also returned to London to accept their much deserved recognition.

But one London resident who did not have too far to travel from his Cricklewood home to London GAA headquarters in West London that evening was Holycross native, Johnny Barrett, who was the only Tipperary man selected on the London Hurling Legends XV. The team is dominated by Galway men and apart from the late Martin Connolly who hailed from Abbeyknockmoy are his brother Tom, Portumna man, Frank Canning, - uncle of Joe, Martin Linnane - brother of Sylvie from Gort, Larry Corless from Kilbeacanty and finally from Beagh - Fionbar Gantley.

Waterford is represented by Roger Cashin from Abbeyside from the 60s and 70s era while more recently from the 80s is Niall Daly from Lismore. There are also two representatives from Wexford in goalkeeper and Rathnure man, Mick Butler, as well as Enniscorthy man, Mickey Jordan. The remaining members of the team are Gerry Rea from Effin Co. Limerick; Cork man, Bill Twomey; Kerry native, Pat Cronin from Lixnaw and finally seventy-seven year old Wicklow native and former Bros. Pearse clubman - Eamon Murray from Kilmacoo.

Johnny Barrett, who came to London in 1961, was chosen at corner back and when one considers how many more accomplished players from the Premier County also donned the Exiles singlet over the past fifty years, it is indeed some achievement for the Holycross native, who is a regular visitor to



Lining out for Brian Boru's: Johnny Barrett in his playing days for the famous Brian Boru's club for whom he won twelve senior county titles throughout a distinguished playing career.



Tipperary's lone representative: Holycross man Johnny Barrett is pictured with his award with a picture of Cork's legendary Christy Ring in the background.



Sean Treacy's Tipperary contingent: Back row (l-r) Aidan Burke (Carrickshock, Kilkenny), Sean Maguire (Thurles) club chairman, Liam Barron (Cashel), David Maher (Boherlahan), Mick Arrigan (Carrick-on-Suir), John Cormack (Rosegreen) team manager. Front row: (l-r) Terry Delaney (Toomevara), Gary Fitzgerald (Burgess), Johnny Holohan (Ballingarry) and Michael Walsh (Carrickshock, Co. Kilkenny) goal-keeper and club secretary.



Kilburn Gaels 'Tipperary' Factor: Pictured from left: Leo Quigley (Burgess), Keith Kennedy (Killenaule), Seamus Mackey (Holycross), Dan Sutton (Moneygall), Michael O'Dwyer (London) and Mickey Joe O'Dwyer (Borris-Ileigh).

Tipperary. As a sixteen year old he lined out for Holycross in a senior Mid final against Thurles Sarsfields in 1957, when he faced the legendary Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne. Johnny's inter-county career for London spanned sixteen years and included a junior All-Ireland medal in 1963 (when he scored 1-4 against Antrim in Casement Park) and an intermediate All-Ireland medal in 1967 as well as playing in five other All-Ireland semi-finals during that golden era for London hurling in the 60s and early 70s.

But Johnny Barrett's finest hour in a London jersey was undoubtedly playing a man-of-the-match performance against Galway in the Exiles' famous All-Ireland quarter-final victory over Galway in Duggan Park, Ballinasloe in 1973.

"That match was undoubtedly the pinnacle of my playing career. I won eleven senior championship medals with Brian Boru and also played with Treaty Gaels for a few years," said Johnny who also confirmed that a number of other Tipperary men who hurled in London in the 60s and 70s could be considered unlucky not to have made the London Hurling Legends XV.

Among the other fine Tipperary players not considered from the same era are Cappawhite's Patsy O'Neill and Pat McDermott, Lattin's Fonsie Condon, Paddy Ryan from Drom and Inch, the Hickey brothers Johnny and Christy from Rockwell, Paddy O'Dwyer from Boherlahan, Michael Loughnane from Roscrea, Fonsie Farrell from Rahealty, former All-Ireland minor medal winner Michael Craddock from Thurles Sarsfields and goal-keeper Willie Barnaville from Gortnahoe. During his long service to London GAA, Johnny Barrett was also a top referee.

A life-long supporter of the blue and gold, Johnny Barrett was indeed a very proud Tipperary man as he watched the Premier County's hurlers win their twenty-sixth All-Ireland title on September 5th this year.

"I thought they were absolutely superb that day and it was one of the best ever Tipperary performances in an All-Ireland final during my lifetime" concluded Johnny.

London's Hurling Legends (1960-2010)

Johnny Barrett (Tipperary)	Mick Butler (Wexford)	
	Gerry Rea (Limerick)	Bill Twomey (Cork)
	Pat Cronin (Kerry)	Niall Daly (Waterford)
Martin Linnane (Galway)	Roger Cashin (Waterford)	Larry Corless (Galway)
	Tom Connolly (Galway)	Mickey Jordan (Wexford)
	Eamon Murray (Wicklow)	Fionbar Gantley (Galway)

All-Ireland Hurling Final

We won the All Ireland 2

by Ricky Sheehan

All during the grand month of September we lived in a contented glow but I suppose the “we” requires a slight explanation. This is not the royal “we” beloved of Queen Victoria (of saintly memory) monarch of Great Britain and Empress of India. It doesn’t even apply to the “people of Tipperary” on whose behalf Eoin Kelly accepted the Liam McCarthy Cup in a wonderfully emotive speech. Many of an older generation versed in comics and western films are familiar with the border town of El Paso and all that it means. In Tipperary there are five such villages or towns, namely Gortnahoe, Ballingarry, Mullinahone, Grangemockler and Carrick on Suir. Across the border are the hostile badlands of Urlingford, Tullaroan, Graigue, Callan (of the disturbances), Windgap and Piltown. The ancient rivalry between Tipp and Kilkenny has always been keen but no place is it keener than in the El Paso lands. Only those who live there can really appreciate the razor sharpness of that rivalry. Perhaps the football rivalry along the borders of Tyrone and Derry might sometimes hint at it.

I was made aware of this rivalry at an early age but the Rio Grande was only a mile from the home of my birth. I was on holidays with my mother at our cousins. I was five years of age. We were listening to the match on a radio in the kitchen. Many of their neighbours were also in. I know now that the game was the 1950 All Ireland hurling final. The match was exciting and there was plenty of shouting. Then Kilkenny got a 21 yards free and the deadly Jimmy Langton came up to take it. He blasted for goal and the Tipp backs stopped it. My mother jumped up dancing and cheering around the kitchen. What would a five year old boy do only follow suit? We suddenly realised that we were the only ones dancing and cheering. We were surrounded by the silence of the grave. I forgot to mention that our cousins were the O’Haras and that they lived in Thomastown. Bearded Viking Dick O’Hara was to appear half a generation later, a swashbuckling corner back.

Another true story of that famous day. The late Jack Gardiner was born in Poulacapple in the parish of Mullinahone. When he married he moved to the town of Callan , four miles away. He kept a pub in Callan and lived in an alien land, like Ruth in the bible, for the rest of his long life. Jack had a son Michael who was a good hurler. He was good enough to be on the Kilkenny team which defeated Tipp in the 1950 minor final. Jack cheered for his son and his team but as soon as the Irish Press Cup was presented Jack’s hand went into his pocket and out came his blue and gold paper cap for the senior game. Jack’s allegiance to the black and amber lasted barely an hour.

A thing about children, they can be depended on to let you down. A generation later in 1987 my son Brendan then aged 11 and myself went to Croke Park to cheer on Tipp and John Leahy in the minor final. We lost but saw Galway defeat Kilkenny in the senior game. It was a rainy wet evening and we went into a crowded chipper in Kilkenny on the way home. The special that evening was a double burger. I ordered one and Brendan, then a small weed of a lad, did the same. “Could you eat a double burger” asked the man behind the counter? The café was crowded but in a twist of fate a silence fell just as Brendan replied. “I could eat anything once Kilkenny were bet”. We left for home rather quickly. Now Brendan has a year old daughter. On the evening of the All Ireland she was being delivered to our house by her other grandmother. She was slightly nervous to be passing through Mullinahone in a car flying Kilkenny flags. At least they weren’t flying in triumph. The little one has two sets of GAA gear. Could Brendan yet have to copy the lead of the late Jack Gardiner?

When I was young the 1960s were great years for Tipp hurling and football was the game of Mullinahone. Those were the days of the hoodoo when Kilkenny couldn’t beat us in an All Ireland final. 1922 was the last time that they had lowered our colours. We had trimmed them in Killarney in 1937 and in 1945 John Maher led us to another victory. I have told you of 1950 and then came the great Tipp wins of 1964 and 1965. In 1967 Kilkenny won in a bad tempered final. The hoodoo had lasted 45 years. In 1971 the status quo was restored and hoodoo no. 2 was on its way. The famine intervened and when it was over we crowned its end with another win in 1991. The archbishop got it right when he said “Michael Cleary went for a point but all he got was a goal”. It was to be 2009 before Kilkenny again beat us in a final. This time the hoodoo had lasted only 42 years. On that reckoning it must be written in the stars or be an undiscovered law of mathematics that hoodoo no. 3 will last 39 years until 2048 AD.

Life in the border lands can be tough. At the sad homecoming of 2009 I met Olivia from Gortnahoe. She was lamenting because her cousin PJ Ryan from Johnstown was man of the match in the All Ireland and won an All Star. The Johnstown Fenians who came from junior ranks in the later 1960s are credited with firming up Kilkenny teams. Prior to the Hendersons and Pat Delaney weren’t Kilkenny regarded as the great stylists? Thurles CBS can take some of the credit (blame) for some of the change. While inter-county rivalry is understood by most it is only lived by those in border places or maybe by some of those forced to live like the biblical Ruth in alien fields. Rivalry among “borderers” is full time and not just confined to the times that Tipp play Kilkenny. It is there when Tipp or



Kilkenny play anyone or nobody at all. The loyal Kilkenny supporter is one who if Tipp were playing Uzbekistan would cheer for Uzbekistan. The feeling is mutual. An old Tipp Sean Gael was in his local one night enjoying a pint. The tv was on and England were playing a world cup match. The younger crowd in the pub were cheering for England but Sean Gael remained silent. "Could you not support England" they asked Sean Gael and proceeded to quote the number of Irish working in England, the number of Irish men playing soccer with English clubs et al. Sean Gael was unmoved until near the end of the game when he gently nudged one of his friends "I think" he said "that I could support England" and he paused "but only if they were playing Kilkenny".

Loyalty is deep and consists of making statements like the Mullinahone men who would find an excuse in days of yore to visit Callan on the day after a big game and walk up and down Green Street. Making a statement sometimes led to a fracas in border public houses but nowadays we are more civilised and the old practice has been replaced by psychological warfare. Callan before their bypass, in 1987 greeted Tipp traffic on the road to Dublin with the message "Croke Park this way". On our return journey home the signs read "Goodbye for another 16 years". We remembered. No wonder we cheered four years later in 1991 when Michael Cleary shot for a point and all he got was that goal. The battle of one upmanship goes on. In the lead up to the All Ireland final I myself was interviewed by TG4 for the Nuacht (as gaeilge no less). The interview began with me standing at the county bounds bridge less than two miles from Mullinahone. As all bridges are black and yellow (amber) the colours showed up well on the tv. Some nights later painters had changed the black to blue and the bridge has remained blue and gold so far. This war is fought with colour and sound as well as any other available weapon. The new battle grounds are the airwaves. Thank God for local radio, the local papers, mobile phones and U tube. These have replaced the ballads of old.

The All-Ireland jokes must have made Vodafone a fortune. As we drove home from Croke Park in September we began to get some of them. The greatest scud missile in the whole campaign was fired on youtube by the lady who binned the Kilkenny cat. I hear that the original lady in Sheffield didn't do too well. Still my own favourite is two lines from Seamus Doran's "Were you there? "Brian Cody's Cats did drown, beneath the raging sea of blue and gold". Did I mention the Callan bypass? Strange to relate we forgot to take it coming back from Dublin on September the 5th. Earlier that evening the infamous "5 in a row my a..." blue and gold car from Mullinahone had paid a flying visit to Callan. Luckily when the engine blew on the way home it was well inside the Tipp border.

Prior to the final I was hopeful of a Tipp win but also fearful. Brian Cody was far too sensible a manager. He didn't do hype. Had we warned Kilkenny in 2009? Would they heed the warning? What about Pairc Ui Chaoimh early in the year? In the end Kilkenny were hit with the same over confidence in September that we were hit with in May but in September there was no back door. Tipp's greatest allies in the battle were the Kilkenny supporters. They were magnificent in their drive for five, turning out in their thousands in Nowlan Park and witnessing miracles. They got to the team like we never could. It happened to myself before the 1960 final and that is a lesson that I have never forgotten. Up under the roof of the Cusack stand that day in September I hoped, but I didn't believe until Benny Dunne and Seamus Hennessy scored their points. Lars third goal was the icing on the cake.

I have to return to the "we" who won the All-Ireland. It was certainly the borderers. I have lived through All-Ireland wins over Kilkenny seven times with only two losses. In six of those games we were mere spectators. In 1991 we had a presence on the team and a bigger one in 2009 but in 2010 the captain who brought McCarthy home was one of our own and he also had some of our own for splendid backup. Only one little parish in the country has two 2010 hurling All Stars. Oh yes we played our part in derailing the drive for five. We were very much under the cosh as titles piled up across the border since 2001. We fought the good fight and kept the faith in the ongoing psychological battle. Did Uachtarán Cooney depart from protocol when he presented McCarthy first to "a great Mullinahone man"? Oh yes we won the All-Ireland this year.

Lest anyone accuse us of cat-bashing, I conclude with this story. Long, long ago when the Kilkenny men still played football (1900) Tipp played Kilkenny in the All-Ireland home semi-final in Carrick-on-Suir (10-6-1902). Kilkenny won but Tipp objected. Clonmel Shamrocks had been beaten by Mullinahone 1-4 to 0-4 in the county semi final, but had got through on an objection. Kilkenny were represented by the Slate Quarries who had five Tipp men in their ranks from neighbouring Grangemockler Ballyneale. The Shamrock were awarded a replay which Kilkenny refused and Tipp advance to the home final against Galway which they won easily. The Shamrocks did, however, use the Grangemockler Five in the home final as they did also in the final against London for whom a certain Sam Maguire lined out. Tipp won narrowly. When it came to presenting the medals the Shamrocks left out the Grangemockler Five, but and here's the rub. The Kilkenny County Board presented the Five with five Leinster medals. So if you come across a Leinster SF medal for 1900, down in Ballyneale or Faugheen or Grangemockler it is probably genuine. Two lessons to learn from the above (1) there is some good in the Kilkenny men (2) never trust townies.

PS. The Grangemockler Five were : Jim Cooney, Dan Harney, Pat Wall, Bill O'Toole and Jack Shea.



A letter of thanks to Tipperary management

By J.J. Kennedy

Tipperary, October 2010.

Dear Liam & Colleagues,

Just heard the news, Liam. Devastating. Brendan Cummins has been on the radio describing it as like a death in the family. Exaggeration of course, but I think I know how he feels. All Tipperary knows how he feels. Just as we were getting comfortable with our new-found glory this unwelcome news has jolted us back to reality. We feel like late night revellers when the music stops and there's work to be faced in the morning.

You know what else it reminds me of, Liam? 2001. On 9/9 we began a party of parties as Nicky and the boys delivered that All Ireland. Two days later, Tuesday 9/11, and the music stopped. Other events, life-and-death events, took over our screens and newspapers and an All Ireland win was relegated to the back pages of irrelevancy. The shortest All Ireland party in history.

Anyway back to the present. I've never spoken to you, and, you know, your colleagues, Eamonn and Michael, wouldn't recognise me if I bumped into them on the street. Actually bumping into Michael wouldn't be the wisest, would it? I remember him as a corner back, 'tough out' as they used to say. He knew how to beat Kilkenny in a final too, from 1991, and I'm sure his words encouraged the lads before September 5. I remember Eamon from UCD and with Kilruane and various Tipperary teams, a pacey wing forward in his time, unlucky to arrive during the famine. It was at the University in Galway that his coaching first drew notice and by now it's legendary – even Jamesie O'Connor raves about the man.

Since I heard the news, Liam, that you were all stepping aside I've been thinking about the past three years and what it has all meant to us. We're a proud old county, aren't we, maybe too proud at times. Having to sit back and watch those Kilkenny lads play Molly Bawn with the hurling world hasn't been easy. I fairness now they were mostly humble enough about it all but the odd crack was beginning to appear. Wasn't D.J. Carey, a sound fellow normally, talking about Kilkenny winning a possible six or even seven in a row. And on the way up to the final didn't I hear Liam Fennelly say on the radio that Tipp don't like being beaten by Kilkenny but they better get used to it. Hard to take that, Liam, isn't it?

So, you'll understand where I'm coming from lads, and I think I can speak for the entire county when I say a huge thank you for what you've done. You see we're a hurling county. Our self-image is built around the 'camán' and 'sliotar'. When we do well at that we walk tall. Life is suddenly good, recession or no recession. When we meet there's a buzz of conversation about the great day. We can look back at the tape and note this or that little ploy that Eamon worked on with the boys. We can pick up the papers and read about ourselves, about the great exploit and the admiration of outsiders. Suddenly we're the epicentre of the hurling world. Look at us world, we're the kiddies. That's what you've done for us.

You know one of the features of your management record, Liam that I admire most is the way you've been able to turn adversity on its face. Didn't you do it with the minors in '06, losing Munster and reinventing the mission to take the All Ireland? Remember that league trimming by Kilkenny in the spring of '09 and how you turned that around too. It was a different story when they came to town for the league final.

But your biggest turnaround of all had to be this year. Liam, I have to confess I thought we were banjaxed after Cork. O my God! The skinning we got that day! How you managed to resurrect the campaign after that is a mystery to most of us. Didn't some of the lads even see a smirk on Cody's face as he left the Pairc that afternoon? And why shouldn't he smile? The rest of us were in tears.

It's with a sense of shame now that I must admit that I doubted everything after Cork. I've just been re-reading an excellent article that Kieran Shannon of *The Sunday Tribune*, e-mailed to me recently. He wrote it the week after the All Ireland. The word 'Trust' figures prominently. You and Eamon and Michael embedded massive trust in





Tipperary management team of Michael Ryan, Liam Sheedy and Eamonn O'Shea at Croke Park on All-Ireland final day.

the panel. As Kieran Shannon wrote, 'Trust in the system, trust in 'the family', and above all, to trust themselves as individuals'. We doubted, you trusted.

The other key word in that article is 'Attack', which highlights the team's approach to Kilkenny. Attack! Attack! Attack! Stop obsessing about defending, as others like Galway did to their cost against Kilkenny. Instead attack and trust. Boy, did ye get that message through to the lads as they set about toppling the greatest team in history.

I'm nearly finished Liam, but I know you wouldn't want me to sign off without mentioning the management 'team' you had. I'll do that, but first I have to give you credit as the mastermind behind it all. Everyone knows that you were the key man, the orchestrator of the entire system. You put everything in place and oversaw it all. Without you the individual parts would have meant very little.

And yes, of course you had a great team behind you and they too deserve mention. Eamon has got huge credit and he deserves it for his hands-on role in working tactically with the players. Michael was more background but he too played his part in reinforcing the message. Then you had Cian O'Neill doing an excellent job on the physical training.

These were the front-line men but behind them were others who didn't get the limelight – actually I've had to check out some of their names but I know you'll pass on our appreciation to them. Mick Clohessy as masseur and John Casey as physio clearly did marvellous work with the players. Kevin Delargy was the team doctor and Peter Murchan the consultant. Two ladies played significant roles also: dietician Aoife Hearne and performance coach, Caroline Currid. Johnny 'Hotpoint' Hayes was the kit-man. I know Liam you'd want me to recognise too the massive role played by our excellent County PRO, Ger Ryan, the liaison officer who looked after all the logistics. Ed Donnelly and Eddie Kinane did the statistics, another key area in any team's preparation for an assault on an All Ireland championship.

We're sad to lose you and your colleagues, Liam, but we understand your decision. You owe us nothing; the debt is all on our side. And when we're old and feeble we'll look back on 2010, the year of Sheedy and his team, and say like Churchill said about the RAF, 'This was their finest hour'.

Gratefully Yours,

J.J. Kennedy

P.S. I deliberately bypassed that poisonous criticism that came your way during the past year. You too had the great dignity to ignore it. September 5 said it all.



All-Ireland Hurling Final

“Heard the men coming from the fair at Shinrone . . .”

by Enda McEvoy (*Sunday Tribune*)

If by the end of this article you deem it to have been unduly sycophantic, reader, don't blame me. Really, don't. Look: the editorial committee of this august publication having requested an outsider's view of Tipperary's All Ireland triumph, plain good manners, not to mention simple cop-on, mean that I'm going to be minding my p's and q's and generally giving credit where credit is due. Not that that's difficult in the circumstances, for this was a famous victory won in exhilarating fashion against the most successful hurling team of all time – which, of course, made the victory even more famous, more worthy, more treasurable. Too much praise is barely enough.

Anyway, what else could I do but be nice to the new champions given that some of my best friends, etc. Brendan Cummins has long been the man in charge of my Pips and Peps at AIB; granted, the less said about their recent performance the better, but that's hardly Brendan's fault. And Eoin Kelly and Lar Corbett occasionally send me text messages; far more impressive than being on Angelina's speed dial, eh? And on the All Stars trip to Buenos Aires last December it was abundantly clear that the current Tipperary players are a bunch their families can be proud of, indeed a bunch the county at large can be proud of. Come to think of it, on the same All Stars trip I gave Liam Sheedy a book about the US ice hockey team's famous victory over the Russians (who were professionals – the US were college students) at the 1980 Winter Olympics. Liam reminded me of that on All Stars night at Citywest two months ago and added that it had “made all the difference” for Tipp this year, though admittedly I might possibly have dreamed that last bit.

Just so that this piece isn't all wine and roses, a couple of small caveats. Splendidly and all as Tipperary performed on the big day, it was a back-door All Ireland win, meaning that a front-door All Ireland win will be required sooner or later in order to erase that (very) small asterisk. By the same token, intoxicating a win as it was, it cannot be allowed to become a one-off; this has to be – to be made to be – the start of something big for the county, a comma rather than a full stop. And of the numerous grounds for disappointment arising from Sheedy's departure, the most notable from an outsider's point of view is that we'll now never know how well or otherwise Tipperary on his watch would have dealt with success. Would the Portroe man have ensured that one All Ireland, irrespective of its sweetness, was not enough? How would he have gone about the task? It is a small pity this story will remain untold.

Still, he and his troops certainly dealt with failure extremely well. Therein lay another cause for jubilation. Not every team that finishes second manages to go one better the following season. There is nothing written in the stars to say so. Thus Tipperary could have spent the year feeling sorry for themselves after the 2009 All Ireland final, or assuming that because they'd hurled so well in defeat to Kilkenny they were the natural and inevitable heirs to the throne, or both. In truth, they probably did do both for a time. But the defeat to Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh – and more so the manner of it – helped flush the toxins out of the system. From there it was, because it had to be, a case of back to basics and an arrival at the realisation that 2010's was the championship they were trying to win, not 2009's.

They teetered on the brink once thereafter. The five minutes that decided the destination of the MacCarthy Cup, that ultimately deprived Kilkenny of the five in a row and that have written the introductory narrative for Tipperary's fortunes in the first half of the new decade? Not five minutes at Croke Park on September 5th: five minutes at Croke Park on July 25th. The closing five minutes of the All Ireland quarter-final. The five minutes that might have seen Tipperary stumble off the precipice and into the abyss. The five minutes that instead saw them inch their way back to safety and into a potentially glorious new dawn.

A friend from Clonmel had texted me that morning. This was the big one, he said. This was a match Tipperary simply had to win, otherwise their hopes would be over for another year, Sheedy would step down and next season the county would be starting all over again under a new management team. He said – or texted – a mouthful there.

And it was, like Waterloo, a damned close run thing. What if Ollie Canning hadn't gone off injured in the closing stages? What if Galway, two points ahead, hadn't decided to play a grisly game of pat-a-cake with a chance that could have put them three ahead? Yet it would be wrong to say that Tipperary were lucky. They hurled their way out of a corner, and that had nothing to do with luck. Instead it was to do with good habits and



experience, with maintaining one's composure and doing the right thing under pressure, with being calm enough to take a point instead of panicking and pressing the Hail Mary button, with Pa Bourke looking up and picking out a teammate (and clubmate) in a better position rather than going for glory from an unlikely angle himself.

In the macro it was all about the collective. John O'Brien, *mar shampla*, had had an unhappy afternoon on Tommy Walsh in 2009. Now it would be overdoing it to say he was Cuchulainn reborn 12 months later, but in the rematch he scored two points from limited possession. In other words, he did his bit. Not dissimilarly, Lar Corbett reputedly had six touches in the final. Has there ever been a higher yield-from-input ratio? Under the imaginative coaching of Eamon O'Shea, who one



Enda McEvoy

suspects will be missed as much as Sheedy if not more so, Tipperary pulled and tugged at the fabric of Kilkenny's jumper until they ripped holes. (As an aside: both in 2009 and 2010, Tipp improved ten lengths between the All Ireland semi-final and the final. That wasn't a coincidence. That was Eamon O'Shea.) It was all about movement, about fluidity, about hitting the spaces. Many moons ago at Anfield, Bill Shankly instructed a young Kevin Keegan to get behind the opposition defence "and drop a few hand grenades". That is precisely what Corbett and the phenomenon that is Noel McGrath – not since the days of Jimmy Doyle and Eddie Keher has there been a teenager as gifted – did in the All Ireland final.

The fact that the winners had less possession than their opponents turned out to matter not a whit; it was what they did with it, the manner in which they moved the Kilkenny defenders around the chessboard and the positions the runners took up off the ball that mattered. Granted, the winners may not have been quite eight points a better team on the day. Then again, they most definitely had not been five points an inferior team the same day a year earlier. Swings and roundabouts.

To put their achievement into further context, the entire hurling world had for ages beforehand been saying, to the point of tedium and beyond, that it was "up to the other counties" to come up to Kilkenny's level. Tipperary did. Under Sheedy, a man who learned from his few errors as he went along and who never made the mistake of believing he was bigger than the job, they accepted the challenge, met it and in the end surpassed and unhorsed the champions, not by playing them at their own game but by playing them at a game of Tipp's devising. This was new-age hurling.

There's one other point it's incumbent on a member of the national Gaelic games media to make here. If Tipperary have of late been doing things right on the field, they've been doing them right off the field also. Painstaking, helpful and thoughtful, Ger Ryan is everything a PRO should be, as was Ed Donnelly before him. Prior to each big match Ger emails us out an information pack crammed with useful facts and figures that one suspects Seamus O'Doherty, the Sultan of Statistics, has a large hand in. When it came to the pre-All Ireland media event at the Horse and Jockey, moreover, the Sunday papers were given 20 minutes in a room with one of the players – 20 minutes that swelled to 40 minutes when the man on the door saw how well the encounter was going and had the sense to leave the player to continue chatting away. The player in question? Only the chap who'd proceed to score three goals the following week. And no, these may not be matters of great import to the man on the Clonmel omnibus, but as an indication of how professionally Tipperary go about their business these days they're immensely informative. It's the little details, as Sherlock Holmes would say, that are the most important.

There. Now that wasn't too sycophantic, was it?

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All-Ireland Hurling Final

Singing in the rain as Liam McCarthy comes home

By Noel Dundon (*Tipperary Star*)

One of the lovely swing time musical hits of by-gone days features Gene Kelly, *Singing in the Rain*, happy again, laughing at clouds - what a glorious feeling.

Well, singing in the rain - Tipperary style - featured another Kelly, Eoin this time, returning unbridled joy to The Premier County as the Liam McCarthy Cup returned to the Home of Hurling on Monday September 6th.

Yes it was a glorious feeling to be on top of the hurling world and as the rain poured, so too did the adulation of the multitudes onto the heroes who had us all laughing at clouds. The recession was forgotten as the celebrations kicked in and with Semple Stadium rocking like never before, Eoin and Liam Sheedy introduced Liam McCarthy to Tipperary once more. It was a memorable moment which had been building so brilliantly courtesy of the various entertainers who warmed up the massive crowd of devoted Tipperary people. The national media caught a glimpse of what hurling and the GAA means to Tipperary folk and thankfully they were able to capture the mood expertly. If you could bottle the atmosphere in Semple Stadium on that evening and sell it, you wouldn't have to worry about bank bailouts.

So many former Tipperary hurlers made their way to the field they had graced to be with their colleagues in arms and it was truly inspirational to see them mixing and mingling with thousands of school children - the heroes of tomorrow - as the night progressed. Their feats had not been forgotten either, even if the significance of the 2010 win had been elevated to the top of the pile.

The players, management and backroom team, introduced to their own people by County PRO Ger Ryan received the kind of reception they could only dream of. This is what it was all about - the pain of long, dark winter evenings in Dr Morris Park; the lonesome bench pressing in the many gyms of the county; the self denial of various foods and drinks; the hours spent planning and plotting - all forgotten now, all worth it. They had arrived at the peak of Everest and were erecting their flag.

Eoin and Liam both spoke about this being just the beginning - there is more to come from this bunch. We didn't know then that it would be end for the management team and it was fitting therefore that Liam, Eamon and Michael should receive such a rapturous reception. The latest 'Three Wise Men' had led their stars, travelled east, and gave birth to a new era of Tipperary hurling.

To have achieved an All-Ireland senior hurling title is surely a sweet thing. To have achieved it at the hands of Kilkenny even sweeter. But, to have denied our neighbours the chance of immortality by scuppering the 'drive for five' was simply amazing. The Cats had been unbelievable champions - defeat in the 2010 decider did not change that. They had raised the bar to such a height that no team could touch them, until Tipperary came along. Brian Cody, a man who hurls in his sleep, had the respect of the nation - the most successful ever Manager. But, as a sportsman supreme, he knew the end to Kilkenny's dominance could happen at any time. It did, and Cody and Kilkenny were as gracious in defeat as they had been in victory - the true mark of champions.

The feel good factor in the hurling world had been enhanced by the All-Ireland



Final as a spectacle. Not only was it the day of the underdog, it also featured a few special moments which touched sportspeople all over the country. Shane McGrath's kind gesture to Henry Shefflin as he limped out of the final; Benny Dunne swinging over that all important point; Lar Corbett's three goal blast; Shefflin crutching onto Croke Park to embrace the Tipp lads and offer congratulations after the game had ended. It was the stuff of legend and it was all being recalled in Semple Stadium at the homecoming and for many weeks afterwards.

There was a spring in the step of Premier County folk - as Archbishop Dermot Clifford put it - "It lifted us all and gave us new hope". He was right - a smile had returned to the faces; children were proud to wear their blue and gold jerseys; parents were happy to buy the gear; Tipp were back and so were the good old days.

As the throngs of people blasted out The Galtee Mountain Boy along with Killenaule's Pat Kerwick, it seemed as though the music would go on forever. Well it didn't, but the memories will linger for many years to come.

To paraphrase the words of Johnny B and the boys 'We threw a party for Liam McCarthy.'

The cup has been on tour ever since in the company of the players, management and County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien who deserves enormous credit for his role in bringing the GAA into every nook and cranny of Tipperary. Together with Board officials Timmy Floyd, Sean Nugent, Eamon Buckley, Ger Ryan and the divisional officers they have overseen a massive tour de force of The Premier County where Liam McCarthy has been welcomed. The warmth of the welcome has not diminished - Tipperary people are still feeding off the vapour trails of September, even as Christmas approaches.

In a sense the homecoming is still in full swing, even though many of the players have returned to the grind at this stage - it makes it a little easier to return when the spoils of victory have already been tasted. But, as Christmas turns over to the New Year, thoughts of retaining the title come to mind. The Waterford Crystal will begin soon; then the National Hurling League - Kilkenny up first; followed by the championship again.

Plenty to look forward to then, and loads to look back on.





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Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne with his son Noel at the banquet following Tipperary's All-Ireland final win over Kilkenny.

Memorable All-Ireland weekend for Mickey "The Rattler" Byrne

by Michael Dundon (Tipperary Star)

In a career which spanned three decades in the forties, fifties and sixties, and which saw him win five senior All-Ireland hurling medals, and a record fourteen county championships with Thurles Sarsfields, Mickey "The Rattler" Byrne knows a thing or two about All-Ireland finals and all that goes with them, but the eighty seven year old President of Thurles Sarsfields club has no hesitation in saying that this year's win over Kilkenny was very special.

Mickey made an emotional visit to the Tipperary dressing room after the game to talk to the players and management and was given a great reception. He was the "star of the show" at the television presentation the previous evening, "Up for the Match", and at the after-match reception, he enjoyed chatting with many of the former greats, who sought him out to shake his hand.

As is his form, the banter was lively and the stories flowed, all adding to the atmosphere of what was a wonderful Tipperary occasion, one that will be remembered with fondness by many for years to come.

"It was a marvellous weekend and I was absolutely thrilled to see Tipperary winning this one", said Mickey. "They took the game to Kilkenny from the start. They had the speed and the skill, and what made me proudest of all,

they showed the old Tipperary spirit. It brought great memories flooding back and it was a very special occasion", he added.

Mickey was accompanied on the occasion by his son Noel and his wife Margaret, and after the game Noel brought Mickey out on to the new Croke Park pitch, a much different arena to that which he had graced with such distinction on so many occasions. This too was a special moment for Mickey, who was greatly impressed by the entire set-up.

At the after-match reception, the Patron of the Association, Archbishop Dermot Clifford recalled how the ancient Greeks, preparing for battle, would bring out old warriors to motivate the troops. "Mickey's appearance had the same effect on the Tipperary team", said His Grace.

And there was more to come.

Mickey attended the home-coming at Semple Stadium on Monday evening and the following Saturday he was present to see the Under 21 team claim their All-Ireland at Galway's expense. At that game he was joined by his great friend and team-mate, Tony Reddan.

To crown a great year, "The Rattler" was on hand to talk to, and congratulate Sarsfields when they retained the Dan Breen Cup. This too was a special moment as Mickey has the distinction of being the old club captain to be presented with this famous trophy by Dan Breen himself - as he often quips - I am the only man to lay a hand on Dan Breen and live to tell about it.

The year has been a memorable one for this great Tipperary man whose exploits are now being prepared to be published in book form next year. That's a publication which will be eagerly awaited by hurling fans everywhere.



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Paul Curran a model in adversity

by Ricky Sheehan

The words of the patriot Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSweeney, who died on hunger strike on October 25th 1920 keep going round and round in my head. "It is not those who can inflict the most but those who can endure the most, who will prevail". Written in a different context but still relevant. It was the evening of Friday at October 15th. I was seated at a family gathering in the Little Italy Restaurant in Kilkenny City. My mobile beeped at 7.20pm. It was a text message from my son Kevin in Cork. "6 Tipp all stars, 2 from Mullinahone". My heart lurched. For once, I thought justice has been done and years of hard work often in adversity has been rewarded. Truly 2010 has turned out to be a wonderful hurling year. Some people it is said are born with a silver spoon in their mouths while others must labour hard to earn an honest crust. It is the same with hurlers. Some are born with all the abilities and they find it easy to hone their silken skills to almost perfection.

Others have to work hard at their game and much of the journey is filled with setbacks. The whole country knows of the skills of Eoin Kelly, Tipperary's top championship scorer of all time. His 6th All Star award caused hardly a ripple. The elevation of his club-mate Paul Curran to all star status was the triumph of a man making the most of his talent. Paul's story should serve as an inspiration to the many because most of us are born without that silver spoon of awesome talent.

Had Paul been born seven weeks later both he and Eoin Kelly, born the following January would have been of an age as regards playing the games. Instead Paul all through his underage career had to battle against lads almost a year older than himself. With Kelly a dynamic forward it had to follow that Paul Curran was doomed to defend for Mullinahone, for Scoil Ruain, for Tipp minors, for WIT and eventually for Tipp seniors. His was a road with lots of setbacks. An example of this was the 2001 Tipperary All Ireland senior hurling panel. The two hurlers who did not make the final cut were Terry Dunne of Toomevara and Paul Curran of Mullinahone. On the records of Croke Park Paul Curran does not appear as an All Ireland medallist in 2001. Paul came back from disappointment and made his championship debut for Tipperary against Offaly in 2002. To date he has played in another 32 championship games.

I have known Paul since his schooldays. He always had a mind of his own. Some would call that being stubborn. Courage was always a trait of his. Without that quality Paul would not have made the WIT Fitzgibbon Cup team as a "fresher" and full back. Because of loyalty and length of service he was made WIT captain. A wise choice as he led them to Fitzgibbon Cup honours in 2003. The future looked bright for Paul. He had been full back for Tipp on the losing All Ireland minor team of 1999. He was a Tipp under 21 in 2001 and 2002. In the 2001 Munster U-21 final against Limerick Paul's courage led him to put his body on the line one more time, going down over the ball in the last minute. Bad choice Paul. In those days the referee usually threw in the ball in such situations. Not this time. A free was awarded for lying on the ball. The winning point came from the free. Paul had to shoulder the blame. Paul Curran has always had a sense of injustice. Selectors found this out when a team-mate was improperly informed that he had been dropped from a panel. Paul didn't put himself or his county career first in this particular case.

In his final year in college Paul, while he was a senior panelist, wasn't able to command a place on the team so he left the panel to concentrate on his studies. Suddenly a serious injury to Philip Maher caused management to recall Paul. Completely in character Paul responded to the call and he has been by and large a team member since. While training as a primary teacher in Wales Paul returned to Ireland each weekend to train with the rest of the Tipp panel. He is probably one of the old school, being completely loyal to club and county. I vividly recall the



Paul Curran is presented with his GAA Hurling All-Star award by Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Críostóir Ó Cuana and Jeroen Hoencamp, CEO, Vodafone Ireland, during the 2010 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone.

2002 county final between Mullinahone and Thurles Sarsfields. Over the draw and replay Paul was probably Mullinahone's best player over the 120 minutes though he was not "man of the match" in either the drawn game or the replay. In the middle of the week (November 11th) between the two games Paul was 21. There were no birthday celebrations for Paul Curran (his choice).

2010 has turned out to be a wonderful year for Paul Curran but it too had its setbacks. On May 30th following the debacle in Cork it was Paul who was wheeled out to face the media. It was the same Paul who earlier in the afternoon had stepped into full back where the floodgates had opened. He acquitted himself well on both counts. What was his reward? Rumour had it that he was dropped for the qualifier against Wexford. Injured! Yet he was fit enough to come on as a "blood sub" for the rest of the game when Declan Fanning was "banvilled" out of it in the first minute. Game by game Tipp improved and Paul Curran began to hurl better and better. What better place to play your best hurling of the year than in Croke Park. September 5th was a wonderful team day for Paul Curran, the Tipperary team and the people of Tipperary. This year after the number 3 on the Croke Park lists will go the name Pól Ó Corráin after nine long years of waiting. The homecomings to Thurles and to Mullinahone were great but I suspect that carrying the McCarthy Cup into Scoil Muire Kilvemnon his oldest alma mater was maybe the greatest thrill of all. Paul was always a team player and September 5th took care of that. Twice before this Paul had been nominated for an All Star award. In the past he lost out to J J Delaney and also unluckily to Noel Hickey. This year on October 15th it was announced that the man in the no.3 All Star shirt for 2010, the best in the land, would be Paul Curran. Sometimes but only sometimes those who have to earn their crust triumph. For the essential team man it was a great individual achievement.

Young men, before life can soften them can be very macho. Twice in my life I have been surprised by the kindness shown, to others in trouble, by macho young men. One of those young men was Paul Curran. We remember the words of the poet Kipling

*"If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And -which is more-
you'll be a man, my son."*

Paul Curran the Man and All Star Hurler we salute you.

'Tipp's future will still be bright without me'

by Vincent Hogan

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Declan Fanning knows the time is right to hang up his boots

On Wednesday night, Declan Fanning stood at the front door of his terraced house in Killenaule, peering out at the slicing rain and boogeying street lights of a brewing November tempest. Winter's handwriting was everywhere.

Inside, Lucy readied one-year-old Owen for bed and the operatic roll of Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' announced kick-off time in the Ukraine where Arsenal were on Champions League duty. Turning away from the inky blackness, Fanning closed the door behind him and put the kettle on.

And he smiled the smile of a man for whom retirement felt like a warm duvet.

His decision hadn't entirely been unexpected in the Tipperary dressing-room. Declan, after all, is 31. Genetic miracles like Tony Browne aside, that equates to a well-travelled road in inter-county hurling.

Actually, a year ago, he drove to an autumn meeting in Horse and Jockey, determined to step away from Tipp's epic pursuit of the Liam MacCarthy Cup. Owen was just three months old at the time and, much as Fanning loved being a county man, he sensed imbalance in his days.

Everything was haste and urgency. Deadlines. Snatched moments with the family then, always, out the door again. He'd hate anyone to paint the five-nights-a-week training schedule as any kind of burden, for Fanning would willingly have done seven. But his appetite was waning.

Liam Sheedy, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan seemed "taken aback" by his decision. They talked of how their own three-year commitment was only two-thirds complete and expressed an absolute conviction that Tipp could win the 2010 All-Ireland.

Above all, they said they wanted Declan Fanning in that dressing-room. And, driving home that night, he knew their words had won.

Maybe the most beautiful moment was seeing tears in 'The Rattler's' eyes. Mickey Byrne was wheeled into the dressing-room as the showers began to hiss and it was as if the sight of the old cup tossed him into an unguarded moment. To see a man whose greatness reached back more than 60 years now blink away the salt felt deeply humbling. Honouring Tipp's past was always Sheedy's way and that moment set the thermostat perfectly.

This was where the snowy road had taken them. That first January night when Fanning sat into his car with Pat Kerwick for the spin to Thurles, they couldn't help themselves but take pictures with their phones. They were slip-sliding in a winter-wonderland.

Yet, 'Hotpoint' (John Hayes) had all the training-gear laid out when they got there and, with the pitches white as talc, they did two hours of hurling drills and circuit training in The Dome. Tipp would start the year as they intended to continue. No excuses.

It all seems tidy and easily navigable in recall now. Losing that epic '09 final to Kilkenny simply stiffened the group resolve. There'd been tears that Monday night when they saw the throng waiting for them in Thurles and, to a man, they vowed there'd be no empty-handed reprise.

But the best of intentions promise nothing and the first serious questions asked of Tipp in 2010 would decant some brutal answers. On May 30, Cork devoured them at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Afterwards, they needed the oxygen of leadership like never before.

And Sheedy quickly delivered.

"I'll never forget it," recalls Fanning. "Going into the dressing-room and it no bigger than the kitchen there. We're all sat around, almost in each other's faces. Heads down.

"Liam told us to get the heads up. He went round to every single one and said: 'We'll win the All-Ireland!' He was showing the faith he had in us. It was a brave enough thing for him to say, because we were after getting a right hammering. I actually said it to him after we beat Kilkenny.

"We all had to leave that dressing-room and face the music then, which wasn't easy. People were saying things in the tunnel, but they weren't saying them to our faces.

"We didn't train that Tuesday night. Just all met in the 'Jockey and that was a fairly intense meeting. Everyone involved, whether you were number 30 on the panel, the doctor, the physio or the water carrier. Whoever you were, you were inside that room and you had your say if you wanted it.

"I remember especially James Woodlock spoke very well from the heart. He was still on the crutches, so maybe he'd been able to watch it from a different perspective to the rest of us. But that was a vital meeting. The most important we had all year. I remember going home and, even though the county was still in shock over the drubbing we had taken, thinking that I could it leave it behind now."

In Cork, there had been a cumulative meltdown of the full-back line and, when Tipp got back on the carousel in a qualifier against Wexford at Semple Stadium, Fanning was given the No 3 shirt. He'd won an All Star for the position in '07 but had since thrived in his more natural habitat of the half-back line.

The Wexford game passed un-dramatically for Tipp. They won in a canter, yet their full-back's involvement lasted maybe 90 seconds.

Fanning's tussle with Stephen Banville is easily accessed on YouTube and looks largely innocuous. Yet, the Wexford full-forward's decision to pull his opponent's helmet resulted in a ripped ear for the Tipp man and the need for 25 stitches.

Declan recalls the incident with quiet equanimity.

"After the full-back line not going so well in Cork and me been drafted back in there, my attitude was, 'There's nobody going to bully us here today!'" he says.

"I'll be honest, I have to hold my hand up and say I was as much a part of what happened as Stephen. It was definitely 50-50. I went in to lay down a marker, that there'd be no messing today. In fairness, t'was just handbags, a bit of shouldering and digging. You could pull my helmet off a hundred times and what happened wouldn't happen.

"And I swear it wasn't sore. You'd hear sometimes of someone losing a finger and saying they didn't know they'd lost it until they looked down. That's the way it was.

"But I knew there was something wrong, because t'was kind of flapping. Only when I went in did I realise the extent of it. Our doctor, Peter Murchin, took one look and said, 'No way are you going back out!' Someone else was saying, 'Throw in two staples there, he'll be grand.'

"Peter kind of looked at him as if he had two heads. T'was fair funny, well maybe not ... But I would have absolutely no issue with Stephen Banville. I haven't ever spoken to the man, but he definitely didn't go out to do that."

Sitting in the stand later, a friend would helpfully advise Fanning that he had been foolhardy to pick the fight he picked. Enquiring why, he was told that Banville's nickname among the Wexford supporters was 'Horsebox'. He laughs at the memory now.

"I was telling John O'Brien in the dressing-room after," Declan grins, "and he said, 'I've heard a fella called a horse of a man, but he's actually called what carries the horse? Holy mother of God!'"

They stitched the damage without anaesthetic - that wasn't pleasant. And for maybe a week after, the ear seemed to become badly swollen and disfigured. Yet, it healed perfectly. The only visible remnant today is a twine-thin burgundy line running from the lobe.

He was restored to wing-back the next day against Offaly and, thereafter, that would be his perch.

There is an easy humility to Fanning, franked by the emotional breadth of a career never quite dusted with privilege. Though he won a Munster minor medal, he was never a prodigy and, by the time Ken Hogan called him up to Tipp's senior panel in late '03, he had become better known for his exploits as centre-back on the county football team under Tom McGlinchey.

The hurlers' '04 Championship ended with a defeat to Cork in Killarney and that game would set in train a calamitous sequence of thoughts in one Tipperary man's mind.

Dinny Cahill, manager of Cork's next opponents, Antrim, unloaded himself of some pretty saucy narrative in an apparent effort to demythologize the Rebels. He questioned the longevity of certain Cork players, confidently predicting even that Antrim would win the All-Ireland.

And then he tossed a grenade at the shoes of Declan Fanning.

"He more or less said that I wasn't good enough as a minor, so why would anyone think I was good enough for the seniors?" recalls Declan. "And that knocked me back for a while. I remember thinking, 'Jesus is this what playing for Tipp is all about? Getting slated in the paper?'"

"Now today I could nearly thank Dinny because it battle-hardened me. He had a go at a few of the Cork players the same day. Sean Og was one. But I was disappointed over what he said. I trained under him as a minor and I liked him. He was even down here with the club, helping us out at U-21.

"So I was fair hurt. But in the years after I'd have always had it in my head to prove him wrong. I never met him after, though he'd have been involved with a good few teams I played against. But it definitely battle-hardened me.

"I think the only time I ever shouted for Cork was when they played Antrim that day! I was hoping they'd give them a right beating. I suppose when you're backed into a corner, you come out fighting."

Potential

It was Babs Keating who subsequently identified his potential as a full-back and who, he says, must be thanked accordingly for the All Star in '07.

Yet, it was Sheedy's arrival after Tipp's eventual meltdown in that year's Championship that breathed fresh life into the county. Fanning recalls being called in to meet the new management team in the Anner Hotel and driving away thinking, "This is going to be serious."

Today, he likens the triumvirate of Sheedy, O'Shea and Ryan to key pieces of a refined clock. Take one piece away and the clock ceases to work. The key was the union of Sheedy's empathetic man-management, O'Shea's maverick hurling brain and Ryan's calm.

Yet, that '09 final might easily have tossed them into a downward spiral.

Indeed, it was Fanning who took it upon himself to loudly declare his support for Benny Dunne in the dressing-room immediately after the Toomevara man's sending-off for an intemperate pull on Tommy Walsh.

Brian Cody had just departed, having offered words of commiseration, when Fanning got to his feet. "I just remember looking at Benny and he had a different look to him than anyone else in the room -- a look of real hurt.

"I really felt for him because I remembered getting sent off with the club seniors when I was an U-21. They got to their first county final the same year. I was the captain and I missed it all over the sending-off.

"So something just clicked in me. Something just said to me, 'We need to row in behind Benny straight away!' I mean we'd



Declan Fanning (left) in action in the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny.

talked all year about being a team. And here was one of my friends across the dressing-room who needed support. And, to be fair, everyone rowed in behind Benny immediately."

The gesture found perfect closure when Sheedy put the so-called enfant terrible on towards the end of this year's final and Benny air-mailed a glorious point. By then, all the old worries were evaporating. Fanning himself had been hauled ashore after going over on an ankle and, as he sat with the substitutes, each beat of the clock felt tortuous until Larry Corbett's third goal drew a lyric line under business.

Then and only then did the weight come off their chests.

He didn't anticipate a change of management. If there were worries about O'Shea and Ryan being in a position to continue, Fanning saw nothing to signpost Sheedy's departure. Yet, when he heard the news, it brought a sense of personal clarity.

Lucy is due with their second child next Friday and, if there was the tiniest seed of doubt in his mind about leaving a team at the summit of hurling, Liam's decision has now killed it.

"I had a great relationship built up with the three lads," he says now.

"They knew my form. If I needed a rest or time off, it was never a problem. But a new manager coming in, you're kind of starting from scratch again. Thirty lads, it's dog eat dog again. And who am I to be going in looking for time off?

"So I wanted to make the announcement before any appointment was made. I thought Liam would stay, I really did. That said, the future is bright for Tipp now. People worry about the young fellas winning so much so soon, but I can't see them getting too carried away. They're very level-headed and a very hungry bunch.

"They carry themselves very well off the field. Look, there's no God-given guarantee that Tipp will win another All-Ireland. But I think all the boys understand that. They all know it comes down to hard work."

And if the new man happens to put a call through to Killenaule? "I won't answer the phone," Fanning says with a hoot of laughter. "Nah, I think the future is bright without me. It's not something I'd go back on."

Golden Days

Seamus Leahy

It was sometime after the peace process had taken hold and in Belfast a fellow with a hat sang for President Bill Clinton about how fine the world would be if “Every day is like this” – or words to that effect.

I have forgotten precisely what the occasion was or who the fellow with the hat was but I know exactly how he felt because I had precisely the same feeling on the evening of September 5, 2010. I was sitting outside the first watering-hole between the Cusack Stand and the car which would carry me back to the Premier County. Eoin Kelly had raised the cup, every Tipp man and woman not reduced to a croak at the final whistle had joined Pat Kerwick as he bellowed out *The Galtee Mountain Boy* and if Osama Bin Laden had decided that this was the moment for a lightning strike on Croke Park we wouldn’t have minded one bit. We were in heaven already.

How often in the few weeks that followed did we remark on how difficult it was to meet a Tipp man who wasn’t wearing a smile. A friend of mine told me he had met a man who at the final whistle smiled for the first time since he had counted his First Communion money. And my friend informed me that your man’s wife says he hasn’t stopped smiling since, not even when he is asleep.

A common subject of discussion with men at street corners or outside the church or after a match is how close the previous game of our dreams comes to the final of 2010. And with our innate loyalty to old prejudices most of us have a game or two to which we must give a nod before conceding that September 5, 2010 had a quality which surpassed anything we had previously seen.

There was another occasion when Tipp toppled a team which was heading for five All-Irelands in a row and when you see the fall of the mighty at the hands of your own team and you are only nine years old, you fancy that life has no greater delight in store for you. So it was with me on a June day in 1945.

Cork had won the All-Irelands of 1941, ‘42, ‘43, and ‘44 and Tipp’s stock was so low that we kept consoling ourselves with the reflection that only for the Foot and Mouth disease the four would only be three-in-a-row.

But they came to Thurles on June 1st 1945 – only a few weeks after Hitler went to his reward - full of the kind of confidence that only Corkmen can exude – the prospect of five in a row dangling before them. They poured into Thurles on bicycles in the way we had imagined the Allies flooding across Germany a short time before. And on an afternoon of glorious sunshine their dream of five-in-a-row was shattered by John Maher and his men.

The Thurles sideline was at the time below the level of the pitch and young fellows in the front seats on fine days could throw themselves up onto the pitch in front of them. From that vantage-point I watched the Tipp captain pull his cap down over his eyes and drive a mighty seventy over the bar at the Killinan end. That was the beginning and the rest was triumph all the way until the final score read 2-13 to 3-2.

Well, that’s the way I remember it – and if 65 years of turning it over in my mind may have left the actuality slightly distorted, it doesn’t dim the glory of the memory. It was a great, great day.

There were other great days and one of them was July 19, 1987 when Cork came to Killarney intent on winning an unprecedented six Munster titles in a row. Again they exuded a confidence they were hardly entitled to have, since this was a replay of a game that had been drawn in Thurles.

And again it was a drawn game. While we waited for the teams to come back on the field we swapped reminiscences of a torrid day in 1949 when the Cork team lay in the sunshine waiting for the re-emergence of the men in Blue and Gold. But

this was Killarney and that had been 38 years before.

It took three goals in the extra time – two from Mick Doyle and one from Donie O’Connell – before Richard Stakelum could make the official pronouncement, “The Famine is Over!” and all the pent-up frustrations of sixteen years were released in one mighty roar that echoed from Carrantouhill to Slievenamon and bounced off Keeper. I had thought that the greatest sporting thrill imagineable was the victory over Cork in 1945 and I had lived with that belief for 43 years until that golden day in Killarney. And now, I told myself, I have walked on heaven’s floor, I have touched the stars and there is no more to be said.

But it is never too late to change one’s mind and I decided on my way home from Dublin on the evening of the first Sunday in September this year that, hard as it might be to say it, I have not in a lifetime of watching great games, seen greater than the All-Ireland of 2010. All the great moments of all the hurling games ever played and all the skills of all the great masters I have seen – the Mackeys and Rings, the Doyles and Kehers, the Rackards and Smith and all the immortals – seemed to me to be on display that day. The skill levels were only matched by the excitement levels as the great battle was fought to the final moments of extra time, with each one of us made breathless by the realisation that we might be about to see the downfall at the last hurdle to immortality of what most of us would admit to be the most talented, most coordinated hurling team we had ever seen. And until the final whistle the outcome was in doubt, so that it was not until it sounded that we could safely claim even to ourselves that once again the men wearing the Blue and Gold were the best hurling team in Ireland.

For those of us who motored home that evening, the journey never seemed shorter. Mile after mile we savoured the magic of it all - the tenacity of our backs from beginning to end, the phenomenal commitment to work of our centrefielders, the unprecedented accuracy of our forwards – is it possible that we only sent one ball wide in the first half? Every minute detail of the game was examined – the glorious team-spirit – one for all and all for one – the committed leadership of Eoin Kelly (as the parade rounded the corner in front of the Cusack Stand and Hill 16, I had said to my daughter, “Look at the cut of Kelly. He has no intention of being beaten today!”) – and, boy oh boy, the flashing blade of Lar Corbett – three times it flashed and three times the net bulged as the course of hurling history was changed.

It was the goals of Corbett that led me to reflect that the greatest feat of scoring in Tipperary’s hurling history was that of Paddy Riordan of Drombane who in the All-Ireland final of 1895 with a personal tally of six goals and eight points accounted for all of Tipp’s scores on a day when Tipp also took the All-Ireland football title and on the football team was Paddy’s brother, Jim.

Lar Corbett has ancestral roots in Drombane. And his three magical goals on that memorable day in Croke Park will be remembered as long as those of us who witnessed them are above the sod. And longer, sure, since isn’t all that magic captured for us by the technology boyos! And many a dark night in the hard times the economic boyos tell us are ahead of us will be brightened as with the click of a switch we are back to a day in our lives when men from our county proved themselves the best in the country in the greatest game God has allowed man to invent and which He gave as one of His greatest gifts to the Irish people.

They may tax the rich and they may tax the poor, they may make life more miserable for us all. They may do their damndest to us, but they can do nothing that will take from us the treasured memory of a September day in Dublin that was at times gloomy and drizzly but that in the hearts and minds of Tipperary people everywhere is forever bathed in golden sunshine.

So here’s to you, Captain Kelly and your men – and to Liam and Eamon and Mick – and to all who sailed with you!

The County Senior Hurling Championship 2010

By Seamus J. King

Thurles Sarsfields justified their favourite's tag with a comprehensive win over Clonoulty-Rossmore in the county senior hurling final played in murky and damp conditions at Semple Stadium on October 31. The smallness of the crowd, the second lowest in twenty years, was an indication of how the general public expected things to go. Clonoulty had done nothing during the year to indicate that they would pose a serious problem to the star-studded Sarsfields side. The only hope for them was to produce the top class performance that the team seemed capable of but hadn't delivered during the year. As it turned out there was no inspirational performance and, apart from the ten minutes before half-time, Clonoulty did not threaten the Sarsfields, whose four county senior players delivered fine performances on the day. The game itself never reached any great heights of enjoyment and the subdued crowd were probably happy when the final whistle sounded.

Similar Format to Last year

The format of the county senior hurling championship remained essentially the same in 2010 as it had been in 2009. There were a number of voices raised against the increase in the number of senior teams in the county but they didn't carry much volume. The championship was divided into two competitions, the Dan Breen Cup and the O 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 2009 with thirty-two rather than thirty teams taking part, as 2009 intermediate champions, Carrick Davins, and new combination team, Galtee Rovers/Sean Treacys, were added. The voices raised against this format wondered where it would all stop as the number of senior teams increased every year and the number of intermediate teams declined. The option open to any senior team to relegate to intermediate level, which was allowed in the 2008 format, wasn't taken up by any club.

The granting of entry to the Dan Breen Cup to the finalists of the O Riain Cup continued. Nenagh Eire Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney were the two clubs involved. In order to accommodate them, they were allowed in at Round 2. Round 1 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 O Riain Cup finalists in Round 2 to produce four winners. The four winners played the four division champions in Round 3 to produce the semi-finalists.

As stated above thirty-two teams in all participated in the senior hurling championship 11 from the North, 8 from the Mid, 7 from the West and 6 from the South. The sixteen teams who didn't qualify for the divisional semi-finals entered the O Riain Cup, Round 1

The teams that qualified for Round 1 of the McCarthy Cup were the eight beaten divisional semi-finalists and the four beaten finalists. The losing semi-finalists were Kickhams and Galtee/Treasys from the west, Mullinahone and Carrick Davins from the south, Upperchurch-Drombane and Holycross-Ballycahill from the mid, and Burgess and Kildangan from the north.

Beaten Divisional Finalists

The beaten finalists in the south were Killenaule, who lost, 1-16 to 2-11, to Carrick Swan. The latter bridged a ten-year gap to claim their 22nd South senior hurling final in an exciting encounter at Fethard on August 22. Killenaule led by 0-8 to 0-7 at the break but the Swan had the greater reserves in the second half and deserved their two-point victory.

Eire Óg lost out to Clonoulty Rossmore in the West final, played at Sean Treacy Park on the same day. Clonoulty had nine points to spare at the end, having led by 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval, and thoroughly deserved their victory, which gave them a fourth-in-a-row title. Defending champions Drom Inch lost to Thurles Sarsfields by 1-16 to 2-11 in the Mid final at



Paddy McCormack leads Thurles Sarsfields team to victory over Clonoulty-Rossmore in the County SHC Final at Semple Stadium.

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Templemore on September 19. Sarsfields led by 1-10 to 1-6 at half-time in a tight encounter, which went down to the wire before they could claim their 41st title.

Borris-Ileagh went down to Toomevara by 1-12 to 0-13 in the north final, played at Nenagh on September 19. This was a close game in which Borris-Ileagh held a one point lead, on a scoreline of 0-6 to 0-5, at the interval but Toomevara just about deserved their two-point victory in the end.

Round 1

Four of the Round 1 games were played on the weekend of September 18/19 and two on September 23. There was a double bill at Boherlahan on the 18th in which Galtee/Treacys defeated Carrick Davins by 1-13 to 1-9 and Upperchurch-Drombane had an easy win over Killenaule by 1-19 to 0-9. On the following day at Holycross, Kildangan defeated Eire Óg Annacarty by 3-13 to 1-15, while Burgess defeated Holycross-Ballycahill by 1-20 to 0-15 at Borris-Ileagh.

The two games on the 23rd were played under lights at Semple Stadium. In the first game Borris-Ileagh proved too good for Kickhams, defeating them by 1-20 to 0-8, while Mullinahone had a good victory over Drom Inch by 2-15 to 1-12.

Round 2

The six winners in Round 1 were joined by the finalists in the O Riain Cup, Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore/Castleiney, to produce four games in Round 2. These games were played on the weekend of September 26/27. The two games on Saturday were played at Templemore. Kildangan came out on top by 3-15 to 2-13 against Galtee/Treacys. Burgess got the better of Upperchurch-Drombane by 1-21 to 0-14.

The two games on Sunday were played at Semple Stadium. Mullinahone took another important scalp when they defeated Nenagh Eire Óg by 2-15 to 1-15, while Loughmore-Castleiney got the better of neighbours, Borris-Ileagh, by 1-16 to 1-13.

Quarter-Finals

All was now set for the quarter-finals of the championship with the four winners of Round 2 facing the four divisional champions. The four games were played at Semple Stadium on the weekend of 2/3 October.

On Saturday Carrick Swans played Kildangan. A 59th minute goal by sub Brian Kelly helped the North side to a 1-14 to 1-9 win over the south champions. Kildangan led by 0-6 to 0-3 at the interval and just kept in front during the second-half but a Danny O'Hanlon goal for the Swans in the 57th minute left only a point between the sides. However, in a dramatic finish Kelly turned a Tommy Connor delivery into the net to clinch Kildangan's place in the last four.

The second quarter-final was a much more one-sided affair. In this game a Timmy Hammersley inspired Clonoulty-Rossmore had an easy win by 2-21 to 1-13 over Burgess. Hammersley scored 1-11, 1-9 from play, as the winners recovered from a bad start to finish in style. Burgess led by 1-7 to 0-4 after Damien O'Brien's 17th minute goal. This score inspired Clonoulty rather than Burgess and goals by Tom Butler in the 19th minute and Hammersley five minutes later helped Clonoulty to a 2-9 to 1-7 interval lead. There was only one team in the second half with the outstanding Hammersley scoring eight points to help Clonoulty to a comfortable victory.

On Sunday Toomevara faced Mullinahone in the first of the remaining quarter-finals. Mullinahone came into the game with expectations on the back of impressive victories over Drom Inch and Nenagh Eire Óg. However, they were a disappointment on the day and failed to match Toomevara in most facets of the game. In the end Toomevara well deserved their sixteen point



Padraic Maher, Thurles Sarsfields, receives the Man of the Match in the county final from John Quirke Jeweller. Also present is County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien

victory on a scoreline of 1-26 to 0-13.

Despite trailing 0-3 to 0-1 in the opening minutes, Toomevara upped gears and led by five points, 0-12 to 0-7, at the break. Within four minutes of the restart they led by double scores and even though Mullinahone fought back to trail by four, it was all in vain.

Toomevara raised the pace and struck ten points to Mullinahone's two before Willie Ryan sealed their victory with a fine goal in the 29th minute. One of the stars of Toom's victory was midfielder, Ken Dunne, who hit eight points in the course of the hour.

In the last quarter-final Thurles Sarsfields defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by 2-19 to 2-13. Sarsfields were four points adrift after five minutes but improved considerably after a slow start and led by 0-10 to 0-8 at the interval. Denis Maher was excellent, grabbing four points from play and he was ably

Co. Senior Hurling Championship 2010

DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM	HOME TEAM SCORE	AWAY TEAM	AWAY TEAM SCORE	REFEREE
Round 1						
18/09/2010	Boherlahan	Galtee / Treacys	1.13	Carrick Davins	1.09	Denis Curtis
18/09/2010	Boherlahan	Upperchurch Drombane	1.19	Killenaule	0.09	Ger Fitzpatrick
19/09/2010	Holycross	Kildangan	3.13	Éire Óg Anacarty	1.15	Keith Delahunty
19/09/2010	Borrisoleigh	Burgess	1.20	Holycross Ballycahill	0.15	Sean Bradshaw
23/09/2010	S Stadium	Borris-Ileagh	1.20	Knockavilla Kickhams	0.08	Johnny Ryan
23/09/2010	S Stadium	Mullinahone	2.15	Drom & Inch	1.12	Richie Barry
Round 2						
26/09/2010	Templemore	Kildangan	3.15	Galtee / Treacys	2.13	Pat Ivors
26/09/2010	Templemore	Burgess	1.21	Upperchurch Drombane	0.14	Noel Cosgrave
27/09/2010	S Stadium	Mullinahone	2.15	Nenagh Eire Óg	1.15	Fergal Horgan
27/09/2010	S Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney	1.16	Borris-Ileagh	1.13	Seamus Roche
Quarter Finals						
02/10/2010	S Stadium	Kildangan	1.14	Carrick Swans	1.09	Johnny Ryan
02/10/2010	S Stadium	Clonoulty Rossmore	2.21	Burgess	1.13	Noel Cosgrave
03/10/2010	S Stadium	Toomevara	1.26	Mullinahone	0.13	Richie Barry
03/10/2010	S Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	2.19	Loughmore Castleiney	2.13	Tommy Ryan
Semi Finals						
17/10/2010	S Stadium	Clonoulty-Rossmore	1-19	Kildangan	1-16	W Clohessy
17/10/2010	S Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	1-17	Toomevara	1-16	Seamus Roche
Final	S. Stadium	Thurles	1-16	Clonoulty-Rossmore	1-7	Keith Delahunty

assisted by and impressive Ger 'Redser' O'Grady.

Sarsfields hit the net within two minutes of the re-start when Lar Corbett finished off some good work by Pa Bourke. Loughmore hit back with a Liam McGrath goal but Sarsfields held a six-point advantage with ten minutes remaining, and the game appeared very much in Sarsfields hands.

A Johnny Champion goal gave Loughmore-Castleiney hope but then Sarsfields hit back quickly when Richie Ruth netted following a build-up involving Michael Cahill and Lar Corbett.



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In the end it was the winner's superiority in attack which was the difference between the sides.

Semi-Finals

As a result of the quarter-finals Sarsfields and Toomevara were installed as having the better chances of winning out so the draws were looked forward to with interest. As it was an open draw the two couldn't be separated and when the draw took place on the Monday after the quarter finals the two were drawn against one another and Clonoulty-Rossmore and Kildangan were drawn in the second semi-final.

The semis were played at Semple Stadium on October 17 and expectations came to nought as the whole afternoon was a disappointment to the expectant crowd. Probably the only real excitement was reserved for the final minute of the second game, when Pa Bourke converted a controversial 20-metre free to give Thurles Sarsfields victory by one point over Toomevara, who were leading by two points at that stage. Following the score a melee erupted in the middle of the field as the tension between the sides, which had erupted twice in the course of the hour, found more ugly expression. It contrasted with the united euphoria which had enveloped the county following the double All-Ireland victory in September.

In the first game Clonoulty-Rossmore claimed the spoils by 1-19 to 1-16 despite having played second fiddle to Kildangan for long spells. The latter, All-Ireland intermediate champions in 2005, who had never won a senior title and had last qualified for one in 1938, raced into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead after five minutes, the goal from Eoin Gleeson Kildangan went further into the lead but were gradually hauled back to two points, 1-9 to 0-10, by half-time. Clonoulty had taken a long time to get into any kind of scoring rhythm but scored five crucial points during the last seven minutes of the half.

Kildangan resumed as they had during the opening of the first half and looked impressive as they went into a five-point lead. But Clonoulty dug deep and improved performances by John Heffernan and John Devane closed off Kildangan's route to goals. By the 48th minute Kildangan were still in front by 1-13 to 0-13 but then a super leap by Fiachra O'Keeffe in a crowded square, to grasp a perfect delivery by John O'Neill, and finish to the net with a one-hand flick had the sides level. Building on that goal Clonoulty went on to win getting six points to Kildangan's three during the remaining minutes to leave the final score 1-19 to 1-16 at the final whistle. Clonoulty can thank goalkeeper Declan O'Dwyer who, following one slip, went on to perform extremely well making some key saves during the remainder of the game. Another major contributor to the victory was John O'Neill, who returned to some of his former glory with a dazzling display that produced four points from play.

Sarsfields Just Make It

Thurles Sarsfields qualified for the final by the minimum of margins over Toomevara on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-16. Sarsfields were favourites going into the game and justified the tag with a good start, which saw them lead by 0-7 to 0-3 after the first quarter. Four players contributed to Sarsfields total while Kenny Dunne had done all the scoring for Toomevara. The latter had the better of the second quarter, during which Dunne added five more points to Sarsfields two to leave only a point between the sides, 0-9 to 0-8, at the interval. It was a poor game livened up only by virtue of a couple of skirmishes, which resulted in several yellow cards.

Toomevara resumed better and had gone into a 0-11 to 0-9 lead within five minutes. The introduction of Eoin Brislane at full-forward improved their chances and they began to play long and direct ball up the middle. He was off target with a number



Thurles Sarsfields' Padraic Maher goes to the sky to gain possession against Clonoulty-Rossmore in the County Final.

of shots initially and during this period Sarsfields had re-established their momentum and retaken the lead, 0-15 to 0-13, by the 48th minute. At this point Brislane collected a long delivery from Benny Dunne before coolly finishing to the net. It put Toomevara back in front but crucially it led to the red-carding of Redser O'Grady as a result of an incident following the goal. Everything seemed set up for a Toomevara march to victory. However, Thurles retained their composure and with Pa Bourke, Michael Gleeson, Michael Cahill and Padraic Maher driving things on, they levelled matters twice in the remaining minutes. Then in the 59th minute John O'Brien gave Toomevara the lead point and Brislane landed another on the hour mark. Toomevara were denied a likely victory when in the 63rd minute Denis Maher was deemed to be fouled and from the resultant 20-metre free Pa Bourke grabbed victory from the jaws of defeat for Sarsfields and gave them the chance of retaining their title. Toomevara did have one final opportunity to rescue the game when Paddy O'Brien hit a wonderful sideline puck from fifty-five metres but Padraic Maher cleared the danger and the final whistle blew seconds later.

Thurles Retain Title

Thurles Sarsfields won back-to-back county senior titles for the first time since 1965 when they defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore by 1-16 to 1-7 at Semple Stadium on October 31. Sarsfields were out of traps very quickly and were six points to nil in front after thirteen minutes. Their forwards had the Clonoulty backs at sixes and sevens and it looked as if Sarsfields were going to win in a canter. However, Clonoulty eventually got their show on the road with the inspiration coming from captain and wing-forward, Tom Butler, who hit over a hat-trick of points. Timmy Hammersley added a point and, in the 29th minute, John O'Neill goaled from a twenty-metre free to leave just two points

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between the sides, 0-9 to 1-4, at half-time. It should have been closer but for poor free-taking by Clonoulty.

Any hope that Clonoulty were about to create a surprise evaporated early in the second half. A great block by Padraig Heffernan, denied Lar Corbett a certain goal. Denis Maher, who had moved in centreforward, began to impose himself on the game and hit three fine points. Aidan McCormack, who came on as a sub, added two more and then in the 46th minute, centrefield Gleeson, hit a pin point accurate shot into the hand of Corbett, who duly finished it to the net. The score put Sarsfields practically out of sight at 1-14 to 1-5. However, Clonoulty did not die easily. They created three goal-scoring opportunities in the final minutes of the game. A combination of good goal-keeping and great defence contrived to prevent a last minute shock and when the final whistle sounded Sarsfields had nine points to spare on a scoreline of 1-16 to 1-7.

Sarsfields have a good outfit with a lot of talent round the field and they will go into the Munster championship with the confidence to go one better than they have before. If they have a problem it's the tendency to go out of games in which they seem to have total control and they fail to put teams away when they're on top. It was a frustrating final for Clonoulty. They too have a lot of talent but they failed to deliver to their true potential during the year and failed again in the final.

Thurles Sarsfields: Patrick McCormack, Michael Cahill, Kevin O'Gorman, David Maher, Barry O'Dwyer, Padraic Maher, David Kennedy, Michael Gleeson, Alan Kennedy, Stephen Lillis (0-2), Lar Corbett (1-0), Denis Maher (0-4), Richie Ruth (0-2), Pa Bourke (0-4), Johnny Enright (0-2). Subs: Alan McCormack (0-2) for Johnny Enright, Jim Corbett for Alan Kennedy, John Joe Burke for Richie Ruth, Michael O'Brien for David Maher, Patrick Leahy for Barry O'Dwyer. Others: Bill McCormack, Garry Mernagh, Stephen Maher, John Maher, Tony Ruth, Philip O'Dwyer, John Lawlor, Eoin Russell, David O'Dwyer, Michael

Seamus Ó Riain Cup 2010

DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM SCORE	AWAY TEAM SCORE	REFEREE
Round 1				
16/07/2010	The Ragg	Roscrea 1.18	Cappawhite 2.10	Noel Cosgrave
18/07/2010	Holycross	Cashel King Cormacs 3.16	JK Brackens 1.20	TP Sullivan
30/07/2010	Borrisoleigh	Loughmore Castleiney 4.18	Moneygall 3.10	Sean Bradshaw
30/07/2010	Drombane	Nenagh Éire Óg 4.30	Golden Kilfeacle 2.04	Tommy Ryan
01/08/2010	Templemore	Ballingarry 1.14	Templederry 1.17	Richie Barry
01/08/2010	Templemore	Kilruane MacDonaghs 4.20	Boherlahan Dualla 3.17	John O'Brien
01/08/2010	The Ragg	Ballybacon G 1.13	Lorrha Dorra 2.11	Martin Ryan
02/08/2010	Templederry	Portroe 1.21	Moycarkey Borris 1.19	Ger Fitzpatrick
Quarter Final				
13/09/2010	Semple Stadium	Templederry Kenyons 2.24	Portroe 2.12	Seamus Roche
13/09/2010	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Éire Óg 4.19	Lorrha 0.04	John O'Brien
14/09/2010	Semple Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney 5.22	Cashel King Cormacs 0.20	Pat Gibson
14/09/2010	Semple Stadium	Roscrea 2.19	Kilruane MacDonaghs 1.11	Phil Ryan
Semi Final				
19/09/2010	Toomevara	Loughmore Castleiney 3.13	Roscrea 2.13	Fergal Horgan
19/09/2010	Dolla	Nenagh Éire Óg 0.25	Templederry Kenyons 1.06	Noel Cosgrave
Final	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Éire Óg 3-18	Loughmore Castleiney 1-6	Phil Ryan

Collins, Michael Russell, Pa Dunne, Rory O'Shea.

Clonoulty-Rossmore: Declan O'Dwyer, Liam Devane, John Heffernan, Kevin Horan, Joey O'Keeffe, John Devane, Padraig Heffernan, Sean O'Connor, John O'Keeffe, Tom Butler (capt.) (0-3), Michael Heffernan, Timmy Hammersley (0-3), Fiachra O'Keeffe, Thomas Butler, John O'Neill (1-1). Subs: Anthony Kearney for Liam Devane, Paudie White for Sean O'Connor, Conor Ryan for Michael Heffernan, Sean O'Connor for Fiachra O'Keeffe. Others: Diarmuid Cullen, Jason Forrestal, Micheal Coen, Martin Sadlier, Conor Hammersley, Brian Ryan, Paddy Ryan, John Heffernan, Andrew Quirke, Niall Shanahan, Donncha Ryan, Kieran Ryan, Aaron Ryan, Kieran Hammersley, Aidan White, Davy White, Jamie Moloney, Seamus Carew.

Referee: Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)

Man of the Match Award: Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields)

Attendance: 6,224.

Seamus Ó Riain Cup

Sixteen teams qualified for the Seamus Ó Riain Cup as a result of their failure to qualify for the semi-finals in their respective divisions. There were seven teams from the north, Roscrea,

Moneygall, Nenagh Éire Óg, Templemore, Kilruane-MacDonaghs, Lorrha, Portroe. The south had two qualifiers, Ballingarry and Ballybacon-Grange. There were four from the mid, J. K. Brackens, Loughmore-Castleiney, Boherlahan-Dualla and Moycarkey-Borris, and three from the west, Cappawhite, Cashel King-Cormacs and Golden-Kilfeacle.

As a matter of interest six of the seven north teams survived the first round, the only failure was Moneygall who were beaten by Loughmore-Castleiney. Of the four mid teams Loughmore-Castleiney was the only survivor. Neither of the two south teams made it to the second round and Cashel King Cormacs was the only team from the three from the west.



Patricia Ryan (Quirke Jewellers) presents the Seamus Ó Riain Cup final Man of the Match award to Nenagh Éire Óg player Daire Quinn. Also present is Jack Ryan (representing the Ó Riain family), County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien and Nenagh Éire Óg vice-captain John Brennan who holds the Seamus Ó Riain Cup.

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The first round games were played over the period July 16 to August 2. The eight teams that came through were Roscrea, Cashel King Cormacs, Loughmore-Castleiney. Nenagh Éire Óg, Templederry Kenyons, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Lorrha and Portroe. There was an open draw for the quarter-finals, which were played on Monday and Tuesday, 13/14 September. All the games were played at Semple Stadium.

Quarter-Finals

On a miserable Monday evening Templederry scored a comprehensive win over Portroe by 2-24 to 2-12. Star of the winner's performance was Eanna Murray, who scored 0-13 of his side's tally. It was an even game in the first half and Portroe led by a point at the interval, 1-9 to 0-11, but Templederry took over in the second half and deserved their comprehensive victory.

In the second game on the same evening Nenagh Éire Óg strolled to victory over an out-of-depth Lorrha. They led by 1-11 to 0-3 at half-time and blew Lorrha away in the second half, adding 3-8 to Lorrha's 0-1. Kevin Tucker scored 0-11 for the winners.

None of the newspapers carried reports of the remaining two quarter-final games, which took place on the following night. They weren't in time for the September 16 edition of the papers and since the semi-finals were to follow at the weekend they would have been appearing at the same time as the semi-final reports. So, a most unusual situation of two senior hurling games not reported. In the first of these Loughmore-Castleiney had a comprehensive victory over Cashel King Cormacs of 5-22 to 0-20 and, in the second, Roscrea surprised Kilruane MacDonaghs, defeating them by 2-19 to 1-11.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals were played at separate venues on September 19. Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Roscrea by 2-13 to 2-13 at Toomevara. The winners were five points behind with fourteen minutes remaining but they put in a storming finish with goals from Noel McGrath and Cian Hennessy to claim a place in the final. Roscrea led by 1-7 to 1-6 at the interval and had pushed on to lead by 2-9 to 1-7 as a result of their second goal in the 46th minute, but they were outscored by 2-6 to 0-4 in the last quarter of the game.

The second semi-final between Nenagh Éire Óg and Templederry Kenyons, which was played at Dolla, was in no way as exciting. In fact Nenagh had a clearcut win by 0-24 to 1-6. Nenagh's victory was facilitated by the dismissal of the

Templederry corner-back, Paudie Ryan, after twenty-six minutes. The winners led by 0-7 to 0-3 at half-time. Templederry got some hope when Matthew Ryan converted a penalty in the 48th minute but it was Nenagh who pushed on to a facile victory by fifteen points.

The Final

Some might claim that this competition was debased by giving the finalists entre to the Dan Breen Cup rather than allowing it to stand on its own strength. It was further debased by the decision of Loughmore-Castleiney to field a depleted side on the day, giving priority to their date with Aherlow in the senior football final the following Sunday.

As the curtain-raiser to the Dan Breen final it provided little in the way of entertainment for a sparse crowd as a rampant Nenagh Éire Óg easily overcame the feeble challenge of the Mid representatives. After a dominant first quarter, Nenagh Éire Óg relaxed a bit but still led by double scores, 2-8 to 1-4, at the interval. The supremacy of Nenagh was even more pronounced in the second half as they added 1-9 to Loughmore's 0-2 and finished a non-event on a scoreline of 3-17 to 1-6.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Willie Bolger, Daire Quinn, Shane Maher, Mark Flannery, Hugh Flannery, Richie Flannery, Noel Moloney, John Flannery Alan Kelly, Paul Ryan (1-4), Hugh Moloney (capt.), 0-2, Michael Heffernan (0-1), Kevin Tucker (0-3), John Slattery, Pearse Morris (2-1). Subs: Brian Quinn for Hugh Flannery, Thomas Heffernan (0-1) for Kevin Tucker, Mark Tuite (0-1) for Hugh Moloney, Eoin Fitzgibbon for John Flannery, John Brennan (0-1) for John Slattery. Others: Michael McNamara, Michael Hynes, Eddie Tucker, Brian Maxwell, Stephen Ryan, Sean Geaney, Sean Healy, David Cleary, Mark Grace, Donncha Heffernan, Joe Geaney, Edward Darcy.

Loughmore Castleiney: Shane Nolan, Kevin Johnson, Eoin Ryan, Martin Ryan, Dara Butler, John Meagher, Henry Maher, Paddy Moynihan (1-0), Eamon Connolly (0-1), Martin Gleeson, Seamus Bohan (0-4), Shane Hennessy, Darren Danagher, James Connolly Johnny Campion (0-1). Subs: Ger Morris for Darren Danagher, Pauric Egan for Johnny Campion, Brian McGrath for Shane Hennessy, Kieran Kiely for James Connolly. Others: Kevin Stapleton, Thomas Quinn, Richard Maher, Eamonn McGrath, Kevin O'Connell, Craig Cleary.

Referee: Phil Ryan (Kickhams)

Man of the Match: Daire Quinn (Nenagh Éire Óg).



Nenagh Éire Óg senior hurlers - Ó Riain Cup champions. Back l-r: Noel Maloney, Hugh Maloney (Captain), Shane Maher, Ritchie Flannery, Mark Flannery, Hugh Flannery, John Flannery, John Slattery, Michael McNamara. Kneeling: Alan Kelly, Kevin Tucker, Michael Heffernan, Pearse Morris, Daire Quinn, Paul Ryan, Willie Bolger.

The County Senior Football Championship

By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

Aherlow lift the O'Dwyer Cup for the second time

Defeat wasn't an option for Aherlow in this year's county senior football final against Loughmore/Castleiney.

Narrowly beaten by Moyle Rovers in the 2009 decider, successive defeats would probably have left lasting damage on the team, according to their manager.

They couldn't have handled another defeat. 'We were mugged last year when we lost by a point', Liam Kerins said after his team had pipped Loughmore by the same margin in a rugged battle at Semple Stadium on the first Sunday in November.

Aherlow were the better team for much of the contest but a combination of poor finishing and wasted possession looked like scuppering their chances of lifting the O'Dwyer Cup for only the second time, and the first since 2006.

The game was heading for a replay when Barry Grogan - who turned in a man of the match performance - intervened, kicking the winning point in additional time.

Aherlow eventually got there by 2-4 to 1-6 and Grogan scored all but a goal of their tally, which came in the first half from Conor O'Shea.

Barry Grogan showed the way for his team but the industry of so many others was crucial too. His brother Seamus was the catalyst for many of their attacks, supplying the pass for Barry's goal that revived their faltering challenge midway through the second half.

Laurence Coskeran and Stuart Moloney soldiered tirelessly all afternoon while Ciaran McDonald, John Hennessy and Chris McDonald were always tough and tenacious in a sturdy defence.

Manager Liam Kerins said that the victory had got the monkey off their backs, having lost the 2009 final, and it also ended a sequence that had seen them beaten in all of their three previous finals in Semple Stadium. He said that Loughmore deserved their status as a great dual club and you hadn't them beaten until you had the cup.

After they overcame the avalanche of wides (eleven in total) and carelessness that threatened to derail their challenge, all of Aherlow boisterously celebrated the victory, as darkness enveloped the venue.

In his acceptance speech, captain Mark O'Brien summed up the enormity of the success for the men from the Glen.

He said it meant the world to him to be standing there with the cup because this was the best bunch of players he had ever played with, and he had played with them since underage.

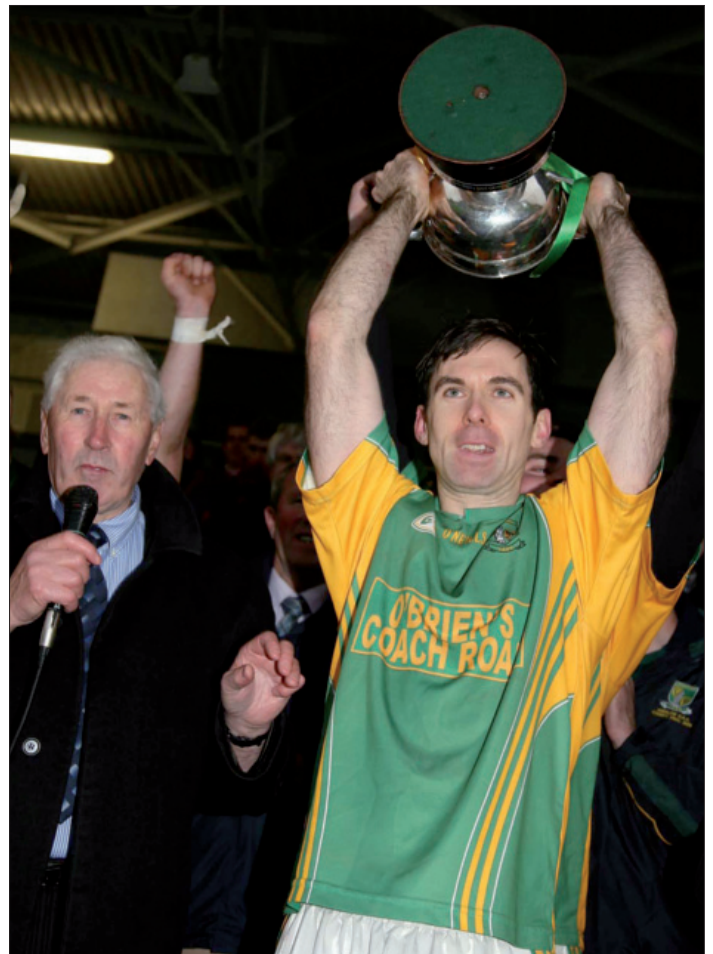
Typically, Loughmore proved awkward opponents. They played their best football in the first half and led at the interval by 1-5 to 1-1. Michael Webster was an effective target man while another former county senior hurler, David Kennedy, gave his all in the middle of the field. James Egan also contributed well while defenders Tommy Long, Aidan McGrath and Tom King had Aherlow's forwards under lock and key in that opening period.

But they totally lost their way in the second half, when they had just a single point to show for their efforts.

To compound their misery Loughmore finished the game with just 13 men, although this could never be classed as a dirty game. James Egan received a second yellow card with ten minutes remaining, a fate that also befell Aidan McGrath in additional time.

Earlier Defeat

As well as ensuring a return journey for the O'Dwyer Cup to the Glen, Aherlow's one-point win was also sweet revenge for their defeat by Loughmore in the second round of the



Aherlow Captain Mark O'Brien lifts the Cup after his side won the County SFC Final presented by County Board Football Chairman Noel Morris.

championship in Cashel in mid July. Aherlow were beaten that day by 5 points (1-8 to 0-6) before they resurrected their challenge for county honours as West champions.

At the end of the year Loughmore had the consolation, if you could call it that, of being beaten by teams that went on to become county champions in both senior hurling (Thurles Sarsfields) and senior football.

The teams lined out as follows on county final day -

Aherlow: Brian Moroney, Mark O'Brien (captain), John Hennessy, Mark Hanley, Ciaran McDonald, Chris McDonald, Sean Mullins, Cathal Dillon, Stuart Moloney, Bernard O'Brien, Barry Grogan (1-4 including 0-2 frees), Laurence Coskeran, Conor O'Shea (1-0), Seamus Grogan and Derry Peters.

Substitutes: Tom Hanley for Conor O'Shea (39 minutes) and Thomas Fahey for Bernard O'Brien (40 minutes). Also: Gordon Peters, Denis O'Shea, Leo Leonard, Peter Leonard, Lionel Leonard, Frankie Leonard, Seanie Peters, Shane Leonard, Tommy Russell.

Loughmore/Castleiney: David McGrath, Tommy Long, Eddie Connolly, Willie Eviston, Aidan McGrath, Ciaran McGrath (captain), Tom King (0-1), David Kennedy, John Scully (0-1), James Egan (0-2 including 1 free), Liam Treacy, Noel McGrath, Liam McGrath, Micheal Webster (0-2 including 1 free) and Cian Hennessy (1-0). Subs: Paul Brennan for John Scully (53 minutes), John Meagher for Cian Hennessy (60 minutes) and Derek Bourke for Liam Treacy (60 minutes). Also: Evan Sweeney, Murtagh Brennan, Johnny Campions, Eamon Connolly, James Connolly, Shane Hennessy, Tomás McGrath, Henry Maher, Paddy Moynihan, Shane Nolan, Garry Sweeney, Tomás Quinn.

Senior Football Championship (O'Dwyer Cup)

Preliminary Round

18/04 in Boherlahan Commercials 1.10 JK Brackens 0.7 Referee, David Grogan

Round 1

01/05 in Cahir Aherlow 2.14 Killenaule 0.4 Referee, Donie Cahill
 01/05 in Bansha Eire Óg Annacarty 2.11 Ardfinnan 2.7 Referee, David Grogan
 01/05 in Kilsheelan Carrick Swans 4.8 Clonmel Óg 2.14 Referee, Paddy Russell
 01/05 in Cahir Galtee Rovers 2.14 Fethard 1.10 Referee, Brian Tyrrell
 26/05 in Kilsheelan Carrick Swans 2.6 Clonmel Óg 0.9 Referee, Keith O'Brien, Replay

Round 2

02/05 in Boherlahan Arravale Rovers 2.13 Moyne Templetuohy 1.7 Referee, John Ryan (Bob), After Extra Time
 02/05 in Boherlahan Commercials 0.9 Loughmore C 0.9 Referee, Derek O'Mahoney, After Extra Time
 02/05 in Templetuohy Thomas MacDonaghs 0.11 Moyle Rovers 2.20 Referee, Martin Ryan
 01/06 in Holycross Commercials 0.8 Loughmore C 2.7 Referee, Paddy Russell, Replay
 04/06 in New Inn Cahir 2.8 Galtee Rovers 1.7 Referee, John Kelly
 05/06 in Cashel Moyle Rovers 1.15 Arravale Rovers 2.7 Referee, Keith O'Brien
 18/06 in Cahir Carrick Swans 1.9 Eire Óg Annacarty 1.6 Referee, Brian Tyrrell
 19/07 in Cashel Loughmore/Castleiney 1.8 Aherlow 0.6 Referee, Paddy Russell

Quarter Final

16/10 in Kilsheelan Cahir 0.13 Carrick Swans 1.7 Referee, Paddy Russell
 17/10 in Holycross Aherlow 1.13 Thomas MacDonaghs 2.5 Referee, Derek O'Mahoney

Semi Final

24/10 in Cashel Aherlow 0.12 Cahir 1.7 Referee, Keith O'Brien
 24/10 in Cashel Loughmore/Castleiney 1.9 Moyle Rovers 1.5 Referee, Paddy Russell

Final

7/11 in Semple Stadium Aherlow 2-4 Loughmore/Castleiney 1-6 Referee, Brian Tyrrell

The referee was Brian Tyrrell, Clonmel Commercials.

Earlier Rounds

If Barry Grogan proved Aherlow's saviour in the final, he came to their rescue again in the semi-final in Cashel, when his 10-points haul (including seven frees) was instrumental in their defeat of Cahir.

Aherlow won by 2 points but they sailed close to the wind, as they played the last twelve minutes (including five minutes of stoppage time) with just 14 men after Ciaran McDonald was sent off for a second bookable offence. A grandstand finish was on the cards when Benny Hickey's free cut the gap to just a single point.

Aherlow, however, shrugged off the handicap of that numerical disadvantage and further points from Laurence Coskeran and Barry Grogan closed out the victory, with another Benny Hickey point coming too late to retrieve the situation for the 2003 champions.

Despite the best efforts of Benny Hickey, Paddy O'Flaherty, Robbie Costigan and Gavin Berry, Cahir's wait for their second title will be extended to another year.

Moyle Rovers' hopes of capturing back-to-back titles were dashed when they were beaten by Loughmore in the other semi-



Loughmore/Castleiney mascots for the County Football Final were Darragh Kelly, Bill Ryan and Brian Gleeson.

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final at Cashel on the same afternoon. All Star hurler Noel McGrath was instrumental in sending the Mid team through to the final against the holders, who struggled without the services of experienced duo Declan Browne and Liam Cronin.

Rovers were well in contention at half-time when they were behind by just 2 points (0-7 to 0-5) but they didn't score again until two minutes from the end. But at that stage the game had slipped from their grasp and Peter Acheson's goal only served to put a more respectable appearance on the scoreline.

The Powerstown/Lisronagh club didn't finish the season empty-handed, as they got the better of Cahir in the final to win their fifth South title in-a-row. Their progress through the county competition saw them defeat Thomas MacDonaghs before they proved too strong for Arravale Rovers in Cashel in June. Declan Browne's contribution of 1-11 from their tally of 1-15 in that latter game only emphasised how sorely his absence was felt when they lost to Loughmore.

Brian Jones, Damien Kiely, Ger Mulhair, Timmy Dalton and Robbie Kiely bravely led an Arravale challenge against Moyle Rovers, one that ran out of steam in the final quarter of an hour. Arravale, who last won the championship 25 years ago, had earlier beaten Moyne/Templetuohy.

In the quarter-finals Cahir were pushed all the way by Swans before eventually beating the Carrick team by 3 points. Swans had enough chances but they didn't make their possession count and reached the end of the road, despite having taken the notable scalps of Clonmel Og and Eire Og Annacarty along the way. Stephen Hahessy gave a fine display in that game against Cahir as did Alan O'Sullivan, Keith Walsh, Jamie Sweetman and Benny Hahessy.

Swans advanced to the quarter-final thanks to goalkeeper Alan Ryan, who saved Damien O'Brien's penalty deep in additional time in their 1-9 to 1-6 win over Eire Og Annacarty in the second round. Eire put it up to the Carrick team, principally because of the leadership shown by Brian and Kevin Fox, Diarmuid Ryan, Padraic O'Dwyer and Philip McLoughlin, but ultimately their effort fell short.

In the other last eight tie the North combination side of Thomas MacDonaghs gave a good account of themselves before bowing out to Aherlow. Thanks to the efforts of Philip Austin, Liam England and the Hannigans, George and Alan, MacDonaghs showed great character to produce a late rally that yielded goals from Andrew Byrne and Tommy Connors.

Their performance was all the more admirable considering they had beaten another combination team, Fr. John Kenyons, in the North Final only three days previously.

Aherlow, however, were always in the comfort zone once Barry Grogan (that man again) converted a penalty to put them 9 points ahead five minutes into the second half. Aherlow's 1-13 to 2-5 success meant that they proved a stumbling block for MacDonaghs at the quarter-final stage for the second year running.

The team that went on to finish on top of the pile in November breezed through the opening round when they eased their way past Killenaule, enjoying a 16-points margin of victory.

Clonmel Commercials haven't won the championship since 2002, although the host of underage titles won by the club during the year, a rich harvest that included the county minor and under-21 crowns, suggests a return to the good times may not be too far away.

At the beginning of June they lost by 5 points to Loughmore, a



Aherlow's Barry Grogan receives the Man of the Match award from John Quirke Jewellers (sponsor). Also present County Football Chairman Noel Morris and County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien.

club with whom they have enjoyed many a famous battle down the years, in a second round replay at Holycross.

Jason Barnes, Donal Lynch, Eamon Hanrahan, Paul O'Mahony and John Harney were all to the fore as the Clonmel team led at the break by 0-5 to 0-3. But they couldn't sustain their challenge in the second period, when they missed some good chances.

Extra time couldn't separate the teams when they met at Boherlahan in the first match. Commercials got their campaign underway by beating JK Brackens by 6 points in the preliminary round back in April.

In a repeat of the 2008 final Cahir and Galtee Rovers clashed in the second round, although this time the honours went Cahir's direction. James McGrath's goal six minutes into second half injury time put the seal on their 4-points victory. However Tony Egan, who had earlier converted four frees and was a hero of an earlier victory over Fethard, missed a glorious opportunity to level the scores from another free and possibly force extra time.

Those Egan points and the impact of Colin Morrissey, Mark O'Brien and Kieran Bergin had given the Bansha team every chance of taking another step towards capturing a seventh title.

Senior Debut

Clonmel Og made their senior debut in the 2009 championship, when they gave a very good account of themselves in defeat in the first round against Fethard. This year, however, they again fell at the first hurdle. They scored 2-14 to draw with Carrick Swans in the first game in Kilsheelan before losing the replay at the same venue. The real damage was done in that first game when they surrendered a 9 points lead on a day when their best were Conor Morrissey, Shane Kearney, Christopher Aylward, Johnny Cagney and Matthew Norris.

Fethard are the club with most county championships, 21, but next year will be the tenth anniversary of their last success in 2001. Once again they made little impact in this year's competition and slumped to a 7-points defeat against Galtee Rovers in a first round game in Cahir on May 1st.

Brian Coen, Alan O'Connor, Chris Sheehan and Cian and Carl Maher couldn't be faulted for their efforts for a Fethard side gunned down by Tony Egan, who kicked a total of 1-9, all but 2 points of which came from play.

Ardfinnan, another club with a proud tradition, also fell on hard times as they tried to regain the cup for the first time in five years. They were at the receiving end of a shock 2-11 to 2-7 beating by Eire Og Annacarty in the first round when the performances of Jonathan Ryan, David O'Sullivan, Michael Phelan and Brian Lonergan couldn't prevent them from sliding to defeat.

Michael Frawley 1932-2010

by Michael Power

On behalf of the GAA, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to Michael Frawley's family, daughters Margaret, Mary, Cathriona and Anne, sons Michael and Ger, grandson Jamie, son-in-law Pat, sister Nora Bartley, sisters-in-law Mary Frawley, Joe and Alice Fitzgerald, brother-in-law Sean Fitzgerald and his extended family.

On Sunday the 1st August the news broke that Michael Frawley, better known as Mick to all of us, had died. We were all hit with a deep sadness as one of the linchpins of the Gaelic Athletic Association had left us to join his dear wife Nellie and his brother Jim who had predeceased him.

Michael Frawley was born on the 9th June 1932, to his parents Michael and Margaret Frawley and was the eldest in a family of three. He was passed on a proud family tradition and carried on this with great distinction.

He went to national school in Emly and when he completed his education, he took up farming full-time. In time he took over the family farm and built up a successful dairy operation, which he completely modernised to meet the needs of the day. He was elected to the management committee of the Tipperary Co-operative Society. The management skills he acquired were put to good use later with his involvement in the GAA.

On the 29th April 1965 he married Nellie Fitzgerald, and they were blessed with six children. Michael and Nellie ensured they were well-educated so they could avail of opportunities in life.

Apart from his family and farming, it was in the GAA that he really made his mark. He was very proud of Jack Raleigh's hurling exploits with Toomevara, also Malachy O'Brien who was a member of the Limerick Commercial team that won the first senior football All-Ireland, as well as Jim Mitchell's exploits in the athletics world. Of course they were all Emly men. The above-mentioned three men and others were a source of inspiration to him.

He had a long playing career with his beloved club Emly, culminating in divisional medals in Junior football, Junior hurling, Senior football and a County Junior football medal in 1968.

In 1968 he was part of the panel as well as the management of St. Ailbe's (Emly/Aherlow) that won a West Senior football title.

In the early 1960s, he was invited by Ardfinnan to be part of the Tipperary Senior football selection committee. Ardfinnan were champions and in the process it was their call to put the county senior management in place. He spent in the region of twelve years as senior selector, as well as serving, on occasions, as selector in other teams. This commitment meant regular trips to Clonmel for training, attending club games and travelling with the team to different venues all over the country.

Fr Tom Marsh and Mick Frawley are legendary figures in the annals of Tipperary football. It was during their reign that Jim 'Tot' McGown was brought in to advance the fortunes of Tipperary football. McGown was a successful footballer with Mayo and was, by profession, an engineer working with the local authority in Clonmel. During this time they had some close calls with Cork and Kerry but could not make the break. They did however win the Division 2 National League title in 1971 and were later beaten by Down in another final.

He was a Railway Cup selector with Munster for a number of years and during his tenure the Railway Cup was won. Mick did not travel empty handed as he had good players from the county – Michael

'Babs' Keating, Denis Burke, Eddie Webster, Sean Kearney and James Kehoe, in successful teams of 1972, 1975 and 1976.

During these years of playing and as a county selector, he was representing his club at West Board meetings and was shortly elected as one of four to represent the West Division on the County Board. At the same time he was club chairman and was central to the development of the new field, dressing room and stand, and later gave assistance with the lighting of the field.

In 1969 he was elected delegate with Donie Nealon and served for eight years representing Tipperary on the Munster Council. It was during this time that a big push came within the GAA for every club to vest their property in the GAA and to have their own field and dressing rooms. In this area, clubs throughout the county are deeply indebted to him for all the assistance he gave them. He had earlier been one of the driving forces in Emly and all the experience he had gained, he gladly passed it on.

In 1973 he was elected chairman of the West Board, a position he served with distinction. He, amongst others, helped the west to be competitive in all grades for county honours.

In 1977 he was elected chairman of the Munster Council. The first task facing him was to appoint a secretary as Sean McCarthy (Kerry) died in office. His Tipperary colleague on the Council, Donie Nealon, was elected secretary. He enjoyed his three years on the Council and Donie Nealon, Tadgh Crowley (Treasurer) and himself worked as a great team. The Council was in debt but this did not stop the authorisation of support for county and club projects. The management of the council under his direction put the plan in place that has led to the Council being in today's healthy position.

It was under his direction that coaching schemes to assist the four unsuccessful counties was put in place. The star Kerry players Denis 'Ogie' Moran and Pat Spillane were amongst some of the coaches that came to help the Tipperary minor team. This almost paid off immediately as in 1980 the County Minor football



The late Mick Frawley



His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford, Rev Fr. S. Rochford, Rev Fr. S. Gardiner and Rev. Fr. D. Ryan in the funeral procession of the late Michael Frawley in Emly.

team were eight points up with as many minutes to play but were beaten. The Kerry team went on to win the All-Ireland.

During his days as chairman of the Munster Council, he served on management in Croke Park. For at least two years of his time on management his close personal friend, Con Murphy, was President of the Association.

He was county chairman from 1982-84. He led the campaign to stage the All-Ireland Senior hurling final in Thurles. The campaign was successful and Thurles was awarded the final, which went off without a blemish. The county senior hurlers had been in the doldrums since winning the All-Ireland in 1971 and with the final in Thurles, the pressure was on for Tipperary to be there. Unfortunately, Tipperary were beaten, in their first Munster final since 1973, in dramatic fashion by eventual All-Ireland winners Cork. For the centenary final the preparation work was big but the issue of how to finance it was even bigger. Mick Frawley was to the front of this work, ably assisted by John Lanigan, Mick Maher, Pierce Duggan Tommy Barrett and others. They came up with the double your money scheme and went all over the county, province and country to raise the money. They succeeded and this has led to the fine stadium we enjoy today.

In 1984 the County Minor footballers reached the All-Ireland Minor final, only to be beaten by Dublin. However he was proud that we were there and had won the Munster title for the first time since 1955.

In 1984 I personally was glad he was chairman as he came to my rescue. The Senior footballers were to play Fermanagh in the N.F.L. in Enniskillen. As secretary of the football board, I was a member of the old fixture and finance committee, of which he was chairman. Permission was not forthcoming to travel Saturday evening. The late Hugh Kennedy, chairman of the football board, instructed me to write and inform the county secretary that we were travelling overnight. The Monday night after Enniskillen, the afore-mentioned body met and the footballers were criticised for travelling overnight. The chairman, Mick Frawley, came to my rescue and it is now the norm for the footballers to travel overnight on a long journey.

At the same time as chairman of the county board, he was trying to keep the books balanced. He did his best to introduce the draw which later came under the chairmanship of Noel Morris, who appointed Mick as chairman of the draw committee. The draw was a success and this was helped by the appointment of Tim Floyd as co-ordinator. The draw has 20,000 members and without it the county could not survive.

The last major position he held in the GAA was trustee and this involved being part of management in Croke Park once more. He was elected from 1985 to 1988 inclusive. He later ran for President but the position eluded him.

The last position he held in the county was football board chairman. He was chairman for eight years 1997-2004 inclusive. During his tenure, the county contested two Munster Senior football finals, one of which went to a replay only to be beaten; an U21 final. However we won the Junior Munster and All-Ireland in 1998 under the guidance of Seamus McCarthy.

Mick worked tirelessly for the GAA and when the history books will be written, he will stand favourably with Cusack and Davin. The challenges were different but he rose to them. It must be remembered that what he did for the Association could not have been done without the support of his wife Nellie, his brother Jim, and his six children. When GAA duty called Mick, which was often, the work had to be done and it was done.

To sum Mick up, he could be stubborn and loyal. No task was too big for him and while in the Chair for the various bodies he upheld the rules of the Association.

In 2008 the Munster Council, under the chairmanship of Jimmy O'Gorman, acknowledged his work on the administration front by making a presentation to him.

Mick was a member of the Pioneer movement all his life and was a devout Catholic.

The manner and the dignity in which the Emly GAA club assisted in the funeral arrangements and the guard of honour, Mick your contribution to the GAA has not gone unnoticed.

I hope Mick that I have done you justice as we lay you to rest alongside your dear wife Nellie.

Finally, I hope the soil of this graveyard rests gently on you.

Ni beidh a leitheid ann arís.



The late Sean Mockler

The late Sean Mockler

(By Noel Dundon, Tipperary Star)

The closely knit Mid Tipperary GAA and Tipperary football fraternities are still in mourning following the passing of one of nature's gentlemen, the legend that was Sean Mockler a few weeks ago.

A man who served his club, Loughmore/Castleiney with great distinction both on and off the field, Sean Mockler was regarded as one of The Premier County's most astute observers of the game of football. Indeed, he served as Chairman of the County Tipperary Football Board for a number of terms and dedicated much of his life to raising the profile of the game in a county largely dominated by hurling.

Sean, was also a very staunch defender of the divisional system and his term as Chairman of the Mid Board from 1994 - 1997 was most noteworthy.

However, in spite of his love of Mid Tipperary and The Premier County, nothing could come close to the affection he held for his beloved Loughmore Castleiney. A man who dedicated his life to the famed club, Sean was central to everything associated with Loughmore Castleiney and was not slow about putting his shoulder to the wheel when hard work was needed.

He delighted in the success of the club on and off the playing fields and had a particular gra for football - the club winning it's 57th Mid senior title this year bringing a smile to his face. Sean would have been present for the vast bulk of those victories.

While the games enthralled Sean and gave him much enjoyment, he would readily acknowledge that it was the many friends he made through his involvement in the GAA that gave him most satisfaction. He had friends in every parish of County Tipperary and many of those descended on Templemore, Castleiney and Templereen to pay their final respects as he was laid to rest in his native soil. With a rye smile, he would have entertained many of them with his lamenting of the difficulties of the 'poor country club' while at the same time delighting in the rapport as they dismissed his comments and mentioned the many titles secured in any given year by the green and red army. It was vintage Sean Mockler - a humble, gentle and gracious soul.

The former Bord na Mona employee who was called ashore by the Great Referee is survived by his wife Rose, family, neighbours, GAA colleagues and many, many friends. A void has been left in their lives -to them all, sincerest sympathy is tendered

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Front: Paddy Maher (representing the late Padraig Maher), Liam Hackett, Noreen Flanagan (representing the late John Flanagan) Nicholas Bergin, Jimmy Bergin, Eddie Clancy, Michael Clohessy, Eamonn Darmody, Greg Cullagh, Timmy Cullagh, Billy Fogarty, Dick Quigley, Ned Slattery, Matty Ryan, Missing from Photograph: Liam Bergin, Tommy Quigley and Tommy Noonan.



Galtee Rovers football teams of 1976, 1980 and 1981 taken the day of the football final, November 7, at Thurles. This list is based on picture taken in stadium without selectors. Back l-r; Michael McCarthy, Tim O'Dwyer, Hugh Kennedy, Brendan Hoare, Eamonn McCarthy, Jerry O'Connell, Neil Fleming, Conor Peters, Paddy Morrissey, Eamonn Hickey, Billy Whelan, Michael Quirke, John Joe Hayes, Bernard Ferris, Declan Hickey, Sean Quinn, Seamus McCarthy. Front l-r; Michael Hickey, Liam Bergin, Paul Hanley, David Moloney, John O'Dwyer, Jimmy Ferris, Pat Bergin, Seamus Byron, Michael Sean O'Connell, Billy Darcy, Jim Darcy, Seamus Grogan, Jimmy Lonergan, Michael Grace. Missing from picture: Michael Byron, Michael McCarthy (B), Jim Gallagher, Paddy Lonergan, Ian Murphy, John O'Connell, Declan Hickey.

Club Development in the County

Dr. Morris Park and its recent addition

by John Costigan

One of the jewels in the crown of what is Tipperary GAA has to be Dr. Morris Park. One cannot but applaud the visionaries who purchased the original parcel of land comprising approximately eleven acres from local farmer Stephen Smee in the second half of the nineties. While it did not cost the King's ransom at the time it still represented a huge financial challenge to the county board. The board draw at the time was growing by the year and it enabled the board to be positive and optimistic with regards their financial commitment.

At that particular time in the GAA world it became obvious to the administrators that as a result of the growth in ladies football and camogie, the increasing demands on facilities for primary, post-primary and third level games that a facility was required to take the pressure off the clubs whose pitches were unable to accommodate the demands being imposed on them.

While the county senior hurling training was always accorded the use of Semple Stadium the other grades in hurling as well as football needed a place to prepare their teams for their championship engagements.

Predominantly a Training Ground

With that in mind the county board set out to prepare two flood light pitches on natural terrain and they turned out to be of excellent quality and despite being used the year round they stood the test of time and became an invaluable acquisition to the GAA locally and nationally. Despite numerous requests for its use for championship games both divisionally and at county level it has only been used for that purpose on exceptional occasions. It has been mainly used as a training ground and its ability to recover from excessive use has been one of its hallmarks.

While many county board officers, who have presided over the administration in the county since the birth of Morris Park, take satisfaction from their involvement there is no doubt but the most influential man in its development has been former county development officer and Munster Council representative,

John Ryan, from the Holycross-Ballycahill club. He is widely recognised within the county, province and nationally as one of the most knowledgeable men in field development and land husbandry and his advice and direction is much sought and widely and willingly given.

Further Expansion

In 2008 when the money accrued from the renting of Croke Park to the I.R.F.U. and F.A.I. became available, the Tipperary county board explored the possibility of securing a further field at Morris Park and after negotiations with the Smee family a further piece of property was purchased and under the guidance of John Ryan has now been developed, grass sown, properly fenced and hopefully in twelve months time will be field three in the Morris Park complex.

This new field while not boasting synthetic surface will be an all weather addition and having been developed to the most modern specifications and with the most up to date drainage system will be able to host games the year round and should even in the depths of winter host two or perhaps three games a day.

This new addition will be of great help to second and third level schools and will be invaluable to development squads who oftentimes do part of their programmes in the winter months. The county board have been very generous to both camogie and ladies football over the years and this new addition will enable them to continue their support.

Going forward it is envisaged that further development will take place at Morris Park in the near future with the board officers and county development committee planning the course of action needed to make the facility one of the best of its kind in Ireland.

Development a Tribute to One Man

While many people have played their parts in making Morris Park what it is today, there is one man above and beyond the rest that Morris Park will be forever a memorial to his expertise, efficiency, negotiations skills and dedication that is John Ryan. The county and the many young men and women that enjoy those marvellous facilities there owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

"Mar Buille Scoir, is é mo ghruí go maire se céad agus go bhfeice sé torthaí a chuid oibre sa toadhcháí."



Construction work in progress at Dr. Morris Park, Thurles



Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore Kinnane Cup 2010-'11 team who beat Castletroy College in the final. Front l-r: Bill O'Connell (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jason Ryan (Toomevara), Dylan Moloney (J K Brackens), John Joe Ryan (Clonakenny), Sean Paddy Guerins (J K Brackens), John Mc Grath (Loughmore-Castleiney), James Bergin (J K Brackens), Jack Fogarty (J K Brackens), Joseph Hayden (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kevin Ahearne (Drom-Inch), Paul Bergin (Clonakenny), Padraig Hogan (Templederry), John Connolly (Loughmore Castleiney). Back l-r: Tommy Brett (J K Brackens), Dylan Carey (Templederry), Mr Gerry Ryan (Trainer), Brian Kennedy (J K Brackens), Tommy Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Denis Brereton (Loughmore-Castleiney), Shane Ryan (Moynemountduffy), Conor Burke (J K Brackens), Chane Kinnane (Templederry), Stephen Bourke (J K Brackens), James Butler (Drom-Inch), Dean McEnroe (J K Brackens), Colin O'Riordan (J K Brackens), Jacque Dowling (Errill-Rathdowney), Joseph Nyland (Loughmore-Castleiney), Michael Campion (Drom-Inch), Martin Burke (Trainer).

Any other business

By Liam Hogan

The GAA continues to grow in the field of communication. Hurling and football is analysed like never before. Columns of newspaper inches have improved and lengthened each year. While on match days, souvenir match programmes are a must have with collectors increasing their library each year.

This year we take a brief look at what is on view and then take a look at the negative side of things.

Local newspapers

Local newspapers, *The Guardian*, *Tipperary Star* and *The Nationalists* continued to provide fantastic coverage of all games. Other sports do well also.

Match programmes

Ger Corbett deserves the freedom of Tipperary for the continued high quality of souvenir programmes he produces. This year's county senior hurling final programme received wide praise both inside and outside the county.

Programmes

While I am on the subject of match programmes I must take time to thank the staff of the *Nenagh Guardian* and other printing companies for their time and patience in helping to put the programmes together.

However I must tackle the clubs to who fail to comply with the prescribed team line outs.

It has happened in two north finals this year when in one case the sheet was completely ignored while on another occasion four players were listed incorrectly. It's only a matter of courtesy to have the teams lined outs properly. Putting a programme together takes up a lot of time.

THE LOW POINTS

Tipp FM celebrated the Tipperary All-Ireland homecoming with fervour last September. Many congratulations to the station. The coverage was well received amongst the public.

On other weekends, the station continues to cover GAA affairs

on a limited time scale with inter-county games gaining the majority of the limelight. However the previews in the days leading up to the games is by and large very very poor except for the coverage given on the Saturday evening Preview Show presented by the very popular Paddy Finucane. At this juncture I have to acknowledge work of Paddy Finucane, Tom McGrath, Ian O'Connor, Walty Moloney and Ronan Quirke.

However it is sad to see that as far as inter-county games are concerned the final scoreline seems to be the end of the matter as we hear very little follow up in the subsequent sports bulletins where match quotes could be spread out over the week.

Attention to club activity over the week is extremely poor indeed. Ok the results at weekends get a mention but there is no description of the games where other local radio stations like Clare FM carry out with little fuss.

At midweek, apart from five minute on the spot reports on inter county Minor and U-21 games, other GAA matters (except team line outs) are rarely mentioned. Juvenile games, played at mid week, are entirely ignored.

In relation to more recent weekend sporting bulletins/results, unfortunately, there were regular errors.

A Sunday morning bulletin (September 19) I learned that Shannon Rovers were crowned North Tipperary Intermediate Football champions on the previous day. In fact they had won the North Tipperary Intermediate hurling decider when defeating Borrisokane. Ballinahinch won the North Intermediate Football final when overcoming Newport some time later.

The following weekend, we were informed that Loughmore - Castleiney had won the Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Final when they defeated J K Brackens. Sorry, Thurles Sarsfields won the Mid Tipp senior hurling final. Loughmore won the senior football final instead.

Thomas MacDonaghs lost to Aherlow in the County Senior football quarter final. No problem there. However the station told us that Aherlow's opponents were infact a Thomas MacDonaghs/ Fr John Kenyons combination. Again we are sorry. Thomas MacDonaghs were the defeated opposition but they had overcome Fr John Kenyons in the North Senior football final the previous Wednesday.

All for the want of a little more care and proper research!

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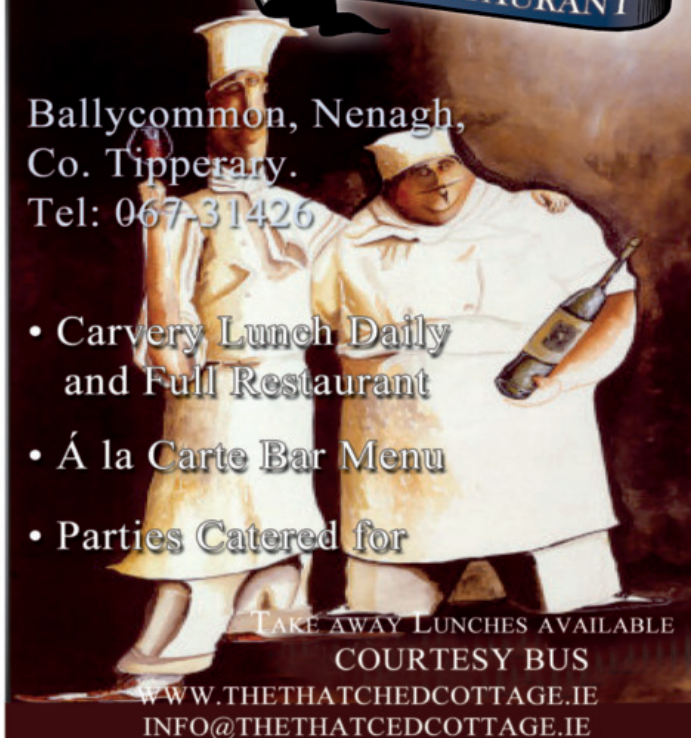


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Thurles Sarsfields, County Minor Hurling Champions



Thurles Sarsfields minor hurlers that defeated Nenagh Eire Og in the County Minor Final. Back l-r: Pa Phelan, Mossy McCormack, Eoghan Leahy, Shane Butler, Dara Mulcaire, Sean Moloney, Kevin Smith, Pa Dunne, David Corbett, Philip Purcell, Brian O'Connor, Myles Fitzgerald, Jamie Stapleton, Greg Cully (Captain), James Ryan, Niall McGovern, Dylan Burke. Kneeling: Dara Ronayne, Kevin Dunne, Stephen Cahill, Aidan Doyle, Mark Lanigan, Michael O'Dwyer, Mark Beresford, Padraic Crone, Michael O'Brien, Paul Maher, Aidan McCormack, John Stakelum.



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Kilsheelan County Minor 'B' Football Champions: Back l-r: David Power, John Kehoe, Jamie Cronin, Adam Hantz, Ruairi Doyle, Kevin Kirwan, Damien Dempsey, John Smyth, Finbarr Horgan, Tadgh Lonergan, Edward Ahearne, Colin Gleeson, Alex Harte, Bill Maher, Liam Corcoran. Front l-r: Riain Connolly, Kevin Kirwan, Kevin Guiry, Paudie Donovan, Dean Mulcahy, Johnny Ormonde (Capt), John Kehoe, Conor Murphy, David Corcoran, David Columby, Adrian McGuire, Sean Ryan, David Smyth, James Murphy.

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Ballinahinch: county minor football 'C' champions: Back row: (l-r) Sean Finn, James O'Connor, Colm Lees, RJ Ryan, James Healy, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Kevin Mulcahy, Cathal Ryan, Thomas Kennedy, Edward Ryan, Cormac McGrath. Front row (l-r) Daragh McGrath, Brendan Ryan, Andrew Ryan, John Ryan, Frank Troy, Paddy Kelly, Patrick Lynch, Sean Hickey.



Kilsheelan County Intermediate Football Champions. Back l-r: John Roche, Alex Harte, Noel Ryan, Keith Robinson, Sean O'Halloran, Eoin Ryan, Kevin Donovan, Den Mulcahy, Eddie O'Connell, Shane Prendergast, Donnacha Loneragan, Niall Walsh, Paul Kennedy, Pierce Larkin, Colm Sweeney, Pakie Larkin, Willie Ryan, Michael Mc Hugh and John Nolan. Front l-r: Naoise O'Cuinneagain, Ciaran O'Halloran, Ross Larkin, Ian Coughlan, Niall Cloona, Michael Halpin, Edward Sweeney, Tommy Ryan (Capt), Conor Murphy, David Corcoran, Adrian Walsh, Johnny Ormonde, David Power, William Larkin, Jimmy Ryan, Martin Larkin and Kevin Larkin.



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This is the dedication that precedes an impressive DVD production called *Hurling In The Hills* – produced last year to celebrate 125 years of the GAA in Upperchurch and Drombane. It is a dedication that captures the highs and lows of GAA life at club level but above all captures the emotional connection between GAA, local place and identity.

On the Tuesday evening following this year's All-Ireland hurling final I listened on Tipp FM radio to Paul Curran and Eoin Kelly during the Liam McCarthy homecoming in Mullinahone at the foot of Slievenamon. In different ways – both players exemplified Charles Kickham's famous phrase in his novel *Knocknagow* 'All for the honour of the little village'. Curran (a calm and cool young man not given to sentimentality) spoke of the emotion he felt on the morning of the All Ireland as he drove through Mullinahone village and saw the many home made 'good luck' banners for the Mullinahone players. For Eoin Kelly (the first ever victorious senior hurling captain from the South division) it was a superb honour - one carried with great humility also because he knew (like all great players) that he was relatively lucky in time and place to achieve this honour. He knew instinctively that he was doing so on behalf of the Mullinahone Club and all those club members and players who laboured since its foundation 125 years ago. Similarly in Croke Park (particularly following the evocative strains of *The Galtee Mountain Boy*) Tipperary folk everywhere connected at some emotional level with their own identity in relation to club, parish and county.

So in these times of economic gloom, NAMA bailouts and scepticism about our political system what is it about the GAA that still affirms our identity in positive ways and makes life more passionate and worthwhile throughout Ireland? There are many factors. Firstly its structure as an essentially grass roots organisation where the local club is the anchor for all development is crucial. Those who play, coach, manage, fundraise, support, criticise or occasionally praise referees; do so because there is immediate connection to one's local place and the levels of success or failure experienced at local level. The bonds of belonging and branches of connection are deeply rooted into doing the best for one's parish. The second factor relates to volunteerism and the associated amateur status of GAA players. To be on your local club/parish team is still generally perceived as an honour and privilege. At club level however people volunteer for a variety of reasons. Parents volunteer because their children benefit from the national games, former players wish to give something back, others volunteer because they are passionate about the promotion of hurling or football, and many others volunteer because they see the GAA club as central to the mental and physical health of those living in the parish. At a cultural level others become involved in Scor competitions and enjoy the winter entertainment it provides. The social function of GAA at local level should not be underestimated. There is substantial evidence to suggest that being connected to friends, family and place can greatly enhance mental health. In the current year that has seen a 25% increase in suicide rates in Ireland, the GAA club and its social function particularly in rural areas should not be underestimated.

Those close to club life but particularly players themselves experience the inevitability of defeat as well as success. This exposure to the twin realities of success and failure in life is in itself a great training ground for resilience. The focus on team as opposed to individualism is another significant and positive attribute. The recognition that people have good and bad days is legitimated by the team mentality. For all those who have long since out grown the youthful vigour of their playing days, the GAA club still offers a lifetime interest as supporter, club official, officer or member of a development committee. For those living away from home the club website and GAA news can still be a source of great interest, connection and joy.

The recently established GAA Social Initiative (inspired by President Mary McAleese and her husband Martin) in conjunction with the IFA is aimed at enabling older rural men to participate socially and deserves support. It is currently being piloted in 80 clubs



Dr. Michael Ryan (centre) with Brendan Maher and James Logue

nationwide and Sean Kilbride (national coordinator) informs me that two Tipperary clubs are part of this initial pilot (Thurles Sarsfields and Nenagh Éire Óg). Rural isolation is a real issue for many single and older men. It is likely that GAA based social initiatives if effectively promoted by clubs can improve quality of life by reducing loneliness for single men.

A further sign of the GAA's success at local level is the investment in club facilities (frequently with assistance from the national lottery sports capital funding scheme). The energy devoted to fundraising has been quite phenomenal and the weekly club lottery is now a fundamental element of servicing the successful running of clubs and associated facilities throughout Ireland. In Tipperary clubs such as Sean Treacy's in West Tipp, or Holycross Ballycahill in mid Tipp, are typical of many clubs where substantial lottery investment was coupled with the deployment of local skills and unquantifiable units of volunteered time. That so many clubs have succeeded in such levels of refurbishment is testament to the importance of people's identity with and commitment to local place.

Despite all these developments and our immense pride as Tipperary people this year, the GAA generally is not without its challenges however. The new reality of emigration will be particularly challenging for rural based clubs. One club official told me that in just one week in October his club lost 5 players to emigration. This in addition to: the population shift towards urban centres, the financial challenges of continuous fundraising, the reliance on small numbers of volunteers in many clubs, the challenges of responding to health and safety legislation, the expectation of high standards of coaching and welfare from parents of juvenile players and the insistence on 'the parish' rule for those who have relocated to new centres are all part of a complex reality.

The GAA has however shown its capacity to be adaptable, to respond to emerging issues and to generate new structures appropriate to modern society. Even the smallest clubs have survived since their foundation and many have endured cycles of sharp decline and some prosperity. Con Houlihan one of Ireland's greatest sports journalists wrote (May 12, 2010) that three institutions have played a big part in Irish life. These he named as: the Church, Fianna Fail and The GAA. Houlihan having assessed the current condition of each - concluded that the GAA is now the only one "sailing into clear water."

While there are however obstacles in the clear water as outlined, we cannot underestimate what the GAA has given us, what it continues to enable within local communities and its acknowledged success as an amateur organisation worldwide. Its success at a local level has never depended on commercialism (despite some corporate leanings at HQ) and it still remains firmly rooted in the local club where volunteering and *amateurism* in the best sense are driving forces. These are key attributes to be celebrated at a time when we are all compromised by the excesses of corporate institutions, a dysfunctional professionalism in high places and an associated disconnection from reality.

Dr. Michael Ryan

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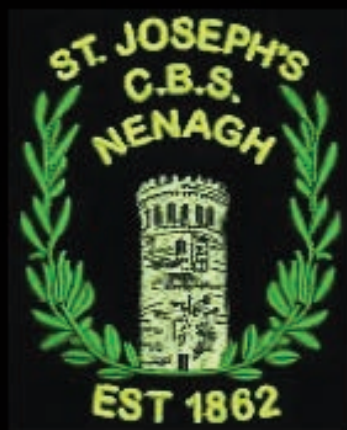
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Launch of GAA / Library archive initiative

In July at Thurles Library, a joint initiative between Tipperary Libraries and the Tipperary GAA County Board was officially launched. For over a year, John O’Gorman of Thurles Library has been working with a number of people involved with the GAA in Tipperary to find a secure and safe location for archive materials such as match programmes, minute books, scrap books, photos etc.

The most renowned collector of GAA archive material in the history of the Association dating back to 1884 is Sam Melbourne, a native of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club. Sam began collecting GAA memorabilia back in 1935 and pieces of his collection such as hurleys, balls, jersey’s, medals etc. helped to inspire GAA Museum’s such as the one in Croke Park and also Lar na Pairce in Thurles. Sam has now kindly donated a number of scrap books to Thurles Library in the knowledge that the material will be stored securely in to the future and for the enjoyment of generations to come.

The launch was attended by Sam Melbourne and members of his family, John O’Gorman and Mary Guinan-Darmody (both Thurles Library) as well Sean Nugent (Tipperary County Board Vice-Chairman), Eamon Buckley (Tipperary County Board Treasurer), Ed Donnelly (Tipperary County Board IT Officer), Jerry Ring (West Tipperary Divisional Board Secretary) and GAA Historians PJ Maxwell, Liam O’Donnchu and Cecilia Walsh. To view the archive material collected to date, visit the Tipperary Studies section of Thurles Library.



Pictured at the launch of the Tipperary GAA / Tipperary Libraries Archive. Left to right – Liam O’Donnchu (Thurles Sarsfields), Eamon Buckley (County Treasurer), Sean Nugent (County Vice-Chairman), Sam Melbourne, Ed Donnelly (Moycarkey-Borris), John O’Gorman (Thurles Library)

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A Tipp man in Kilkenny

By Jim Fogarty.

As a group of Slievenamon natives filed disconsolately towards our bus to face the return journey to Kilkenny after the All-Ireland final of 2009, one of our heartbroken number ventured the opinion that "the Liffey looked very attractive". The comment was made in jest but summed up the depression which every Tipp native felt on the day. With 10 minutes left in the match, Tipp looked to be in the ascendancy but a couple of questionable refereeing decisions inspired Kilkenny to complete their 4-in-a-row.

It had been a decade of Kilkenny dominance over Tipp. We couldn't seem to get the upper hand against the stripey men: the All-Ireland semi-final of 2002; the NHL final of 2003; the All-Ireland semi-final of 2003; the NHL final of 2009 and now the All-Ireland final of the same year, all had ended in defeat for the Blue and the Gold. Many of these games were termed classics by the media. Poor consolation especially for Tipp people living in Kilkenny. The old jibe that Kilkenny couldn't beat Tipperary in an All-Ireland final for 45 years was now answered with the quip that Tipp hadn't beaten the cats in the championship since the last millennium.

Perhaps even more important to Kilkenny supporters than the winning of the 4-in-a-row, was that it was achieved by defeating Tipp in a final. Enda McEvoy, *Sunday Tribune* hurling columnist and a native of the marble city, relates a conversation, which he had with an elderly Kilkenny supporter, who stated that the victory over Tipp made him feel 10 years younger.

Why should this be so? Many Kilkenny people of a certain vintage had before the current decade grown accustomed to losing to Tipp. A Kilkenny acquaintance, who spent many years in London, before returning home, can list successive defeats to the Premier County in All-Ireland finals, which he listened to on a transistor radio on the higher points of Hampstead Heath. He told me that when he returned to his bachelor flat he would shed tears for his native county. A current referee in Kilkenny, when a child, would clam up and refuse to speak as his father drove through Tipperary. Seems excessive? Let us remember that there is only one sport that matters to almost every man, woman and child in Kilkenny.

So 2009 was a time of joy for Kilkenny natives. The black and



Jim Fogarty

amber colours were everywhere and the 4-in-a-row was widely celebrated. Before the year was out, the slogan "the drive for five" was coined and many supporters and indeed almost all the national media thought that victory in 2010 was but a formality. After Tipp's defeat to Cork at the end of May this year, this conviction grew stronger.

But the clouds over the Premier were soon to lift. Successive victories over Wexford, Offaly, Galway and Waterford steeled the resolve in this Tipp team. The Slievenamon bus in Kilkenny rolled on through the summer and a quiet inner confidence developed among Tipp supporters.

In the build-up to the All-Ireland final many cats supporters were ultra confident. It seemed that every house in Kilkenny was festooned with black and amber bunting. It was estimated that 8,000 had turned up to watch Kilkenny training on one night alone. Half the dogs I met on my daily walk were called Cody. On *Up for the Match* on the night before the final 2 former Kilkenny players could not envisage a Kilkenny defeat. On the way into Croke Park on All-Ireland final day, a former Kilkenny All-Ireland winning captain predicted that Kilkenny would win by 8 points at least.

But Deliverance Day was at hand! There is no need to rehash the Tipp performance for all who were in Croke Park or who watched on TV. Tipp's wonderfully wholehearted display of commitment and skill left no room for argument. To describe the achievement as merely the winning of a hurling match would be like saying that Tiger Woods likes the female of the species, that Brian O'Driscoll is a fine rugby player, that Brendan Behan was fond of a few scoops. Words alone cannot articulate the sense of joy, satisfaction and most of all relief as Eoin Kelly climbed the steps to collect the Holy Grail. The natural order was restored and normal service had resumed!.

The u-21 final on the following Saturday harvested more bounty. We Tipp natives in Kilkenny are set fair for anything the winter may throw at us. A reversal of the ageing process has passed from Kilkenny supporters to Tipperary followers. In the words of the Pink Floyd song "Wish you were here".



Brendan Cummins holds the Liam McCarthy Cup with his aunt Marie Tyrrell at the Tipperary banquet.

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Post Primary Schools

Coiste Iarbhunscoileanna Thiobraid Árann

In what has been a memorable year for Tipperary G.A.A. our Post-primary Schools were not found wanting when it came to sharing in the reflected glory of our Senior and Under-21 hurlers and Under-21 footballers. Tipperary Vocational Schools captured the All-Ireland Inter-County Hurling final on a bitterly cold evening in February with a merited win over neighbours, Kilkenny. This game was the curtain raiser to the Tipp vs Kilkenny hurling league clash in Semple Stadium but the main event failed to get going due to the blizzard conditions. It is a tribute to the character of these young men as well as to their talent that they bravely battled to victory in freezing conditions.

Clonmel C.B.S. take the plaudits among individual schools for a magnificent year's work. Having captured Corn an Uachtaráin, Munster Colleges Senior Football "B", they went on to add All-Ireland honours defeating Tubbercurry in the final. This was the icing on the cake as it added to their victories in the Frewen Cup, Munster Under 16½ "A" Football, and Corn an Phiarsaigh, Munster Under 15½ "B" Hurling. The former was won after a thrilling win over St. Brendan's, Killarney on the score 1-14 to 0-11. The hurling saw them victorious against Tulla on the scoreline 3-11 to 2-06.

Thurles C.B.S. also kept the blue and gold flying in the Dr. Harty Cup in which they were only defeated in the final after a three-game epic against an outstanding Ard Scoil Rís side. Prospects for the future are bright with victory in the Dean Ryan Cup, Munster Under 16½ "A" Hurling, the Thurles boys beating Blackwater C.S., Lismore by 0-09 to 0-05 in the final in a game played in atrocious weather and underfoot conditions.

Nenagh V.S. atoned for losing the Munster Senior Hurling "B" final by winning the Junior decider in an absorbing final by 2-10 to 1-12. Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea maintained their fine tradition in Vocational Schools Competitions by winning the Munster First Year "A" title at the expense of Causeway Comprehensive College while Coláiste Dún Iascaigh captured the Munster First Year "B" Football final when they overcame a gallant Midleton side in the final.

MUNSTER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ROUND-UP

Senior Hurling "B"

Nenagh V.S. reached the final of this competition in which they were defeated by the eventual All-Ireland champions, Clonakilty C.C., on the score 2-16 to 2-11. #

Senior Football "C"

Coláiste Chluain Meala reached the final here but found Davis College, Mallow too good losing on the score 4-10 to 1-09.

Junior Hurling "A"

Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea qualified for the final but were outclassed by eventual All-Ireland champions, Causeway Comprehensive, 6-09 to 1-05.

Junior Hurling "B"

Nenagh Vocational School found consolation for the loss of the Senior final with a thrilling one point victory over Kanturk Community School in a pulsating final. Score Nenagh V.S 2-10; Kanturk C.S. 1-12

First Year Hurling "A"

Honours here were annexed by Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea who defeated Causeway Comprehensive in the final, 4-11 to 5-05.

First Year Football "B"

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh beat St. Coleman's, Midleton in the final on the score 1-09 to 1-06.

MUNSTER COLLEGES COMPETITIONS ROUND-UP

Dr. Harty Cup, Senior "A" Hurling

As well as Thurles C.B.S. (already mentioned), three other Tipperary schools participated, Nenagh C.B.S., Our Lady's, Templemore and Cashel C.S.. Nenagh C.B.S. reached the semi-final in which they were outgunned by Thurles C.B.S. Our Lady's were far from disgraced in the quarter final which they lost to eventual winners, Ard Scoil Rís, by four points.

White Cup, Under 15 "A" Hurling

Thurles C.B.S. were Tipperary's only representatives, being defeated by De La Salle in the quarter final.

Corn Phádraig, Senior Hurling "B"

Our sole representatives, Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary, were unlucky not to reach the quarter finals.

Kinane Cup, Under 16½ "B" Hurling

Cashel C.S., Nenagh C.B.S., Abbey C.B.S. and Clonmel C.B.S. entered with Cashel and Nenagh reaching the quarter finals.

Corn an Phiarsaigh, Under 15 "B" Hurling

Our Lady's, Templemore, Abbey C.B.S., Clonmel C.B.S. (mentioned above) and Nenagh C.B.S. affiliated teams. Abbey C.B.S. reached the semi-finals.

Corn Mhic Ruairí, Iomáint "C" Faoi 16½

Presentation, Ballingarry and St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh took part with Ballingarry reaching the final in which they were defeated by Tulla on a scoreline of 4-12 to 0-08

Corn Solo, Under 15 "C" Hurling



Thurles CBS U-17 hurlers - Fitzgerald Cup Champions. Back l-r: Dylan Burke, Michael O'Dwyer, Kevin Slattery, Paul Hayes, Eoghan Moloney, David Corbett, Jamie Stapleton, Jeff Allen, Seamus Kennedy, Peadar Wade, Ciaran Quirke, Brian Troy, Sean Nally. Front: Pa Whelan, Michael Cussan, Conor Hammarsaly, Stephen Cahill, Eoin Moriarty, John Ryan, John Meagher, Cathal Barrett (Captain), Lorcan Egan, James Maher, PJ Ralph.



Nenagh CBS U-17 team - Fitzgerald Cup Finalists. Back l-r: Padraig Fogarty, Jack O'Flaherty, Niall Gleeson, Kevin Flynn, Colm Canning, Paraic Shanahan, John O'Dwyer (Captain), Jack Peters, Cilian Gleeson. Front: Jack Loughnane, James Mackey, Mark Tuite, Conor Delaney, David Williams, Tadhg Gallagher.

Presentation Ballingarry, St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, Cashel C.S. and Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. entered. Carrick C.B.S. reached the quarter finals.

Corn Uí Mhuirí, Peil Shinsearach "A"

Abbey C.B.S. flew the flag for Tipperary schools, reaching the quarter finals.

Corn Uí Mhóráin, Peil "A" Faoi 15

Clonmel C.B.S. reached the final in which they succumbed to St. Brendan's, Killarney on the score, 1-15 to 1-05.

Corn na gColáistí, Peil "B" Faoi 16½

Abbey C.B.S. were again our only representatives, being defeated by Youghal in the first round.

Corn na Banndan, Peil "B" Faoi 15

Abbey C.B.S. reached the quarter final in which they were defeated by Dingle.

Corn an Rúnaí, Peil "C" Faoi 18½

Cashel C.S. and Presentation, Ballingarry competed here with Cashel C.S. finding Rochestown of Cork too good in the quarter final.

Corn na Carraige, Peil "C" Faoi 16½

Thurles C.B.S. and Presentation, Ballingarry fielded teams with Pres., Ballingarry reaching the quarter finals.

Corn Mhic Craith, Peil "C" Faoi 15

Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S. and Presentation, Ballingarry entered, neither progressing past the first round.

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Corn Mhic Gearailt – Fitzgerald Cup

Iomáint Faoi 17 "A"

Semi-finals: Thurles C.B.S. 3-12 Cistercian College, Roscrea 1-08; Nenagh C.B.S. 4-10 Cashel C.S. 2-08

Final: Thurles C.B.S. 2-15 Nenagh C.B.S. 1-09

Sciath Mhic Gearailt – Fitzgerald Shield

Iomáint Faoi 17 "B"

Semi-finals: Thurles C.B.S. "B" 1-12 St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 1-09; Presentation, Ballingarry w/o St. Joseph's, Newport

Final: Presentation, Ballingarry 3-09 Thurles C.B.S. "B" 2-12; Presentation, Ballingarry 4-14 Thurles C.B.S. "B" 3-14 A.E.T.

Corn an Chrócaigh – Croke Cup

Iomáint Faoi 15 "A"

Semi-finals: Thurles C.B.S. 1-13 Clonmel C.B.S. 3-05; Our Lady's, Templemore 3-09 Cashel C.S. 1-05

Final: Thurles C.B.S. 5-11 Our Lady's, Templemore 1-06

Corn Uí Aonghusa – Hennessy Cup

Iomáint Faoi 15 "B"

Semi-finals: Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary 2-07 Cistercian College, Roscrea 2-05; St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 7-08 Gairmscoil an Aonaigh 3-04

Final: Abbey C.B.S. 3-07 St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 2-09

Corn Uí Chatháin – Keane Cup

Iomáint an Chéad Bhliana "A"

Semi-finals: Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea 4-06 Our Lady's, Templemore 0-03; Nenagh C.B.S. 1-09 Clonmel C.B.S. 1-08

Final: Nenagh C.B.S. 3-08 Coláiste Phobal, Roscrea 1-06

Sciath Uí Chatháin

Iomáint an Chéad Bhliana "B"

Final: Abbey C.B.S. 3-06 Cistercian College, Roscrea 0-01

Corn Mhic Gabhann – McGowan Cup

Peil Faoi 18½ "A"

Semi-finals: Clonmel C.B.S. 3-05 Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary 0-08; Our Lady's, Templemore 2-10 Cashel C.S. 0-08

Final: Clonmel C.B.S. 2-10 Our Lady's, Templemore 1-08

Sciath Mhic Gabhann – McGowan Shield

Peil Faoi 18½ "B"

Semi-finals: Coláiste Dún Iascaigh 5-14 Presentation, Ballingarry 1-03; Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir w/o Coláiste Chluain Meala

Final: Coláiste Dún Iascaigh 3-10 Comeragh College 0-06

Corn Uí Chíosóig – Cusack Cup

Peil Faoi 15 "A"

Semi-finals: Clonmel C.B.S. 3-13 Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary 3-06 Our Lady's, Templemore 0-09 Cashel C.S. 0-07

Final: Clonmel C.B.S. 4-14 Our Lady's, Templemore 1-04

Sciath Uí Chíosóig – Cusack Shield

Peil Faoi 15 "B"

Semi-finals: Borrisokane C.C. 5-07 Thurles C.B.S. 1-03

Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir 5-07 St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh 1-07

Final: Borrisokane C.C. 6-20 Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir 1-05

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Tipperary Vocational Schools' Team

All-Ireland Champions



The Tipperary Vocational Schools team that beat Kilkenny 2-13 to 1-13 in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling 'A' final at Semple Stadium, Thurles on 20th February 2010. Back l-r: Johnny Mulqueen, Tomas Nolan, Dean Longeran, Darren Corcoran, John Dunne, Matthew Collier, Shane McKelvey, Gearoid Burke, Jamie Bergin, Padraig O'Meara, Thomas Cleary, Eoin Ryan, Eanna Hogan, Daniel O'Regan, Aaron Conran, Danny Morgan, Kieran Ryan, Andrew McCloskey, Thomas Conroy, Paddy Gallagher. Front l-r: Tommy Heffernan, Jason Sampson, Sean Cleary, Donal Morkan, Aaron Cowan, Daniel Guinan, John Dunne, Stephen Murray, Jason Fitzpatrick, Joe Carrol (capt), Michael Ivors, Joe O'Dwyer, Niall O'Meara, James McCormack.

THE PREMIER COUNTY' by John Ryan 'Sandy'

Here we have a collection of 106 first and unique achievements, granting Tipperary the title of 'The Premier County' and to many 'The Home of hurling'. Kilkenny people would disagree. Many of these you will know, then again many of these you mightn't know.

- They were the first team to win the All Ireland senior hurling title in 1887 against Galway.
- The first GAA president was a Tipperary man named Maurice Davin, from Carrick-on-Suir, in south Tipperary.
- Tipperary won the first Munster & All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Championship in 1964.
- The first club to win the All Ireland Senior club title was Roscrea.
- The first GAA Congress was held in Hayes' Hotel in Thurles.
- The first auto-biography of a hurler was that of Tommy Doyle 'A Lifetime in Hurling', which was published in 1955.
- Tipp have won the most National Hurling League titles with 19, Cork and Kilkenny are both tied 2nd with 14
- Tipp have won the most Munster Minor hurling titles with 36, Cork are second with 32
- Tipp have won the most Munster Under-21 hurling titles with 20, Cork are second with 18
- Tipp have won the most National hurling league titles in a single decade with 6 (1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1959). Limerick are the nearest with 5.
- They also are the only county in GAA history to win an All Ireland title in every decade since 1887
- They won the Hurling-Football Double twice in 1895 and 1900, 90 years before Cork finally caught up in 1990 having won the double in 1890.
- In 1895, Tipp became the only county to win the All-Ireland Senior hurling and football double on the same day and repeated the feat in 1900. This will never happen again due to the finals now being played on separate days.
- In 1887, Tipp were the first county to bring off the inter-county double on the same day by beating Clare in both hurling and football on the same day in Nenagh.
- They won the Senior, Minor and Junior All Ireland's in 1930 to become the first county in hurling or football to win 3 All Ireland's in one year, otherwise known as the Grand Slam.
- Tipp are the only county to have twice won the Senior hurling and two other grades in the same year (1930, 1989)
- Tipp were the first county to win 3 Minor All Ireland Hurling titles in a row (1932, 1933, 1934)
- In 1967, they were the first team to lead the Roll of Honour in every present hurling Grade (Senior, Intermediate, Minor and Under-21).
- In 1961, Tipp won the first Intermediate Munster final
- In 1910, Tipp won the first Junior Munster Hurling final
- John Doyle Has 8 All-Ireland Senior hurling medals, tied with the great Christy Ring
- John Doyle was the first hurler to win 10 Munster Senior hurling Championship medals, now tied with Jimmy Barry-Murphy.
- John Doyle also holds 11 National Hurling League medals, which is unrivalled
- Jimmy Doyle is the only player to contest 4 Minor All Ireland Hurling finals and the only to win 3 Minor All Ireland hurling medals.
- Jimmy Doyle is the only player to have won 4 Munster Minor hurling medals.
- Tony Wall became the first player to receive the Texaco Hurler of the Year award in 1958.
- In 1912, Tipp won the first All-Ireland Junior Football Championship final
- In 1910, Tipp won the first Munster Junior Football Championship final
- In 1910, Tipp became the first county to win the Munster Junior hurling and football in the same year
- In 1911, Tipp became the first county to win two Munster Junior hurling titles in a row.
- In 1888, Tipp won the first Munster Senior Football Championship final
- Tipp won the first Munster Senior Ladies' Football Championship final and All-Ireland Senior Ladies' Football Championship finals in 1974.
- Tipp were also the first county to win back to back All Ireland Senior Ladies Football Championship (1974–1975)
- Tipp make up one half of the most played meeting of all, Tipp v Cork. This is the most numerous meeting in all of hurling, amassing a magnificent 83 matches, 37 wins for Cork, 36 for Tipp, 7 Draws and 3 Walkovers. 2011 will be the 84th meeting.
- In 1911, Tipp became the first county to win back to back Munster Junior hurling titles.
- In 1963, Tipp became the first Munster county to win the All-Ireland Intermediate hurling championship.
- In 1889, Tipp became the first county to win both the All-Ireland Senior Hurling and Senior Football titles.
- In 1934, Tipp were the first county to win the Munster Minor hurling and football in the same year.
- In 1934, Tipp were the first county to win the All-Ireland Minor hurling and football in the same year.
- In 1961, Tipp were the first county to win the Munster Senior and Intermediate hurling titles in the same year
- In 1965, Tipp were the first county to win back to back Munster Under-21 titles.
- In 1965, Tipp were the first county to win the Munster Senior and Under-21 hurling titles in the same year, back to back.
- In 1965, Tipp became the first Munster and Irish county to win back to back All-Ireland Intermediate hurling titles. London had won back to back titles beforehand.
- In 1991, Tipp became the first county to win 4 Munster Junior hurling titles in a row (1988–1991) Cork had won three titles in a row from 58-60 and then the competition was halted. When the competition was reinstated in 1983, Cork won the first two making it 5 titles in a row, but is not counted due to the halt in the running of the competition.
- The first and only GAA president that served two terms was a Tipp man Maurice Davin, from Carrick on Suir
- Tipp were the first hurling county to win back to back Doubles (National League and All-Ireland Senior Hurling title) (1949–1950)
- Feile na nGael was a Tipperary brainchild and was held for the first time in Thurles in 1971.
- The first radio broadcast of a G.A.A. game was of the replay of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship game between Cork and Tipperary at Thurles in 1926.
- Tipp were the first hurling county to reach the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Final through the 'back door', but unfortunately lost to Clare. This was in 1997, the first year of the new system.
- Tipp became the first county to have held the All-Ireland Senior championship in Hurling, Football, Camogie and Ladies' Football in 1999 and are only joined by Cork and Galway in achieving this feat, though both of these achieved this after Tipp.
- In 1964, Tipp became the first hurling county in Munster to have won all inter-county Munster titles (Senior, Minor, Under-21, Intermediate and Junior)
- In 1964, Tipp became the first hurling county to have won all inter-county All-Ireland titles (Senior, Minor, Under-21, Intermediate and Junior).
- Johnny Leahy holds the record for captaining the most teams to Munster Senior hurling glory (5 times)
- Johnny Leahy is the only man to captain a winning All-Ireland team before and after the McCarthy cup was introduced in 1921
- Philip Kennedy of Nenagh Éire Óg was the first man to captain any team to either 2 or back to back All-Ireland Under-21 titles. Dan Murphy (Cork) equalled this in 1998. In 1980, PJ Maxwell was captain of the Under-21's, he was injured for the final, so Philip lifted the trophy as final captain.
- Jimmy Doyle (6 Senior and 3 Minor, John Doyle (8 Senior, 1 Minor) and Christy Ring (8 Senior and 1 Minor) are the only players to have won 9 All-Ireland medals won on the field of play.
- Babs Keating and Mick Roche were the first players to have played in an All-Ireland final in all present grades (Senior, Intermediate, Minor and Under-21)
- John (10 Senior and 2 Minor) and Jimmy Doyle (8 Senior and 4 Minor) are the only players to have started 12 All-Ireland finals. Jimmy Doyle came on as a sub in 1971, which makes him the player with the most All-Ireland

- appearances with 13.
- Thurles Sarsfields is the only club in Ireland to have provided 10 All-Ireland Senior hurling winning captains
 - Tipperary also have the unique distinction that they were the last winners of the original Liam McCarthy cup in 1991.
 - Tipperary have the unique distinction of being the only county to have won All-Ireland senior titles in Hurling, Football, Camogie, Ladies' Football, Hardball singles and doubles, Softball singles and doubles and 40x20 singles and doubles. This means Tipp have won a Senior All-Ireland title in all 7 Major Senior competitions in the GAA (Rounders being the exception as there is no Senior Inter-county competition)
 - Eoin Kelly is the only player to have been Young hurler of the year two times in a row (2001–2002).
 - To date, Tipp has had the most Young hurlers of the year (5), Eugene O'Neill in 1997 Eoin Kelly in 2001 and 2002, Noel McGrath in 2009 and Brendan Maher in 2010. The nearest is Cork with 3 and Kilkenny and Galway with 2 each.
 - Tipp were the first county to have back to back Young hurlers of the year. Eoin Kelly in 2001 and 2002. Cork finally got 2 in a row with Setanta O'hAilpin in 2003 and Brian Murphy in 2004.
 - Tipp are the only county to twice have back to back Young hurlers of the year. Eoin Kelly 2001-2002 and Noel McGrath (2009) and Brendan Maher (2010)
 - Nenagh's W.J. Spain was the first player to have won both an All-Ireland Senior hurling and Senior football medal. Although these weren't with Tipperary, he won his Senior Football medal with Limerick (1887) and his Senior Hurling medal with Dublin (1889).
 - Brendan Cummins holds the record for least Pucks (48) in the Poc Fada competition. He is the only Tipperary man to have won the competition.
 - In 1926, the Tipp senior hurling team made the first ever trip to America. This was the first tour of its kind by an All-Ireland winning team.
 - In 1910, along with Cork, Tipp were the first team to embark on a European tour
 - Mikey Maher of Tubberadoora was the first man to captain a team to 3 All-Ireland victories (1895, 1896, 1898)
 - In 1974, Tipp acquired the coveted distinction of topping the roll of honour in three out of the four Senior codes at different times. (Hurling, Football and Ladies Football).
 - In 1895, Tipp club Arravale Rovers, who represented Tipp in 1895, were in the first All-Ireland Senior Football final played at Jones Road (Now Croke Park). They also have the distinction of winning the first All-Ireland Senior Football final at Jones Road.
 - Tipp hold the record for being in the most consecutive Munster minor hurling finals, 9 in a row from 1980 to 1988 (not including the replay in 1986).
 - From 1930 to 1935, Tipp became the first county to win 6 Munster minor titles in a row, they completed it again from 1952 to 1957 and are the only county to do it twice. Cork have won 7 in a row, but after these two occurrences.
 - Tipp were the first county to win 8 Minor munster titles in a single decade, winning them in the 50's (50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59). Cork finally achieved the same feat in the 70's.
 - Tipp also have a remarkable record in Munster minor hurling as from 1945 to 1962, they never went two years without winning the Munster title. They won 15 out of a possible 18 finals, only missing out on making the final twice and losing it once.
 - Tipp are also the first and only county to feature in 50 munster minor finals (58 in all), winning more than half with 36 and losing 22.
 - Tipp are the first and only county to win 6 All-Ireland Minor hurling titles in a single decade in the 50's. They won in 52, 53, 55, 56, 57 and 59.
 - Declan Carr and Tommy Carr are the only brothers to have won All-Stars in different codes. (Declan in hurling with Tipperary and Tommy in football with Dublin).
 - Jovita Delaney became the first player to win an All-Star in camogie.
 - Tipp became the first county to have an All-star in every code (1971 in Hurling, 1980 in Ladies Football, 1998 in Men's Football and 2003 in Camogie). Cork can also claim this, but in terms of position, Tipp were the first.
 - Tipp and Cork are also the counties to have players featured on the most first All-Star teams. Tipp had players on the first Hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie teams, while Cork had players on the first Hurling, Men's Football and Camogie teams. Tipp have an advantage on Cork, they had a player on the first Cú Chulainn hurling team in 1963. So officially, Tipp have players on 4 first teams and is a record by itself.
 - Tipp became the first county to be in Three Senior Ladies football All-Ireland finals in a row, losing two in 1978, 1979 before winning in 1980.
 - In 1980, Tipp became the first county to win Three All-Ireland Under-16 Ladies football titles in a row and in 1981, became the first county to be in 4 finals in a row.
 - In 1962, Tipp became the first county to have two hurlers of the year in a row (Liam Devaney in 1961 and Donie Nealon in 1962).
 - In 2001, Tommy Dunne became the first GPA hurler of the year.
 - In 1931, Tipp became the first county to play under floodlights. This happened on their tour of America when Tipp played a team drawn from many parts of California in San Francisco. Tipp won 7-5 to 5-4.
 - In 1945, Tipp beat Cork in the Munster semi final. Tipp became the first hurling county to stop another at any stage from getting five All-Ireland titles in a row.
 - In 1900, Tipp became the first county to play in both a 'Home' All-Ireland final and Real All-Ireland final in both hurling and football. They beat London in both real finals and beat Galway in the 'Home' hurling and football final.
 - Tipp are first and only county to hold a team scoreless in both an All-Ireland Senior Hurling and football final. Tipp beat Galway in the hurling in 1887 (1-1 to 0-0) and beat Laois (3-6 to 0-0) in the football in 1889. Tipp also held Galway scoreless in the 1975 All-Ireland Senior ladies football final too, with the score of 1-4 to 0-0.
 - JJ Callanan (Thurles Sarsfields) is the only man to have captained a team to an All-Ireland senior hurling title (1930) and then refereed an All-Ireland senior hurling final (1940).
 - In 2010, Shannon Rovers became the first club to win back to back St. Jude's All-Ireland Junior hurling seven's titles.
 - In 2010, Tipp (For the second time) became the county to stop a team going for 5 titles in a row, Cork (1941-1944) and Kilkenny (2006-2009).
 - In 2010, Tipp took part in the first All-Ireland Under-21 Final to be held Under floodlights. They also won it.
 - Tipp also have the biggest ever win in an All-Ireland Senior hurling final. In 1896, Tipp beat Dublin 8-14 to 0-4, which was a 34 point difference in today's scoring, but back then a goal was worth 5 points. So, it was 52 point difference.
 - Tipp also have the most players to have won an All-Ireland Senior hurling medal in three different decades with 4.
 * Tommy Doyle (1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951)
 * John Doyle (1949, 1950, 1951, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965)
 * Jimmy Doyle (1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1971)
 * Declan Ryan (1989, 1991, 2001)
 - Brendan Cummins, with 61 Senior Championship appearances, is the player with the second most appearances ever. Christy Ring is first with 64, but its likely that Brendan will continue in 2011, beating Christy Ring's record.
 - Tipp have the biggest score in an All-Ireland Under-21 hurling final with 5-22 against Galway in 2010
 - In 2010, Tipp became the first team to lose their first championship game of the year and still go on to win the All-Ireland Senior hurling championship. This was almost achieved in 2002 by Clare, who were beaten by Tipp in their first Munster game and went on to lose the All-Ireland final to Kilkenny.
 - 1937, Tipp won the 50th All-Ireland Senior hurling final, beating Kilkenny, 3-11 to 0-3
 - In 1962, Tipp won the 75th All-Ireland Senior hurling final, beating Wexford 3-10 to 2-11
 - In 1964, Tipp won the 75th Munster Senior hurling final, beating Cork 3-13 to 1-5
 - In 1989, Tipp won the 100th Munster Senior hurling final beating Waterford 0-26 to 2-8
 - In 2009, Tipp won the 120th Munster Senior hurling final, beating Waterford 4-14 to 2-16
 - In 2010, Lar Corbett became the first hurler to score 3 goals in a 70 Minute All-Ireland Senior hurling final.
 - The Gaelic Athletic Association was founded in Hayes hotel, Thurles in 1884 making Tipp the home of the GAA.

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Keeping The Faith

By Liam Hogan

Attending last September's homecoming of the Tipperary senior hurlers to Semple Stadium, I happened to sit beside Ann Mulcahy of Cashel. Ann, the eldest of seven girls, is the daughter of the late Jim Devitt who played with Tipperary in the forties and is a holder of two All-Ireland senior hurling medals won in 1945 and '49.

Later I was introduced to Ann, and she showed me the All-Ireland medal her father gave her. She had worn it on a chain around her neck. It was the 1949 memento.

Jim Devitt first played for Tipperary in 1944 in a career that lasted five years. Described as a slim built defender he stood at nine stone eight pound. Michael O'Hehir described him with the words "as a solid as the Rock of Cashel".

Born in 1922, Jim won an All-Army final in '43 with the 7th Brigade of the Southern Command. In '45 he won a Munster and All-Ireland with Tipp defeating Kilkenny. He also won three Railway Cups. In the '49 season, he sustained an injury in the Munster campaign and had to sit it out on the subs bench for the All-Ireland Final.

After retiring he continued to follow the fortunes of Tipperary often meeting up with some of his fellow inter-county team mates.

"I remember being brought to all county finals. Meeting people like the 'Rattler' (Byrne), you felt your father was a hero.

With Ann as the eldest she received a present of the 1949 all-Ireland medal from her father. She takes up the story.

"Dad got sick a year before he died. We just thought it was an ordinary flu. He went to hospital and all the tests were negative. He had given the 1945 medal to my mother but that medal was stolen. My mother was devastated. Jim wanted to give her the 1949 medal but she insisted that the 49 medal be given to me as I was the eldest. That's how I got the medal. I then wore it on a chain because I was afraid it would be stolen.

Ann's father passed away in November 1988.

Catherine Gleeson, Kildangan is a daughter of Paddy Ryan Sweeper who won two All-Ireland senior hurling medals with Tipperary in 1937 and '45. Steeped in the GAA, she followed her father's footsteps into administration becoming Treasurer of the North Tipperary Board.

He first came into prominence when winning an All-Ireland Minor medal in 1930, the famous triple crown year in Tipp GAA circles. Three years later he won a Junior All-Ireland and he joined the senior team to later win an All-Ireland senior after Tipp defeated Kilkenny in Killarney.

He continued to be a regular with the senior side but it was until 1945 when he won his second national medal. Playing in the forward line he was joined by his brother Mutt in attack. Another brother, Johnny, was also on the team but missed the final through injury.

He had a long and rewarding career with his club Moycarkey-Borris winning five county senior medals, 1932, '33, '34 '37 and '40 continuing his career until right into the 1950s where he finished up in goal.

Catherine became assistant secretary in 1985 and remained in



Jim Devitt



Paddy Ryan

that position for two years until she married Roger Gleeson from Puckane. Kildangan heartland!

Moycarkey-Borris had a productive period, winning two county senior titles in 1982 and '84. They won minor in 1983 and added a County Intermediate in '85.

The 1984 senior win was significant in that history was made by the club having won county honours in 1934 and '84, the Jubilee and Centenary years in the GAA calendar.

A fire side chat one night led to the conversation of medals. "I remember asking Dad if I could have his 1934 county medal. He said, not the All-Ireland medal. I said no,"

"I replied that because I was involved with the Moycarkey team in 1984, I would really love the '34 medal.

The subject of medals was not mentioned for some time. Catherine got married in 1987. Over time, her father had developed Alzheimers and on another visit in September 1991, to her surprise – Catherine was presented with the 1934 county medal with the 1945 all-Ireland medal added.

"What he had done was, he had an envelope with all our names on it. My biggest regret to this day was when I came home to Puckane, I actually threw away the envelope. I should have kept it because his hand writing was on it."

Paddy Ryan passed away on New Years Eve 1991.

Fionnuala Gaynor was born on the 6th September 1971, a day after her father Len had played wing back in Tipperary's eighty minute All-Ireland victory over Kilkenny.

It was Len's third All-Ireland medal having collected Celtic crosses in 1964 and '65. He also won an All-Ireland U-21 medal in 1964. He won five Munster senior hurling medals, three National Hurling League as well as three Railway Cup medals in 1968, '69 and '70.

As a player, coach and radio analyst with RTE Radio he remains one of the best known GAA personalities of our time.

However it was the 1971 All-Ireland win that meant so much to Len and Fionnuala.

"There as always a connection there. I am an All-Ireland baby," she said.

"Mam was at the match having checked in at The Coombe previously and later went back and I was born (the following day). It was always mentioned, oh you are the girl born after the All-Ireland. There was a long famine after that All-Ireland and I was teased for bringing bad luck.

"It is still a proud moment and you would be proud of him and his hurling and what he has done since. 1971 will always mean something because of that connection."

Len's involvement with coaching many teams brought Fionnuala and her siblings in contact with a lot of people outside the parish.

"We would always support him. We travelled far and wide. If you were to name a place you'd think of what club is there, know the hurling pitch and that's how we know parts of the country. Be it club or county we got to meet great people and made great friends."

In July 2001, Fionnuala married Eamon Devaney from Ballycommon. Len, as father of the Bride, made a special speech on wedding day.

"I was the first of the family to get married. I enjoyed every minute of the day but my father took me by surprise with his speech when he mentioned I was born the day after the All-Ireland final. The next thing he was handing over the 1971 All-Ireland medal. I never thought I would be getting it in such happy circumstances and he had gone to the trouble of making it into a brooch. I would be able to wear it either as a necklace or a brooch rather than just hiding it somewhere."

"It is smashing and it is amazing when you would have it, how much it means to other people to see it. The beauty of it as well. The quality. It's a very different piece of jewellery."



Len Gaynor

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 2010

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2010 represented another fantastic year for all involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. Our hurling finals exhibited all that is wonderful in our native games over two hugely successful days in Semple Stadium last June 10th and 11th. Our football finals are scheduled to take place in Clonmel on November 12th and these promise to be wonderful occasions. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol were also recognised at a National Level with awards for the County C6iste and Anacarty NS. 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. Our website has proven very popular among pupils and teachers throughout the county. At the time of writing, our website has received in excess of 15,600 hits.

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: "Ní neart go cur le chéile".

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL NATIONAL AWARDS 2010

Many schools from around the county participated in the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards for 2010. The County C6iste entered in the Categories of Public Relations of the Year and Assessors' Merit Award. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol are delighted to announce that entries from our county have been successful at the National Awards. Dualla National School are one of four schools in Ireland nominated in the School of the Year Category and the County C6iste have been nominated in the Public Relations of the Year Category. The National Awards Ceremony will take place in the Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park, Dublin, on Friday, November 19th, 2010. Congratulations to all involved! Details of this year's awards can be downloaded from <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie>.

NATIONAL CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL AWARDS SUCCESS FOR TIPPERARY CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL AND ANACARTY NS

by Aodan Wrenn

The National Cumann na mBunscol Awards took place in Croke Park, on Saturday 21st of November, 2009. On Level 5, in the Cusack Suite, all the guests from the various Cumann na mBunscol counties gathered anxiously to find out if their county or school had won an award. Present on the night were various GAA guests including the President Christy Cooney, former Dublin football superstar Ciarán Whelan, former GAA President (and current M.E.P for Munster) Sean Kelly and former Limerick hurling great Gary Kirby. The last three Presidents of the I.N.T.O (Máire Ní Chuinneagan, Declan Kelleher and Angela Dunne) were present. These three esteemed guests were on the judging committee for each category, and they had the unenviable task of judging each entry as the standard of entry was very high indeed. The night proved a great success for Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol with Anacarty NS receiving 1st place in the Gaelic Games Promotion of the Year Category and Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol receiving 2nd place in the Public Relations of the Year Category. Congratulations to all concerned.

2011 MUNSTER CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL AGM

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Ardcroney NS U13 Roinn D winners.



Ballagh NS U13 Roinn G winners.

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol will have the proud honour of hosting the 2011 Munster Cumann na mBunscol AGM. This will take place in Hayes' Hotel Thurles at 7:00p.m. on Friday, 21st January 2011. It promises to be a very special occasion and it is fitting that it will take place in the birthplace of the GAA.

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

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

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

We enjoy having older people watch us play.

We ask that they applaud rather than criticise our efforts and the efforts of our opponents.

Remember that we are learning a game that should give us a lifetime of enjoyment.

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

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

We promise to respect the referee's decisions.

We ask the older people to do the same.

We promise to respect our opponents.

We shake hands before and after the game.

TIPPERARY ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL HURLING AND CAMOGIE COUNTY FINALS 2010 MATCH REPORTS

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals 2010

Young Stars Light Up Epic Tipperary Cumann Na mBunscol Finals

By John Manley, PRO Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol.

The annual Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals took place in Semple Stadium Thurles, over two days on Thursday, 10th June and Friday, 11th June. Played in perfect conditions, these finals exhibited all that is good in our native games. The matches provided great entertainment for the large attendance on both days. The young stars of tomorrow illuminated a sun-drenched Semple Stadium with their vast array of skills and talent. The levels of skill that were on display were of a very high standard. The Under 13 F Hurling Final between Clonoulty and Drom will live long in the memory. Extra time could not even separate these two gallant teams and it was agreed that they would share the title. Powerstown achieved their first hurling victory in their illustrious history. St. Mary's Nenagh achieved a memorable camogie double which more than makes up for the disappointment of falling at the final hurdle last year. Cashel were another notable team making a return to the top table after a long absence. 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. A special thanks is due to our referees Michael Jordan and Christy McLoughlin plus our very capable umpires Oisín Jordan, Shane Hennessey and Andrew Coffey. Special praise is also due to Cumann na mBunscol Secretary Aodán Wrenn, PRO John Manley and Chairman Paddy Kelly for organising such a successful two days. Most importantly, special praise should also be afforded to all the talented boys and girls who graced the hallowed turf over the two days. I would like to thank all the teachers and coaches of the teams for their co-operation preceding and during the finals. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol are very fortunate to have some of the most dedicated and committed teachers around in our county. They are setting a terrific example for all our young boys and girls. DVDs of the 2010 Hurling Finals are available from Michael Trehy Video Productions and all orders will be taken on 086 2755805. Teachers 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 John Manley of Dualla NS at 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.

Thursday, 10th June: Under 11B Camogie

Drom 7-04 Clonoulty 5-01. Referee: Michael Jordan

The first game of the 2010 Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals saw Drom NS take on Clonoulty NS. This game provided the perfect beginning to our finals. It was an absorbing contest from start to finish. Two evenly matched teams provided wonderful entertainment from start to finish. Drom NS captain Mary Grace got Drom off to the perfect start with two well taken points. However, Clonoulty were determined to ensure that Drom were not going to have it all their own way and came roaring back into the game through a superb individual goal from their captain Hayley Doyle. Hayley soon followed this goal up with one of the best goals seen during the finals when striking a wonder goal after a seventy yard solo run. Two more goals from the exceptional Mary Grace left the half-time score at Drom 3-02 and Clonoulty 2-01. The teams traded early goals on the resumption, one of which was a superb goal by Noeleen Brereton for Drom NS. Hayley Doyle, playing a captain's part then struck another fantastic goal to add to her already impressive tally. Drom were not going to be undone however and responded with well taken goals by Courtney Shields and Mary Grace to ensure that Drom NS ran out deserving winners. This was a rip-roaring contest from start to finish and Mary Grace of Drom NS and Hayley Doyle from Clonoulty NS produced exceptional performances that will live long in the memory.

Drom U011 B Camogie Team: 1-Gemma Kennedy, 2-Rachael Maher, 3-Clodagh Kinane, 4-Mary Grace (Capt.), 5-Emer Delargy, 6-Courtney Shields, 7-Kirsty Cunningham, 8-Noeleen Brereton, 9-Jane Ryan, 10-Valerie Bergin, 11-Grace Glasheen. Principal: Kieran Grace.

Clonoulty Camogie Under 11 Roinn B. 1.Mary Therese Mockler 2.Katie Murphy 3. Ciara Quirke 4. Avril Quirke 5. Keeley Hayes 6. Hayley Doyle (Captain) 7. Eimear Bourke 8. Carrie Wade 9. Elena Quirke 10. Anna Kennedy 11. Saoirse Quirke 12. Molly McCarthy 13. Katie Armstrong 14. Irene Slattery. Principal: Tom O' Brien.



Burgess NS U13 Roinn B Camogie winners.



Cashel BNS U11 Roinn C winners.



Drom U11 Roinn B Camogie winners.

Under 13 B Iomáint: St. Colmcille's 2-06 St. Mary's CBS Clonmel 0-02

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Match two was another wonderful contest between two very well drilled teams. St. Colmcille's came out on the right side of the result after producing a wonderful team performance. St. Colmcille's never gave their opponents any time on the ball and they must have made at least sixty block downs during the course of the game. They were wonderful exponents of what is a sometimes forgotten art in the game. Jamie Morrissey of St. Colmcille's and Jack Kennedy of St. Mary's traded a couple of early scores to see the teams tied at 0-02 each after ten minutes. A pointed free by Tom Murphy gave St. Colmcille's the slenderest of leads at the interval. With Radek Natkaniec exerting a considerable influence on proceedings after the break, St. Colmcille's soon got their noses in front through some great scores by Tom Murphy and Dean Morrissey. Paddy Cadell gave another very impressive display for St. Colmcille's for the second successive year. A great goal by Jamie Morrissey provided a fitting end to the game to ensure that St. Colmcille's ran out very deserving winners. Eamonn Kennedy of St. Colmcille's and Jack Kennedy St. Mary's produced tremendous performances for their respective schools.

St. Colmcille's U13B Hurling Panel: 1. Jack Kennedy 2. Eanna

McBride 3. Eamonn Kennedy 4. Paddy Cadell 5. Stephen Quinlan 6. Conor Sheedy 7. Eoin Bourke 8. Dean Morrissey 9. Radek Natkaniec 10. Jamie Morrissey 11. Jim Purcell 12. Tom Murphy 13. Jordan Lyons 14. David O'Shea 15. Luke Quinlan 16. Conor O'Brien 17. Bodien Fogarty 18. Ned Kinnane 19. Shane Doran 20. Andrew Ormond 21. Michael Fogarty 22. Bill Purcell 23. Shane McInerney 24. Aaron Fogarty 25. Noel Morrissey 26. Michael Marnell 27. Roberto Iannelli. Kieran Healy – Principal. Coaches: Conor Doyle & Denis Kelly.

St. Mary's CBS Clonmel Under 13 B Hurling. 1. Daniel Pleskach 2. Niall Dempsey 3. Sean Adamson 4. Cody Browne 5. Edward Carroll 6. Michael Murphy 7. Eoin Hocht 8. Jack Kennedy 9. Sean Lonergan 10. Neil Condon 11. Matt Barlo 12. Niall Hocht 13. Micheal Farrow 14. Ross Duggan 15. Justin Dowling 16. Adam Peters 17. Ryan Hammond 18. Niall Campion 19. Jordan Cronin 20. Leon Barry 21. Ryan Connors 22. Nathan Flanagan 23. Jack Murphy 24. Conal Kennedy 25. Dara Lynch. Teacher: Emmett Leahy.

Under 11 A Iomáint: Holycross 0-08 Scoil Ailbhe 1-03.

Referee: Michael Jordan.

The Under 11 A Hurling Final between Holycross and Scoil Ailbhe produced arguably one of the best games of the finals. The first touch and skill levels of both these teams were of the very highest standard. It was a game where defences were on top for large periods. Darragh Woods got Holycross off to the perfect start with a point from what seemed an impossible angle. Scoil Ailbhe reacted well to this and were rewarded with a great goal by Adam Derby. A long range point by Michael Purcell ensured that Scoil Ailbhe ended the half with a three point lead. Jimmy Ryan scored a wonderful early point for Holycross on the resumption. Michael Purcell responded with a well taken free for Scoil Ailbhe. It was at this point of the game that Holycross enjoyed their most fruitful period and edged in from through scores by Darragh Woods (3) and a wonderful individual effort from Jimmy Ryan. The switch of Jerry Kelly from centre back to centre forward was another factor in Holycross seizing the initiative. A great pass by Kelly to Darragh Woods saw the latter dissect the posts to push Holycross one point clear as the match reached its finale. A wonderfully struck point by Darragh Woods ensured that Holycross took the title. Full credit is due to two superb teams for the wonderful entertainment they provided. Michael Purcell Scoil Ailbhe and Jerry Kelly Holycross were the game's outstanding performers, but they were ably assisted by their talented team-mates.

Holycross U/11 A Hurling 1. Cormac O Connor, 2. Edward O Gorman, 3. Colin Nolan, 4. David Manning, 5. Eanna Ryan, 6. Jerry Kelly 7. Jack Ryan 8. Jack Dwan 9. Bryan O Mara 10. Darragh Woods 11. Jimmy Ryan 12. Ben Slattery 13. Eamon Ryan 14. Patrick O Gorman 15. Eoin Morris 16. Seamus Stakelum 17. Luke Ryan 18. Liam Ryan 19. Luke O Shea 20. Denis Caesar 21. Danann O Dwyer 22. Tomas Caffrey 23. Jack Hehir 24. Aaron Delaney 25. Mikey Nally 26. William O' Donohue. Teachers: Ger Corbett. Timmy Delaney. Tomas McGrath.

Scoil Ailbhe Under 11 Panel 2010. Matt O'Brien, Pádraig Blake, Eoin Ryan, Seán Barrett, Darren Fahy, Michael Purcell, Donal Fitzpatrick, Aidan Butler, Anthony Cooney, Conor Murphy, Conor Bowe, Philip Ryan, Christopher Carew, Adam Derby, Jack Lanigan, Eoin Kerrane, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Aaron Cullen-O'Connell, Jack Croke, Edward Cullen, Colin O'Shaughnessy, Shane O'Sullivan, David Shorley, Endies Mikelsons, Conor Leahy, Shane Fitzpatrick, Patrick Bowden, Liam Bowe, Raymond Ryan, Dylan O'Shaughnessy, Seamie Doyle, Micheál Mulcaire, John Phelan, Conor Butler, Dylan Costelloe, Jonathan Strapp, Michael Nowak, David Byrne, Kevin Bracken, Ciarán Murphy, Ben Murphy, Cillian Donaghy, Seán Butler, Fred Crowley, Frank McKeivitt, Shane Kerrigan, Jamie Donovan, Arnold Arlauska, Joe Dwan, Bill Gleeson, Michael Jaroszczyk, Shaun Kennedy, Mark Kerrigan, Kieran Moloney, Kamil Nowak, Cian Quirke, Sam Rappaport. Principal: Flan Quigney. Mentors: Claire Grogan, Colm McGrath, Fergal O' Reilly, Denis McCullagh.

Under 13 C Camogie: St Josephs Templemore 6-02 Scoil Mhuire - Cnoc a' Bhile 1-00. *Referee: Christy McLoughlin.*

Elaine Fitzpatrick gave a display that will live long in the memory in this Under 13 Roinn C Camogie Final. Elaine was the star performer for a wonderful St Josephs Templemore team. She amassed 5-02 of her team's total of 6-02. She was ably assisted by her wonderful team-mates with Aoife Ryan, Kate Cashman and Louise Cadell very much to the fore also. Knockavilla NS also had some wonderful performers on the day including Elise O' Connor and Jade Hogan. O' Connor produced an all action display for Knockavilla. A wonderful athlete; she seemed to cover every blade of grass on the Semp Stadium sod. It was a final that will ultimately be remembered for the outstanding performance of Elaine Fitzpatrick for St. Joseph's Templemore. Elaine scored 3-01 in the first half. This coupled with Louise Cadell's great goal saw St. Joseph's Templemore lead by 4-01 to 1-00 at the break. Knockavilla's goal was scored by the very impressive Jade Hogan. Two more goals and a point from Elaine



Clonoulty Under 13 F Iomáint joint winners



Drom Under 13 F Iomáint joint winners.



Holycross NS Under 11 A Iomáint winners.

Fitzpatrick in the second half ensured that the Under 11 C Camogie Title would be heading to St. Joseph's Templemore. Knockavilla NS produced a wonderful second half performance and fought gallantly to the bitter end.

St Joseph's Templemore U13 Roinn C Camogie 1. Aoife Ryan 2. Aoife Hocht 3. Kate Cashman 4. Aoife Fogarty 5. Clodagh Quinlan 6. Louise Cadell 7. Jade Coleman 8. Ciara Burke 9. Elaine Fitzpatrick 10. Kate-Anne Bergin 11. Rebekah Collins 12. Maria Maher 13. Maria Ryan 14. Megan Sheedy 15. Shauna Clavin Principal: Elaine Foley Teachers in charge: Aoife Percy & Barry Derby

Scoil Mhuire - Cnoc a' Bhile Under 13 C Camogie 1. Chloe Kelly 2. Sinead Kinane Ryan 3. Esther Ryan 4. Ciara Ryan 5. Libby Hogan 6. Elise O' Connor 7. Ornagh Morrissey 8. Jade Hogan 9. Clíodhna Slattery 10. Hannah Ryan 11. Aine Doyle 12. Andrea Quinlan 13. Aine Mairéad McCarthy 14. Rebecca Corcoran 15. Emily Quinlan 16. Niamh Browne 17. Niamh O' Driscoll 18. Lauryn Horgan 19. Kaytlyn Verdon 20. Nikita Corcoran 21. Mary Kate Geehan

Teachers: Joanne Collins, Anne Dalton, Aoife Pattwell, Eleanor O' Dwyer.

Under 11 D Iomáint: Kilruane NS 5-01 Clerihan NS 1-03

Referee: Michael Jordan.

For neutrals attending the Under 11 D Final between Clerihan NS and Kilruane NS, it represented a mouth-watering prospect. Clerihan were in their first hurling final for five years and were pitted against the mighty Kilruane NS who were trained by the great

Gilbert Williams. It was Kilruane who got out of the blocks quicker and two great goals by Conor Lillis saw them race into an early lead. Jack Burke responded with a well-taken score for Clerihan NS. Clerihan NS threw the “kitchen sink” at Kilruane NS in the first half, but could not penetrate the resolute Kilruane NS defence where Jake Morris was performing heroic acts. Kilruane NS had one of the most well balanced teams on display at the finals and deservedly led at the break by 4-01 to 0-01. Conor Lillis had been their star performer in the first half; scoring all of their 4-01 total. The resumption saw Clerihan NS come roaring back into this epic contest. The move of Aaron Condon to defence was a shrewd tactical ploy as it shored up their defence. Young Condon produced one of the blocks of the finals when bravely dispossessing the ever-impressive Tommy Dooley. Jack Burke began to exert considerable influence at this juncture and scored a goal and two points in a profitable five minute period for the young men from Clerihan. In a fitting climax to this absorbing contest, Tommy Dooley capped his man of the match performance off with a goal worthy enough to grace any final.

St Michael's N.S. Clerihan under 11 D Hurling Eoin Power, Sean Maher, Conor Horan, Aaron Condon, Jack Burke, Aidan Phelan, Alan O'Donnell, Dean O'Dwyer, Seamus McMahon, Shane Hickey, Ben Keating-Hogan, Shane Buckley, Jason McCully

Principal: John Walsh. Team managers: John Walsh & Aodan Wrenn.

Kilruane U-11 D Hurling 1. Mark O'Neill, 2. Jake Morris 3. Shane O'Meara 4. Tommy Dooley (Capt) 5. Craig Morgan 6. Ben Healy 7. Conor Lillis 8. Oisín O'Meara 9. Christopher Moyles 10. Grady Jones 11. Seamus O'Meara 12. Alan Spain 13. Jake O'Kelly. Principal/Coach Gilbert Williams

Under 11 B Iomáint:

St. Mary's Central N.S. Killenuale 2-03 Cahir Boys NS 2-01

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

The Under 11 B Hurling Final between Killenuale NS and Cahir Boys NS produced another classic. Two wonderful teams fought bravely to the bitter end in their quest to become Under 11 B Hurling champions. Midfielder Kevin Lawlor ensured that Killenuale NS got off to the best possible start with a well taken goal after five minutes. However, minutes later Ger Quinn had Cahir Boys NS level with a goal from a well-placed ground shot. A pointed free by Killenuale NS Captain Eoin Barry saw them lead by the minimum at the break. The defensive work of both teams in this game was extraordinary and this coupled with no small amount of heart and determination ensured that this game was always going to go “right down to the wire”. A point by Colm McEniry had Cahir Boys level soon after the break. This was followed by a wonderful Patrick O'Donovan goal which seemed to stem the tide Cahir's way. Killenuale NS had other ideas however and were soon level through a majestic Jack Hayes goal. This was quickly followed by a point from Kevin Lawlor. It was fitting that the last score fell to Eoin Barry of Killenuale NS as he had really played a captain's part throughout. Cahir goalie Ben Allen is another star for the future. It was a pity that either team had to lose such an epic contest. Well done to both teams and congratulations to Killenuale NS on a historic victory.

St. Mary's Central N.S. Killenuale U11B Hurling. Seán Bourke, Ronan Kelly, Conor Peacock, Gavin Byrne, Adam Morrow, Jack Hayes, Eoin Barry (Captain), Kevin Lawlor, Andrew O'Connell, Kieran Walker, John Hogan, Anna Slattery, Eoin McGarry, Luke Nolan, Kate Walsh, Paul Maguire, Lauren Dowling, Keith O'Connor, David McCormack, Conor Quigley. Principal: Ms. Maria McGrath. Teacher: Ms. Bríd Mullins. Coach: Anthony Doyle

Cahir Boys NS U-11 B Finalists 2010 v Killenuale NS Ben Allen, Brian O'Connor, Stephen Grogan, Patrick Meehan, Tiarnan McLoughlin, Paul Barrett, Colin McEniry, Ger Quinn, Patrick O'Donovan, Darragh Conway, Luke Coonan, Adam Walsh, Rafal Merta, Igor Kanyuka. Principal: Brendan Horan. Teacher: Martin Halpin.

Under 13 D Camogie: Ardcroney NS 6-04 Loughmore NS 0-01.

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Ardcroney NS produced one of the great team performances seen at this year's finals. A gallant and spirited Loughmore NS gave everything up to the final whistle, but just met a superior force on this particular day. A wonderful goal by Niamh Costelloe from a ground stroke saw Ardcroney NS get off to the best possible start. Roisín Cahill soon followed this up with a sweetly struck point following a long solo run. Roisín Cahill(2) and Niamh Costelloe(2) both added further goals to see Ardcroney NS into a commanding half-time lead. Loughmore NS produced a very spirited second half performance which they can be more than proud of. Eilish Hassett and Caoimhe Maher are definitely two players with very bright futures for Loughmore NS. Indeed Eilish Hassett was a very worthy “Player of the Match”. Nevertheless, the mighty Ardcroney NS were



Gaelscoil Durlas U13 Roinn D Winners.



Killenuale NS U11 Roinn B winners.



Kilruane NS U11 Roinn D winners.

not going to be undone on this particular occasion and Roisín Cahill capped off a fantastic individual performance with two wonderfully well-taken second half goals. This ensured that Ardcroney NS ran out deserving winners. I have no doubt that this fine young Loughmore NS team will grace the hallowed Semple Stadium turf in years to come, but on this particular occasion, they met a superb Ardcroney NS team.

Ardcroney NS Team U13 D Camogie. 1. Becky Hill [captain] 2. Sile Spain 3. Emma Cleary 4. Nicole Spillane 5. Laura Darcy 6. Roisín Cahill 7. Gillian McSherry 8. Grainne Molloy 9. Niamh Costello 10. Ciara Grace 11. Katie Gould 12. Orla Dillon 13. Caroline Hill 14. Clodagh Healy 15. Amy Hill Mentor: Martin Ryan Principal, Ardcroney NS

Loughmore National School U13 D Camogie Ruth Butler, 2 Emily Maher, 3 Bríd Spillane, 4 Aibhe Connolly, 5 Caoimhe Maher, 6 Ciara Manton, 7 Leanne Gleeson, 8 Lorraine Shorley, 9 Eilish Hassett, 10 Louise Ryan, 11 Aimee Gleeson, 12 Molly Flanagan, 13 Zara O'Connell, 14 Áine Treacy, 15 Lorna Ryan, 16 Orlaith Maher, 17 Emma Nesbitt, 18 Margaret Spillane. Principal: Stephen Maher, Manager: Roisín Maher, Coaches: Ned Ryan and Leona Doyle.

Under 13 A Camogie: St. Mary's Nenagh 2-04 Cahir 1-03

Referee: Michael Jordan.

Two giants of national schools camogie collided in this epic Under 13 A Camogie final. Nenagh were determined to atone for previous finals' heartache at the hands of Our Lady's Cahir. Cahir were

without their inspirational leader Roisín Howard, but who is to say that even this wonderful player could have threatened the Nenagh defence for whom Tipperary Primary Game Star Rachel Maher was impervious throughout. Aoife Corcoran opened the scoring with a well taken point for Our Lady's. Michelle Collins responded well for Convent Nenagh with a well taken point after a meandering solo run. A wonder strike from a free by Aoife Corcoran ended up in the top corner of the Nenagh net to see Our Lady's into a three point half-time lead. Carol Casey was another player who caught the eye for Our Lady's in a hugely enjoyable first half. Another Michelle Collins point for Nenagh cut the lead to two points. Two more points by Katie Farrell stretched Our Lady's lead to four points. A wonderful save by Lisa Darcy really kept Nenagh in the game at this stage. As the game reached its critical stage, Michelle Collins scored 1-01 to bring the Convent level. This was followed by another major from the same player to edge Nenagh in front for the first time as the game reached its climax. Under 11 star Maeve Coffey made the victory safe for Convent Nenagh as she dissected the posts with a well-taken point. Nenagh owed a lot to the heroics of goalkeeper Lisa Darcy, who kept Our Lady's at bay with some phenomenal saves. This game was a classic between two very well-trained teams.

Our Lady Of Mercy Cahir Under 13 A Camogie 2 Keely Halpin 3 Laura Casey 4 Jessica Coffey 5 Carol Casey 6 Kirsty Arbuckle 7 Aoife Corcoran 8 Katie Farrell 9 Alissa Keating 10 Roisin Howard 11 Orla Cashman 12 Aoife Collins 13 Dervla Buckley 14 Niamh Murphy 15 Niamh Costello 16 Shauna Burke 17 Lauren Noonan 18 Roisin McCarthy 19 Claudia Dymarkowoka 20 Emma O'Donnell.

Teachers: Martin Halpin.

St. Mary's Nenagh U13 A Camogie. 1 Lisa Darcy 2 Emma Percy 3 Niamh Ryan 4 Anna Dillon 5 Rachel Maher 6 Clodaigh Ryan 7 Michelle Collins 8 Chelsea Cooney 9 Maeve Coffey 10 Elaine Slattery 11 Alison McGrath 12 Alicia Hanlon 13 Laura Costello 14 Hazel Coffey 15 Roisín Dolan 16 Chloe Leo 17 Emily Griffin 18 Aoife Deering 19 Niamh Dolan 20 Roisín Moyles. Principal: Peadar Dwyer. Teacher: Suzanne Kelly. Coach: Tommy Mulcahy.

Friday, 11th June. Under 11 A Camogie:

St. Mary's Nenagh 4-02 Cahir 0-01

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Day Two of the Finals continued from where it left off the previous day with the clash of the titans St. Mary's Nenagh and Our Lady's Cahir in the Under 11 A Camogie Final. Nenagh were determined to add to their success of the previous day and laid their intentions out very early. They got off to the perfect start with an early goal from Rebecca McGrath. This was followed by a long range point from the game's star performer Maeve Coffey. Goals by Sarah Kennedy and Leah Sheedy saw the Convent Nenagh race into a commanding half-time lead of 3-01 to 0-01. An early second half goal by Leah Sheedy ensured that Nenagh were on the verge of a historic Under 11 and Under 13 camogie double. It was fitting that the final Nenagh score was scored by Maeve Coffey. Coincidentally, she had scored the final point in the previous day's Under 13 final. Sometimes destiny has a huge part to play in sport and you have to lose finals before you win them. This was certainly the case for this great Nenagh team, who were superbly trained by the great Suzanne Kelly. The achievements of Our Lady's in reaching the two A camogie finals should not be forgotten either. As always, they fought gamely to the bitter end.

Our Lady Of Mercy Cahir Under 11 A Camogie . 2 Lauren Noonan 3 Emma Quirke 4 Emily O'Donovan 5 Niamh Costello 6 Rachel O'Donnell 7 Shauna Burke 8 Alissa Keating 9 Orla Cashman 10 Dervla Buckley 11 Sophie Sheehan 12 Andrea O'Donnell 13 Roisin McCarthy 14 Sarah Burke. Teachers: Martin Halpin. Mary Howard.

St. Mary's Nenagh U11 A Camogie. 1 Aileen Byrne 2 Katie Moore 3 Rita Bourke 4 Kate O'Connor 5 Aoife Duignan 6 Maeve Coffey 7 Ellen Sheehy 8 Rebecca McGrath 9 Sarah Kennedy 10 Leah Sheedy 11 Aisling Kennedy 12 Rachel Browne 13 Olivia Cusack 14 Emma Cahill 15 Ciara Phelan 16 Caoimhe Costello 17 Leah Kelly 18 Katie Manicle 19 Ruth Hassett 20 Liobhan Spillane. Principal: Peadar Dwyer. Teacher: Suzanne Kelly. Coach: Tommy Mulcahy.

Under 13 F Iomáint: Clonoulty 3-15 Drom 4-12

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

In what was undoubtedly the "Game of the Finals", Clonoulty NS and Drom NS produced the proverbial classic. Clonoulty NS were seeking to atone for their narrow defeat in the previous day's camogie final and Drom NS were striving to win a historic first Under 13 F County Title. This game met all the pre-match expectations and then some. It was a particularly high scoring contest and you could not take your eye of the game as it enthralled spectators from start to finish. James Hammersley shot two early points for Clonoulty, before Drom NS responded with minors from Jamie Bergin and Miriam Campion. James Ryan Clonoulty and Jamie Bergin Drom then traded goals to tie up the scores. A few quick



St. Joseph's Templemore NS U13 Roinn C Camogie winners.



St. Colmcilles Templemore U13 Roinn B winners.



Scoil Ailbhe Thurles U13 Roinn A.

points and an amazing ground stroke by Cathal Bourke that crashed into the roof of the Drom NS ensured that Clonoulty enjoyed a six point half-time lead. Robert Kennedy then scored a phenomenal goal after a long solo run and well placed shot to the top corner. This cut the deficit to three points for Drom. Three more Drom points including two from Robert Kennedy saw the teams level at full time. Extra - Time brought even more entertainment as both teams both threw caution to the wind. A Jamie Bergin goal looked to have sealed victory for Drom, but three quick Clonoulty points saw them within touching distance of the title. Robert Kennedy displayed nerves of steel to land a pressure free for Drom to ensure that both teams finished the game level. After the game it was decided that both teams would share the title which was a fitting way to end such a classic contest.

Clonoulty Under 13 boys Roinn F Hurling. Odhran Quirke, Courtney Ryan, Gerard Mockler, David Egan, Dylan Kennedy, James Ryan, James Hammersley, Cathal Bourke, Anthony Maher, Samuel Kearney, Philip Fitzpatrick, Ellen Dunne, Hayley Doyle, Nicholas Mockler, Seán Ryan, Philip O' Dwyer, Keeley Hayes, Carrie Wade, Donnchadh Quirke, Patrick Kennedy, Avril Quirke, Katie Murphy. Principal: Tom O' Brien.

Drom Under 13 F' Hurling team: 1-Stephen Nolan 2-Paul Bergin 3-Pauric Campion 4-Robert Kennedy 5-Jamie Bergin (Capt.) 6-Aoife Delargy 7-Miriam Campion 8-Andy Purcell 9-Mary Grace 10-John Ryan 11-Lorcan Campion. Principal Kieran Grace

Under 11 C Iomáint: Cashel BNS 2-07 Two-Mile-Borris NS 2-05

Referee: Michael Jordan

Coming in to this final Cashel BNS were seeking to return to the top table after a few years in the wilderness. They were pitted against the

mighty Two Mile Borris NS. Those expecting a wonderful contest did not leave disappointed. An early goal by Patrick Fahy got Cashel off to the perfect start. Two Mile Borris came roaring back with three unanswered points including two from their outstanding captain Anthony McKelvey. Cashel went into half-time with a slender two point lead. A Ross Bonner point stretched their lead to three soon after half-time. A wonder goal by Anthony McKelvey brought Two Mile Borris level. A brilliant goal from a ground shot by Patrick Fahy edged Cashel in front again. James Dillon then brought Two Mile Borris level as the game reached its penultimate stage. Colin Ryan of Cashel BNS and Michael Murphy Two Mile Borris then exchanged points. However Cashel were determined to return the title to the "Town of the Kings" and two late points by Lee Barry and Ross Bonner gave them the historic victory they so badly craved. This was as sporting a contest as you are ever likely to see and was thoroughly enjoyed by all fortunate enough to witness it.

Cashel BNS U11 C Team 1 Alex Marshall 3 Brandon Duffy (Captain) 4 Eoghan Connolly 5 Michael Morrissey 6 Colin Ryan 7 Daniel Wade 8 Ross Bonnar 9 Jamie O' Keeffe 10 Patrick Fahy 11 Murragh McDermott 12 Adam Skeffington 13 Ciarán Davern 14 Brian Davern 15 Ciarán Quinn 16 Lee Barry 17 Luke Quinlan 18 Euan Morgan 19 Michael O' Meara 20 Lorcán Reade 22. Scott Scanlon 23 Seán Ryan 24 Laisvunas Vaitiekaitis 25 Jack Browne-Corbett 26 Paul Shortt

Two-Mile-Borris Under 11 C Hurling. P J Tunstall, Sean O'Meara, Michael Murphy, Kieran Kearney, Jack Fallon, Daniel Ryan, Rory Darmody, David O'Donnell, James Dillon, Jack Hackett, Anthony McKelvey (Captain), Diarmuid Maher, Steven Callanan, Michael Maher, Conor Cummins, Mark Heffernan, Bill Hackett, Pat Hackett, David Ryan, Sean Mockler, Nicole Gleeson, Maria Lanigan. Principal – Mrs Catherine Harty. Teacher - Mr Liam McCullagh

Under 13 E Iomáint: Powerstown 3-07 Kilbarron 4-03

Referee: Michael Jordan

The Under 13 E final had a big act to follow given what took place in the final that preceded this game. The young players of Powerstown and Kilbarron did not disappoint. Powerstown has always been a football stronghold and Kilbarron were hoping to achieve victory after some years in the wilderness. Emmet Moran got Kilbarron off to the perfect start with a well taken goal. Dara Ryan responded with a goal for Powerstown. Kevin Grace Powerstown and Stephen Burke Kilbarron then traded goals. Stephen Quirke, one of the game's great performers then struck a couple of points to send Powerstown in three points ahead at the break. On the resumption, Glen Cullinane then doubled on high lobbing ball to the net to add to Powerstown's commanding lead. He then followed this up with a majestic point from the tightest of angles. However Kilbarron were not going to lie down and two fantastic goals by Stephen Burke saw the teams level at full time. Stephen Quirke and Stephen Burke then exchanged a brace of points each before Stephen Quirke sealed a historic victory for Powerstown when he scored a point on the run from near the sideline. It was a score worthy enough to win any game and a heartbreaking end to the match for a wonderfully talented and gallant Kilbarron team.

Powerstown NS Under 13 E Hurling. Luke Fogarty, Conor Bates, Jack Bourke, David Bourke, Patrick Loyola, Stephen Quirke, Dara Ryan, Jack McGrath, Colm McKeown, Kevin Grace, Conor Molloy, James Brennan, Callum Hackett, Mitchell Whelan, Aaron O' Connor, Kieran Quirke, Alan Boland, Glenn Cullinane, Cillian Crowe, Darragh O' Connor, Cathal McKeown, James O' Donnell, Brian Quirke (Reserve Keeper)

Team managers: Eugene Fogarty & Mairead O' Toole. Team Coach: Noel Russell.

Kilbarron NS Under 13 E Hurling. 1. Jack Dunne 2. Kieran O'Sullivan (C) 3. Vincent Mulvihill 4. Patrick Dunne 5. Caitlin O'Meara 6. Sean Hogan 7. Jack McLoughney 8. Emmet Moran 9. Stephen Burke 10. Jenny O'Meara. Substitutes 11. Tom Fox 12. Robert Gernon 13. Sarah Burke 14. Megan Slattery 15. Stephanie O'Sullivan 16. Laura Hogan 17. Andrew Lennox 18. Sam Warren 19. Bethany Slattery 20. James O'Sullivan 21. Michael Slattery 22. Conal Moran 23. John O'Meara. Principal: Kevin Connolly

Under 13 D Iomáint: Gaelscoil Durlas 3-10 Dunkerrin NS 2-04

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Dunkerrin NS came into this game attempting to add to their camogie success of 2009. They were also without their inspirational captain Patrick Fogarty. Gaelscoil Durlas were attempting to atone for defeat in the 2009 finals. Conor Stakelum Gaelscoil Durlas and Dylan Maher Dunkerrin NS exchanged early points to settle the nerves for both teams. Keith O Cathail then edged Gaelscoil Durlas in front with an excellent point. Dylan Maher responded in kind for Dunkerrin. Points from Conor Stakelum and Bill O Dorchaí added to a superb goal by Kevin O Donnaile saw Gaelscoil Durlas take a



Powerstown NS U13 Roinn E Hurling winners.



St. Mary's Nenagh U11 Roinn A Camogie winners.



St. Mary's Nenagh U13 Roinn A Camogie winners.

commanding nine point lead into the break. Goals by Stakelum and O Dorchaí after the break added to their already impressive tally. James Doughan then struck one of the "goals of the finals" to give Dunkerrin some hope entering the game's closing stages. However Gaelscoil Durlas were not going to become complacent and two points from Stakelum and a superb long range point by O Cathail gave them the victory they so richly deserved. Dunkerrin can be justifiably proud of making the County finals in successive years but on this occasion came up against a superior force in Gaelscoil Durlas. Adam Hogan Dunkerrin NS and Conor Stakelum Gaelscoil Durlas NS produced performances worthy enough to grace any playing field.

Scoil Muire, Dun Chairn team, U-13 D Team. 1 Joseph Fogarty 2 Brian Doughan 3 Bob Kenny 4 Daniel O'Meara 5 Adam Hogan (acting captain) 6 Eoin Whyte 7 James Doughan 8 Patrick Fogarty (captain) injured, not playing. 9 Jack Kirwan 10 Gearoid Murphy 11 Gearoid Larkin 12 Dylan Maher. Substitutes 13 Caitlin Kieran 14 Mary Teehan 15 Roddy Teehan 16 Neil Maher 17. Liam Gleeson. Team mentors: Mr. Kevin McCormack, coach/manager. Mr. Peter Jennings, teacher

Gaelscoil Bhride Dúrlas U-13 D Co. Final. Evan MacCormaica, Conor O hAgaín, Loarn O Tuathail, Daniel O Seachnasaigh, Cathal O Maoldomhnaigh, Conor Stáicliú, Stephen O Flannagáin, Keith O Cathail, Joseph O Riain, Bill O Dorchaí, Eoin O hÍc, Brendan Mac Giolla Phádraig, Dylan MacDonnchadh, Adam O Troithigh, Donogh O Mórdha, Tomas Tóibín, Jake O Briain, Conor O Gormáin, Kevin O Donnaile, Andrew O Biataigh, Niall Condúin, Michael O Murchú, Mikie Stáicliú, Tommy Mac an tSaoir, Seán O Gormain, Seán O Cathail. Teacher: Labhaoise Cunningham.

Under 13 C Iomáint: Templederry 4-08 Tipperary CBS 2-02

Referee: Michael Jordan

In the lead-up to this final Templederry NS had defeated a hotly fancied Kilruane team in a thriller. This final saw them up against the mighty Tipp CBS. Many people wondered in the build-up to the game how the Tipp CBS defence would cope with Templederry's gifted young forward Darragh Carey. Darragh Carey gave a signal of intent with a wonderfully taken goal after five minutes. Nathan Harding then doubled on a ball to the net to bring Tipp CBS level. Darragh Carey soon had Templederry back in front when he crashed the ball to the net. Tim McCutcheon then made a great penalty save for Templederry NS. A Tommy Lowry goal just before half-time brought Tipp CBS right back into contention. A Templederry goal by Jack O' Dwyer on the resumption stretched Templederry's lead to five. Another goal by the mercurial Carey added to Templederry's impressive lead. Tommy Lowry was not going to give up without a fight however and ably assisted by his wonderful team-mates, they took the battle Templederry. Alas, it was not to be their day however as a goal from Denis O'Connell and a point by Darragh Carey sealed a historic victory for Templederry NS.

Templederry N.S. Under 13 C Hurling. 1. Tim McCutcheon 2. Ryan Carey 4. Ross Donnelly 5. Niall Slattery 6. Liam McCutcheon 7. Paul Corcoran 9. Richard O Donoghue 10. Conor Lobby 11. Darragh Carey 12. James Clifford 13. Denis O Connell 15. Jack O Dwyer 16. Matthew Ryan 17. Aisling Carey 18. Liam Kennedy 19. Eimear Murphy 20. Patrick Ryan 21. Ness Murray 22. Dearbhla Slattery 23. Michael O Donoghue. Mentors: Colm O'Brien, Tommy Hogan, Richard O Donoghue. Teacher in charge: Maura Carey. School Principal: Gertie Russell

Tipp CBS U13 C Hurling. 1. Maurice Mulhaire 2. Diarmuid O'Halloran 3. Oscar O'Dwyer 4. David Kiely 5. Jack Comerford 6. Conal Donovan 7. Tommy Lowry 8. Nathan Harding 9. Mark Hoban 10. Cormac Maher 11. Cian Ryan 12. Cormac Roche 13. Cathal O'Dwyer 14. Aaron Mulally 15 Fearhus Halligan 16. Christopher Ryan 17. Conal O'Brien 18. Stephen Cummins 19. Shane Mulcahy 20. Jack Hogan 21. Cormac Flanagan 22. Nathan Murphy-Crowe 23. Jack Lowry 24. Matthew Moroney 25. Brian Lowry 26. Conor Leahy. Team Mentors: Paudie Reale, Pat Tedford, Pat McCormack. Principal: Pat O'Halloran

Under 13 G Hurling: Ballagh NS 8-08 Kilkeary NS 0-02

Referee: Michael Jordan

Ballagh entered this Under 13 G Hurling as warm favourites such were the levels of their displays in the early rounds of this competition. It is hard to recall such a well balanced and skillful team as Ballagh in this competition for many a year. On their biggest day, they did not disappoint and produced a performance that will be talked about for years to come. Kilkeary NS, though facing a superior team on the day, fought gallantly and bravely to the bitter end. An early goal by Aidan Carroll gave Ballagh the perfect start. This was followed by points from Michael Ryan and Declan O'Dwyer. Goals by Declan O'Dwyer, Dylan Quirke, Kevin Kearney and Aidan Carroll left Ballagh in an unassailable lead at the break. The second half saw Ballagh produce some wonderful first-touch hurling. They exhibited all the skills in their locker and further goals by Michael Ryan, Aidan Carroll, Dylan Quirke and Jake O'Donnell sealed a famous victory for Ballagh NS. Aoife Kennedy and Marguerite Young gave heroic displays for Kilkeary NS while Michael Ryan, Aidan Carroll and Dylan Quirke of Ballagh NS are names we are sure to hear much more of in the coming years.

Kilkeary NS Under 13 G Hurling. Nicole O'Dwyer, Tadhg Fogarty, Aoife Kennedy, Liam Ryan, Eoghan Cahill, Marguerite Young Sean Smith. Subs: Ronan O'Brien Cathal Ryan Aoife Fogarty Christopher O'Meara. Principal: James Gleeson. Mentors: Ben Darcy, Willie Ryan.

Ballagh NS Under 13 G Hurling. 1.Nicky Kearns (captain), 3 Jack Ryan ,4 Dillon Quirke ,5 Michael Ryan ,7 Declan O Dwyer ,13 Kevin Kearney, 6 Aidan Carroll ,2 Oisín Fryday, 9 Tomas Ryan, 10 Jack Moriarty ,11 Jake O'Donnell ,12 Anthony McCarthy.

Team Mentors: Tom Ryan, Willie Devane, Dan Quirke and Declan Ryan. Principal: Mary Glasheen

Under 13 B Camogie: Burgess NS 10-02 Holycross 0-02

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

In the penultimate game of the finals, Burgess NS produced a wonderful team performance to defeat a gallant Holycross team. Hotly fancied in the build-up to the game, Burgess produced their best performance of the year to see off the challenge of a mighty Holycross team. On the biggest stage of all, Burgess NS showcased their vast array of skills and talent in glorious sunshine at Semple Stadium. Ciardha Maher produced another majestic performance to take the player of the match award for the second time in three years. She was ably assisted by captain Shona O'Donoghue and Sarah Dunne who were other stars in a superb Burgess NS Team. Goals by Shona O'Donoghue, Ciardha Maher, Grace Dunne and Sarah Dunne



2010 Tipperary Primary Game Football Team v Kerry.



St. Peters & Pauls CBS U13 Roinn A.



Tipp Primary Game boys team photo v Cork May 30th.

left Holycross NS with a mountain to climb for the second half. Huge credit must be given to the Holycross girls for the way they battled so courageously to the very end. Holycross custodian Mary Dwan was one of the busiest players on view over the two days and she produced some wonderful second half saves for Holycross NS. However, further second half goals by Ciardha Maher, Sarah Dunne and Katie O'Keefe ensured that Burgess NS ran out very deserving winners.

Burgess NS Under 13 B Camogie. Elizabeth Floyd, Caoimhe Brassil, Ciara Floyd, Sarah Slattery, Ciardha Maher, Shona O'Donoghue (c), Tara O'Brien, Katie O'Keefe, Grace Dunne, Sarah Dunne, Mary Reidy, Kate Darcy, Ciara Griffin, Aisling O'Brien, Agnes Mulqueen, Caoilfhionn Maher, Rebecca Curtain, Katie Grace, Heather Bourke. Acting Principal Ann Costell. Teacher Liam O'Donoghue. Trainer John Hogan

Holycross U-13 B Camogie. 1. Mary Dwan 2. Cara O'Connor 4. Nicole Mannin 7. Chloe Matthews 10. Emma Ryan 11. Lucia Carroll 15. Anna Slattery Fitzgerald 17. Naomi-Molly O'Shea 18. Claire Stakelum 19. Bridin Ryan. Subs: 21. Anna Gavin 22. Sarah Kennedy 23. Kate Brennan 24. Roisín Meehan 25. Andrea O'Rourke 26. Rebecca Harrod. Mentors: Timmy Delaney, Ursula Ryan, Eileen McCullagh and Louise Clarke.

Under 13 A Iomáint: Match Report Scoil Ailbhe v St. Peter & Paul's Clonmel

Referee: Michael Jordan.

In the last game of the finals, spectators were treated to a classic between Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles and St. Peter & Paul's Clonmel. This

was as good a game as you are ever likely to see at primary schools level. Thurles came into the game eager to atone for their defeat in the previous two finals. St. Peter & Paul's Clonmel entered the game hoping to take the title back to the banks of the Suir. It is such a great shame that this game will be talked about for all the wrong reasons as it ended in a huge cloud of controversy. The controversy related to the final score as St. Peter & Paul's Clonmel thought they had achieved a one point victory and Scoil Ailbhe strongly disputed this. With no agreement reached, both teams left the pitch as the sun descended over Semple Stadium much to the confusion of the large attendance. Before all the commotion, supporters had witnessed a hugely entertaining contest between two very well balanced teams. Some of the striking, catching, hooking and blocking was worthy enough to grace any great hurling occasion. There was a huge amount of talent sprinkled across both teams. It is very important that we do not lose sight of the fact that this was an incredible battle full of wonderful commitment, endeavour, determination and no small amount of skill on the part of these wonderful players. Scoil Ailbhe's Brian Fallon was a safe pair of hands in their goal and he was secure throughout. Tipperary Primary Game Star Rory Purcell produced a wonderful display for Scoil Ailbhe and he gave an exhibition of hurling from start to finish. Some of his long-range shooting was of the very highest standard. Conor Bowe and Mark Purcell were other players to catch the eye for Scoil Ailbhe. St. Peter & Paul's Clonmel had their own stars too and possessed leading lights in David Roberts, Ciarán Barrett and Kyle Peters. David Roberts was a commanding presence throughout for them at centre back. Ciarán Barrett dominated at the edge of the square for them and Kyle Peters was full of athleticism and strong running for Clonmel in the middle of the field. Following the match the Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol officers examined video evidence from the game. They also met with the referee and the relevant schools. After reviewing video evidence, Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol awarded the match to St. Peter & Paul's Clonmel. This decision was subsequently upheld by the Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Appeals Committee. It is such a pity that such a wonderful match was marred by such unfortunate controversy at the final whistle.

Scoil Ailbhe Under 13 Panel 2010 U13A. Brian Fallon, Kieran Keane, Joe Hennessy, Jason Jordan, Harry Fitzgibbon, Tom Hayes, Michael Wade, Rory Purcell, Colm Ryan, Conor Bowe, Michael Purcell, Matthew Kelly, Jack Fitzgibbon, Mark Purcell, Robbie Hanrahan, Evan Holland, Sean Connors, James Symons, Darragh Byrne, Darren Fahey, Keith O'Dwyer, Darren Maguire, Dale Loughnane, Brendan Callanan, Kieran Considine, Gavin Wright, Gavin Gleeson, Peter McNamara. Principal: Flan Quigney. Coaches: Fergal O'Reilly, Colm McGrath, Denis McCullagh, Claire Grogan, Ger Kerrigan

St. Peter & Paul's C.B.S., Clonmel U13 Team. 1. Cody O'Regan 2.Darragh Phelan 3.Ciarán Barrett 4.Svyatoslav Pereginets 5. Ross Lyons 6.David Roberts 7.George Ryan 8.Damon Gregory 9.Kyle Peters 10.Alex Doyle 11. Michael O'Reilly 12.Joe Gunne 13. Emmet Fahy 14. Conor O'Sullivan 15.Evan Murray 16.Manjit Singh 17. Mark Stokes 18. Vinnie Harte 19. Jake Murphy 20.Adam Darcy 21. James Hawkins 22. Cathal Maloney 23.Cian O'Dwyer 24. Ronan Quigley. Mentors: Paddy Burke, Cathal Ryan, Deirdre Lawlor. Principal: John Hickey

INTO MINI SEVENS WINNERS 2010

Hurling: Barnane NS Camogie: Burgess NS

Football: Carrick CBS Ladies Football: St. Joseph's Templemore NS

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTY FINAL RESULTS FOR 2009

Under 13 Boys Football

Roinn A: St. Peter and Pauls CBS, Clonmel beat Tipperary C.B.S.

Roinn B: Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles beat Gaelscoil Durlas.

Roinn C: Ballyporeen beat Loughmore.

Roinn D: Moycarkey beat Kilsheelan.

Roinn E: Mount Bruis beat Templetuohy.

Roinn F: Rathkeevin beat Barnane.

Roinn G: Tankerstown beat Clonoulty.

Roinn H: Kilcash beat Castleiney.

Under 11 Boys Football

Roinn A: St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel beat Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.

Roinn B: St. Michael's N.S, Clerihan beat St. Colmcille's,

Templemore.

Roinn C: Two Mile Borris beat Clonoulty.

Roinn D: Moyglass beat Ballylooby.

Under 13 Ladies Football

Roinn A: Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir beat Sisters of Charity,



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie v Cork May 30th.



Tipperary Primary Game Hurling v Offaly 18th April 2010.



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie v Offaly 18th April 2010.

Clonmel.

Roinn B: St. Joseph's, Templemore beat Rathkeevin.

Roinn C: Ballylooby beat Upperchurch.

Roinn D: Tankerstown beat Mount Bruis.

Under 11 Ladies Football

Roinn A: Sisters of Charity, Clonmel beat Powerstown.

Roinn B: Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir beat Ballyporeen.

Roinn C: Mount Bruis beat Grange.

2010 TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME TEAMS GIVE WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES IN TULLAMORE

Sunday, 18th April, 2010 saw the Tipperary Hurling and Camogie

Primary Game Teams play at half-time during the National Hurling League Game with Offaly. Both teams gave tremendous performances and the high level of skill on display will ensure that the future of Tipperary hurling and camogie is in very safe hands. A special thanks must be given to Offaly Cumann na mBunscol for the warm and hospitable welcome they extended to Tipperary on this occasion.

Tipperary Primary Game Boys Hurling Team v Offaly on Sunday, April 18th.

Luke Ashmore Shronell NS, Sean Moloney Moyne NS, Anthony Walsh Nenagh CBS, Ger Brown Knockavilla NS, Enda Heffernan Rossmore NS, Cathal Ó Maoldomhnaigh Gaelscoil Dúrlas, Dylan Quirke Ballagh NS, Shane Fletcher Sacred Heart NS Roscrea, Jack Delaney Toomevara NS, Sean Hogan Kilbarron NS, Mark Daniels Ballinalough NS.

Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, Brian Boyle Sacred Heart NS Roscrea, John Manley Dualla NS, Patrick Kelly Boys NS Roscrea and Denis Kelly St. Colmcille's NS Templemore.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME CAMOGIE TEAM V OFFALY 1.

Kealy Haplin - Convent of Mercy Cahir 2. Claire Doyle - Ballylooby N.S. 3. Miriam Campion - Drom N.S. 4. Aoife Kennedy - Kilkeary N.S. 5. Eimear Loughnane - Presentation, Thurles 6. Jenny O' Meara - Kilbarron N.S. 7. Ciardha Maher - Burgess N.S. 8. Rachel Maher - St. Mary's, Nenagh 9. Orla Gahan - Dualla N.S. 10. Karen Fox - Anacarty N.S.

Roghnóirí: Donal McCarthy - Ballylooby N.S., Tammy Cullen New Inn NS, Michael Corcoran Upperchurch NS

Tipperary Primary Game Boys Football Team v Kerry Sunday 16th of May

1. Robbie Hanrahan, Scoil Ailbhe.
2. Jamie Collins, Boher.
3. Liam Meagher, Killenaule.
4. John McNerney, Toomevara.
5. Daniel Perry, Lisronagh.
6. Daire Brennan, Kilsheelan.
7. Eoin Kelly, Kilcash.
8. Stephen Quirke, Powerstown.
9. Michael Ryan, Ballagh.
10. Jack Kennedy, St. Mary's Clonmel.
11. Caolan Hennessy, Ayle.

Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, Fergal O' Reilly Scoil Ailbhe, John Walsh Clerihan NS & Kieran Healy St. Colmcille's NS.

Tipperary Primary Game Ladies Football Team v Kerry Sunday 16th of May

1 Ciara Tillyer, Moyglass N.S. 2 Gemma Dunican, Rahealty N.S. 3 Cora Rose Gleeson, Gaelscoil Bhríde; 4 Siobhan Murchan, Gaelscoil Chluain Meala; 5 Elaine Fitzpatrick, St. Joseph's, Templemore; 6 Gemma Gearon, Ardfinnan N.S. 7 Aoife Corcoran, Our Lady of Mercy, Cahir; 8 Aisling Moloney, Rathkeevin N.S. 9 Nicole Shelly, Mullinahone N.S. 10 Megan Shanahan, Powerstown N.S. 11 Aoibhe O'Shea, Mohober N.S.

Roghnóirí: Labhaoise Cunningham Gaelscoil Durlas, Deirdre O' Connell Clerihan NS, Ann Marie Landers Gaelscoil Chluain Meala

Tipperary Primary Game Teams Light Up Páirc Uí Chaoimh

The Tipperary Primary Game Hurling and Camogie Teams ensured that the future of Tipperary Hurling is very bright after producing wonderful performances in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday, 30th May 2010. Both sets of players gave very impressive performances. The boys' team produced a wonderful performance against a very skillful Cork team. The girls were just as impressive and some wonderful goals by Roisín Cahill and Chloe Kirwin (2) capped off an excellent all-round team display. Chloe Kirwin from Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea even drew great praise at half-time from the Sunday Game analysts such as the quality of her display. Congratulations to all the boys and girls.

Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team: 1. Nicola Dwyer Kilkeary N.S., 2. Rachel Maher St. Mary's, Nenagh, 3. Courtney Ryan Clonoulty N.S., 4. Saoirse Harrington Upperchurch N.S., 5. Niamh Tracey Castleiney N.S., 6. Grace O' Brien Kilruane N.S., 7. Shauna O' Donoghue Burgess N.S., 8. Roisín Howard St. Mary's, Cahir, 9. Roisín Cahill Ardcroney N.S., 10. Caoimhe Condon Ballylooby N.S., 11. Chloe Kirwin Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea, 12. Caitlin O Meara Kilbarron. Roghnóirí: Donal McCarthy - Ballylooby N.S., Tammy Cullen New Inn NS, Michael Corcoran Upperchurch NS.

Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team: Darragh Carey Templederry NS, Kevin Hassett Barnane NS, Cathal O Maoldomhnaigh Gaelscoil Durlas, Darragh Peters Kilruane NS, David Kelly Ballina NS, Dylan Quirke Ballagh NS, Michael Connors Inch NS, Rory Purcell Scoil Ailbhe, Brian Carey Reacross NS, Tomás



The Skeheenarinky N.S. team that won the Ground Hurling Blitz organised by John Cummins, Games Development Administrator, for small schools in South Tipperary. Back l-r: Eddie Maher, Michael Kennedy (Capt), Gemma King, Conor Bradley, Eddie Barrett. Front l-r: James King, Padraig Dennehy, Tomas Vaughan, Emy O'Callaghan.



2009 Cumann na mBunscol Awards. Back l-r: Marie Cahill, Anacarty NS; Pauline Ryan, Anacarty NS; Paddy Kelly, Chairman Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol; Margaret Grace, Anacarty NS; Aodan Wrenn, Secretary Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. Front l-r: John Manley, PRO Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol; Olivia Ryan, Anacarty NS and Marian Anderson, Anacarty NS.

Ryan Boherlahan NS, Jack Casey Newport NS.

Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, Brian Boyle Sacred Heart NS Roscrea, John Manley Dualla NS, Patrick Kelly Boys NS Roscrea and Denis Kelly St. Colmcille's NS Templemore.

2010 Handball Results

TIPPERARY CHAMPIONS 2010

Boys U11 Singles Ronan Tucker Youghalarra N.S.

U11 Doubles Daniel Ryan, Jerome Cahill, Ardcroney N.S.

U13 Singles osh Moroney CBS N.S. C-O-Suir

U13 Doubles Aiden O'Flaherty, Keith Nealon, Youghalarra N.S.

Girls U11 Singles Síle Spain Ardcroney N.S.

U11 Doubles Gillian Mc Sherry, Grainne Molloy, Ardcroney NS.

U13 Singles Roisín Cahill, Ardcroney NS.

MUNSTER CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL RESULTS 2010

Boys U11 Doubles Daniel Ryan & Jerome Cahill (Tipperary) defeated Eoin Buckley & Tadhg O'Neill (Cork) 11-4, 11-10.

Girls U13 Singles Roisín Cahill (Tipperary) defeated Michaela O'Donoghue (Kerry) 22-11.



Nenagh Éire Óg Club presented over 80 hurleys to St Mary's Junior Boys' National School and every child in senior Infants and first classes was presented with their own hurley.

Nenagh Éire Óg actively supporting hurling through the local schools !

While it can be argued that the GAA in general needs to undertake a serious review of hurling and the direction it's headed, there is a danger that unless action is taken at grassroots level that hurling is in danger of losing ground rapidly to other sports. Recognizing that the school environment is where children are very often introduced to the game of hurling for the first time, one of the key issues identified by the Nenagh Éire Óg club as part of its club development plan, is the need for greater liaison between the club and all the local schools.

We are all aware of the key role that our schools play in the overall development of hurling. However, the promotion of hurling in the schools offers a huge challenge, especially now in recessionary times with greater cutbacks on extra-curricular activities. In many schools especially in large urban centers and towns, hurling is not the sport of choice and many children never get the opportunity to play as much hurling as they would like. The Nenagh Éire Óg club have been actively involved in trying to address this issue on a number of fronts.

Firstly a "Nenagh Post-Primary Support Group" under the chairmanship of Nenagh Éire Óg club Chairman Jim Nagle and made up of officials from the County Board, local feeder clubs and representatives from Nenagh CBS and Nenagh Vocational school including club members Tony Slattery and Liam Heffernan was put in place last year to assist with coaching and games development in both schools.

Secondly, through the work of the club Juvenile committee under the direction of Martin Morris, a club juvenile coaching officer and school liaison officer has been appointed and the club have worked with St Mary's Junior Boys' National School, Nenagh Gaelscoil and Nenagh CBS Primary school to put structures and systems in place to the mutual benefit of the club and the schools. Under the guidance of Phil Hennessy and Noel Coffey with club coaches Robert Ryan and Liam Flannery, the club is now active in promoting hurling in all three schools. The club is grateful to the schools for their commitment to the programme and to the Principals John Martin, Inez Heenan and Gerry Ryan for their co-operation in allocating regular slots for hurling practice. Part of the mutual benefit of the programme is shown in the fact that club members in Nenagh CBS Transition Year are also involved in this coaching programme and give much needed assistance to the club coaches. Many thanks are due to Karen O'Donnell in Nenagh CBS for facilitating this aspect of the program.

Thirdly, aside from the provision of personnel in the form of coaches, further tangible commitment to the programme was evident this year with the commencement of a unique initiative by the club aimed at giving every child in town the opportunity to try the game of hurling. The club presented over 80 hurleys to St Mary's Junior Boys' National School and every child in Senior Infants and First

Classes was presented with their own hurley. The club is very grateful for the ongoing support of Principal John Martin and all the teachers especially Patricia Harte and Michelle Madden. A further pool of 30 hurleys was made available to the Gaelscoil and the CBS primary school for general use.

Evidence of the success of the overall programme thus far was seen in the numbers arriving to the hurling field in MacDonagh Park for extra training. 90 Primary School children participated in an indoor blitz after Christmas which was enjoyed by all the children and parents, with each child getting a medal and refreshments after the days hurling. A very successful hurling camp was also run during Easter with up to 70 boys from ages 5 to 12 attending, the highlight being the visit of our U12s to the Dome in Thurles. County Board Games Development Officers Tadhg O'Connor and Andy Ryan came to Nenagh to coach during the camp. Indeed the good relationship between the different clubs in the town was evident when Nenagh AFC provided their astroturf facility for this coaching. Furthermore 140 boys and girls attended the annual Nenagh Éire Óg summer camp

The club will continue to coach the children in the schools and also extends a welcome to parents to bring the boys to the hurling field for extra coaching outside of school hours. Training times for under 6s, under 8s and under 10s are Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 11.15. The Nenagh Éire Óg club welcomes all newcomers and helmets will be provided for use during training if required. Subsidised rates for the purchase of hurley's and helmets are on offer and the club would like to see as many new boys as possible in attendance at training during 2011, where they can enjoy qualified supervised coaching carried out in a safe and friendly environment with their friends - no child will be refused !



Seth Shayanewako is an Nenagh Éire Óg juvenile hurler and is practising his hurley skills with his new free hurley presented to him by Nenagh Éire Óg Club at St Mary's Boys' National School.

Recent & Forthcoming G.A.A. Publication

By Seamus J. King

Local G.A.A. publications are scarce on the ground this year. Jimmy Morris got the ball rolling with the launch of *The Morris Code* at the Hibernian Hotel, Nenagh on September 30 with no less an eminence that the president of the association, Christy Cooney, to do the honours. Born in Borrisokane, Jimmy immersed himself in the G.A.A. in his native parish, first as a player and later as an administrator before moving to Nenagh in 1964 where he continued his involvement with the Eire Óg club. Throwing in his lot with his new club was natural because, as he says in the book 'Nenagh would now be my home and I felt it only right and proper that whatever I had to contribute, be it little or great, should be given to the club attached to the town where I now lived.' This personal memoir is about Jimmy's attachment to the G.A.A. over many years – he is now 81 years of age – but it's also about what the G.A.A. has done for people and communities all over Ireland.

This book is a lively read, written in conjunction with Gerry Slevin. It started out as an article and evolved into a book and is on sale for €20. It is published by the *Nenagh Guardian*.

A significant publication is the history of the the Galtee Rovers/St. Peacaun's Club, which was launched on December 4. Too late to review for this publication, it is the work of Seamus McCarthy and Liam Bergin. The significance of this book is that it includes portraits of a number of national figures, such as St. George McCarthy, who was one of the founders of the G.A.A., William Cullinane, who was an M.P. and an early referee in the G.A.A., Darby Ryan the Bansha Bard, etc. The club is also the home of the famous referee, John Moloney, and the recently retired Governor of Mountjoy Jail, John Lonergan. As well the

model for the *Tipperary Hurler*, the famous painting by Sean Keating, is none other than Ben O'Hickey, also from the parish. We look forward to the book.

On Friday, 11th December, 2009, too late for the 2010 Yearbook, the Cahir G.A.A. Club held the launch of its club history entitled *Memories and Achievements, 124 years of the G.A.A. in Cahir*. The launch was performed by Sean Kelly M.E.P and former G.A.A. President. A large crowd of present and past club members supported the function. There was a special welcome for John F. O'Donnell who had played such an important role in the revival of the club in the 1940s and had as a player and officer of the club made a lifetime's contribution to the club. His fellow life president Willie Kiely was also present. Willie also had played a significant role in club administration over many decades. Tom Kelly who was on the club's first championship winning team, i.e. the minor footballers of 1943, was also present. Indeed every decade of the club's history was represented by former players from the late 1930s to the present. The night was kindly sponsored by Gerry Enright, of Eurospar, Dungarvan. Gerry was a former club player and had also represented Tipperary in all grades of football and indeed was a Munster Railway Cup player.

The book was compiled by Colm O'Flaherty and Mattie Hussey from a variety of sources e.g. press-cuttings, minute books etc. Extensive use was made of the Thurles library local-studies facilities, where extracts from past local newspapers were accessed. The book also contained almost 300 photographs. However, a unique feature of the book was the contribution



Present at the official launch of the book 'The Morris Code' by Jimmy Morris at The Hibernian, Nenagh (l to r) GAA President Christy Cooney, (who launched the book), Jimmy Morris (author), Gerry Slevin, Noel Morris, Donie Nealon and County Board Secretary Timmy Floyd.

from captains of county winning teams. This ranged from John O'Meara, captain of the county minor winning team of 1953 to Liam Meehan captain of the county minor winning team of 2008. All these contributions were unique in their style and content and gave an insight into life during each period recalled.

The McNamee Award.

The value of the club's history was recognised at national level, with the award for "the best G.A.A. history publication 2009" As 2009 was the 125th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.A., there were significantly more entries in this category, so the award was all the more meritorious. The citation for the award was as follows

"As well as the men who wrote the background of the story of the presence of the G.A.A. in Cahir most recent decades were illuminated by the contribution of successive generations of players and officials."

From the lovely piece written by John O'Meara (who was born in 1936) to the brilliant funny gossip contribution on the 2003 Tipperary senior football winning team, there is a wonderful chorus of opinions" it concluded.

Club representatives attended the awards night function in Croke Park, which was hosted by the G.A.A. President Christy Cooney. Club representatives were also guests of the G.A.A. at the inter-county games in Croke Park i.e. Dublin versus Louth and Kildare V Derry.

Secrets of Kerry . . . A Captain's Story: Celebrating almost a Century of Kerry All Ireland Triumphs 1903 – 2009 is a DVD rather than a book and that fact may make it all the more interesting.

For the past two and a half years, one of Ireland's most knowledgeable GAA experts, Award Winning Radio Kerry Broadcaster Weeshie Fogarty, together with close friend Christy Riordan, C/R Videos Caherciveen, have been working on a major project, the biggest GAA project of its kind, documenting the triumphs and near misses of Kerry's journeys to Croke Park since 1903, when Kerry won it's very first All-Ireland championship.

The project, a DVD set called *Secrets of Kerry . . . A Captain's Story* is now completed and was launched in Cáitín's Pub, Kells on Friday 22nd October and at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney Tuesday 26th October.

Each of the 36 Kerry wins and some of the near misses have been documented by the captains of the Kerry teams – in their own words – or in the words of their closest living relatives in a 4 hour documentary, that spans 2 DVD's of the highest quality production. The project includes some amazing stories with over 100 interviews in total – tales never heard before, well known legends brought to life and behind the scene dramas of the various journeys to the All Ireland, the battle on the pitch and what happened to the various captains after the cup was lifted, including the desolation of the near misses since 1903.

Fogarty and Riordan trace each of the 32 winning captains, 16 of whom are still alive. Of the captains that have passed on, their relatives recount their story after each of their famous wins.

Updating Club Histories

There has never been a better time for updating club histories. Many existing histories were written during the eighties and need updating badly. Toomevara are already engaged in updating their history which was brought out in 1986. So also are St. Mary's, Clonmel.

What makes the work so much easier today are the outstanding records that are available. Three of the divisions now have histories and they give the general picture of the story of Gaelic Games in their areas. They include the achievements of every club in a general way. The next important source are divisional reports, compiled by secretaries at convention time. They contain a wealth of information on games played in the division during the previous year. Of particular importance are the dates of games, which allow the researcher to go directly to the match report in the local newspaper. There are the local

newspapers, whose coverage of games has expanded dramatically and, whereas every game won't be covered in detail, there will be some reference to every game. All adult games are covered in detail. Then there is the County G.A.A. Yearbook, which strives annually to give as comprehensive coverage as possible to all G.A.A. activity in the county.. Many clubs will have efficient secretaries who will keep a detailed account of what transpired during the year, but will also produce a comprehensive record of the club's achievements at convention time. Such reports can be another valuable resource. Since we live in a visual age any club history must include plenty of pictures. The club may be lucky to have a good snapper, who attends most of its games. If they are not so lucky we are blessed with many photographers in every division, who have comprehensive collections of photographs. Overall then the material for club histories is there in abundance. All that is required is someone with the ability to bring it all together in a decent club history. This might be the time to look around to see if you have such a person in your midst. There are many educated people around and some of them are unemployed.

Other Publications

One of the most important contributions to our knowledge of what is happening in the hurling world is *The Agony and the Ecstasy* by Damien Tiernan. This book provides an account of the emergence of Waterford as a major hurling force in the late 1990s and the endeavours of the county's hurlers to win an All-Ireland over the last decade. This is a tale of a team that produced outstanding displays, usually one a year, but were usually denied crucial victories by the narrowest of margins. Many may well believe now that some of the greatest hurlers of our generation may never win the elusive Celtic Cross. Tiernan's book recounts the many selectorial blunders, organisational cock-ups, misunderstandings, misfortune and inability to learn, which dogged the team. Because the book is based predominantly on the testimony of players, there are contradictory versions of events. What comes across is the sheer difficulty team management faces in melding into a single fighting unit the great variety of individuals who make up a county senior panel – people who differ in terms of age, experience, ability, personality, education, social background and urban/rural upbringing. The book seems to indicate that Justin McCarthy failed in this very task concentrating on what he regarded as his primary duty getting the players to master the skills of the game and performing them to the best of their abilities on the day of a match.

A related book is *If you Don't Know Me, Don't Judge Me* by Dan Shanahan. Dan Shanahan is a legend in modern hurling, a three-time All Star and winner of 'Player of the Year' in 2007. His time as an inter-county senior hurler coincided with the remarkable revival in Waterford's fortunes, which saw them win the Munster final four times in the last decade. He's probably best remembered for his refusal to shake Justin McCarthy's hand after being taken off in the Munster championship of 2008, though that episode may be eclipsed by his goal in extra time in the 2010 Munster final. The title of the book is taken from a tattoo on Dan's arm.

Another Waterford book is *My Father: A Hurling Revolutionary* by Conor Power. This is a biography of one of the greatest goalkeepers from one of the most golden eras of hurling, written from the perspective of his son, the journalist Conor Power. Many readers will recall seeing that great photograph of Ned Power overleaping Christy Ring to grab the ball in the 1959 Munster championship. Having played at the highest level from 1957 until 1966, Ned Power won one All-Ireland medal, three Munster medals, an Oireachtas medal and a National League medal with his native Waterford. But it was as a skills coach and motivator that he made a lasting impact on the hurling scene. From the very beginnings of formal coaching at Gormanston in the mid-1960s, Ned was a revolutionary bringing change firstly and most dramatically to his native Tallow and then to many

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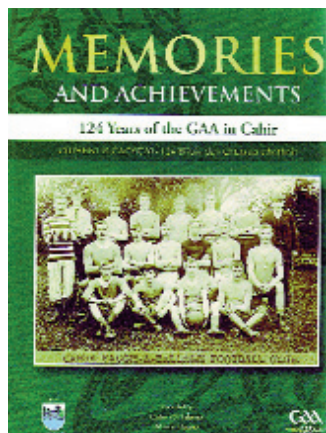


Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Criostóir Ó Cuana presents Colm O'Flaherty, and Mattie Hussey, with their 2009 GAA McNamee Best GAA History Publication Award at Croke Park, Dublin. Back l-r: Eddie Lonergan, Dan Costigan, Paddy O'Flaherty, Jim Cantwell. Front l-r: Mattie Hussey, Christy Cooney, Colm O'Flaherty, Denny Whelan. Picture credit: David Maher / SPORTSFILE.

more places he visited.

More Books

Other books of interest include *My Club* by Christy O'Connor who followed St. Joseph's Doora-Barefield for a season in 2009 as they looked to re-establish themselves as force in Clare hurling. One of Clare's finest hurlers Tony Griffin tells his remarkable story and his gruelling charity cycle across Canada in *Screaming at the Sky*. 100 G.A.A. Greats by John Scally celebrates the most significant players the Gaelic games have brought us in their 125-year history. He selects those footballers, hurlers, managers and camogie players who have lit up Irish sport, becoming national treasures in the process, and highlights their remarkable skills.



For 16 years, Darragh Ó Se has worn the number 8 jersey for Gaelic football's most celebrated county. With six All-Ireland medals, he is the most decorated of the present batch of Kerry footballers. Darragh's name is synonymous with his county's unrelenting appetite for success, but throughout his illustrious career he has held his counsel, allowing his football to do the talking. He now claims

to reveal all that his tight lips kept quiet over his playing career in *Darragh: My Story*.

Voices from Croke Park by Sean Potts is a series of articles by leading G.A.A. writers on great hurlers and footballers, who have exhibited their talents in the great arena. The emphasis is more on football and there is no Tipperary representative.

Finally, a special word of praise for Ger Corbett and company,

who excelled themselves once again with their programme for the county senior hurling final. This publication gets better by the year and is a wonderful keepsake for the winners, Thurles Sarsfields.

Finally, many readers will be interested in *GAA Gold*, an important archive of All-Ireland hurling finals from the 1950s, which has been compiled by the Irish Film Institute from a series of films shot by the National Film Institute for distribution to cinemas.

The original films have been digitised and the sound clarified. The DVD will be of particular interest to Tipperary people as it contains four All-Irelands featuring Tipperary in the period covered, 1948 to 1959. This is the first of GAA highlights releases, and an equivalent DVD featuring football finals is due next year followed by similar discs covering the 1960s. *GAA Gold* is available from the IFI shop and all leading DVD retailers, priced €19.99.

A handy present for Dad or Grandad!



Captains at book launch: Back l-r: Liam Meehan, Noel Cotter, Paul Lonergan, John O'Meara, Sean Walsh, David O'Gorman. Middle l-r: Willie Kiely (Life-President), James Hyland, Ger Quinn, Michael Tarrant, Brendan O'Flaherty. Front l-r: Ciaran Long, Denis Halpin, Colm O'Flaherty, Sean Kelly M. E. P., Mattie Hussey.

Tipperary Yearbook Awards 2010

James Holohan

It's that exciting time of year when we announce our Tipperary Yearbook Awards. Picking winners was exceptionally difficult due to the large number of candidates. Rest assured the winners will not meet with universal approval. Once again we are indebted to Comhlucht Aer Te na hEireann (The Irish Hot Air Company) for their most generous sponsorship in these recessionary times. Due to the prestige of these Awards the Editor insists that only 16 can be chosen.

THE BIRD BRAIN AWARD: Goes to the Tipperary and Cork supporters who failed to observe a minutes silence in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Such behaviour by a tiny minority was hard to swallow. In future remember the saying silence is golden.

THE BIG FREEZE AWARD: Goes to Jack Frost. He forced the cancellation of many matches early in the year. This award may have to be withheld as the recipient cannot be contacted.

THE KEEP OFF THE GRASS AWARD: Goes to the Tipperary supporters, (and their were many) who did not invade the pitch for the presentation of the Mc Carthy Cup - Tipperary lead others follow.

THE AIN'T SEEN THAT BEFORE AWARD: Goes to the organisers of the Puc Fada which finished in the grounds of Stormont Castle. One wonders if there was a graveyard nearby, would such an event have caused a mini earthquake!!!

THE YOU CAN SING IT AWARD: Goes to Pat Kerwick for his virtuoso performance on the steps of the Hogan Stand to add to the FESTivities. When his hurling days are o'er perhaps the man from the Hills of Killenaule might try the cabaret circuit.

THE CROKE PARK AGREEMENT AWARD: Goes to the Gaelic Players Association who are no longer at loggerheads with the Hierarchy. Now that they are bedfellows the pillow talk should be interesting.

THE STAND BY YOUR MAN AWARD: Goes to the fans who kept faith in Liam Sheedy despite the events in Pairc Ui Chaoimh in May!! The believers (and some non believers) were rewarded when he attained the Holy Grail in Croker.

THE HOW COULD THAT BE AWARD: Goes to Cork hurling Manager Denis Walsh for removing Sean Og from the shelf even though his sell by date had not yet expired. Denis, your shelf life could come under scrutiny if "Da Rebels" are not to be seen in the shop window in 2011.

THE HAPPY ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: Goes to our much maligned referees for their many "wrong decisions" that when examined closely are nearly always proved correct. It's amazing that they always seem to favour the other team. Give them a break!!!

THE GOBSHITE AWARD: Goes to the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party Tom Elliott. On being elected he was quick to point out that he had no intention of attending Gaelic Games. Perhaps a game of hurling on the Stormont grounds might be appropriate!!

THE WEE WAZ ROBBED AWARD: Goes to the Louth Football team. The "TRY" scored by Meath in the Leinster Final should not have been allowed. Next time - the Wee County will have to try a wee bit harder if they are to get over the line.

THE YOUNG AT HEART AWARD: Goes to Mick O'Dwyer who continues to work in the Garden (County) while others of his vintage have long since gone to grass. Maybe in 2011 - you will upset some of the top seeds.

THE OFF THE RAILS AWARD: Goes to the Garryowen man who raced onto the pitch scantily clad in a green jacket at the International Rules match in Limerick. Hope nobody picked his pocket while he was out there cause the judge wasn't impressed and fined him €200.

THE SELF DESTRUCT AWARD: Goes to the Dublin Football team. In the closing stages of the All Ireland Football Semi Final against Cork, they pressed the panic button. Some of those tackles may have been more effective if applied in the International Rules Series.

THE SHOOT FROM THE HIP AWARD: Goes to Jackie Cahill. He pulled the trigger with the news that Nicky was likely to be the new Manager of the Tipp Hurling team. His shot proved to be off target when Nicky turned down the job.

THE UNSUNG HEROES: Finally this award goes to all those voluntary workers behind the scenes who do so many jobs - much too numerous to mention - they would probably give up these tasks if they were offered payment.

The Awards Ceremony will take place in the Dome at Semple Stadium on 31st December. A limited number of tickets will be available on the website www.dreamon.com. If you are not lucky enough to secure a ticket you can watch in live on the Tipperary GAA channel which is free to air.



As part of the €8m grant to clubs from the proceeds of the renting of Croke Park, the Golden/Kilfeacle club received €25,000. Pictured at presentation. Front l-r: John Currievan, Club Secretary; Barry O'Brien, County Chairman; Michael Burke, County Development Officer; Sean O'Halloran, Club Chairman; Alice Carroll, Asst. Treasurer and P.J. Collins. Back l-r: Liam O'Sullivan, Kevin Landy, Michael Long, Bord na nÓg Secretary, Tim Floyd, County Secretary; Willie Ryan, Catherine O'Halloran and Brian Fogarty, Club Treasurer.

Cill Beag Gaels make hurling history

By James Holohan

Since its inception the Cill Beag Gaels Club has made an enormous contribution to gaelic games in the county. Having won a number of County Football titles, it could be perceived to be given greater recognition to the big ball game. For those close to the core this is far from being the case. Both codes were always given equal prominence but for some reason or other winning Football titles was the main reason for putting our club in the picture.

During this time the club produced many fine hurling teams and in doing so reached a number of County Finals. Reaching the holy grail always eluded us as the teams seem to come up short on the big day. A key player getting injured or a refereeing decision sometimes played a role thus depriving us of silverware.

All was to change in 2011. For some years now the juvenile club had excellent structures in place and this was paying off at Divisional level in both codes. This coincided with the arrival of Denis O'Connell who was appointed Principal in the National School. He came from a staunch hurling background, having won a number of Limerick championship medals with his club. His burning ambition to raise hurling standards was quickly realised by club officers and he was put in charge of the U/16 team in 2009. While they did not win anything Denis saw great potential in them. For this year he put his name forward to manage the Minor team and he was duly elected. One of his conditions was that he would nominate his own Selectors and this was agreed to.

There is a great tradition in the GAA that selectors involved would invariably have sons of their own on the team. This occasion was no different. Selector Tom Dunne had twins on the panel. Many in the club felt that John should have been called for Minor trials earlier in the year but it never happened. Tony Doyle never played the game but rarely missed any club match. Some say that his ability to spot talent ensured he was a valuable member of the backroom team. John Mc Carthy was a former player and with no ties with the team Denis saw him as a valuable acquisition.

While everybody else was welcoming in the New Year, Denis saw this as a test of character by organising a training session on New Years Day followed by a chat, or as one might say in modern times a bonding session. On arrival at the pitch he was taken aback as only eleven of the twenty four contacted turned up. While seething under the collar Denis kept his cool and quickly got the session over. Next day he approached the missing players and with his classroom skills he got a commitment from one and all.

Over the following weeks twice weekly sessions were held under lights. Denis paid special attention to the alleged weaker players on the panel and they gradually improved their skills. The championship was played on a weekly basis with eight teams in the group thus ensuring each team got seven matches. As so often happens, in rural clubs like the Gaels, they often struggled to have fifteen players good enough, but with Denis's attention to detail, there was now fierce competition to get on the team.

In the first three matches they had relatively easy victories. In order to freshen things up those who had not played got their opportunity in the next match. For Denis he saw for the first time that he could put out any combination with a fair chance of winning. Going into the Final game they were

unbeaten. A number of players were carrying injuries while others were on holidays. Old rivals Kiltubrid were going to be the acid test. The Gaels led going into injury time but a last minute goal by Kiltubrid meant their unbeaten record was gone. Denis and his Selectors saw this as a blessing in disguise and felt it was a wake up call for the knockout stages.

In the Semi Final they were at full strength and never looked in danger of defeat. The Final now beckoned. Experienced observers were of the opinion that this team had something special and every increasing numbers came to see them at training. Once again Kiltubrid stood between them and Divisional honours. On Final day the backroom team had all eventualities covered with key players down the middle the team answered all the questions and were the better team all through. The final whistle was greeted with delight by the large number of supporters. In his post match comments Denis issued a word of caution that it was only a work in progress. Going into the County Semi Final was new territory. They struggled somewhat but held out for a narrow win.

Once again, it was opportunity knocks for the club to break that hoodoo. Their exploits had captured the imagination of the parish. All roads led to Thurles for the Final. The match was played before the Senior Final. It was a proud day for the club as they took to the field. They looked resplendent in their new gear. Not for the first time garage owner Denis O'Brien provided a new set of jerseys, Publican Tony Nagle showed his generosity by sponsoring shorts while socks were with compliments of shopkeeper Ollie Moore.

It was an absorbing contest all through and our lads were behind for most of the game. Going into the last quarter the mentors made a couple of inspirational switches which had the desired effect. Despite conceding a last minute goal they never looked in danger and there were emotional scenes at the final whistle. Such was the invasion of the pitch, one wonders was there anyone left at home. For John Dunne it was a moment of sheer joy as he accepted the cup from the County Chairman. Being eligible for Minor again next year his talents should not go unnoticed.

In the dressing room afterwards it was a proud Denis who showered praise on his team. He encouraged the players to celebrate responsibly and invited everyone associated with the team back to the clubhouse for refreshments prepared by the hard working ladies committee. On their return to the village a fleet of cars with their honking horns were delighted to see a bonfire already glowing up near the sportsfield and everyone was getting into the spirit of the occasion. As Monday was a bank holiday, a proud John, took the cup down to the school on Tuesday where teacher Denis had a few well chosen words for his pupils and hoped one of them would captain a winning team in the future.

The medal presentation took place in the clubhouse on the 10th November. The honours were preformed by our solitary All Ireland Medal winner Tom O'Dwyer. Many tributes were paid to the team on their historic win and the wish of everyone was that they would go on to bring further glory to the club.

The ASAP officer Brian O'Connell addressed the players and encouraged them to show leadership by not abusing alcohol or other substances as they will be the Senior players of tomorrow. The young children from the Juvenile club will see you as their idols so let them be proud of you. The final word went to the Manager Denis. His closing comment was that no matter what they achieved in the future one thing that cannot be taken away from them is their historic first hurling title for Cill Beag Gaels.



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Tipperary Ladies

Intercounty Scene - 2010 - The Year in Review

The Senior Tipperary Ladies football team opened their league campaign on 7th February against Sligo and were defeated on a score-line of 1-10 to 1-08. Next up on the 14th was Kildare at Golden, with Tipperary gaining their first two points of the League on a score-line of 6-07 to 1-09. The Tipp ladies made it two in a row after travelling to Meelick to take on Clare on the 21st February and defeated them on a score of 1-11 to 1-08. Round four saw the Premier Ladies made the long trek to Saval to play Down and after winning on a score of 3-07 to 0-07, the Tipp ladies moved to the top of Division 2 table. Tipp took on Meath in New Inn on 13th March and went down by the narrowest of margins with a final score-line of 5-04 to 2-11. They were now up to play Donegal in round six of the league in a game played in Golden and suffered their third defeat on a score of 3-13 to 3-09. Tipp's final game of the league saw them suffer another defeat and exit the league after travelling to Crossmaglen only to be defeated narrowly by Armagh on a score-line of 2-11 to 0-10.

It was back to some hard training and re-grouping for the Senior team with them preparing for their Munster semi final against Clare on 19th June in Cooraclare. The girls were defeated on a score of 3-14 to 2-05. Round one of the All Ireland qualifiers saw the Tipp ladies face Meath in Banagher, Co Offaly on Monday 2nd August in a game shown live on TG4. The ladies sealed their

first senior Championship victory since the 80's. They ran out victorious on a score of 2-16 to 0-09. Unlucky for Tipperary they were to draw Clare in Round two of the qualifiers, only to be defeated by them for the second time in 2010 on a score of 2-15 to 0-09 in a game played out at Cloghane GAA grounds, Co. Limerick on Sunday 8th August, 2010. This was to be their final game of 2010; however the girls have a lot of positives to take in 2011 and with some further hard work, re-grouping and preparations the Tipp ladies should prove to be a force to be



Tipperary Senior Ladies' Football team Back l-r: Edith Carroll (Cahir); Mairead Luttrell (Mullinahone); Kelly Hackett (Moycarkey Borris); Edel Hanley (Aherlow); Barbara Ryan (Moyle Rovers); Patricia Hickey (Brian Borus); Claire Carroll (Cahir); Carmel Condon (Brian Borus); Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan); Shauna O'Brien (Moyle Rovers); Treasa McManus (Brian Borus); Nora Noonan (Brian Borus). Front l-r: Maeve Corcoran (Moycarkey Borris); Nancy Ferris (Moyle Rovers); Siobhán Crotty (Ballyporeen); Aoife O'Dwyer (Brian Borus); Gillian O'Brien (Moyle Rovers); Anne O'Dwyer (Cappawhite); Mairead Morrissey (Brian Borus) (captain); Ann Marie O'Gorman (Cahir); Cathriona Walsh (Moycarkey Borris); Angie McDermott (Cappawhite); Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus).

reckoned with in 2011.

Congratulations to the players and management team of Paddy Morrissey, David Byrne, Martin McDermott, Sean O'Regan and team Doctor Kathleen O'Sullivan.



Tipperary Minor Ladies' Football team: Back l-r: Shauna Maher (Ballyporeen); Eimear Myles (Brian Borus); Siobhán Condon (St. Ailbe's, Emly); Amie Dudley (Ardfinnan); Kelly Maher (Brian Borus); Jennifer Russell (Moyne Templetuohy); Imelda O'Donovan (Slievenamon); Rachel Kenneally (Aherlow); Kelly Hackett (Moycarkey Borris); Niamh Myles (Brian Borus); Katie Crowe (Aherlow); Shauna Ryan (Clonmel Og); Orla Meagher (Slievenamon); Aishling Condon (Brian Borus); Ciara Coughlan (Cappawhite); Front l-r: Caoimhe Lyons (Slievenamon); Ciara Gorman (Moyne Templetuohy); Caoimhe Bowles (Clonmel Commercials); Jessica Newman (Clonmel Commercials); Aisling O'Connor (Cahir); Treasa McGrath (Ballymacarbry); Clare Nolan (Clonmel Commercials); Grainne Gorman (Moyne Templetuohy); Clionagh Higgins (Cahir); Maeve Hackett (Moycarkey Borris); Jessica Stokes (Clonmel Commercials); Orlagh Walsh (Boherlahan).



Captain Aishling O'Connor pictured receiving the Munster title.

The Minor Tipperary Ladies Football team began their Munster campaign back on the 7th April against Waterford in Lattin. They recorded victory number one on a score of 0-15 to 1-08. Next up they were to face Limerick on the 17th April in Cappawhite and they ran out convincing winners on a score of 4-18 to 1-06. Having recorded these two victories, they booked their place in the Munster Final on 2nd May in Cappamore against Limerick and they were to again run out victorious, however in not such convincing style this time around with a score-line of 1-07 to 1-02.

In the All Ireland semi final they were to play on home ground in Templetuohy on the 8th July facing Roscommon, the team who defeated them in the final in 2009 however 2010 was to prove a better year for the girls with them emerging victorious on a score of 2-07 to 0-10. They booked their place in the 2010 All Ireland "B" final against Wexford on the 24th July in Freshford, Co. Kilkenny. For the second year running the girls were to be defeated at the final hurdle on a score of 3-11 to 3-07.

Congratulations to the players and management team of Shane Ronayne, Martin Ryan, Eileen Myles and team physio Barbara Moran.

Here's hoping it will be third time lucky in 2011.

The U16 Tipperary Ladies Football team began their Munster campaign on the 23rd March against Limerick and got off to a flying start winning on a score-line of 3-23 to 1-03. They were to



Imelda O'Donovan pictured receiving the player of the game for the Munster final.

face Clare in Round 2 of the Munster Championship and yet again had a comprehensive victory defeating Clare on a score-line of 7-15 to 1-06 on the 31st March. Ten days later Waterford defeated Tipperary in the third round of the Championship on a score-line of 4-13 to 3-10. The girls had already qualified for the Munster final before playing this fixture and were to again meet Waterford in the final on the 18th July. Tipp emerged victorious and Munster Champions on a score-line of 6-05 to 1-12.

The girls were drawn against Mayo in the All Ireland semi final on the 8th August. This game was played out in Ballinasloe and unfortunately on the day, things did not "click" for the Tipp girls and they exited the campaign on a score of 3-09 to 2-07 in favour of Mayo.

Congratulations to the players and management team of Shane Ronayne, Andrew Meaney, Ollie Kirby, Eileen Myles and team physio Barbara Moran.

Best of luck to all involved in 2011.

The U14 Tipperary Ladies Football team opened their Munster campaign on the 6th March against Clare and got off to a flying start winning on a score-line of 5-06 to 1-05. A week later they played Waterford in Lemybrien in Round 2 of the Munster Championship and yet again had a comprehensive victory defeating Clare on a score-line of 5-13 to 2-08 on the 13th March. The next week saw them face Limerick in Cahir on the 20th March and they remained unbeaten in the third round of



Tipperary U-16 Ladies' Football team: Back l-r: Shane Ronayne (Manager); Jessica Stokes (Clonmel Commercials); Coleen Kennedy (Slievenamon); Casey Fleming (Slievenamon); Katie Crowe (Aherlow); Grainne Gorman (Moyné Templetuohy); Eileen Myles (Selector); Lisa Kirby (Moyle Rovers); Jackie O'Gorman (Brian Borus); Niamh Myles (Brian Borus); Kristy Downey (Cahir); Orla McEniry (Cahir); Marie Claire Murphy (Brian Borus); Laura Keating (Brian Borus); Aisling O'Donovan (Moyle Rovers); Emma Corcoran (Cahir); Ollie Kirby (Selector). Front l-r: Brid Condon (Emly); Jessica Newman (Clonmel Commercials); Maebh Corr (Moyle Rovers); Aisling McCarthy (Cahir); Clionagh Higgins (Cahir); Fiona Rees (Cahir); Treasa McGrath (Ballymacarbry); Deirbhle Hennessy (Cappawhite); Sinead Kennedy (Brian Borus); Aoife Meaney (Slievenamon); Emer Lyons (Moyle Rovers); Andy Meaney (Selector).



Tipperary Ladies Football U-14 team: Back l-r: Claire Walsh, Ellen Commins, Rebecca English, Danni Di Ruzza, Niamh English, Bríd Condon, Dara Walsh, Aisling McCarthy, Maeve O'Gorman, Emma Buckley, Maria Kinane, Maureen Murphy, Edel Nyland, Rachael O'Dwyer, Lauren Keogh, Zoe Farrell, Roisin O'Regan, Leanne Ryan. Front l-r: Eimear Everard, Nell Trehy, Thea Loneragan, Katie Farrell, Courtney Loneragan, Roisin Howard, Sarah Ryan, Niamh Mackey, Amy Jordan, Hazel Shanahan, Maria Curley, Eimear Bartley, Betty Barlow, Sinead Buckley, Sara Everard.

the Championship with score-line of 8-13 to 3-04. The girls now faced Clare in the Munster Final in the 1st May in Emly and emerged victorious on a score-line of 3-13 to 3-04.

The girls then faced Roscommon in the All Ireland semi final which they duly won in impressive fashion 5-10 to 1-12.

On Saturday June 12th they travelled to Freshford to take on Wexford in the All Ireland Final. However they suffered heartbreak as Wexford grabbed a late goal to snatch the title from their grasp. The panel can be very proud of their efforts and have shown the future is very rosy indeed!

Congratulations to the players and management team of Biddy Ryan, Karl McCarthy, Andrew Meaney, Tony Fox and Catherine Meaney.

Best of luck to all involved in 2011.

2010 Adult League Finalists

Grade	Winners	Runners Up
Intermediate	Cahir	Cappawhite
Junior A	Moyle Rovers	Ardfinnan

Junior B	Cappawhite B	Moyné Templetuohy
Junior C	Fethard	Gortnahoe
Junior D	Lattin Cullen	Emly

2010 Juvenile County Finalists (to date)

Grade	Winners	Runners Up
U12A	Moyle Rovers	Cahir
U12B	Templemore	Brian Borus
U12B (Plate)	Aherlow	Lattin Cullen
U12C	Cappawhite	Mullinahone
U12C (Plate)	Boherlahan Dualla	Fethard
U12 D	St. Ailbe's	Gortnahoe
U12D (Plate)	Arravale Rovers	Ballyporeen
U16A	Cahir	Killenaule
U16B	Templemore	Brian Borus
U16C	Moycarkey Borris	Aherlow
U16 C (Plate)	Ardfinnan	Western Rovers
U16D	Boherlahan Dualla	Slievenamon
U16D (Plate)	Upperchurch Drombane	Fethard



Moyle Rovers Junior D Ladies County Champions. Back l-r: Sean O'Donovan, Emer White, Katie Delahunty, Aisling O'Donovan, Maebh Corr, Fiona Douglas, Marie Mulcahy, Eimear O'Donnell, Lisa Corcoran, Lisa Kirby, Heather Hammond, Monica Griffin, Sinead Kenrick, Joan O'Donnell, Maeve Scully, Kay Lyons, Michelle Fitzgerald, Gemma O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Shauna Caffery, Judith Purcell, Hazel Boland, Jean O'Connor (Captain), Yvonne Maher, Rita McGrath Marie Kelly, Elaine Butler, Emer Lyons, Gillian Hickey, Niamh White. Missing from photo Ailish Kenrick.



Moyle Rovers Junior A Ladies County Champions.

Back l-r: Eamon Power, Fiona Keating, Claire Clancy, Shauna O'Brien, Lydia Ahearne, Danielle Delahunty, Ciara O'Donoghue, Sarah Frisby, Sarah Boland, Katie Lyne, Kelly Walsh, Sinead Heffernan, Keira Maher, Sean O'Donovan, Mark Ryan. Front l-r: Marie Mulcahy, Lorraine Power, Aisling Dwyer, Tina Mulcahy, Nancy Ferris (captain), Barbara Ryan, Niamh Lonergan, Gillian O'Brien, Niamh Foley, Kay Lyons. Missing from photo Ann Marie McGrath & Nicole Maher.

History for Moyle Rovers Ladies' Football Club

Two years ago it was decided that with a lot of the older players retiring and leaving the country that the club would regrade from intermediate level, in which they were suffering heavy defeats, and go back to Junior A level and build a successful young teams.

At the beginning of 2010 with a list of almost 40 players ranging in age from 15 to 30, it was decided that we would enter two teams at adult level. So our junior A team aimed to win the county final after being defeated by Moycarkey in the County Final the previous year. Our second team was entered into the C division.

Our junior "A" team got off to the worst possible start in the championship. They were defeated by Aherlow in the first round in the championship on a scoreline of Moyle Rovers 2-8 Aherlow 3-13. This put them under pressure to win the games against Ardfinnan and Templemore to keep their hopes up of competing in the County final. As always Ardfinnan were strong opponents, with only 4 points between the sides at half time. A strong second half performance resulted in a comfortable victory Moyle Rovers 6-8 Ardfinnan 1-5. Our last match was Templemore, and on the night they were no competition for our ladies. Final Score Moyle Rovers 10-12 Templemore 0-2. We now faced Aherlow in the County final, the only team which defeated us in the Championship. It was a lovely sunny day in The Ragg and all was to play for. This bunch of Ladies has decided they didn't want to be defeated two years in a row and it showed in the first half. They scored 2-7 in the first half while Aherlow only scored 1-3. The second half was going to be a true test of their abilities, especially the defence, as they now had to play against a very strong wind. Aherlow battled hard, and scored 2-2 but points from Gillian

O'Brien, Barbara Ryan and centre Back Lorraine Power, gave them with a 5 point lead. Final Score Moyle Rovers 2-10 Aherlow 3-5.

Centre Fielder Shauna O'Brien was awarded "Player of the Match". Moyle Rovers Junior "A" was now County Champions and would be representing Tipperary in the Munster Club Championship.

While our Junior A team was successful, our second team had no problem in following suit. The County Board put all the C & D teams into the one championship, with the top four playing in the C semi final, the next four in the D semi final. With a lot of young players, this team got off to a slow start and was defeated in their first game against Gortnahoe. The girls improved immensely in the games against Aherlow, St Patrick and Lattin Cullen winning comprehensively in all three games. The next game was against Ballyporeen, this was the toughest game of football throughout the championship but Moyle Rovers had a girl sin binned in the second half which allowed Ballyporeen to go ahead on the scoreboard and despite the girls fighting to the final whistle they just could not bridge the four point gap between the sides. The two losses put them into the D County Semi Final and their opponents were Cahir (2nd team). There was some fantastic football played on the night, but Moyle Rovers were never in any doubt throughout the game of reaching the County Final. With the junior "A" team already having won the County Final, the second team were close to making history by winning two Junior County Titles in the one year.

Their opposition was Slievenamon, but again with some fantastic football played on the day, and again the ladies were always in control and won comfortably in the end Final score Moyle Rovers 3-12 Slievenamon 2-4. Niamh Whyte received "Player of the Match"

Now that we had two Junior County Titles under our belt it was time for the junior "A" team to compete in the Munster Championship. The last Moyle Rovers Ladies team to participate in the Munster Club Championship was defeated in the quarter final.

So the Ladies were planning to take it one game at a time.

First up was Listowel Emmets in the Munster Quarter Final, and having won Junior D County Final earlier in the day spirits were high. This was a tough game of football and with clearly nothing between the sides, the score at full time Moyle Rovers 1-5 Listowel Emmets 1-5. The following week we travelled to Glanworth to replay Listowel Emmets. Moyle Rovers was ahead all the through this game but in the closing minutes Listowel made a come back scoring 2 goals but these Rovers Ladies held on, to win on a scoreline Moyle Rovers 2-9 Listowel Emmets 2-5.

The semi-final was in Cahir against Waterford Champions Clashmore; this game was never in doubt, as the ladies always had a comfortable lead, winning on a scoreline Moyle Rovers 6-18 Clashmore 1-13. They were through to the Munster Final.

We traveled to Charleville on a cool October day, making history for the club, no matter what the result would be, this was the first time our club had competed for the Munster Junior Club Title. Their opponents were Newmarket on Fergus, Clare. Our girls had definitely found their form. They played with the wind in the first half and took the lead early in the game. Against the wind in the second half, Moyle Rovers defence needed to work hard if this bunch of Ladies were going to make history and as always they did what was needed of them. Final Score Moyle Rovers 3-12 Newmarket on Fergus 1-8. Again our Super Centre fielders Shauna O'Brien was awarded "Player of the Match". Munster Council then informed us that the All Ireland

Quarter Final was against the English Champions, St Oisin's, Manchester in Manchester. They team travelled to Manchester on the Friday, and up nice and early Saturday morning, ready to take on this Manchester side. St Oisin's were a tough team but Gillian O'Brien's early goal in the first half, assisted our girls to go in a half time in the lead. St Oisin's had no intentions of giving up without a fight, and battle hard for the goals they needed but 1 goal was all they could get. Final score Moyle Rovers 1-12 St Oisin's 1-4. After the ladies did a bit of shopping, St Oisin's treated the away team to a most enjoyable night in the Fiddlers Green.

Moyle Rovers now faced the Connacht champions, Caltra Cuans, Galway in the All Ireland Semi Final, and again we were travelling, this time to Mountbellew, Galway.

This was a thriller of a game. Caltra Cuans took the lead in the first half to go in ahead, Half time score Caltra 1-7 Moyle Rovers 0-6. The Rovers battled back in the second half and were on level term with Caltra with 16 minutes left to play. In the closing minutes Caltra scored 1-3 while despite their best effort the Tipperary ladies could only manage to get 0-2 past a fantastic back line. Final Score Caltra Cuans 2-10 Moyle Rovers 0-12. It was to be the end of a marvellous historic year.

Well done to Manager Sean O'Donovan. Selectors: Eamon Power, Kay Lyons, Marie Mulcahy, Mark Ryan.

Congratulation to the entire Players on Junior "A" and "B" team on a very successful year.

The Cappawhite ladies football team 1980



The Cappawhite ladies football team made history on August 8, 1980 when they won the first ever ladies county junior football championship.

They defeated Poulmucka at Whitelands by the narrowest of margins, 1-0 to 0-2. The short newspaper report stated that they won 'despite the rough and tough opposition' of their opponents. On their way to the final they defeated New Inn and Clonmore. The team was as follows: back row, left to right: Anne Cryan, Mary Breen, Siobhan Ryan, Cecelia Walshe, Majella Kennedy, Joanne Brehony, Regina Hickey, Deirdre O'Brien, Dolores Hayes; front row, left to right: Geraldine Ryan, Anne Breen, Renee White, Anne Costello, Peggy Costello, Mary Brehony (RIP), Caroline Walshe. Missing from photograph: Bernie Butler.

Boherlahan-Dualla Ladies Football 2010



Top picture: U16D County Champions: Back l-r: Amy Crosse, Joann Crosse, Cianaith Walsh, Ashling Barrot, Zoey Clegg, Aoife Kennedy, Sinead Kavanagh, Sharon O'Riley, Rachel O'Dwyer, Amy Hayde, Maive Delaney. Front l-r: Edel O'Dwyer, Aoife Clancy, Aine Devane, Jessie Flattery, Kelly Eddinbrough, Patricia Maher, Orla Gahan,

Bottom picture: U 12C Plate County Champions: Back l-r: Niamh Coffey, Sophie McCullagh, Chloe Lahart, Bronagh Morrissey, Aoife Kavanagh, Aoife Gahan, Casey Hennessy, Catherine O Dwter, Brenda Hassett, Sarah Fahey. Front l-r: Sinead Coffey, Leah Ryan, Katie Maloughmey, Roisin Maher, Orla Lacey, Sarah Hickey, Ciara Dwan, Sarah Kate Delaney, Clodagh Horgan.



Moyle Rovers - Munster Champions 2010



Moyle Rovers - Munster Champions 2010. Back l-r: Kay Lyons, Marie Mulcahy, Fiona Keating, Shauna O'Brien, Heather Hammond, Ashley Mollow, Yvonne Maher, Aisling Dwyer, Eamon Power, Tina Mulcahy, Danielle Delahunty, Kelly Walsh, Sarah Frisby, Sarah Boland, Fiona Dougliss, Nicole Maher, Lydia Ahearne, Niamh Foley, Keira Maher, Lisa Kirby, Aisling O'Donovan, Sean O'Donovan, Mark Ryan, Front l-r: Lorraine Power, Nancy Ferris, Barbara Ryan, Claire Clancy, Ann Marie McGrath, Gillian O'Brien, Niamh Loneragan, Katie Lyne, Sinead Heffernan, Keira Maher, Maebh Corr, Emer Lyons.



Ballyporeen - County Minor Football champions. Back l-r: Amy O'Callaghan, Charmaine Kiely, Breda Martin, Lisa Carey, Aoife King, Mary Ann McCarthy, Chloe Lyons, Danielle Hackett. Front l-r: Shania Williams, Amy Sweeney, Shauna Maher (Capt), Mary Meaney, Tara Curtin, Sinead O'Mahony, Danielle Hackett.

Camogie in Tipperary, Club & Inter County

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By Kieran Slattery, County Camogie P.R.O.

Camogie in Tipperary continues to grow in popularity, as more girls take up the sport. The work that all the clubs throughout the county put into the promotion of the game must be commended. With all this superb work at the grass roots, hopefully it will translate into success at county level in the not too distant future.

At inter county level this year, Tipperary competed at the top level in all competitions, and while the coveted All Ireland titles eluded the County, some Munster titles came our way in 2010.

The senior panel started off their year with some of their experienced players hanging up their boots after serving the county with great distinction. Despite this, Tipp competed with great gusto in all their games. Unfortunately, despite some spirited performances, Tipp failed to reach the final four in the All Ireland championship.

The Munster championship saw Tipperary record a superb win over Cork in the semi final before holding out against Clare in the final to claim the title. To cap the evening off, Tipperary's Michelle Shortt was presented with the player of the match award.

Our intermediate panel also tried hard in the All Ireland series, but unfortunately failed to reach the final four, while in the Munster championship; Limerick had a comprehensive win over the Tipp girls in the Camogie grounds.

The U18s recorded a good win at home against Wexford, but unfortunately found the challenge from Clare too strong, which ended their interest in the All Ireland series. Meanwhile, the hard working u16s again played their way to the All Ireland final, putting in some commendable displays along the way. However, the final saw them pitted against their old rivals from Galway, and again the title went west across the Shannon. Some consolation for the panel later in the year when in the Munster championship a thrilling victory over Cork in the semi final was followed with a well deserved win over Clare in the final.

The work being done with the county U14s throughout the year again reaped its rewards for the two panels as they competed in various inter county blitzes throughout the year. The highlight of their year was their fantastic double victory in the Tipperary hosted blitz in August, when Semple Stadium was the venue for the two finals.

The club scene in Tipperary continues to be as competitive as ever. In the senior, Cashel came into 2010 as All Ireland club champions, so all eyes were on this year's club championship. Following a replay in the semi final, Cashel narrowly lost to Burgess/Duharra, setting up a final with Toomevara. This final was an absolute classic, and had to go to extra time before Burgess/Duharra finally claimed that elusive title they had chased for so long.

The juvenile competitions also threw up some great moments, and prove that the future of Camogie in Tipperary is in safe hands. None of the success of clubs or county teams could be possible without the support and encouragement of parents around the county who sacrifice so much of their time to ensure their children's involvement. So, from all involved in Camogie, a big thank you.

Development of Camogie in Tipperary.

2010 saw many new camogie initiatives piloted and developments take place within the county in the areas of coach and referee education, games development, schools and club promotion. All of this work was co coordinated and spearheaded by our County development officer, Siobhan Ryan.

GO-GAMES WORKSHOP

On Thursday the 20th May a Go-Games workshop was held in the County Grounds. All clubs interested in participating in U10 go-games blitzes in June-August were represented at this

workshop. The practical demonstration ensured that trainers and players would become knowledgeable re. Go-games format before the start of the blitzes.

U10 GO-GAMES

The Tipperary U10 camogie scene has been buzzing with action with the commencement of the county's go-game blitzes. The first of the blitzes took place in Dr. Morris Park Thurles. Onlookers were amazed to see 10 games of camogie taking place in the one venue at the one time! Despite intermittent heavy rain showers the young players displayed all the best aspects of camogie and sport such as great skills, teamwork, fun, fairplay and spirit. Twenty teams representing thirteen clubs gave their all in 10-a-side mini-games.

Toomevara GAA Grounds hosted the second go-games blitz on July 4th with over 200 under 10 camogie players representing 14 clubs took part. All clubs were in action for over two hours and great displays all round were enjoyed by players, mentors and parents alike. Young stars from Annacarty Donohill, Drom Inch, Ballina, Borrisoleigh, Burgess Duharra, Kilruane McDonaghs, Moneygall, Nenagh, Newport, Portroe, Silvermines, St.Cronan's Roscrea, Thurles and Toomevara participated in the blitz with Boherlahan, Cahir, Drom Inch, Holycross/Ballycahill, Moycarkey Borris also taking part in the previous blitz.

The third blitz took place in Cahir on Saturday the 17th July

Elsie O'Dwyer Memorial Cup

Last March, at a specially arranged function held in memory of the later Elsie O'Dwyer, R.I.P. at Clonmel, a cup was presented by the O'Dwyer family to the chairman of the county camogie board, Michael Browne.

Elsie O'Dwyer, who hailed from Fethard and Coolmoyne, was an outstanding camogie player in her youth and represented Tipperary on many occasions. She was on the Coolmoyne team which won the first two county senior championships played in 1932 and 1933.

Elsie came from a noted G.A.A. family, the Ahearns, with her brothers, Joe and Paddy, outstanding hurlers and footballers in their day.

The O'Dwyer family gave the honour of presenting the cup on their behalf to another noted hurler, footballer and athlete, John Donovan from Killurney. John has the distinction of being a founder member of ladies football in the county and gave outstanding service as a player over a long number of years to his club, Kilsheelan-Kilcash.

Derry O'Dwyer, who was accompanied by his sister, Patricia Dunne, thanked all present for coming to the function and said it was an honour for the family to be able to give something back to camogie.

Michael Browne thanked the O'Dwyer family for the cup and said it would always be there to perpetuate the memory of an outstanding camogie player, the late Elsie O'Dwyer.



with St. Mary's, Moyle Rovers, Cashel, New Inn, Holycross/Ballycahill, Cahir, Annacarty/Donohill, Boherlahan/Dualla and Knockavilla/Donaskeigh playing their hearts out. The fourth U10 county go-games blitz took place on the 21st of August at the newly refurbished Holycross/Ballycahill GAA facilities. Fourteen clubs and 18 teams were in action and the young players enjoyed two hours of constant game time. Each club played three games with each game being 24 minutes (3x8 min) ensuring that all the participants had loads of fun and had ample opportunity to practice their skills. All clubs are to be commended on the spirit in which the games were played and underage camogie in the County was undoubtedly the winner on the day. The clubs that took part were from all over Tipperary and included Annacarty/Donohill, Ballina, Boherlahan/Dualla, Borrisoleigh, Cahir, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Drom/Inch, Holycross/Ballycahill, Moycarkey/Borris, Nenagh, New Inn, Portroe, Roscrea and Thurles. Thanks to those who helped in anyway with the blitzes throughout the year and to the GAA clubs for the use of their facilities. All clubs that took part in any of the blitzes will receive personalised certificates for their players in recognition of their participation. So far so good for Tipperary's go-games and with clubs embracing the benefits of participating in such fun tournaments camogie in the county will grow from strength to strength.

NEW CLUBS

Gortnahoe Glengoose juveniles sprung back into action after their super launch of their club on the 24th of June. Over 40 young players were present at their launch evening and were coached by Tipperary intercounty players. October 4th last saw a club foundation meeting taking place in Tipperary Town. Good numbers of interested people attended. Tipperary town is currently a hive of camogie activity at the moment with over 40 newly crowned Munster champions emerging from St. Anne's Secondary school in addition to the recent success of St. Joseph's

GNS in their maiden voyage into Cumann Na mBunscoil competition. St. Michael's GNS is also working very hard to promote the game with over 40 5th/6th class pupils receiving weekly fun coaching. These developments are sure to provide a firm footing for the structuring of a new club in the town. These new clubs are wished the very best for what's sure to be a bright future's ahead with lots of support, co-operation and hard work.

NEW SCHOOLS PLAYING CAMOGIE

Comeragh College Carraig-on-Suir, Newport Secondary School, Scoil Ruain Killenaule, Thurles Vocational School and Nenagh Vocational School have all commenced camogie action in the new school year. These and all schools who continue to work hard to promote and develop the game are to be commended as they are providing invaluable opportunity for their pupils to play camogie thus benefiting any clubs in the locality.

REFEREE COURSE

Nearly 20 new referees completed the 'Green Card' Referees course early in the year under the tuition of Intercounty referee Cathal Egan. Many of the new recruits have seen plenty of refereeing action this year and are a great help to the efficient completion of competitions this year to date.

CLUB TRAINING DAYS

A number of clubs in the county availed of club training days catering from U10-U16 during August. Under the hugely motivating guidance of Trevor Galvin, Tipperary Senior and Intermediate camogie trainer, and senior players, players and mentors alike were put through their paces in sessions on speed, agility, quickness, attacking and defending etc. This is another new progressive development in Tipperary and is sure improve standards of coaching and playing in the county.

2010 has been a progressive year in terms of development within the county. While much more has to be done, with continued co-operation and hard work by all genuine camogie enthusiasts, the game should continue to flourish steadily.



Tipperary Senior Camogie Team

Back l-r: Cora Hennessey, Cait Devane, Sabrina Larkin, Julie McGrath, Claire Grogan, Rosie Kenneally, Sioban Ryan, Geraldine Stapleton. Front l-r: Siobhan Bourke, Noreen Flanagan, Jill Horan, Mairead Luttrell, Mary Ryan, Geraldine Kinane, Julie Kirwan.

Tipperary Under 16s - Munster Champions and All Ireland finalists 2010



Tipperary Under 16s - Munster Champions and All Ireland finalists 2010. Back l-r: Siobhan Hennessy, Louise McLoughlin, Mary Walsh, Aisling Cremin, Andrea Loughrane, Sara Gleeson, Rosemarie Hanafin, Clodagh Quirke, Micheala Graham. Front l-r: Aoife Ryan (Capt), Orla McEniry, Anne Eriston, Tara Kennedy, Ciara McGrath, Megan Ryan, Caoimhe Maher, Rachel Kennedy, Missing from photo : Sarah Fryday, Teresa Ryan.

Biddy Phillips, one of camogie's greatest ambassadors

An Appreciation

When news broke of the untimely death of Biddy Phillips in July, an air of gloom descended on all associated with Camogie in Tipperary and further a field.

Biddy, a native of Ballytarsna which was her first club, later transferred to Thurles Camogie club. Throughout her long association with Thurles, Biddy won 5 senior county titles, 2 Munster club championships. In 1972 Thurles embarked on a 14 day American tour, and the club had the honour of playing in Gaelic Park new York.

Biddy also represented Tipperary at junior and senior level. In 1980 she became involved at administrative level with Tipperary County Board. From 1988 to 2000 Biddy served as assistant secretary and as treasurer. In addition, she was a selector of the senior team with Timmy Delaney and Bernie O'Dowd. Throughout to 1980s, Biddy was totally committed to the rehabilitation of Tipperary Camogie, and was synonymous with the development of the game from junior to senior levels, which culminated in winning the All Ireland Senior title for the first time for Tipperary in 1999. Tipperary went on to win three in a row under the stewardship of Biddy, Michael Cleary and Jim Madden. Also in 1999, Biddy was awarded with a Tipperary sports star Cidona award for her contribution to Camogie.

Refereeing was another of Biddy's major inputs into the game. She served on the National referee's committee for many years, and she took charge of the All Ireland Junior final in 1993, a Senior final in 1997, and had the honour of refereeing the senior All Ireland club final in 1999.

Biddy will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and her passing leaves a huge void in Tipperary Camogie.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis



Civic Reception for Cashel Camogie Club



Mayor Cllr. Eddie Bennett, presenting a framed scroll to Cashel Camogie Club Chairperson Emily Hayden, at the civic reception afford the club in honour of winning the All-Ireland club championship 2009. Also in the photograph are Marie McGivern, (Town Clerk) and Joan O'Flynn, (President of the Camogie Association).



Cashel Camogie Club players pictured at the civic reception in their honour in the Civic Offices. Front l-r. Ciara O'Sullivan, Sheila O'Donnell, Emily Hayden, Sharon Hayes, Alison Lonergan. Back l-r. Una O'Dwyer, Noelette O'Dwyer, Paula Bulfin, Linda Grogan, Cora Hennessey, Claire Grogan.

Shannon Rovers Camogie Club 2010

By: Rose Mannion P.R.O.

After the Annual General Meeting took place with all the important positions filled for the 2010 season, the next big occasion was the representation from the club by Sabrina Larkin with UL in the Ashbourne Shield and Aoife McLoughney with UCC in Ashbourne Cup. UL were the winners in the shield final with Sabrina earning a place on the All Star team. A proud achievement for any player but also well deserved where this trojan worker is concerned.

New Senior / Junior Management.

Willie Lennox came on board as the Senior Manager and he brought along Seamus O'Sullivan and Odhran Ducie with Antoinette Larkin on the physio for the 2010 season.

Senior League & Championship.

Reaching the semi-final of the League was also a great boost but Toomevara moved us out of sight of the final on a very wet cold May evening in Puckane. However, by the time the championship came around, serious injury concerns had commenced to raise their ugly heads and by the time we reached the end of the game stages, things had only got worse. The Senior 'B' competition proved to be a real nightmare with major injury concerns for the club which meant we were unable to field a team for the last games.

Tara 7's.

The senior girls travelled to London for the Tara 7's in April and came home victorious.

Players: Sabrina Larkin, Lorraine Davis, Naoibh Larkin, Laura Brophy, Grainne Horan, Claire Horan, Sinead Cahalan, Una O'Rourke, Rita Burke, Tess Burke. Management: Brid Morris, Antoinette Larkin, Olive Guest, Jacque Sullivan, Maria Kennedy.

Supporters: Linda Sullivan and Heather Maher

Games: Group Stages

1. v Tara (2nd Team) SR 9:4 Tara 0:0; 2. v Liverpool SR 4:2 LPool 1:3; 3. v Killimor Galway SR 5:8 Kill 1:2; 4. v Croydon SR 7:7 Cro 0:2; Final v Tara Camogie Club London Host Team SR 5:7 Tara 5:2

There was great anticipation leading up to the final as our opponents were the host team. We hadn't met them in the group

stages, but had seen them play earlier in the day and knew they were good. In the first half Tara came out blazing and left us 3:3 to 0:2 down at half time. We thought it was all over. The second half was a different story though, we upped our game and started to battle back. We came within 4 points down and then in the very late stages of the game got 2 goals to leave the score 5:7 to 5:5, a 2 point victory. Great credit to all the players who battled hard to get the win. There were great celebrations when the final whistle went and as Sheila Fernandes from Tara presented the trophy to captain Grainne Horan.

Tara Camogie Club were great hosts, they have great facilities and a very good club set up. On the night they provided food and entertainment and we celebrated our win there with the other teams that had participated. The girls are already looking forward to next year!

Juveniles. Our under 12, 14 and 16 panels enjoyed their participation in both league and championship throughout the year with the under 16 squad doing exceptionally well and making it to the semi-final stage.

County Reps. Sabrina Larkin & Aoife McLoughney secured Munster Medals when Tipp Seniors beat Clare in the Munster Final. Sabrina also won a Munster Medal with the Junior team when they beat Cork in a Munster Final. However, Tipp were stripped of the title a few days later for playing illegal players. Aisling Carroll played with Co. Minors & Paula Hannigan with the Under 14's.

North Munster Competition. For the second year running, we entered the North Munster competition and after a great start and winning three games, a semi-final was beckoning. Moneygall was the opposition and we were optimistic of going through, but the visitors to Ballinderry proved much stronger on the day and our dream of progressing were quickly wiped away.

As another year draws to a close, the club would like to take this opportunity to thank our GAA club for their support and the use of the facilities. A special word of thanks to each and every coach and selector at all grades for their time and expertise with the players as without this support, there simply wouldn't be a club. To Sabrina for taking care of the jerseys and to all our sponsors and all who have given so generously to our fundraising efforts throughout the year. Many thanks also to all who have helped out in whatever way.

We look forward to your continued support and hopefully Rovers will have more silverware in the camogie cabinet come this time next year.



Shannon Rovers Cul Camp: The camogie and ladies football associations entered into an agreement with the GAA to monitor all girls participation in Cul camps this year and pictured here with the young girls who took part in the Shannon Rovers camp is Tipperary senior camogie player Sabrina Larkin who presented them all with their medals. Front l.-r.: Keela Howe, Sadie Donoghue, Mia Brandt, Tyra Burke, Sabrina Larkin (special guest), Carmel Ducie, Megan Dunne, Aine Leenane, Aine Slattery. 2nd Row: Chloe Hayes, Ciara Moran, Rachael Hannigan, Nicole Forde, Eva Burke, Ciara Slattery, Sarah Leenane, Roisin Fox, Kate Fox. 3rd row: Niamh Slattery, Laura Leenane, Emma Gavin, Emer Fogarty, Orla Fogarty, Teresa O'Meara, Jane Minahan, Chantelle Sage, Sarah Slattery. Back row: Zadi Curran, Ciara Boyle, Laura Molloy, Lauren Mulvihill, Ciara Brannigan, Katie Costello, Niamh Cahalan, Jane Seymour, Bethany Slattery, Jenny O'Meara.

Shannon Rovers team at the London

Tara 7's: Back l-r: Antoinette Larkin (physio) Una O'Rourke, Olive Guest, Linda Sullivan, Jacque Sullivan, Grainne Horan (Captain) Sheila Fernandes (Tara Camogie Club, London), Sabrina Larkin, Naoibh Larkin, Claire Horan, Heather Maher. Front l-r: Maria Kennedy, Brid Morris, Rita Burke, Sinead Cahalan, Tess Burke, Laura Brophy, Lorraine Davis.



Shannon Rovers Mini 7's. Club day took place on Saturday November 20th 2010 and included a Mini 7's competition. Front row l-r: Una O'Rourke, Amanda Bourke, Claire Horan, Paula Hannigan. Back: Julie Brennan, Sabrina Larkin, Aisling McKenna, Maryanne Sullivan, Odhran Duce (manager).

Toomevara Camogie Club enjoyed successful year

Toomevara Camogie Club also enjoyed a successful year throughout 2010. The numbers participating continues to grow which is a positive reflection on the coaching structures in place. Teams were prepared from U8 right through to Senior and the Toomevara girls competed in the 'A' section of all championship competitions. The full complement of competitions has yet to be completed but the club has already had a number of successes in 2010.

Pride of place so far this year goes to a wonderful bunch of young Seniors girls who were defeated in extra time in the county final. This panel trained tirelessly throughout the summer and blended well together with every game they played. We look forward to next year and an addition to the Senior League title.

Our Intermediate team were defeated by Templemore in the county final.

Our under 12 girls captured the U12A County League in emphatic style against Nenagh. Our U/14 girls also won the U/14A County League. The U/16 and U/18 are still involved in their championships



Toomevara Senior Camogie team that was defeated in the County senior final 2010: Back l-r: Noelle Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Emma Louise Coffey, Aine Brislane, Therese Maxwell, Teresa Ryan, Shauna Rabbittie, Maria Tynan, Michelle Ryan, Moira Ryan, Elaine Young, Fiona Young, Mairead Devanney, Elaine Martin, Lizzie Woods, Lena Woods. Front l-r: Kate Duggan, Moira Ryan, Anna Woods, Julianne Bourke, Nicole Walsh, Trisha Ryan, Laura Young, Cliona Ryan, Aoife Ryan, Chrissie Kenny, Denise Ryan and Paula Ryan

Burgess/Duharra's Glorious Year

In looking back over our camogie activities for the year 2010, there is no doubt but that it was unquestionably the club's most successful year ever - our "annus mirabilis" in every sense of saying. We had more girls than ever well in excess of 100, playing camogie throughout the year and eight teams in all were fielded i.e. u8, u10, u12, u14, u16, u18, Junior A and Senior, Which was a major achievement in any man's language.

Thankfully, success came our way too, most notably our first ever County Senior Title in a never to be forgotten victory over Toomevara after extra time.

Our Junior A team retained their Co. League Title as well as reaching the Co. Championship final. We were also crowned All-Ireland Pan-Celtic Champions in Dingle in early April in both Junior A and u16 A competitions. Not to be undone by the older girls, our u14 team won runners up honours in the Feile na nGael Division One competition in Ennis in June and very importantly also, we had more personnel than ever and committee members. It is this type of volunteerism that brings continued success to the club.

Junior Team Our Junior Team had a very busy schedule of games, reaching the Intermediate/Junior League Semi-Final unbeaten in their four games. In a hard fought semi-final Clonoulty were defeated by 3-12 to 1-10 and they then easily accounted for Knockavilla in the final to retain the league title for the second year in succession.

In the Junior A championship they lost their first round match to Clonoulty by 6points (0-12 to 1-3) but recovered very well to win their next five games in convincing style only to have to fall to Clonoulty once more in the final at the Ragg on October 24th. With our goalie and backs defending gallantly we were only 3points in arrears entering the final quarter but Clonoulty's greater speed and class told from there on to record a deserving 11 point victory (1-12 to 0-4). Our Juniors played a total of 18 games during the year, including League, Championship and Challenges and will be striving hard to go one better in the 2011 Championship. Congratulations Juniors on a very enjoyable and fruitful year.

Senior Teams' Successful year

Our adult teams commenced training on February 6th in preparation for the County Leagues and our Seniors qualified for the semi-final versus Drom-Inch, a truly outstanding game that ended all square on a scoreline of Drom 5-15, Duharra 4-18. With a whirlwind first quarter in the replay, Drom established a clear lead and eventually won by 7points (3-8 to 1-7).

In early April a large contingent of players, officials and parents travelled to Dingle for what proved to be a very successful venture. Blessed with beautiful weather the Seniors played Coursey Rovers, Grannagh/Ballingarry and Inniscarra to win a place in the semi final where they beat neighbours Toomevara. In the final on Sunday in Dingle GAA grounds, we were always in control against Ballygarvan of Cork to win by 2-9 to 0-6. A number of our Junior Team also played a very significant part in this excellent Senior success for the club in Co. Kerry.

In June we next participated in a Munster/Connaught Super League, playing five games but failing to reach the final due to the fact that a number of our players were exam tied at that time. It is worth mentioning our amazing draw against Athenry in Athenry on a scoreline of 8-10 to 5-19 for the homeside.

With no senior games in Tipperary during June and July, the void was filled with challenge games until the championship started on August 7th. We had a hugely intensive campaign of 10 championship games in 9 weeks, which included a replay in the semi-final and extra time in the final but we survived unbeaten in ten games to make up for the last years bitter disappointment and so record our first ever Co. Senior title. Having convincingly defeated champions Cashel in the league series, we knew they would be a much different proposition in



Burgess/Duharra Junior 'A' team. Back l-r: Catriona Kenny, Ciara Holohan, Louise Hayes, Geraldine Conroy, Maeve Moloney, Mary Cremin, Jenny Grace, Karen O'Brien, Mags Hogan, Aine Murphy, Mary Ryan, Aisling Grogan, Danielle Curtin, Front - Sarah Maxwell, Aine O'Halloran, Cara Cottam, Ciara McKeogh, Lisa Mulqueen, Laura Reid, Sinead Quinlan, Gemma Grace, Niamh O'Donoghue, Amanda Egan, Claire Kearns.

our semi-final clash and so it proved as they came from 5 points down with 5 minutes remaining to snatch a late draw (0-14 to 1-11). The replay six days later proved equally absorbing and close-fought until the final moments and despite a serious hand injury, Captain Eimear McDonnell drove a bullet-like penalty to the net and added another pint to revenge the 2009 result for a 2 point victory of 2-6 to 0-10. So at long last we had got the Cashel monkey off our backs in our quest for county honours. Having being fortunate to defeat Toomevara by 1point (2-9 to 1-11) in our final league series game, we knew we were in for a battle royal against them in the final on October 10th and so it turned out to be in every sense of the word. The game was level at half time and at full time and, as in the 2009 final, we again had to face extra time. It was once again level at half time of the extra time but our girls displayed nerves of steel, resilience beyond belief and tremendous character and determination to bravely hold out against a fierce onslaught from Toome in the final five minutes to eventually fulfill our ambition of reaching the Holy Grail of our first ever County Senior title on a score of 1-14 to 2-9 and this with a panel of just 18 Senior players. Scenes of unbridled jubilation and emotional celebrations from our players, team management, and huge host of marvellous supporters greeted the final whistle and the recession was forgotten. The presentation of the O'Dowd cup to Captain Fantastic Eimear McDonnell, created a scene of euphoria never again to be experienced when the history of Burgess/Duharra is recorded. With bonfires blazing, banners waving and hooters blowing, the arrival of the cup to the Burgess/Duharra locality on Sunday evening the 10/10/10 was a scene of unrivaled happiness to be savoured forever and a day.



Burgess/Duharra u14 Feile na nGael team 2010 Back l-r: Grace Dunne, Rachael Hodgins, Eimear Byrnes, Danielle Curtin, Orlagh Deering, Amy Seymour, Jenny Grace, Caoimhe Brassil, Aisling O'Halloran, Laura Costello, Clara Bourke, Aisling Keller. Front l-r: Sinead Quigley, Becky Costello, Eimear O'Carroll, Aileen Nealon, Grainne Gleeson, Aine Gillespie, Ciardha Maher, Shona O'Donoghue, Una Quigley, Tara O'Brien, Aoife Deering. Mentors; Frances O'Brien, Noel Egan, Pat Grace, Tim Maher and Peter Curtin.

We had only five days to recover from the exertions of the county final and the resulting celebrations before having to face Inniscarra at their home grounds, twelve miles west of Cork City. Serious injuries to star players, centre back Therese Brophy and centre fielder Aine Mulcahy sustained in the Co. final meant that we badly depleted for this game. With the aid of the breeze we led by 4 points at half time but we should have been much further ahead if we had taken our chances. Inniscarra were the fresher and stronger team in the second half when physical fatigue and mental tiredness overcame our players and the Cork team scored a goal and a point in the final minutes of the game to win by 2-10 to 2-6. This was the last of the 28 games our seniors had played in 2010.

Juveniles At u8 and u10 we have over 40 players coming to the field. Their enthusiasm knows no bounds and much fun is had by all, young and old alike. During the year they competed in a number of blitzes and challenge games. Much thanks must go to the mentors of these groups as this is where they learn their basics to become the senior players of the future.

In the u12 section we fielded a very young panel with several u10s making up the first fifteen. Though they were not successful in their competitions a big improvement in their camogie skills and concepts was seen during the year, which bodes well for the future.

The 2010 Feile na nGael was held in June and what a festival of camogie it was for our u14s. Our girls played superbly throughout the weekend and became the first team from the club to reach the All-Ireland Final of Division A. Burgess/Duharra hosted Ardrahan from Galway, who they played in their first game. This was the first win the team had over the weekend, they then proceeded to beat Newcastle West, and Sixemilebridge in their other round matches to top the group. This led them to a place in the semi-final against Craughwell from Galway. Burgess put in a dynamic second half where they started 6 points down and finished winning by 11 points. This led on to a place in the final, played in Cusack Park in Ennis on Sunday. Here they met a very strong Lucan side who unfortunately proved too much for us. Well done to all involved.

In April our u16s travelled to Dingle to partake in the Pan Celtic Tournament. The smile on the face of Claire Murphy as she lifted the trophy on Sunday morning after a long weekend's camogie tells the story of how she and the other players enjoyed the experience. Our u16s played in a very convincing style all weekend and well deserved winners of the title. It was a particularly productive weekend for three of our players as they featured on both the u16 and Senior teams coming away with two Panceltic medals for their efforts, Caoimhe Maher, Aisling Cremin and Tara Kennedy, all three played a major part in both teams winning their competitions.

At the time of going to press our u16s have reached the county final and u18s are diligently preparing and playing for their championship.

Throughout the year we had several players representing the club on various underage Tipperary teams. At u14 level Danielle Curtin, Rachael Hodgins and Jennifer Grace played in several tournaments for the county. In the u16s we had Caoimhe Maher, Aisling Cremin and Tara Kennedy who were members of the team that won the Munster Championship, defeating Clare in the final and were defeated finalists in the All-Ireland final to Galway. Our Minor representatives were Amy Kennedy, Tara Kennedy, Niamh O'Donoghue and Caoimhe Maher, who were beaten by Clare in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. In u15s we had Aisling Grogan, Claire Kearns, Amanda Egan and Cara Cottam



Burgess/Duharra u10s. Back l-r: Claire Walsh, Rebecca Ryan, Katie Grace, Agnes Mulqueen, Caoilfhionn Maher, Kaitlin O'Halloran, Emily Morrissey, Alannah Deering, Danielle Nealon, Lauren Moylan. Front l-r: Orla Gillespie, Emily O'Dwyer, Jane Lehane, Rebecca Curtin, Riona Gillespie, Heather Bourke, Shauna Cooney, Grace O'Dwyer. Mentor - Mairead O'Halloran.

representing the club. At senior level we were represented by Trish O'Halloran who later on in the year sustained a serious knee injury which curtailed her club and county activity for the remainder of the year.

Thanks In concluding this report of club affairs for the past year, it is only fitting and proper that sincere thanks be extended to all club officers and committee members, the players in all of our eight teams, the managers, selectors, mentors, coaches and backroom of the various teams, our wonderful band of loyal supporters, the Burgess and Portroe GAA clubs for the use of their facilities for games and training, photographs – Bridget Delaney and The Nenagh Guardian and to all those who have been so generous in their support of our fundraising ventures.

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Burgess/Duharra Senior panel 2010 Back l-r: Tishy O'Halloran, Jenny Grace, Gemma Grace, Ruth Barry, Tara Kennedy, Amy Kennedy, Ciara Gaynor, Nessa O'Driscoll, Caoimhe Maher, Aisling Cremin, Ciara Holohan, Mary Cremin, Karen O'Brien, Sarah Hayes. Front l-r: Laura Reid, Sinead Nealon, Sinead Daly/Dillon, Sheena Howard, Aine Mulcahy, Therese Brophy, Deirdre McDonnell, Eimear McDonnell, Eimear Dwan, Jenny O'Halloran, Maeve Moloney, Niamh O'Donoghue, Sinead Quinlan.



Drom-Inch Camogie U-14 Team and Management - U14 'A' County Champions and All-Ireland Féile semi-finalists. Back l-r: Helen Kiely, Conor Eviston, Georgia Brown, Sarah Ryan, Shannon Tierney, Karen Purcell, Maria Dooley, Eilish Hassett, Mairead Purcell, Aileen Ryan, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Niamh Ryan, Kate Cahman, Edel Nyland, Aoife Fogarty, Mairead Eviston, PJ Nolan. Front l-r: Jennifer Denny, Maria Curley, Caoimhe Bourke, Niamh Treacy, Lucy Cunningham, Niamh Ryan, Miriam Campion, Eimear Cahill, Orla Cahill, Sarah Buckley, Catherine Carey.

Portroe Camogie Club

After a five year absence Portroe re-entered a team in the adult ranks in 2010, this was the culmination of a plan put in place by a working committee to re-establish our club which only affiliated u12 and u14 teams in 2006. Building on this group of young players we entered u16 in 2010 and to facilitate girls over this age group we began discussing a possible junior team.

Sponsors Spar Portroe and Ciss Ryan's Garrykennedy embraced the concept. A panel of players was assembled by the

management team of Willie Gleeson, Dolores McKenna, Mike McKeogh, Geraldine Conroy, and Elaine Ryan and a combination of youth and experience enabled Portroe to once again take part in the adult grade. The spirit of the GAA is encapsulated in this group where participation is the real measure of success. The future of camogie in Portroe has been secured and now we embark on writing the next chapter of a club steeped in camogie tradition.



Portroe Camogie team: Back l-r: Amy Flynn, Selina Ryan, Rachel Ryan, Nicole Freeman, Niamh McGrath, Leah McKeogh, Elaine Reidy, Claire O'Callaghan. Middle: Lisa Gleeson, Colette Maloney, Sarah Kennedy, Elaine Slattery, Anne Marie Mulrooney, Ciara Gleeson, Edel Knight, SORCHA Kennedy. Front: Lisa Hickey, Toni Kennedy, Aoibhe Ryan, Dawn Ryan, Mikela Gleeson. Missing from photo: Elaine Ryan, Jane Hogan, Yvonne Hayes, Marion Cottrell, Linda Hickey, Roisin McLoughlin, Melissa Quilligan

U14 'A' County Champions and All- Ireland Féile Semi-Finalists

2010 was a fantastic year for the talented Drom-Inch U14 camogie team who displayed superb skill, heart and determination throughout the County championship and All-Ireland Féile competition. Manager Conor Evistan recounts how the year unfolded for the team:

The U14s started training in late March with a great turn out and enthusiasm from all. The first round of matches started in late April. We got off to a good start with a win over Cahir in our first match. In our second game we were defeated by Toomevara. Everything was then hinging on our last game against Burgess.

We managed a draw, which saw us through to the final against Toomevara, and what a final that was. Toome had all the control in the first half and led 3-02 to 0-01 at half time and that the stage the prospects for the Drom-Inch girls looked poor. However, with a tactical switch at the half-time break and a nothing-to-lose attitude, the girls fought tooth-and-nail in the second half to gain a one point victory. It was a brilliant achievement to win and when Eimer Cahill received the cup it was clear that this team would go on to represent Tipperary very well in the All-Ireland Féile competition.

After the county final victory, preparations began for the big trip to Féile 2010. No stone was left unturned to get the girls ready. On Friday, June 11th, it was off to our host club Newmarket-on-Fergus, who were also our first opposition. The girls overcame the Newmarket challenge with ease. On the Saturday we had a 10A.M. game against the Derry representatives, Ballinascreen.

The Drom-Inch girls were out of the blocks quick, with a fine performance and hard work they emerged as easy winners. It was a quick turnaround to face the Cork girls from the Courcey Rovers club in our next match. As we expected it was a good hard game.

With some great scores and teamwork we got our third victory and a place in the All-Ireland semi-final against Lucan-Sarsfields of Dublin, on Saturday evening. After a blistering hot day the girls had a lot of energy lost, but they got stuck in from the word go and they never gave up.

They finished with the same spirit which won them the county final. They had given every ounce of energy that they had to give but came up short on the day to a better Dublin team who went on to win out the competition. Aileen Ryan received a token from the camogie president in acknowledgement of the team's fine performances in Féile 2010.

Well done to all involved on a great year. Thank you to the management team of Conor Evistan, P.J. Nolan and Helen Kiely for their effort, enthusiasm and commitment. With such dedicated people involved in the club and great young talent emerging, the future bodes well for Drom-Inch camogie.



Morgan Conroy, vice-president, Cumann Camogaoichta na nGael presenting the All-Ireland Sevens trophy to Philly Fogarty, captain of the victorious Cashel team.

Cashel Senior Camogie Success

Cashel retain their All Ireland Camogie Sevens title

It was indeed a proud day for Cashel Camogie when on September 11 the Kilmacud-Crokes All-Ireland camogie sevens was won back to back by the senior team for the first time in the history of the Club.

In the group games Cashel defeated St. Catherine's of Cork by 7-7 to 2-5, St Lactans of Kilkenny by 4.6 to 1.4 and Devitts of Galway by 8-10 to 1-2.

Cashel went on to the Semi-Final where they played Milford of Cork in a ding dong match coming out on top on a scoreline of 7-4 to 4-3. Clare Grogan: 2-1, Emily Hayden 2-1, Jill Horan 2-1, Clare Ryan 1-0, Julie McGrath 0-1.

The final saw Cashel meet Leitrim Fontanoy's/Down and in front of a huge crowd of spectators Cashel came out on top on a scoreline of: Cashel 4-6 Leitrim Fontanoy's 2-2. Clare Grogan 1-3, Jill Horan 1-1, Emily Hayden 1-0, Julie McGrath 1-0, Clare Ryan 0-1 Sharon Hayes 0-1.

Cashel: Linda Grogan, Una O'Dwyer, Philly Fogarty, Jill Horan, Julie McGrath, Clare Grogan, Emily Hayden, Nolette O'Dwyer, Clare Ryan, Sharon Hayes.

County Senior Championship:

In the senior championship Cashel played eight matches and in winning six of their matches they qualified for the semi-final. In a classic match Cashel came from four points down with two minutes to go to draw level on a scoreline of Cashel 1-11 Duharra: 0-14. In the replay we saw another classic match when with one minute to go and Cashel leading by two points Duharra were awarded a penalty and duly scored, winning the match on a scoreline of Duharra 2-5 and Cashel 0-10.

Congratulations to Paula Bulfin, Helen Breen and Helen Grogan on the birth of their baby son Billy and baby daughters Emily and Emma.

Back in March the team were honoured with a civic reception by Cashel Town Council in recognition of their capture of the All-Ireland club championship in 2009.



Thurles Junior Camogie team. Back l-r: Margaret Collins, Clara Burke, Siobhan Molumby, Stephanie Steiger, Amy Duggan, Claire Fitzpatrick, Ciara Quinn, Andrea Loughnane, Emma Carey (capt), Rose-Marie Hanafin, Laura Stakelum. Front l-r: Shauna Brett, Alice Fogarty, Deborah Fogarty, Aisling Stakelum, Cora Kerrane, Siobhan Hennessy, Emer Kennedy, Karen Bohan, Caitriona Skehan. Missing from photo: Laura Loughnane.

Thurles Camogie

This year's Under 14 team recaptured the county title. The dedication and determination from the players helped them on their journey to victory. By defeating rival clubs, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Holycross/Ballycahill, Moneygall and Nenagh they were worthy winners of the Under 14 'B' championship.

The first championship match of the year was against Clonoulty/Rossmore and a great effort from all the team resulted in a victory by 9-6 to 0-0. The next match was against Nenagh and this was a superb game of camogie with no quarter asked for or given by either team. A last minute Nenagh goal left the final score at 4-4 each. Next up was Holycross/Ballycahill in the final group game and Thurles won on a scoreline of 4-2 to 0-3. In this game some players who won U12 medals last year made their U14 debuts. As Nenagh and Thurles finished joint top of the group, a toss of coin saw Thurles having to play the winners of the other group which were Moneygall. This was a fantastic game, full of skill and endeavor with both teams giving their all. Three late goals gave Thurles victory and set up a rematch with Nenagh in the county final. The final was played on Monday 17th May at the County Grounds, The Ragg. A great second half performance saw Thurles pull away from their opponents and win on a final score of Thurles 4-4 Nenagh 1-1. After the final whistle Kate Tierney accepted the cup on behalf of the team. The Under 14 mentors were Tony O'Mara, Ann Marie Cullen, Bernie O'Dowd and Martin Fitzgerald.

Catriona Kennedy, Claire Fitzpatrick, Laura Loughnane, Ciara Cummins, Roisin Corbett, Niamh McCormack and Aisling O'Hagan were members of the Tipperary Under 14 panel this year.

Thurles Under 16's had a very successful year retaining the county title with a win over Clonoulty/Rossmore. The game took place on 17th September where Clonoulty started the stronger side with a few quick

scores. A Thurles goal just before half time narrowed the margin. Thurles showed great spirit in the second half and got to grips with the game. They got the vital scores to run out winners with the victorious captain Cora Kerrane being presented with the new Elsie O'Dwyer trophy. Great credit is due to all players for never giving up and persevering to achieve this glorious win. The Under 16's were also victorious in winning the Knockavilla blitz by defeating Burgess in the final.

Our junior for the second year in a row reached the county final but were defeated by a very strong Kilruane side. Thurles have a very young team and hopefully we can build on this and capture a county title next year.

The minors having no competition last year were delighted to have reached a county semi final against Moneygall this year. This game will be played towards the end of November.

Much credit for the years success goes to coach Jack Griffin who's workrate and dedication inspired the girls to achieve their potential. Thanks also to his fellow selectors Clodagh Loughnane, Louise Lanigan and finally to Tony O'Mara who also helped out.



Thurles - Under 16 County Champions. Back l-r: Sinead Crone, Roisin Corbett, Laura Loughnane, Siobhan Molumby, Claire Fitzpatrick, Rose-Marie Hanafin, Aine McCarthy, Clara Bourke, Rebecca Dempsey, Cora Kerrane (Capt), Andrea Loughnane, Aoife Hickey. Front l-r: Karen Kennedy, Caitriona Kennedy, Nicola Kerrigan, Nicola Loughnane, Eimer Kennedy, Aisling O'Hagan, Caitriona Skehan, Ciara Cummins, Jane-Anne McKeivitt, Siobhan Hennessy. Missing from photo: Megan Mason.



Clonoulty/Rossmore Under 12 County League Champions. Back l-r: Neil Ryan Trainer, Anne Loughman First Aid and Pat Hayes Trainer
Middle: Rachel Ryan, Katie Murphy, Haley Doyle, Carrie Wade, Ciara Quirke, Keely Hayes, Eimear Loughman, Emma Ryan, Moira Kinane, Emma Coffey, Megan Ryan. Front l-r: Kate Ryan, Mary Theresa Mockler, Elena Quirke, Anna Kennedy, Sinead Ryan, Amy Ryan, Caoimhe Quirke, Kellie Quirke, Avril Quirke.

Clonoulty/Rossmore Camogie

Our U/10 Camogie team took part in a Blitz in Dundrum and Holycross. There are some fine budding players in this group and we will be watching their progress over the coming years.

Our U/12C had a great year. They contested and reached a County Final in the Championship giving a great display. In the County League they went all the way and won the final beating Annacarty. This was a really exciting game from start to finish. The final score was Clonoulty 8.02 to Annacarty 5.04. Their trainers were Neil Ryan, Pat Hayes and Anne Loughman first aid.

U/14 and U/16 teams were trained by Peter Hayes, Paul Hayes. Siobhan Murphy and Anne Hayes, First Aid. The players' skills have improved greatly over the year thanks to the excellent coaching by Peter. The U/16 lost the County Final narrowly beaten by Thurles whom they beat early in the round games.

Our U18 team are currently in a semi final B Championship against Kilruane. Trainer: Jason Forrester assisted by Kevin Horan, Thomas Lyng and Helena Ryan.

Our Junior Camogie team started of the year in the County League. In the first round we played Templemore on a wet and very wind day in Clonoulty. We defeated them on a scoreline of 2.14 to 1.9. In the second round we lost to Drom 3.8 to 2.10. Our next game was against Burgess in Puckane. This game ended in a draw 2.10 to 16pts. We then defeated the Kickhams by a very impressive score of 5.18 to 1pt. This put us in a playoff against Burgess losing out 4.8 to 1.14

Our next competition was in the Munster League. We were unlucky

to lose all our games as many of our players were unavailable to us.

Following on from this players brought great honours by winning the Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Seven-a-Side Shield. The team were very impressive throughout winning all their games comprehensively. In the final they defeated Geraldine's, Portlennone, Antrim by 4.11 to 1.2. This was a great achievement for the club brought about by John Devane's excellent coaching skills. The players that took part on the day were Noirin Ryan, Caith Hennessy, Cait Devane, Marie Moloney, Teresa Bourke, Clodagh Quirke, Bernadette Ryan, Cora Hennessy and Sarah Fryday.

In the Junior A Championship our first outing was against Burgess/Duharra under lights in Clonoulty. We won 12pts to 1.4. This was a great start against the current League winners. In the second round we travelled to Annacarty where we won 3.11 to 10pts. In the third round we played the Kickhams. This turned out to be a rather one sided affair winning by 3.23 to 1.3. In the 4th round we played Drom winning by 14pts to 2.6.

Our final round game was against Kildangan. This was a very hard fought match. The final score was Clonoulty 2.15 to Kildangan 2.9.

In the semi-final we played Annacarty under lights in Cappawhite winning 4.14 to 2pts.

In the final we played Burgess/Duharra. At half time the score was Clonoulty 4pts to 2pts. Clonoulty had most of the possession but had to work very hard. Cait Devane sent over a free early in the second half. As Clonoulty began to create more chances a goal was created by Clodagh Quirke, Cora Hennessy and Cait Devane sent a ball forward to Sarah Fryday and she blasted the Burgess net. From then on the team began to play more fluently and took their points and pulled away from Burgess. The final whistle was greeted with great jubilation. This made up for

losing both the League and Championship finals from last year. All the players are looking forward to competing at Intermediate level next year.



Clonoulty Rossmore Junior 'A' Camogie County Champions 2010. Back l-r: Fiona Hayes, Elaine O'Dwyer, Aine Ryan, Sabrina O'Riordan, Jenny O'Brien, Ann-Marie Ryan, Clodagh Quirke, Sarah Fryday, Cait Devane, Cora Hennessy, Emily O'Brien, Laura O'Dwyer, Mary Jane Maher, Maria Maloney, Noreen Ryan capt, Bernadette Ryan, Tracey Forrester. Front l-r: Aishling, Corcoran, Treasa Burke, Michelle Horan, Cait Ryan, Cait Hennessy, Backy O'Brien, Aoife Ryan, Mark Kate Maher, Louise Shanahan, Aishling Ely, Rachael Clegg. Absent from photo: Amie Quinn.

Junior Team

Tracey Forrester, Michelle Horan, Becky O'Brien, Louise Shanahan, Maria Moloney, Teresa Burke, Clodagh Quirke, Bernadette Ryan, Cora Hennessy, Cait Hennessy, Sarah Fryday, Noreen Ryan, Mary Jane Maher, Cait Devane, Aisling Ely, Aisling Corcoran, Emily O'Brien, Aoife Ryan, Mary Kate Maher, Aine Ryan, Elaine O'Dwyer, Rachel Clegg, Laura O'Dwyer, Fiona Hayes, Jenny O'Brien, Sabrian

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Tipperary All-Star hurlers, from left, Eoin Kelly, Brendan Maher, Paul Curran, Lar Corbett, Noel McGrath and Brendan Cummins with their GAA Hurling All-Star awards during the 2010 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone.

GAA Hurling All-Star Awards



Brendan Maher, Tipperary, is presented with his GAA Hurling All-Star Young Player of the Year award by Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Criostóir Ó Cuana, Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Jeroen Hoencamp, CEO, Vodafone Ireland, during the 2010 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone.

18 October 2010: Brendan Maher, Tipperary, is presented with his GAA Hurling All-Star

Lar Corbett, Tipperary, is presented with his GAA Hurling All-Star Player of the Year award by Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Criostóir Ó Cuana, Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Jeroen Hoencamp, CEO, Vodafone Ireland, during the 2010 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone.



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Pictured above at St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh were the games teachers at rear and in front row: Archbishop Dermot Clifford; School Manager, Padraig O'Shea and the seven past pupils who were involved in the All-Ireland victory i.e. James Woodlock; Brendan Maher; Paddy Stapleton; Séamus Callanan; Gearóid Ryan; Jody Brennan and David Young. A special presentation was made to these past pupils.

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Lar Corbett of Tipperary, is presented with the OPEL GPA Player of the Year in Hurling by Dave Sheeran, right, MD Opel Ireland, in the company of Dessie Farrell, Chief Executive of the GPA, during the 2010 Opel Gaelic Players' Association Gala Awards for hurling and football.

GPA Awards



Padraic Maher of Tipperary, receives his award from Dave Sheeran, right, MD Opel Ireland, in the company of Dessie Farrell, Chief Executive of the GPA, during the 2010 Opel Gaelic Players Association Gala Awards for hurling and football. Other awards were made to Eoin Kelly, Brendan Maher, Paul Curran, Lar Corbett, Noel McGrath and Brendan Cummins.

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National Administrator of the Year Liz Howard from Tipperary, is presented with her award by Irish Olympian Dr. Ronnie Delany, left, and Martin Cullen, TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, at the Volunteers in Irish Sports Awards 2009. Farnleigh, Castleknock, Dublin.



Pictured with Liz Howard at the Volunteers in Irish Sports Awards 2009. Farnleigh, Castleknock, Dublin were Ann O'Meara (sister of Liz Howard), Pat O'Driscoll (sister of Liz Howard), Miriam O'Callaghan, Camogie Association, Liz Howard, Sinead O'Connor Camogie Association, Elaine Cullinan, North Tipperary Sports Partnership, Claire Egan, Camogie Association. Pictures credit: Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE

The eternal now

A carefully conceived philosophy of coaching, as he related to P. M. O'Sullivan, underpinned Eamon O'Shea's work with Tipperary and his views on the game

Eamon O'Shea smiles and the world draws in.

He leans forward, pleased his point is understood. There is charisma in this smile but nothing of the hardness, the edge, often the partner of charisma. Five minutes in his company and it is easy to see why players trust him.

Say no more than that he is an economist who works on social gerontology. This field centres on care of the elderly, society's duty to the bigger picture, the raindrop pulsing in the fountain.

He reserves antipathy for the likes of Milton Friedman, the influential figure who advocated a minimal state, deregulation across the board for business interests. If there is a bridge between the Professor of Economics in NUIG and the Tipperary coach, it must be absorption in the consequences of structure.

A week's time exactly and Eamon O'Shea will be making last preparations around the dressingroom in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Now he is talking about why he does what he does, why he goes a certain road in trying to find improvement for hurlers.

Soul, he calls it. Hurlers have to have soul.

"This goes deeper," he says. "This is to the soul, if it exists. It's deeper than simply the physical aspect. This has to flow."

There on the sideline in Croke Park against Kilkenny last September, he felt he was plugged into something far bigger than the two counties. "It was the genuine article in terms of a game reaching somewhere new," he says. "Opera... Yes, opera."

Eamon O'Shea believes in structure but it must be alive, constantly renewing itself. He worries about what he terms "the lack of instinctiveness" when he watches some young hurlers being coached. "You need to feel the confidence, the self-assuredness, running through you," he emphasizes. "Then that takes over."

He has no iron specifics to impart, no lamps to rub. If Eamon O'Shea is a markedly different character to Brian Cody, there is the shared emphasis on spirit. Follow the right emotion and the results will come.

He makes it simple: "My view is that the coach should be someone almost outside the process, which should be directed by the players. And that they eventually should know so much that the coach becomes redundant. Then the manager only has to manage them."

Simpler again: "The standard is set by the top player. That's where natural competitiveness kicks in. The top players lift everyone."

This coach needs no schedule, no charts, nothing rigid: "Often I'd say to them: I'm not sure what we're going to do next, lads. You go to the pitch and see how they are, see what you'll do that night. The main thing with hurlers is to get them playing in the now. Not the last ball, not the next ball: this ball. Not the last game, not the next game: this game."

"It's no secret that we don't do a lot of drills in training," he continues. "We spend an awful lot of time connecting with each other on hurley passes. We spend a lot of time trying to find each other." Pat Kerwick's extraordinary pass to Séamus Callanan in the All-Ireland Final was the result.

Eamon is bemused by any idea of formula: "People sometimes say: what sort of drills do ye do for goals? My response is: *none*. We don't do any drills for goals because, you know, in all the probabilities of a goal chance, to capture them all, you'd want to have a fair amount of drills."

The logic is obvious: "It's better to put this into the heads of the guys: okay, here's a framework - rather than say: you're going to draw the man, you're going to handpass the ball, and then he's going to score a goal. Yet people will say: give us some drills for goals..."

He is happy to borrow from other codes - tennis in particular. Visualization is a valued technique. "Everything we do is game focused," the coach says. "We constantly try to improve the



Joy unconfined: Eamon O'Shea after defeating Waterford on July 12, 2009

players' skills in the context of a game, even if it is only a ten-minute game."

For all his strong and clear views, Eamon O'Shea is a pragmatist. He breaks his laugh with a nod when I remind him of the advice Brian Clough most prized: 'Buy good players.'

GAA context sharpens his agreement: "The players you have make or break you. We can't go out and buy Joe Canning. If you've got really talented players, it's a helluva lot easier than if you don't. You can always make excellent players better."

He drew the relevant moral: "You have to set up something around the players to let them express that ability. There's no point in saying: we need to play a different game. You start with the players and you end with the players. They have to be comfortable with the clothes they're given."

Also, there has to be animation on both sides, a crisscross of surprise. Eamon's voice quickens as he relates his own satisfaction: "When I go home from a training session, I'll tell you, I could be sustained all the way home by running through some of things that these guys can do."

Michael Caine accent: not a lot of people know Eamon O'Shea, the player, has every medal except a Celtic Cross. Certainly does: Minor, U21, Fitzgibbon Cup with UCD, Club All-Ireland with Kilruane MacDonaghs, four Tipperary Senior titles.

Quite a stack. Hurling with Tipperary in the late 1970s and the early 1980s grants an honourable pass on the one missed. Four times, there was a championship start with his native county: Cork in 1979, Cork in 1980, draw and replay against Limerick in 1981.

Then he went to York for a year of graduate study. Back home, he worked in Dublin in the Institute of Public Administration before moving to UCG in September 1985. The hurling seasons of 1983 and 1984 were spent with Crumlin and Dublin. Edel, his wife, has strong Crumlin connections.

The coaching bug caught him early. He read Tony Wall's *Hurling* (1965) and remains an admirer ("Tony was way ahead of everyone").

As a Minor, he found important influences: "Mick Minogue and Brother O'Grady always encouraged two things: high skill levels and willingness to take a risk. That always stayed with me." Len Gaynor was a constant and energizing presence in Kilruane.

Nor were the two seasons in Dublin wasted. "Jim Boggan was a great man there," Eamon says. "He actually asked me to take a few sessions with Dublin. So that was something to think about too."

PJ Maxwell, who has compiled all Tipperary teams on the website www.tippgaaarchives.com, was full-back on 1976's champion Minor side. "Eamon was the original roadrunner," he

says. "Fleet of foot, tremendous skill. Most of all, he was a strong leader and always let his hurling do the talking."

Séamus O'Doherty, another contemporary, is equally well placed to comment: "What always impressed me was Eamon's ability to make a decision on the spot. If the best option was to finish himself, he'd go himself. If the best option was to pass, he'd pass. You wouldn't want to be a genius to realize this ability was going to make him a fine coach."

A renowned hurling historian, Séamus remarks: "I'd go back to the brilliant display he gave in the All-Ireland Minor Final against Kilkenny in '76. Eamon distributed the ball brilliantly, dropping his hurl to handpass accurately. The rule about dropping the hurl changed the next season but it never bothered Eamon. He was always in control."

Séamus concludes, an edge to his tone: "Some people might have said back then that Eamon O'Shea wasn't breaking enough hurls. The reality is that he was ahead of his time. When Tipperary started to win again, the forwards were hurling like Eamon had hurled. Really, he should have been around to win an All-Ireland medal in 1989."

A sterling club campaign 1985-86 brought him back into the intercounty picture. He came on for Liam Stokes in the traumatic defeat to Clare in 1986. Then, at 28, he was gone.

UCG sustained him in retirement until he coached Kilruane out of Intermediate in 2003. It was intimate and it was private. "We had great fun in Galway," he says. "There was nobody to watch us in training. You could try things out without pressure."

Jamesie O'Connor attended UCG between 1990 and 1994, hurling Fitzgibbon each year. "The less said about the first two, the better," he says. "But it got a lot better once Eamon was on board."

The improvement was immediate. "UCD narrowly beat us in '93," Jamesie recalled. "Then we lost in extra time to UL in '94, who went on to win it. Eamon improved us in every line of the field and we were unlucky not to win."

Jamesie remains personally grateful: "Eamon was by far the biggest influence on my career. Otherwise it was mostly former defenders who coached me. Eamon made me aware of movement and space. He spoke to us on a forwards level, and he was unique in that."

Ironically enough, this advice weighed in one of O'Connor's biggest games: the 1997 All-Ireland Final, when Clare beat Tipperary by a last minute point scored by none other than himself. Jamesie laughs a touch ruefully: "Obviously, Eamon would have been rooting for Tipp. But I'd have to say his advice was a big factor in my second half performance."

He elaborated: "The first half, I stayed too much in my own patch on the right wing, too near my marker. At halftime, what Eamon always said to us about trusting your own judgement, about drifting into space, was in my mind. The second half, I scored three points, and each time I picked the ball up on the other side of the pitch. He was right, even though Tipp wouldn't have thanked him for it..."

Eamon O'Shea was never further away than a phonecall. "I used to speak to him a lot after I left," Jamesie says. "He was a great sounding board. In fact, I probably didn't use him enough in the later part of my career. Eamon is fantastic to improve a hurler simply by making him feel better about himself. Playing in the forwards is all about confidence and there's nobody better to give you confidence than Eamon."

If for no other reason than the era in which he played, Eamon O'Shea knew the value of encouragement.



Kilruane the kings: The side that won the All-Ireland Club SHC title at Croke Park, Dublin on March 16, 1986 (Eamon O'Shea fifth from right in back row) [Picture: courtesy of Kilruane MacDonaghs GAA Club]

Level, he summarizes: "I suppose there was the feeling, when I started off, that you'd never be another Jimmy Doyle, another Donie Nealon, another Liam Devaney. People would be saying how great the men before us were, the 1960s men. It was there."

He smiles when I remind him of people complaining there were too many UCD students on the Tipperary team around 1980: "Yes, I was one of those lads... I heard all that." I suspect what Eamon O'Shea, 22, needed was to be coached by Eamon O'Shea, 52. But life does not work that way.

Séamus O'Doherty clarified: "You have to remember that Tipp did not win a game between 1973 and 1983. They lost a 13-point lead against Limerick in '81. There was a constant turnover of players because there was constant change in the selectors. Nobody got a chance to settle in because there was constant panic about not winning."

All long ago. Now is now. "It just didn't work out for us," Eamon reflects. "Losing that huge lead over Limerick in 1981 probably was the real disaster. That year we could have gone all the way."

Suddenly puckish, he glosses such memories: "Anyway, there's no such thing as the past when you're 52...! There's too little time left."

He has to be back in Galway for five o'clock. This charming man takes his leave and strides to the car, suddenly brisk.

Here is privacy, the miles west, shining water, spooling passages of play in his head, shining water, fingers tapping the steering wheel as the ideas come, as he seeks their truth.

- This interview first appeared last May in *Sliotar*, a hurling magazine edited by PM O'Sullivan. To receive your free copies of it, simply register at www.sliotarmagazine.com.

Photos by Michael Molamphy.



Squaring the circle: The Tipperary huddle before the 2009 Munster SHC Final



Ballad Section



SHEEDY'S HURLING MEN

Air: McAlpine's Fusiliers

As down the glen came Sheedy's men
With their hurleys held beside them
'Twas in Croke Park that they made their mark
Kilkenny's cats unable to deny them.
For truth be told the Blue and the Gold
Had come here for to fight and win.
So don't delay now clear the way
For Liam Sheedy's Hurling Men.

You've heard the tales of the hurling gael
From Cuchulann down to Christy Ring
From Sheflin tall to the Rackards all
And Jimmy Doyle the hurling king of swing
Mick Mackey true and Jimmy Barry too
And many other heroes I could pen
Now into the frame write every name
Of Liam Sheedy's Hurling Men.

Cummins guards the net and you can bet
Of masters he has none.
In front of him three mighty men
Curran, Cahill Stapleton.
Padraic Maher, a shining star
Fanning and O'Mahony then
Complete the backs with nary a crack
In Liam Sheedy's Hurling Men.

In the middle of the field they would not yield
Brendan Maher and Shane McGrath
Gearoid Ryan and John O'Brien
And Bonner Maher hurrah hurrah.
Just nineteen years old Noel McGrath so bold
Kelly, Corbett again and again
Oh they rocked the joint with every goal and point
For Liam Sheedy's Hurling Men.

The fires burn bright in Tipperary tonight
From Lorrha down to Killenaule
In Thurles Town of high renown
In Templederry where men stand tall.
From Drom 'n Inch to Ballinahinch
In Mullinahone of pleasant mien
We'll long recall the deeds of all
Liam Sheedy's Hurling Men.

I WAS THERE

Air: Sam Hall

When we won our twenty sixth I was there
When we won our twenty sixth I was there
In that sea of blue and gold it was a wonder to behold
When we won our twenty sixth I was there.

When Lar Corbett scored his first I was there
When Lar Corbett scored his first I was there
When he reached into the sky and he wiped Noel Hickey's eye
When Lar Corbett scored his first I was there.

When Eoin Kelly fired his missiles I was there
When Eoin Kelly fired his missiles I was there
When you need a man to do it Captain Kelly will see to it
When Eoin Kelly fired his missiles I was there.

When Bonner Maher made his runs I was there
When Bonner Maher made his runs I was there
Oh the Lorrha cannonball sure he held us all in thrall
When Bonner Maher made his runs I was there

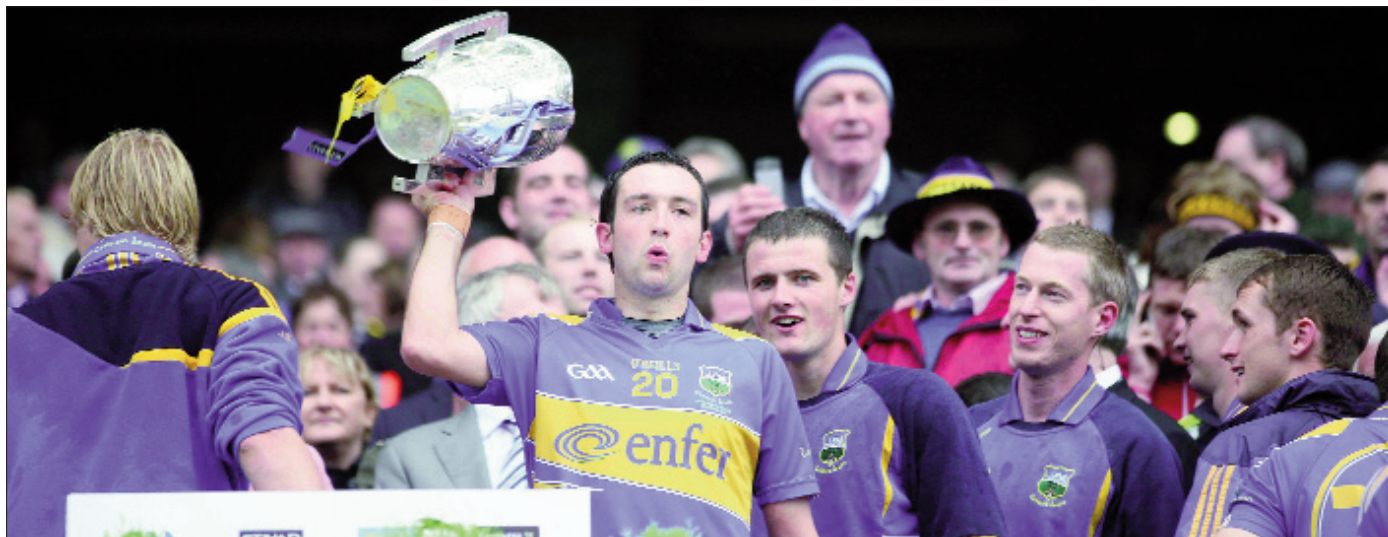
When Brendan Cummins scored that point I was there
When Brendan Cummins scored that point I was there
From a hundred yards and more o'er the black spot it did soar
When Brendan Cummins scored that point I was there

When Padraic Maher held the centre I was there
When Padraic Maher held the centre I was there
Non Passeran he said, if you pass me I'll be dead
When Padraic Maher held the centre I was there

When Lar Corbett scored his hat-trick I was there
When Lar Corbett scored his hat-trick I was there
With his prestidigitation sure he flummoxed half the nation
When Lar Corbett scored his hat-trick I was there

When Eoin Kelly climbed the steps I was there
When Eoin Kelly climbed the steps I was there
When he raised the trophy high there was a teardrop in my eye
When Eoin Kelly climbed the steps I was there

When we stopped the drive for five I was there
When we stopped the drive for five I was there
When we stopped the drive for five it was good to be alive
When we stopped the drive for five I was there



Benny Dunne with the Liam MacCarthy Cup at Croke Park in September

Oh! The Cats are back in town?

Teacht an cúigiú September sheas Liam Sheedy, Ó Sé, agus an Rianach is a bhfoireann ghlórmhar in aghaidh na gCat is thug leanbh ón Rotunda, Liam Óg Mac Cárthaigh, abhaile go Cliabhán na hIomána i nDurlas na gcamán.. Céad fáilte abhaile, a Liam Óg Mac Cárthaigh: Nach bhfanfaidh tú tamall le do mhuintir féin..?

Oh! The cats are back in town,
says the Seanbhean bhocht,
Will they live or will they drown?
says the Seanbhean bhocht.
Hurl them up and hurl them down
Let them swim the Nore and Suir,
when the Tipp boys have their say
they'll have many years away,
says the Seanbhean bhocht.

Oh! the Cats are lean and fit,
says JJ. 'I'll hit it left!'
he goes right, then he goes left:
Shane McGrath blocks up his right
Gearóid closes down his left.
'Then I'll pass the sliotar quickly!'
'Not so fast!' exclaims the Ref.
'Handpass it out to Richie!' says the Cody,
'Give a throw!'
'Not so fast, my gallant hero!
'It's Eoin Kelly's free once more!'

When King Henry he goes fowling
All his ducks are in a row
There's one, there's two,
there's three and counting..
there's four:
And are there five then?
'You're short by just a shilling!
Henry boy, now count once more!'

When the Tipp boys donned that geansaí
when they donned the blue and gold
'Don't forget to bend both knees now
to black and amber, they are told
'Here's three times for goodly measure!'
says Lar Corbett, the new King
from Sarsfield's town, the 'home'
Not since Billy Quinn, Rahealty,
tamed the Diamond three times o'er
in the fifty-six League final
have we seen the like before!

Here are passes, Lar, from Shane
and from Noel McGrath and Bonner!
Here's Eoin Kelly's calm eight-pointer.
Noel came all the way from the forty
to see what chanced around the square:
ball and man himself he netted
doubling up for famed Loughmore:
Here's to Cormack brothers mem'ry!
Here's to Eibhlín, Tom
and many's the hero
Here's to Pat McGrath once more!

Of Kenyon's star Gearóid let's think,
who hurled JJ throughout the field
Where there's work there young Ryan's landed

Ball is gone: there's hands of gold!

Tyrell tries to quench young Maher
Brendan's the heart of blue and gold
Pádraic Maher sure as thunder,
By his side gives all and more.
Conor true turns left to clear it,
Calm and capable, from Newport.

Declan Fanning is my darling,
heart of lion, staunch and true,
suffers for his hurling glory
never fails, brave through and through.

Stapleton gives full endeavour,
Clears his lines, stands to the fore.
Michael Cahill, one fine hurler,
Newly come but what a gain!
beside Paul Curran, Kickham's darling,
in pressure blooms; hands, heart untold.
Brendan Cummins has no equal,
calm and steady to behold.

Let's not forget replacement hurlers,
Conor O'Brien, Callinan, Hennessey,
Young and Dunne: With hurlers
such as these, no wonder
hurlers ask what's yet in store
but let's not think now of the future
when the cup is overflowing;
winter's sure now to be shorter,
Home of hurling's found new roar!

The Blue and Gold (Tipperary's 26th)

On the fifth day of September from Noreside proud they came,
Kilkenny's Cats were purring, five All Irelands was their aim.
But a gallant band of hurlers from across the border came,
To lower the black and amber and bring glory to their name.

2.
They were led by a great stalwart who came from Kickham's town,
Whose pedigree is in no doubt, he's a hero of renown.
On the hurling fields of Ireland, his outstanding skills are known.
He's Knocknagow's great hero, Eoin Kelly from Mullinahone.

3.
Tipp started off so sweetly with Corbett to the fore,
But Kilkenny hung on grimly, they wanted more than four.
Each time the Cats came back again Tipp stopped them in their tracks,
For defeat was not an option, thanks to our brilliant backs.

4.
When the final whistle sounded Tipp could not have done more,
Kilkenny's hearts were broken, the "drive for five" was o'er.
Their dream of five All Irelands is crushed down by the Nore,
So praise Tipperary's colours high and keep them to the fore.

5
So raise your glasses to our boys, those heroes of renown,
Who battled long and gallantly to bring back home the crown.
"MacCarthy" is back in Knocknagow, thanks to our heroes bold,
So proudly raise your banners high, for the premier, blue and gold.

Joe Tobin Mullinahone 06/09/2010

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Johnny B and the Premier Rap

For years to come, the Tipperary hurling song 'THE PREMIER RAP' will be associated with the great success we had on the hurling field this year, and will surely be played on radio before and after every championship game for many a year. Our hurling heroes of 2010 are immortalised in song for evermore, and all of us Tipperary people will never forget the hype, the excitement of the build up, and then the pride and celebrations after our success. The song was a massive hit with all the young people, particularly the school children, and really contributed to the massive interest leading up to the final. Who would consider associating 'Brendan Cummins from Ballybacon Grange, NASA are studying his puck out range'? Or 'Like a wall P Maher stops each attack, you need planning permission to put him wing back'.

The song may yet turn out to be one of the best sports songs ever written. Johnny B certainly combined his passion for hurling with his song writing skills. The song was written by a guy who knows his hurling and has all the right hurling terminology, combined with powerful language such as 'ELECTRIC PACE', 'INVADE YOUR SPACE', 'DEVESTATING', 'SON OF GOD', 'LIGHTNING ROD', and many more.

On the Tuesday afternoon after the semi-final win over Waterford, John sat down with the match programme and put the song together in about two hours. A quick phone call to Dublin organised a studio, and John drove to Dublin that evening and recorded the rap that night and the following day. He had to rush back down from Dublin on Wednesday afternoon as he was player manager of the Cahir Junior B hurling team who were playing Ballybacon. The video was filmed that weekend in Cahir by Tessa Davis, a student in Trinity College, and turned out to be a great success. At one stage, the video was the most watched music video on YOU TUBE worldwide, no small achievement for a group of young people singing about a team of young men playing an amateur game. 'Johnny B and The Boogie Men' really helped to make the weekend with a very successful guest appearance on the RTE 'Up for the match programme', and then a lively performance at the homecoming in Thurles. Unforgettable moments in a historic year.

JohnnyB has written a new song about the emigration of young people to Australia, and the video is also a hit on You Tube. Just type in 'WHAT YOU GONNA DIDGERIDOO'. The song has a strong GAA connection with JohnnyB playing corner back for County Bondi. Lets hope the curse of emigration will be halted and our young people will be with us to play our games and support our teams. Johnny B alias John O'Brien continues to make hurley's for a day job, and you can buy his hurley's in the GAA shop in Lar na Pairce. All profit from The Premier Rap CD has been donated to charity.

See www.johnnyb.ie for more music and www.johnobrienhurleys.ie for handmade 100% Irish ash hurleys.

'The Premier Rap'

Lyrics by Tipperary band "Johnny B & The Boogie Men"

From Cahir to Nenagh they'll agree,
It's time we took back Liam
McCarthy.
The Blue the gold and the dream,
This is for the boys on hill 16.

Brendan Cummins from Ballybacon-Grange,
NASA are studying his puck out range.
You put you're hand up once you won't do it again,
When you've been marking Paddy Stapleton.

Paul Curran he's like a mini digger,
He is Mullinahone's own Swarzanegger.
Michael Cahill's our number four,
Eircom phone watch ain't this secure.

Declan Fanning from Killenaule,
Sticks like glue to each highball.
Bustin out of defence he is gonna flatten ye,
He's from Newport, he's Connor O' Mahoney.

Like a wall P.Maher stops each attack,
You need planning permission to put him wing back.
For the blue the gold and the dream,
This is for the boys on hill 16.

Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp.
We're throwing a party for Liam McCarthy.



Shane McGraths got electric pace,
Brendan Maher will invade your space.
Darragh O'Brien will pull you out by the side line,
Catchin' it, whippin' it, doubling on it first time.

I'd prefer to get hit by a car,
Than get hit a shoulder from the Bonner Maher.
Waterford, Wexford, Offaly, Galway,
Knocking over points like he's on holiday.
For John O'Brien I nearly blew me load,
When I saw him do the biz on Jones' road.

Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp.
We're throwing a party for Liam McCarthy.

Have we got a match for James Cha?
Uh ah Noel McGrath.
The scorin power that he does wield,
The most devastating thing since Bull McCabe hit the field.
Out centre forward that did the trick,
Five from play where was Brick.
Lar Corbett he's our man,
He's much better than John Mullane.
2001 he was knockin on the door,
Now in ever game he is knockin over 1-4.
Eoin Kelly The son of god,
Strikes that ball like a lightning rod.
The greatest forward I've seen in my life,
Cuts through teams like a surgeon's knife.
For the blue the gold and the dream,
This is for the boys on hill 16.

Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp.
Last at the bar they can't get rid of me,
Spilling me Smithwicks on my finches jersey.
Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp.
We're throwing a party for Liam McCarthy.

Last year in Croke Park,
Ended for heartbreak for our Benny.
This year you won't have to watch South Park,
To see who's going to kill this Kenny.
Darragh Egan and Brian O'Meara,
young to the junk from Toomevara.
Pa Bourke, Benny Dunne, Seamus Callanan,
Jody Brennan, Upperchurch- Drombane.
Timmy Hammersley, Rossmore-Clounoulty,
Conor O'Brien, Eire Og-Annacarty.
Darren Glesson from Portroe,
Liam Sheedy this one's for You.

Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp.
We're throwing a party for Liam McCarthy.
Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp, Tipp.



Uachtarán CLG Criostóir Ó Cuana presents Colm O'Flaherty, right, and Mattie Hussey, from Tipperary, with their 2009 GAA McNamee Best GAA History Publication Award. Croke Park, Dublin.

Athletes honour legendary Tim Crowe in GAA birthplace

A presentation evening spearheaded by former international athlete Dominic Moore PC took place in Hayes Hotel, Thurles on Friday evening, April 30th. The gathering was to mark the presentation of a specially designed Mullingar Pewter Trophy in memory of Tim Crowe to Dundrum Athletic Club.

Tim Crowe was a famous athlete in the early 1900 where his running feats both at home and abroad are legendary to this day. He was also a devoted GAA man. Tim lived in the town land of

Bishopswood, Dundrum, and it was fitting that this trophy in memory of Tim was presented to the local athletic club who promote the sport that Tim adorned.

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and the 25th anniversary of its annual open road race for which this trophy is to be presented. The inaugural winner of the trophy was Danny Smyth, Ballinonty AC.



Pictured at the Tim Crowe Memorial Night at Hayes Hotel, Thurles were (l-r): Jimmy Hennessy (Dundrum), Liam Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane), John Kelly (Dundrum AC), John J. Hassett (President of the Friends of Irish Athletics), Dominic Moore PC (Chairman Tim Crowe Memorial Committee), Evelyn Nevin (Mayor of Thurles), John Moore (Dundrum AC).

Paddy Finnucane - the voice of local radio

By James Holohan

In years gone by RTE was the only outlet for gaelic games. Getting ones fix of Tipperary affairs would have been frustrating as we had to share GAA matters with 31 other counties. This was all to change when Tipp FM came on the air. In order to broaden their listenership, gaelic games were to prove a major selling point eventually leading to live commentaries and people began to ask who this Paddy Finnucane?

J.H: *Tell me about your background - Where did you come from?*

P.F: I am from Carrickbeg in Carrick-on-Suir. After school I spent most of my life in the local tannery.

J.H: *Did you play hurling and football?*

P.F: I played both codes with the local Club St Mollerans and in doing so I won a number of Junior County titles.

J.H: *Were gaelic games an important part of your life?*

P.F: Very much so - Gaelic games were part and parcel of Irish life. For me the weekends were very special as there were always matches locally. I very much enjoyed the rivalry between the local Clubs. Going to the Inter County games was special when it came to watching the skills of Jimmy Doyle, Mick Roche, Christy Ring, Philly Grimes, Frankie Walsh, Eddie Keher and Liam Devaney.

J.H: *How did you get involved in Radio?*

P.F: Purely by accident. Pirate radio was popular at the time and local man Christy Butler who was one of the founder members of Clonmel Radio asked me would I do an interview with Kerry legend Mick O'Dwyer. Following which I did a further one with Sean Kelly, arguably one of the greatest sportsmen of our time and it was a thrill to interview him. In the late 80's I was reporting on a Munster Final between Tipperary and Cork. There was a problem in the studio and in order to fill the vacuum I was asked to continue in commentary. With me was Ruairi Walsh who was a member of the sports team so that was the beginning of my career in sports commentary. I will have to give special mention to the late John Moloney who was a football analyst and he taught me an awful lot.

J.H: *Had you many analysts over the years?*

P.F: We began with Gerry Long, followed by Dinny Ryan, John Kennedy, Liam Cahill, Liam Sheedy, Michael Cleary, Brendan Cummins and Michael O'Meara and more recently Tom Mc Grath whose knowledge of the game is priceless and we worked very much as a team. In more recent times we had Walty Moloney who has a great love of football.

J.H: *What was your schedule for this year's All Ireland Final?*

P.F: It started about three weeks before hand, watching the training in Semple Stadium and Nowlan Park, interviewing players and managers of both camps. I would have to point out that Brian Cody was a gentleman. I also worked in tandem with the local papers. Sound engineer Ian O'Connor is also a vital link and we travelled to Dublin together on the morning of the match. We were in the commentary position about two hours before the throw in. This was a chance to savour the atmosphere and also discuss the match with members of the media. I am always a bit nervous before the match.

J.H: *What thoughts had you in your mind during the broadcast?*



Paddy Finnucane

P.F: I am always conscious of those who cannot attend the match due to advancing years or even poor eyesight and it gives us great pleasure to bring the exciting atmosphere of the occasion into their homes. When the game was over there was no delay in trying to get to the dressing-rooms and overcoming security on the way. Like all the media, Liam Sheedy was very much the focus of attention, and I would have to say that he never left Tipp FM down whenever we sought him out.

J.H: *Had you much contact with County Board officials?*

P.F: Over the years we always had a great relationship with all the managers of the various grades. County Board officials were always very helpful as well including Tommy Barrett, John Ryan, Chairmen Mick Maguire, Sean Fogarty, John Costigan, Barry O'Brien and the late Tom O'Hara to name just a few. Secretary Timmy Floyd and his predecessors Michael O'Brien and Tommy Barrett, Assistant Secretary Tom Maher and South Board Secretary Michael O'Meara, Getting club results is very important to the station. In this area I would have to include PRO Ger Ryan as well as Ed Donnelly while club officials throughout the county are always very helpful. I could not let this opportunity go without thanking the Semple Stadium officials who are always very courteous.

J.H: *Any plans for the future?*

P.F: With God's blessing more of the same. I must not forget my wife Maureen who helped me all the way and whom I would describe as a GAA widow.

Paddy is a mine of information. One could go on for hours chatting with him. In doing so, he shows the same enthusiasm as his radio commentaries. Let's hope we can enjoy this unique character for many a day as the voice of local radio.

North Tipperary Review

Senior Hurling Championship (Frank McGrath Cup)

Toomevara 1-12 Vs 0-13 Borris-Ileigh in Nenagh; Sat 18/09/2010;
Ref: Tommy Ryan (Kildangan); Winning Captain: Benny Dunne.

Intermediate Hurling Championship (Father Hewitt Cup)

Shannon Rovers 2-14 Vs 2-12 Borrisokane in Nenagh;
Sat 18/09/2010; (AET)
Ref: Pat Gibson (Burgess); Winning Captain: Derek Horan.

Junior "A" Hurling Championship (O'Keeffe Cup)

Toomevara 1-12 Vs 1-08 Kilruane MacDonaghs in Moneygall;
Sat 11/09/2010;
Ref: John Cleary (Knockshegowna); Winning Captain: Andrew Ryan.

Junior "B" Hurling Championship (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Toomevara 1-13 Vs 0-10 Silvermines in Templederry; Sun 26/09/2010;
Ref: Michael Hayes (Ballina); Winning Captain: Michael O'Brien.

Junior "C" Hurling Championship (Ulster Bank Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-13 Vs 0-11 Shannon Rovers in Puckane;
Sun 24/10/2010;
Ref: Kieran Delaney (Toomevara); Winning Captain: Kieran Duffy

Under-21 "A" Hurling Championship (Michael Delaney Perpetual Memorial Cup)

Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-17 Vs 1-18 Borris-Ileigh in Nenagh;
Sat 30/10/2010;
Ref: Liam Hogan (Shannon Rovers); Winning Captain: Paudie Kelly

Under-21 "B" Hurling Championship (Peter Nolan Cup)

Kildangan 1-11 Vs 0-09 Newport in Ballina; Sat 09/10/2010;
Ref: T.P. Sullivan (Lorrha); Winning Captain: Martin Minehan.

Under-21 "C" Hurling Championship (North Bórd Shield)

Moneygall 1-12 Vs 1-10 Ballinahinch in Dolla; Fri 06/08/2010;
Ref: Ciaran Timmons (Silvermines); Winning Captain: Martin Deane.

Minor "A" Hurling Championship (Hamilton Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 4-10 Vs 2-14 Burgess in Dolla; Tue 07/09/2010;
Ref: Ger Fitzpatrick (Roscrea); Winning Captain: Daire Quinn.

Minor "B" Hurling Championship (Nealon Trophy)

Lorrha 0-16 Vs 0-15 Portroe in Borrisokane; Sat 25/09/2010;
Ref: Dan Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Winning Captain: Sean Duggan.

Minor "C" Hurling Championship (The Yanks Cup)

Shannon Rovers Gaels 3-15 Vs 2-07 Ballinahinch in Nenagh;
Sun 03/10/2010;
Ref: Noel Coffey (Nenagh Éire Óg) Winning Captain: Andrew Byrne.

Senior Football Championship (Louis Maher Cup)

Thomas MacDonaghs 0-17 Vs 1-05 Father John Kenyons in Ballingarry;
Thu 14/10/2010;
Ref: Hugh Coughlan (Moyne / Templetuohy); Winning Captain: George Hannigan

Intermediate Football Championship (Brian O'Reilly Cup)

Ballinahinch 1-08 Vs 1-05 Newport in Borrisoleigh; Thu 23/09/2010;
Ref: John Kissane (Nenagh Éire Óg); Winning Captain: Marcus Ryan.

Junior "A" Football Championship (Gilmartin Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-10 Vs 1-06 Inane Rovers in Moneygall; Sat 16/10/2010; (AET);
Ref: Martin Griffin (Silvermines); Winning Captain: Michael Walsh.

Under-21 "A" Football Championship (North Bórd Cup)

Newport 1-07 Vs 1-05 Lorrha in Dolla; Mon 05/04/2010;
Ref: John Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh); Winning Captain: Ross McGrath.

Drawn game: Newport 1-09 Vs 2-06 Lorrha in Borrisokane;
Sat 27/03/2010; Ref: Christy McLoughlin (Nenagh Éire Óg).

Under-21 "B" Football Championship (North Bórd Trophy)

Burgess 1-13 Vs 2-07 Shannon Rovers Gaels in Puckane;
Sat 27/03/2010;
Ref: Stephen Egan (Portroe); Winning Captain: Rory Ryan.

Minor "A" Football Championship (Gunnell Cup)

Inane Rovers 1-14 Vs 1-07 Borris-Ileigh in Templederry;
Wed 01/09/2010;
Ref: Michael Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Winning Captain: Raymond McNicholas

Minor "B" Football Championship (Burke Cup)

Borrisokane 1-07 Vs 0-05 Portroe in Puckane; Tue 31/08/2010;
Ref: Michael Hallinan (Nenagh Éire Óg); Winning Captain: Enda Brennan.

Senior Hurling (Hogan Cup)

Roscrea 2-10 Vs 2-09 Moneygall in Lorrha; Sat 20/03/2010;
Ref: Ben Darcy (Toomevara); Winning Captain: Mark O'Meara.

Intermediate Hurling League (Father Minihan Cup)

Ballina 3-15 Vs 1-15 Silvermines in Nenagh; Sun 18/04/2010;
Ref: Jimmy Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Winning Captain: Brian Stritch.

Junior "A" Hurling League (North Bórd Shield)

Toomevara 3-10 Vs 2-06 Roscrea in Moneygall; Mon 07/06/2010;
Ref: Anthony Sherlock (Kildangan); Winning Captain: Andrew Ryan.

Junior "B" Hurling League (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Toomevara 3-10 Vs 1-11 Newport in Dolla; Tue 29/06/2010; (AET);
Ref: Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch); Winning Captain: Michael O'Brien

Junior "C" Hurling League (North Bórd Shield)

Burgess 2-13 Vs 1-14 Nenagh Éire Óg in Toomevara; Fri 02/07/2010;
(AET);
Ref: Michael Murphy (Toomevara); Winning Captain: Kevin Cooney

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Toomevara senior hurlers Hibernian Inn Nenagh North SHC winners. Back l-r: John Delaney, Brian Delaney, Conor O'Meara, Jim Duignan, Francis Devaney, Terry Dunne, Sean Delaney, Willie Ryan, Darren Delaney, Ken Dunne, David Young, Jamie Quigley, Brian Shanahan, Tony Delaney, Eoin Brislane. Kneeling: Thomas McCarthy, Barry Dunne, Colm Canning, John Boland, Paddy Tuohy, John O'Brien, Joey McLoughney, Michael Bevans, Andrew Ryan, Denis Kelly, Benny Dunne (captain), David Kennedy, David Nolan, Paddy Grace, Paddy O'Brien.




Nenagh Éire Óg minor hurlers - North 'A' champions. Back (l to r) Martin Morris (manager), Dean Ray, Michael Collins, Óisín McGlynn, Eddie Darcy, Niall Kennedy, Mark Tuite, Daryl McCormack, Stephen Nagle, Barry O'Connor, David Hickey, Kevin Flynn, Donnacha Quinn, Killian Gleeson, Sean Geaney, Joseph Geaney, Donnacha Heffernan, John Heffernan (selector). Kneeling: John Kennedy (Selector), Paddy Sheahan, Bob O'Brien, Christy McLoughlin (selector), Kevin Kennedy, Adam Grattan, Kevin Gubbins, Barry Heffernan, Daire Quinn (captain), James Mackey, Paul Slattery. Front Row: Darragh Walsh, Mark Higginbotham, Tommy Heffernan.



Shannon Rovers Gaels North Minor 'C' hurling champions – Back l-r: George Hannigan (Manager), Austin Tierney, Stephen Stack, Tom Hogan, Jack Sullivan, Patrick Burke, Collie Brown, Philip Kennedy, Pío Downey, Niall Burke, Peter Browne, (selector). Front: James Stack (selector), Eamon Costello, Cian Burke, John Costello, Eanna McLoughney, Padraig O'Meara, Paddy Heenan and Andrew Byrne.

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Toomevara, North Tipperary Club of the Year

PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

2010 has been a very productive year for Toomevara at adult level in the North division. We have claimed 6 divisional titles on the field of play and added a Senior Premier Division title and a Feile Na Gael North title to this impressive list. 7 trophies in the cabinet after anyone year is a good haul but unfortunately to date the county titles in some of these grades went a begging but that's sport.

The senior team recently added the thirty second North title to their list. Although defeated in the county semi final this team once more showed their class by coming through a tough county championship campaign having been written off by many people earlier in the year. Unfortunately an injury time goal conceded to Thurles ended the campaign but again our seniors proved very close to the mark. The seniors had a good win in the premier division of the county league earlier in the year.

Our Junior A team won the North League in early summer and added the North title to this as well. They are still in the championship with a semi final

replay against Holycross to come.

Our Junior Bs did similar by winning North league and championship but were unlucky to get off to a bad start in the county final against Thurles and could not catch up.

The U14 team worked hard all year and were victorious in North Feile na nGael.

Our current adult success is based on the sterling work carried out at juvenile level in the past and it is gratifying to see all our underage teams competing at the highest level.

In Toomevara we believe that while achievements on the field of play are important and welcome when they happen, it is far more important to participate. Honesty and hard work are our mottoes and we believe these are the qualities that set Toomevara apart from the rest.

We now field teams at U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, Minor, U21, Junior 'A', Junior 'B' and Senior hurling and Toomevara teams fulfilled all fixtures again in 2010. Even with two pitches it is sometimes difficult to find a free space such is the level of activity in our club.



Toomevara Junior 'A' Team North League and Championship winners: Back l-r: Mike Murphy, Conor O'Meara, Michael Kelly, Paul Treacy, David Nolan, Jamie Quigley, Timmy Gleeson, Bob Duff, Anthony O'Neill, Paddy Haverty, Brian Delaney, Aidan Cahill, Colm Canning, Brian Shanahan, David Givens, Brian Dunne, Paddy Shanahan. Front l-r: John Ryan, Ronan O'Neill, James McCormack, Thomas McCarthy, Niall McCormack, Kieran Brislane, Bill Duff, Andrew Ryan, Jim Duignan, Darren Cuddihy, Tony Delaney, Mark Harty and Martin O'Meara.

Borrisokane - County Intermediate Hurling Champions & beaten Munster finalists



Borrisokane team and panel which defeated Gortnahoe/Glengoole 2-13 to 1-12 to win their first County Intermediate title in 28 years. Back l-r: Andrew Comeford, Ronan Guest, Gordon Harding, Eoin Larkin, Daryl O'Sullivan, Conor Darcy, Rob Davis, Enda Forde, Andrew Austin, Pádraig Moriarty, Kevin Glesson, Gary Power, Shane Dooley, Brian Davis. Front l-r: Kevin McKenna, Tadhgíe Slevin, Conor Forde, Paul Egan, Cathal Dooley, Philip Austin, Graham McMahon capt, David Kennedy, Seosamh Cleary, Colm Larkin, Adrian Hogan, Seamus Moriarty

Laochra Bhuiris Uí Chéin, C.L.G. 2010

by Paul Dooley

At 6.30pm on a mild Sunday, 17th of October 2010, Niall (Corry) Hogan lit the customary, now environmentally friendly, bonfire in the Fair Green. It was to welcome home the newly crowned County Intermediate Hurling Champions. Our hurlers had defeated a gallant Gortnahoe-Glengoole team in Templemore.

On their return to the capital of Lower Ormond, they boarded an open lorry to parade through the town. The blue flashing lights of the Fire-Engine heralded their arrival. The town was festooned with green and white flags and bunting and many beautifully home-made billboards. The main street was thronged with vociferous, hoarse and loyal supporters, all loud in their praise of the 26 players who had graced the sod under the Devil's Bit and had worn the 'green and white', with pride and distinction.

Bíonn blas ar an mbeagán and this encounter proved to be a sweet victory as our first previous county I.H.C win was 28 years earlier in 1982 against Golden-Kilfeakle in Semple Stadium. An indelible image etched into the memory of all who had travelled to the final was the presentation of the 'Jackie Ryan', cup to our 'luckiest' captain, Graham McMahon by Barry O'Brien, Chairman of the County Board, flanked by our most decorated G.A.A. son, John Mackey McKenna and our current pin-up star, Philip Austin. This underlined our greatest sporting achievement to date in this New Millennium.

Borrisokane G.A.A. Club was founded in 1885, the year Huckleberry Finn was published. We have nine hurling teams and seven football teams from U/8 upwards, a credit to our current Juvenile Club Cathaoirleach, Seosamh Cleary and Rúnaithé, David and Tina Coen and committee.

Borrisokane is situated in the Barony of Lower Ormond,

nestled between Nenagh, Roscrea, Birr and Portumna. The Ballyfinboy River meanders through Gardiner Park, in Whitehall, our G.A.A grounds since 1916, on its way to Lough Derg to the west.

Borrisokane's odyssey to the 2010 Co. Final began in earnest at the club A.G.M in The Yank's in 2009. A provocative motion appeared on the agenda asking members to reconsider our then intermediate status. 2008 had transpired to be one of those years of narrow losses in league and championship. 28 years and two divisional hurling titles later was considered a sparse return. The response was what was desired. Motion withdrawn.

Our three officers, Cathaoirleach, Eddie Lillis and Rúnaí agus Cisteoir, Adrian and John Egan spearheaded a drive to improve and progress. Pádraig Hogan, (All-Ireland Senior medal winner in 1991 and U/21 All-Ireland medal in 1989) was installed as 'bainisteoir.' Seamus Gleeson, Kildangan joined us as coach and trainer along with his able assistant his son Shane. This maintained the link with 1982 as Seamus Hogan also of Kildangan and Tipperary fame had played at centre-back with Borrisokane on the victorious '82 team. Paul Dooley completed the Management team as selector in 2009 and had the honour of being captain in 1982.

The victory of the Junior Hurling Team, under the stewardship of Keith Slevin (Tipp u21 All-Ireland Winner), in winning the inaugural North Tipp Junior C Hurling Championship whetted the appetite.

The Intermediates reached the semi-final of the North Tipp Championship in 2009. Progress? In 2010 Borrisokane reached the North Final, after five wins and two losses, and faced great rivals and neighbours Shannon Rovers. Managed by Seán O'Meara the Rovers won an absorbing contest, with a goal in extra time, in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh.

In the County Quarter Final, a much fancied Moyle Rovers side provided the opposition, in Boherlahan. Borrisokane prevailed with the game breaking goal by Andrew Comerford. Classy Mid-Champions, Clonakenny were next and in a pulsating semi-final played in Dolla, an audaciously crafted goal by the evergreen Adrian Hogan was dispatched to the net by Tadhgie Slevin, to win by two points.

In the final, Borrisokane won with four points to spare on a scoreline of 2-13 to 1-12. The final has been well documented by Liam Hogan and a C.D. was presented and directed in impeccable style by Tom Moriarty and Tom Kennedy and provides unforgettable memories and indelible images of the match.

A goal apiece, by our captain Graham McMahon and Philip Austin vice-captain of the Tipperary Senior Football Team, proved decisive. The second goal conjured by the fleet-footed Austin was by popular consensus, 'goal of the year', in any code.

Noteworthy also was the efficient and unfussy performance of a young referee from Knockavilla, Fergal Horgan, who seemed to be on first name terms with all the participants.

There are many heroes on and off the field of play and we remember fondly those great club stalwarts who 'laboured in the vineyard', without any apparent tangible reward and those who have passed on to their eternal reward.

Most of the 1982 panel lived and worked locally. In contrast the 2010 players travel far and wide. Pádraig Moriarty (man of the match) travels from West Kerry to train and play. Andy Comerford is a returned emigrant múinteoir from London. Ronan Guest travels from mainland Europe, frequently, to play. Tadhgie Slevin has returned from the U.S.A but another continent beckons. Conor (Lar) Forde (hurler of the year in Chad 2010) has returned with the Irish Defence Forces. Robert Davis (vice-captain) flies home for every match from Eindhoven in Holland. Enda Forde our resident centre-back commutes from Norfolk frequently.

The home-based contingent includes our no.1 Paul Egan, a 'rookie' goalkeeper and a 'ciotóg' to boot. Kevin (Yogi) Gleeson has hurled up a storm at no. 3 this year. Cathal Dooley the 'quiet' member of the full-back line claims dubious West-Kerry hurling lineage, as do the Moriarty brothers. Seody Cleary with 2 Munster minor medals hurls in the 'Tombricane engine-room' with Tadhgie. Eoin Larkin also a Tipp minor in 1999 is our Mr. Versatility.

Philip Austin is our 'talisman' and loves to score and along with younger brother Andy possesses different gears. Adrian Hogan, brother of the manager and a former Tipperary Minor

Hurling captain retired officially five years ago. Colm 'D.J.' Larkin also a Tipperary underage star is our Mr. Reliable and freetaker.

Conor Darcy, 'walked up the aisle' in Castleiney, the Saturday before the Co. final closely watched by Ronan. Gordon Harding is back, - enough said. Kevin McKenna was drafted onto the panel after the North Final and is a grand-nephew of Mackey. Darryl Sullivan recovered from injury and is the 'strongman' of the panel.

All successful teams have a blend of youth and experience and our 'young guns' are Shane Dooley (U/17 Tipp footballer), Seamus Moriarty, brother of Pádraig, Brian Davis, the vice-captain's brother, Gary Power and our flying wing-back David Kennedy. These young men won the North Tipperary Minor 'B' Football Championship this year.

On and off the field of play Seamus Gleeson as coach has been a treasure to this club, for the last two years. He receives calls and texts from players at anytime. Pádraig Hogan is off the field, as he was on the field, a natural leader. He has masterminded the campaign and led players and parish to success. Míle buíochas to our physio Caroline Crean, our First Aid Tina, and we acknowledge our 'water carriers', boys and girl. Last but not least we thank our Town Mayor and 'Kitman' Darragh McKenna and he know that Paul is still smiling.

Corry lit the fire on that lovely Sunday evening but now there burns an unquenchable flame. Who knows what the sporting future holds for these young men (average age 24 years and 8 months), Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí, but for the moment Sunday 17th October, 2010, will leave us all in Lower Ormond, with a warm glow for many winters to come.

Statistics: In 11 Championship games Borrisokane scored 11 goals and 155 points and conceded 11 goals and 128 points.

12 players who started the county final also started the first championship match last April. Four of the panel are married. There are 5 sets of brothers associated with the team.

An Fhoireann: 1. Paul Egan; 2. Cathal Dooley, 3. Kevin Gleeson, 4. Pádraig Moriarty, 5. Robert Davis, 6. Enda Forde, 7. David Kennedy, 8. Tadhgie Slevin, 9. Seosamh Cleary, 10. Philip Austin, 11. Eoin Larkin, 12. Graham McMahon, 13. Adrian Hogan, 14. Colm Larkin, 15. Andrew Austin.

Na Fir Ionaíd: 17. Andrew Comerford, 18. Conor Darcy, 19. Brian Davis, 20. Shane Dooley, 21. Conor Forde, 22. Ronan Guest, 23. Gordon Harding, 24. Kevin McKenna, 25. Seamus Moriarty, 26. Gary Power, 27. Daryl Sullivan.

Roghnóirí: Bainisteoir: Pádraig Hogan, Traenálaí: Seamus Gleeson, Roghnóir: Paul Dooley.

Physio: Caroline Crean; Cóir Leighis: Tina Coen; Fear na hUirlisí: Darragh McKenna.



Burgess Junior team that defeated Nenagh Éire Óg in the North Junior 'C' League Final. Back row: (l to r) Kieran Ryan, Paul Seymour, Peter Carroll, Brian Carroll, Michael Mulcahy, Michael Hogan, Jack O'Flaherty, Liam O'Donoghue, Tony Hogan, John O'Dwyer, Kevin O'Flaherty, David Seymour, Thomas Walsh, Kevin Cooney (Captain), Brian Tucker, Sean Flynn, JP Grace. Kneeling: Pat Stanley, William Ryan, Pádraig McDonnell, Robbie Mulqueen, Brian McGarry, Brian Sherlock, John Barry, Fergal McDonnell, Daniel Ryan, Colm O'Brien, Mick Dunne, Declan O'Donoghue, David Kyne.



Shannon Rovers Intermediate hurlers - Denis Meat's North Intermediate Champions. Back (l to r): Jamie Burke, Darren Carroll, Paddy Heenan, Pat O'Meara, Niall Cahalan, Andrew Byrne, Roy Darcy, Alan Hannigan, Alan Byrne, Derek Horan (captain), Philip Donnellan, Julian O'Halloran, Alan Hogan, Dan O'Halloran, Liam Gorman, Darren Carroll, Cian McLoughney. Kneeling: Tommy Hogan, Ross Ryan, Padraig O'Meara, Michael Hourigan, George Hannigan, Martin Burke, Donal Leenane, Barry Cahalan, James Stack, Paul Burke, Michael Harding.

Memorable double for Shannon Rovers

By Liam Hogan

2010 will be long remembered in the annals of Shannon Rovers. They won a memorable double of All-Ireland Sevens and North Intermediate champions all inside a two week time frame.

The first success arrived on the first Saturday of September when they became the first club to retain All-Ireland Intermediate/Junior Sevens when defeating Padraig Pearces of Galway at Saint Judes in Templeogue.

Three weeks later the side met neighbours Borrisokane in the North Intermediate Hurling final at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. The game was a thriller. Extra time was required to separate the teams as Rovers prevailed to win their ninth title by two points and bridge a gap of 24 years.

The club also enjoyed success at under age. The Minors joined by Knockshegowna defeated Ballinahinch to capture the North Minor C hurling decider. In October the Under -16s went on to annex the County U-16 C hurling final when overcoming Father Sheehys from South Tipp.

At football, Rovers Gaels lost the North U-21 'B' decider to Burgess while the U-16s were unlucky to lose the County decider against Grangemockler.

ALL-IRELAND SEVENS

Many Rovers fans journeyed to Dublin for the weekend first stopping off at Templeogue for the Sevens on Saturday and moving to Croke Park for the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final the following day.

In the opening group stage, Rovers commenced an unbeaten with a round one victory over Naomh Colmcille winning by nine points which was followed by a twelve point win over Ferrybank of Waterford. The third game provided the side's biggest win of the day when they had twenty points to spare over Saint Patricks of Carlow. By now, Rovers had reached the knockout stages but they had one final game to play against Ahascragh-Foheonagh who were also unbeaten. The game resulted in a draw 3-5 each but Rovers took top spot by virtue of a better scoring difference.

In the quarter final, Rovers had to survive a tough first half before pulling away against Killomer of Galway. The semi final win over Blackrock of Limerick was much tougher. This led nicely to the final for a clash with Padraig Pearces of Galway, a game that was a repeat of last year's semi final.

By now the size of Rovers support had increased significantly. It's safe to say they had the biggest following on the day. Once the action got underway, Shannon Rovers knew they were in a real battle as Pearces led from the start. The score stood at 0-7 to

1-4 at the end of normal time. Two periods of ten minutes each way was required for extra time. Both sides had chances in the early stages before a Padraig O'Meara goal early in the first period, gave Rovers a lead they would never relinquish. Final score Shannon Rovers 1-9 Padraig Pearces 1-7. Alan Byrne was selected as the player of the Tournament.

Shannon Rovers panel: Jamie Burke, George Hannigan, Alan Byrne, Barry Cahalan, Derek Horan, Padraig O'Meara, Andrew Byrne, Alan Hannigan, Alan Hogan and Roy Darcy.

DENIS MEATS NORTH INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

As with every season, Rovers followers place high expectancy on their hurlers. This year was no different. A place in the knockout stages would suffice.

The campaign began on April 18 but ended in a one point defeat to Borrisokane. The following week, the side suffered a second defeat to Silvermines in round two at Puckane. The one month break in the championship allowed team manager Sean O'Meara plus Sean Darcy and team trainer/coach Pat Cremin to review their plans before taking on Ballina in round three at Portroe. The break worked and Rovers won by three points. Two more wins over Ballinahinch and Knockshegowna brought them back in a knockout possibility.

However the club received set back with the untimely death of sub goalkeeper, Mike Burke. A request to have their final round seven game against Newport went unheeded but subsequent results in the remaining round seven games gave Rovers a place in the semi final against Silvermines.

Toomevara provided the venue for the August 21st meeting between great rivals when Padraig O'Meara's late free resulted in a one point victory resulting in the clubs first championship victory over Mines since 1980.

Rovers were the better side for much of the opening forty five minutes in the final against Borrisokane. They led 0-8 to 0-4 at half time. Looked likely winners until Borris grabbed a fortunate goal which helped them eventually take the lead. Padraig O'Meara levelled matters in the 56th minute, but the drama continued. Borris had Gordon Harding sent off. Then two minutes from time, Colm Larkin scored a sideline ball and Borris looked set for victory with a 1-8 to 0-10 lead. The reds needed a break and after Roy Darcy was fouled, Padraig O'Meara fired over a fifty eight metre free to level matters (0-11 to 1-8) which meant extra time.

A Philip Donnellan goal arrived in the fourth minute of the second period to give Rovers a 1-14 to 1-11 lead. However the game continued to provide plenty of thrills especially and had

one or two more turning points. One of them arrived within the next minute as Adrian Hogan got the vital touch in a crowded goalmouth to scramble home a second goal for Borris to leave the sides level for the sixth time. Two minutes later, Rovers created panic in front the Borris goal and after what seemed like an eternity, Andrew Byrne scrambled home a second major for the Reds. It was excitement at its best. Borrisokane hit back with a Philip Austin point and seconds later his team secured a sixty-five but nothing accrued. Play continued as Borris looked for the one more chance but it was not to be and Shannon Rovers were winners in front of a very emotional group of supporters who covered the sward of MacDonagh Park to greet their heroes after the final whistle. Final score, Shannon Rovers 2-14 Borrisokane 2-12.

It was one of Rovers sweetest North final wins and captain

Derek Horan dedicated the win to three friends he lost over time, Damien Darcy, Daryl Darcy and Mike Burke.

County Quarter Final

A visit to Boherlahan for a quarter final meeting with Fethard was next in the offering. It was a well contested game with Rovers as slight favourites needing strong defensive play by Alan Byrne and company to stay in front. The accuracy of Padraig O'Meara was vital but victory required a late Andrew Byrne goal to provide victory.

County Semi Final

Too many wides in the last four contest meant Shannon Rovers were denied a place in the county final when losing to Gortnahoe-Glengoolie in a well contested county semi final at Dolla.



Shannon Rovers team and officials following their win in the Bord Gais St. Judes All-Ireland Junior Sevens in September. Back l-r: Alan Hannigan, Padraig O'Meara, Jamie Burke, Alan Hogan, George Hannigan, Pat O'Meara, Sean O'Meara, Pat Cremin, Tom O'Meara. Middle l-r: Alan Byrne, Andrew Byrne, Derek Horan, Barry Cahalan, Sean Darcy. Front: Roy Darcy.



Nenagh Éire Óg Junior C Panel - North Champions. Back l-r: John Minogue, Darragh Walsh, Peter Egan, Enda O'Sullivan, Jamie Gallagher, Eamonn Hodgins, David Sherlock, Brian Duffy, John Donnellan, Eamonn Murtagh, Enda Long, Kevin Flynn, Derek Lillis, Liam O'Gara, Patrick Flynn. Kneeling: Ciarán Morris, Brian Quinn, Leonard Ryan, Paul Bourke, Noelle Tomlinson, David Hickey, Kieran Duffy (Captain), Kieran O'Donoghue, Paul Slattery, Jimmy Reddan.

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Ballinahinch GAA Club

2010 was a successful year for Ballinahinch GAA club where we won our first ever North Intermediate football title along with winning the County Minor Football 'C' title. Special congratulations must also go to Shane McGrath on his success with the Tipperary senior hurling team, well done to Shane on winning his first All-Ireland senior medal.

The road to success in the Minor football started in Shallee against Clonakenny on 14th April. In an extremely entertaining and high scoring game, we emerged winners on a scoreline of 7-11 to 6-7. The second round of this county based championship against Aherlow took place on 11th May. In a tough game against strong opposition the team won in the end on a score of 3-9 to 2-5. After a break of almost three months the County semi-final against Carrick Davins was played on August 2nd in Boherlahan, the lads showed no ill effects from a long layoff and put in a great

performance winning 6-10 to 0-2. The County final against Clonakenny was played in Borrisoleigh on 7th September. Having been involved against each other in the first round another good game was expected and the team produced the goods again winning 3-13 to 2-8. Over the team was Michael Lynch, with Cormac McGrath and Michael Fitzgerald. Well done to all involved. In a busy year for the minor players, they also reached the North and County hurling finals but unfortunately came out on the wrong side in both those games.

Our quest to win the Intermediate football title started in poor circumstances. We played Newport on 21st May, in our first game at this grade. After a close first half, Newport pulled away to win 1-13 to 0-4. On the 11th September we played the second round against Ballina in Shallee, we needed to win to stay in contention and after a good first half performance we came away with a good win 3-10 to 2-7. This put us into a playoff against Ballina again on Friday 17th September in Borrisoleigh where we won in a much tighter game 0-9 to 0-7. The North Final was against Newport in Borrisoleigh on Thursday 23 September where we won our first title at this grade 1-8 to 1-5. It was a very tight encounter throughout with the performance in the last ten minutes standing out in particular. The County Quarter Final was played on 2 October in Dundrum against Ballyporeen. In a competitive game we lost out 0-15 to 1-6. Well done to the team and to Anthony Carolan, Noel Kearns and Cormac McGrath who were involved with this team. In total during 2010 we reached County finals in Minor Football and Hurling and U21 Hurling, and North finals in Intermediate Football, Minor Hurling and U21 Hurling. So there is much to look forward to into 2011 and beyond.

2010 was also a year in which two of our club presidents

passed away. In April Fr. Gallagher passed away, he had an active role in the community, and as well as being President of the GAA club he was involved in the improvements in both churches in the parish along with numerous other projects throughout his years as parish priest. In early October, Tadgh Foley passed away, he was president of the club for numerous years and had a huge involvement with the club throughout his life. In 2005 he was honoured with the North Tipperary Sean Ghael award in recognition of his contribution to the GAA. May



Ballinahinch North Intermediate football champions: Back (l-r): Raphael Ryan, Mark Kelly, John Foley, Tommy Kelly, William Lynch, Shane Healy, Michael Clifford, Andrew Ryan, Alan Kelly, Donnacha McGrath, Jamie Flynn, RJ Ryan, Sean Berkery, Sean Sheehy, Cathal Ryan, Stephen Ryan. Front (l-r): Shane McGrath, John Ryan, Michael Fitzgerald, Marcus Ryan, Michael Lynch, Ger Grace, Brendan Ryan, Liam Berkery, Frank Troy, Cormac McGrath, Padraig Berkery. Mascots: Karl and Joey Kelly, Danny and Peig O'Keeffe. Missing from photo: Thomas Grace, James Healy and John O'Grady.

they rest in peace.

In a busy year off the field also, the club lotto was launched in February 2010. Thanks to all the sellers, who put in a huge effort selling tickets on a weekly basis and also to Pat Hayes our Lotto co-ordinator who has organised the lotto successfully throughout the year. It has provided vital financial support to the club and hopefully will well into the future. Thanks to all those who purchased tickets since the draw began and congratulations to all the winners. Congratulations especially to Richard Ryan (J) who was our first jackpot winner with €3,250 won on 31 May, and to Mick McAuliffe (Bruff) who won the top prize of €1,900 on 19 July.



Moneygall - North Co. U21 'C' H. Back l-r: Jonathan Sutton, Michael Cahill selector, Liam Byrne, Seamus Treacy, Joe Maher, Dwayne Collison, Keith Maher, Cathal Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Mac Deane (Captain), Jarlath Sutton, Stephen Maher selector, Conor Troy selector. Front: Jody Troy, Christopher Doughan, Tony O'Connor, Alan Maher, Brian Teehan, Brendan Toohey, Ben O'Connor, Damien Hogan, Barry Treacy, Jimmy Maher Chairman.

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Borrisokane - North Minor 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: Vincent McKenna, CJ Gavin, Sean Brennan, Shane Carroll, Patrick Gavin, Seamus Moriarty, Brian Dooley, Jonathan Stanley, David Coen, David Kennedy, David Nevin, Shane Dooley, Robert Raleigh, Shane Nevin, Keith Slevin. Front l-r: Vivian Dooley, Barry Aherne, Andrew Nevin, Sean Hartnett, Brian Donnelly, Enda Brennan, Gary Power, Eanna Dooley, Brian Davis, Peter McSherry, Darragh McKenna.



Ballina - North Tipperary Intermediate Hurling League winners. Back l-r: Donal Kent, Brian O'Connor, Micheal Kennedy, Paul Ryan, Aaron Devane, Stephen Stritch, Sean McKeogh, Gerry O'Brien, TJ O'Connell, Kevin Stritch, Ger Sheehy, Brendan McKeogh, Martin McKeogh, Kevin Cosgrove, Eoin Kent. Front l-r: Daniel Frawley, Brian McKeogh, Pat Cosgrove, Rody Kennedy, Brian Stritch, David Hickey, Thomas Collins, Des Morgan, Robert King, Paudie Sheehy.

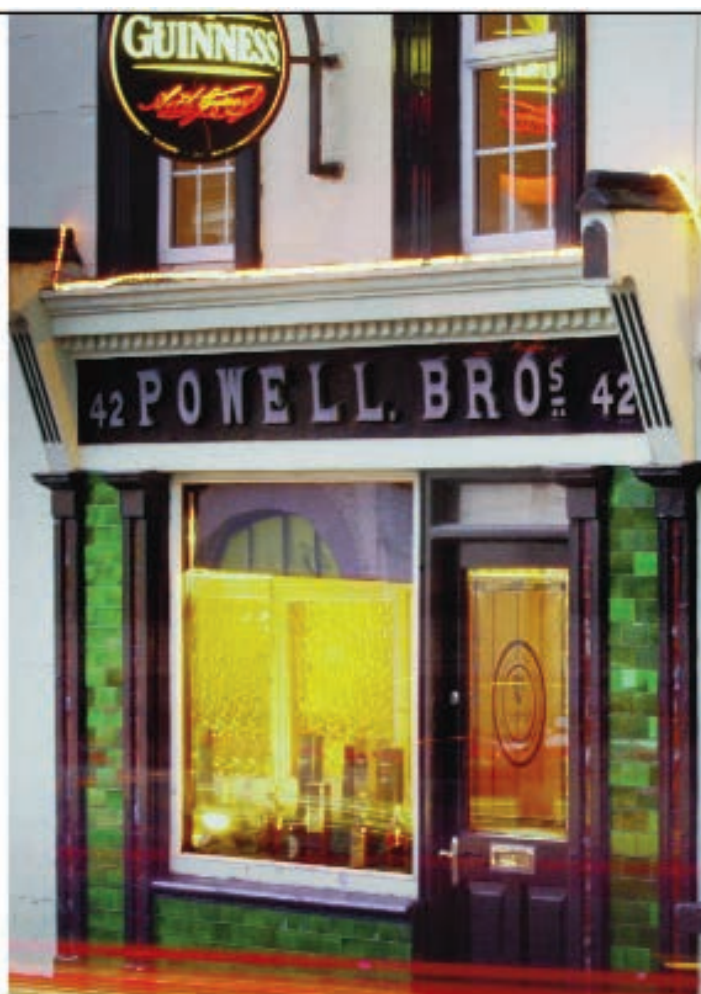
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Toomevara North Junior 'B' League and Championship winners. Back l-r: John Paul O'Meara, Michael McCarthy, Tommy Hogan, Tommy Carroll, James McGrath, Brian McGrath, Kieran Ryan, Mark Harty, Stephen O'Meara, Kevin Cummins, Tomas O'Meara, David McGrath, Shane Treacy. Kneeling: John Hogan, Alan Kenneally, Alan Coffey, Michael O'Brien, Kieran McGrath, Ken Hall, Philip Shanahan, Diarmuid McGrath, Seamus O'Meara, Michael Haverty.



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21-03-2010 (Sun)	Thurles Wholesale Cash And Carry Mid Tipperary U 21 A Football Final The Ragg 15:00 JK Brackens 5-2 V 3-15 Loughmore-Castleiney	Ref: John Kelly
22-05-2010 (Sat)	Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Div 3 Final The Ragg 19:00 Killea 2-9 V 2-12 Moycarkey-Borris	Ref: John Butler
06-06-2010 (Sun)	Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Div 2 Final The Ragg 16:00 JK Brackens 3-15 V 3-9 Moyne/Templetuohy	Ref: Liam Shanahan
	Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Div 1 Final Holycross 17:15 Moycarkey-Borris 0-12 V 1-11 Thurles Sarsfields	Ref: Tom McGrath
25-08-2010 (Wed)	Mid Tipperary Minor A Football Final Templetuohy 18:30 Moycarkey-Borris 1-2 V 1-11 Loughmore-Castleiney	Ref: Denis Curtis
26-08-2010 (Thu)	Mid Tipperary Minor B Football Final Templemore 18:30 Drom-Inch 2-9 V 3-9 Moyne/Templetuohy	Ref: Liam Shanahan
30-08-2010 (Mon)	Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor A Hurling Final The Ragg 18:00 Thurles Sarsfields 1-19 V 1-18 Loughmore-Castleiney	Ref: Willie Clohessy
31-08-2010 (Tue)	Allied Irish Bank (Thurles) Mid Tipperary Intermediate Football Final Boherlahan 18:45 Holycross/Ballycahill 0-12 V 0-11 Upperchurch-Drombane	Ref: Michael Hassett
01-09-2010 (Wed)	Jim & Ann Kennedy Mid Tipperary Junior A Football Final Templetuohy 20:00 Moycarkey-Borris 4-10 V 0-6 Clonakenny	Ref: Denis Curtis
03-09-2010 (Fri)	Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor B Hurling Final The Ragg 18:00 JK Brackens 1-8 V 2-20 Holycross/Ballycahill	Ref: Kevin Butler
15-09-2010 (Wed)	Jim & Ann Kennedy Mid Tipperary Junior B Football Championship Final: Templetuohy 20:00 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-9 V 1-10 Moycarkey-Borris	Ref: John Kelly
19-09-2110 (Sun)	Donal & Rose Young Mid Tipperary Junior B Hurling Final Templemore 12:00 Knock 2-6 V 2-13 Thurles Sarsfields	Ref: Eamon Clohessy
	MacLochlainn Roadmarkings Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Final Templemore 13:30 Drom-Inch 2-11 V 1-16 Thurles Sarsfields	Ref: Tom McGrath
25-09-2010 (Sat)	Roadstone Provinces Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Final: Templetuohy 16:30 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-13 V 0-19 Clonakenny	Ref: Willie Clohessy
26-09-2010 (Sun)	Roskeen Construction Mid Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship Final The Ragg 15:00 Holycross/Ballycahill 0-11 V 2-10 Moyne/Templetuohy	Ref: Johnny Ryan
10-10-2010 (Sun)	Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final Templetuohy 15:30 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-11 V 0-11 JK Brackens	Ref: Denis Curtis
24-10-2010 (Sun)	Eddie Joe's Mid Tipperary Under 21 B Hurling Final The Ragg 14:00 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 0-9 V 1-11 Moyne/Templetuohy	Ref: John Butler

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The Clonakenny panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid Tipperary U21 B Football final. Back l-r: Noel O'Meara, Philip Ryan, Nicholas Ryan, David Cody, Prionsios Matthews, Tomas Ryan, Jamie Maxwell, Jonathon Cody, Padraig Mullally, William Ryan, Michael Crampton, Jody Maher, Vincent Mullally. Front l-r: Liam Mullally, Luke Keeshan, Brian Mullally, Michael John Carroll, Pa Ryan, Bobby Bergin, Stephen Russell.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated JK Brackens after extra time in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid Tipperary U/21 A Football Final. Back l-r: Eamon McGrath, Paddy Moynahan, Kieran Kiely, Eamon Connolly, Darragh Butler, Aidan McGrath, Richard Maher, Liam McGrath, Padraig Egan, Aaron Sweeney. Front l-r: Willie Eviston, Thomas Quinn, Cian Hennessy (Capt), Liam Treacy, Shane Nolan, Brian McGrath, Noel McGrath, Tomas McGrath, John Meagher, Henry Maher, Kevin O'Connell.



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The JK Brackens Team that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipp Junior Hurling League Division 2 Final. Back l-r: Paddy Clarke, Davy Bourke, Joe Bergin, Pat Buckley, Danny Guider, Peter Maher, Seanie Percy. Front l-r: Aidan Doyle Capt, Peter Bourke, Chris Fogarty, Philly Ryan, Pdraig Greed, Nicky Cahill, Seamus Delaney



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Drom Inch in the John and Breda Kennedy 2009 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, Pdraig Maher, Denis Maher, Michael Russell, Kevin O'Gorman, Conor Moloney



The Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Eddie Joes Templemore sponsored Mid Tipperary U/21 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Sean Everard Coach, Johnny Sweeney, Pierce Meade, Ronan Fanning, John Coughlan, Jack Fogarty, Gearoid Leahy, Paul Quinlan, Jason Bergin, Aidan Hayes, Donnacha Dunne, Tony Cantwell, Jimmy Bergin Selector, Willie Fogarty Manager. Front l-r: Martin Kelly, Tom Meade, James Butler, David Bourke, Diarmuid Fogarty, Brian Geehan, Liam Butler, Aidan Kelly, James Moloney.

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The Clonakenny panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Roadstone Provinces Mid Tipp Intermediate Hurling Final. Back l-r: Micahel Bourke, Liam Mullally, Prionsios Matthews, Allan Abbott, Tom Ryan, Donnacha Murray, Jonathon Cody, William Ryan, John Costigan (capt), William Moloughney, Walter Byrne, Martin Joe Murray, Conor Ryan, Joe Shelly, David Crampton. Front l-r: Bobby Bergin, Brian Mullally, Jim Costigan, Niall Matthews, Pa Ryan, Michael John Carroll, Nicky Ryan, Donal Greed, Tom Carroll, Ger Byrne, Stephen Russell.



The Loughmore Castleiney team that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the County Senior Hurling League Divison 1 Final. Back l-r: Tomas McGrath, Tommy Long, Eoin Ryan, Micheal Webster, John Scully, David Kennedy, Aidan McGrath, James Egan. Front l-r: Willie Eviston, Cian Hennessy, Eddie Connolly, Ciaran McGrath, Garry Sweeney, Evan Sweeney, Liam McGrath.



The Thurles Sarsfields team that defeated Knock in the Donal and Rose Young Mid Tipperary Junior B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Brian Stakelum, Alan Ryan, TJ O Dwyer, Myles Fitzgerald, Lee Shanahan, Paudie Duggan, Tony Connolly, Brian Callanan. Front l-r: Gerry Spain, John Hussey, Conor Stapleton, Liam Phelan, Liam Cullen, Conor Moloney, Cian Gleeson



The Thurles Sarsfields Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the MacLochlainn Road Markings Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. Back l-r: Declan Ryan, Ger O'Grady, Aidan McCormack, Padraig Maher, Denis Maher, Pa Burke, Kevin O'Gorman, Barry O'Dwyer, David Kennedy, Alan Kennedy, Lar Corbett, Stephen Maher, John Joe Bourke, Bill McCormack, John Lalor, Patrick Leahy, Philip Dwyer. Front l-r: Jim Corbett, David O'Dwyer, Tony Ruth, Michael Cahill, David Maher, Richie Ruth, John Enright, Michael Gleeson, Michael O'Brien, Michael Russell, Pa Dunne, John Maher, Michael Collins, Rory O'Shea.



The Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Roskeen Construction sponsored Mid Tipp Junior A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Tom Guilfoyle, Joe O'Grady, Niall Russell, Padraig Costigan, David Bourke, Odhran Lloyd, Eddie Kelly, Michael Esmonde, Enda Everard, David Costigan, Paul Quinlan, Ronan Ely, Tony Cantwell, Willie Bergin, Sean Everard(coach). Front l-r: Pierce Meade, Cathal O'Loughlin, Tom Meade, Brian Kelly, Jack Fogarty, Aidan Kelly, Louis Everard, Timmy Bergin, Declan Kelly, Niall Walsh, James Butler.



Holycross Ballycahill who defeated JK Brackens in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Thomas Quinlan, Eoin Stakelum, Kieran O'Dwyer, Shane Moloney, Eoin Moloney Capt, John Dunne, Thomas Slattery Fitzgerald, Paul Morris, John Paul Butler, David Carroll, Dan English, Matthew Dean, Shane Ryan. Front l-r: Ray Nally, Aidan Stakelum, James Woods, Cathal Barrett, Sean Nally, Peadar Wade, Patrick O'Dwyer, Joe Coulson.



The Holycross Ballycahill team that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Allied Irish Bank Mid Tipperary Intermediate Football Final. Back l-r: Kevin O'Dwyer Capt, Liam McCullagh, Denis McCullagh, John Ferncombe, Liam Dwan, Donnacha Duggan, John Foagarty, David English, Michael Hayes, Edward Kennedy. Front l-r: Darragh Duggan, Brendan Ryan, Thomas Comerford, Brian Barrett, Noel Dundon, Colm McGrath, John Paul Butler.



Moycarkey-Borris – 2010 Mid Junior "A" Football Champions: Back l-r: Ger Dempsey, Paul Dempsey, Robert Doran, Daniel Kirby, Pat Carey, Tony Flanagan (Captain), Matthew Shortall, Ger Carey, Joseph O'Sullivan, Kevin Moran, Peter Kinane, Brian Moran, Paudie Doran, Milo Cleary (Selector) Front l-r: Ken Ryan, Peter O'Brien, Eamon Donnelly, John Kelly, Pat Molloy, Rory Ryan, David Morris, Anthony Healy, Martin Darmody, Michael Roche, Cathal Ryan.



The Moycarkey-Borris panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Jim and Anne Kennedy Mid Tipperary Junior B Football final. Back l-r: Stephen Kirwan, Gary O'Connell, Phil Kelly, Eoin Cantwell (Captain), Mossy Bracken, Brian Moran, William Dempsey, Kieran Shortall, Peter O'Brien, John Shortall, Gerry Maguire, Eamon Clohessy, Micheal Bryan. Front l-r: Conor Bourke, James Bourke, John Bergin, James Power, Michael Roche, Niall O'Sullivan, Eamon Flanagan, Kieran Morris, Pat Ralph, Paddy Shanahan, Donie Bergin, Robert Gleeson.



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Div 1 Final. Back l-r: Kevin St John, Jim Mackey Capt, Declan Ryan, Rory O'Shea, David Currans, Alan Ryan, Garrett Foxton, Paudie Duggan, Kevin O'Halloran, Lee Shanahan, JP Dwan, Barry McCormack, Brian Stakelum, Laim Cullagh. Front l-r: Stephen Fewar, John Connors, Cian Gleeson, David Shanahan, DC Corbett, Pat Lalor, Peter Maher, Gerry Spain, Cian Treacy, Eamon Touhy, Liam Phelan



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipperary Minor A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Tomas McGrath, Craig Clery, Martin Meagher, Aaron Sweeney, Richard Maher, Dara Butler, Kevin Egan, Noel O Connell, Padraig Egan, Thomas Maher, Joseph Nyland, Sam Allen, Lorcan Egan. Front Row L to R Kevin O Connell, Padraig Hennessy, Joseph Hennessy, Denis Brerton, Charlie Cawley, Liam Treacy, John McGrath, Brian McGrath, John Meagher, Eamon McGrath, Liam McGrath, John Connolly.



The Moyne Templetuohy Panel that defeated Drom and Inch in the Mid Tipp Minor B Football final. Back l-r: Willie Fogarty, James Moran, Eoin Ryan, James Moloney, Martin Sutcliffe, Ronan Fanning, Shane Ryan, Dylan O Halloran, Donnacha Dunne, Paul Maher, Gary Russell, Joe Moloney, Tim Quinlan, Sean Everard. Front l-r: Jimmy Bergin, Michael Ryan, Robert Larkin, Brian Geehan, Tom Meade, Richie Buckley, Tony Cantwell, Martin Kelly Capt, Sean Sweeney, Tom Moloney, Pierce Meade.

The late Bob Stakelum

(By Noel Dundon, *Tipperary Star*)

Mid Tipperary and Munster lost one of its greatest Gaels with the passing of Holycross/Ballycahill man Bob Stakelum, President of Mid Tipperary GAA Board. Dual player, referee, administrator, historian, author Bob Stakelum gave much to the Gaelic Athletic Association at divisional, county and provincial level where his love for all things Tipperary was very much in evidence. The blue and gold jersey meant so much to Bob and it was a source of huge pride to him that he captured an All Ireland senior hurling medal with the Premier County in 1949 alongside clubmates Ned O'Gorman and his cousin Pat Stakelum who captained the side. They also won the Munster title in the same year and Bob also won a National Hurling League medal in the Tipperary colours too.

Bob was also a very accomplished footballer and as well as winning a Munster junior football medal with Tipperary in 1952, he went on to play senior with the county from 1953 to 1956 where his skills were seen on the provincial stage. He was said to have been as fine a footballer as Tipperary ever produced and would surely have been more celebrated had success been the lot of the big ball code in the county.

Despite all of Bob's prowess on the inter county scene though, it was with his native and beloved Holycross/Ballycahill that he derived most satisfaction. One of the driving forces behind the club in the forties, fifties and sixties, Bob won county senior and Mid medals in 1948, 1951 and 1954, while he also won a Mid senior medal in 1947. It was a source of great pride to him and his wife Kit that their sons Robert and Tim would play such an integral role in bringing back the Dan Breen to the parish of Holycross/Ballycahill in 1990 after a gap of 36 years while Tony too was involved for many years in the club colours.

Bob Stakelum's desire to see his club advance resulted in him taking to administration even when he was still playing. He accepted the onerous job of Secretary of the club in 1947 and continued in the position until 1957. However, such was his popularity in that position that he was re-elected again in 1960 and continued for another three years. Bob switched chairs at the top table then and served as Chairman for seven years while also serving as County Board representative for a further five years where his contribution at meetings were always well informed, well thought out and often entertaining.

Bob's interest in history led him to pen his beloved clubs account of events and happenings from 1884 to 1990. The book a comprehensive record of Holycross/Ballycahill GAA proved a real collectors item as well as an important source of reference. It was a labour of love for a man who was as mighty with the pen as he was with the caman.

Speaking of mastering various arts, Bob Stakelum was a very celebrated and accomplished knight of the whistle in both hurling and football. He refereed extensively in Tipperary and indeed on the provincial and national arenas, the highlight being his handling of the 1955 All Ireland final. He also refereed the 1954 and 1955 Munster Football finals and was the man in the middle for the 1956 Munster Hurling final also. Bob refereed the Clare county hurling final too in 1953 and he was a very highly regarded and respected official who used his encyclopaedic knowledge of the rule book along with a strong sprinkling of common sense to win players respect and appreciation.

An honour of which he was immensely proud was being named President of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board in 1993. Bob would address Convention each year and recall some aspect of the past with typical good humour and nostalgia. He was elected to the Mid Tipperary Board "Hall of Fame" in 1999.

The Great Referee has called ashore one of His most loyal servants.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



Bob Stakelum



Mid Board Chairman Mattie Ryan presenting the Mid Tipperary GAA Hall of Fame Award to former Thurles Sarsfields and Tipperary hurler Jimmy Doyle at a function in Hayes Hotel.

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South Board Roll Of Honour 2010

Glanbia Senior Hurling			Venue	Referee
22/08/10	Carrick Swans 1-16	Killenaule 2-11	Fethard	Willie Barrett
Clonmel Oil Senior Football				
31/10/10	Moyle Rovers 2-11	Cahir 1-9	Kilsheelan	Keith O'Brien
Clonmel Credit Union Inter Football				
26/09/10	Kilsheelan 0-11	Ballyporeen 1-4	Monroe	Derek O'Mahony
Martins Fruit & Veg Inter Hurling				
29/08/10	Moyle Rovers 1-20	Fethard 2-5	Cahir	Andy Moloney
John Quirke Junior Hurling A				
17/10/10	St Patricks 3-18	Ballylooby 3-9	Monroe	Paddy Ivors
Garrabridge Lighting Junior Football A				
26/9/10	Newcastle 2-7	Ballingarry 1-4	Monroe	Martin Doyle
Eurolan Junior Hurling B				
11/9/10	Moyle Rovers 2-11	St Patricks 2-9	Fethard	John McGonigley
Mulcahy Construction Junior Football B				
10/10/10	Mullinahone 2-9	Ballyporeen 1-5	Monroe	Tom O'Donnell
O'Donoghues Motor Factors U21 Football A				
13/03/10	Commercials 1-6	Ardfinnan 0-8	Cahir	Donie Cahill
Hall Alarms U21 Football B				
20/03/10	Mullinahone 2-5	Killenaule 0-8	Fethard	Brian Tyrell
Bob Fitzgerald Hardware U21 H 'A'				
16/10/10	Ballingarry 1-18	Mullinahone 2-10	Cloneen	Noel Cosgrove
Pat Cleere U21 Hurling B				
18/7/10	Ballybacon Grange 2-13	Carrick Swans 0-15	Clonmel	N Cosgrove
Sureprint Minor Football 'A'				
24/07/10	Commercials 3-5	Ardfinnan 1-7	Monroe	Keith Delahunty
Kentz Minor Football B				
24/07/10	Kilsheelan 0-13	Fethard 0-7	Monroe	Gerry Ryan
Minor Football C				
26/5/10	Clerihan 2-12	Carrick Davins 0-2	Ned Hall Pk	Miceal McCormack
Chadwicks Minor Hurling A				
14/08/10	Ballybacon Grange 0-12	St Marys 0-12	Kilsheelan	A Moloney
R22/8/10	St Marys 1-18	Ballybacon Grange 0-9	Fethard	K Delahunty
Asprey Minor Hurling B				
13/08/10	Carrick Swans 3-11	Kilsheelan 0-9	Monroe	Pa Shelley
Minor Hurling C				
07/11/10	Clerihan 1-8	Grangemockler/Ballyneale 1-7	Cloneen	Pa Shelley

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No Senior title but what a year for Clonmel Commercial's

In 76 years of existence Clonmel Commercial's have well in excess of 170 titles at divisional and county level. Fourteen of these titles have come at county senior level. While this figure has not altered in 2010 the club has enjoyed one of the most successful years in its illustrious history. South and county honours came to the club in all the grades from under 14 to under 21. For their under 14's this was the fourth successive year in which they have claimed South and County honours and indeed at this grade they have also won four South and County Feile Peil Na nÓg titles in a row. This is unprecedented and clear testament to the hard work being put in at juvenile level by the club. For the third year in four the club was beaten in the Feile All Ireland final but once again they proudly flew the Premier County's flag in Derry. For a second year in a row the club are under 16 divisional and county champions a sign that those bringing success at under 14 are continuing on to bring further honours at under 16 level. Having earlier in the year won the county league title the minors bridged a 17 year gap by claiming the County crown in a terrific final against old rivals

Loughmore / Castleisney. A few weeks earlier Commercial's had defeated last year's minor county champions Ardfinnan in the South decider. The first county title of the year came in the form of the under 21 crown won in tremendous fashion against Arravale Rovers. The South title had already been won in a final against Ardfinnan. Not to be left out of the success the club's under 8's recently won the Dannagher Cup hosted by Fethard while the under 12 teams both A and B were winners in the Munster / Leinster tournament during the year. The club's girl's section also enjoyed success with the under 14's winning the plate competition at the Kilmacud 7's on All Ireland weekend.

A club that has been to the forefront of football affairs in Tipperary since 1934 has gone through what some would call a lean period over the last decade but has regrouped. There is tremendous work going on at juvenile level over the last number of years and the results are beginning to bear fruit. The club plays in all "A" competitions and also enters a second team in all juvenile grades. The old Irish phrase of "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí" still rings true in The Vale Of Honey and while Clonmel Commercial's still search for their 15th county senior crown surely the continuing work in the club will soon provide the players capable of putting this famous old club back at the top in the senior ranks.



The victorious Clonmel Commercial's captains for 2010. Front: Eoin Hctor & Tadgh Condon. Back: Sarah Ryan, Kyle Peters, Padraig White, Brian Walsh, Jamie Peters, Donal Lynch and Rachel O'Dwyer.

Kilsheelan-Kilcash take home two County Football Titles

By James Holohan

Like all clubs starting out on the championship trail, our hope was to win a divisional championship and hope for the best after that. Happily, it turned out to be a momentous year for us. Roger Doyle, Liam Corcoran and David Power took over the minor team. They had wins over Ballingarry, St Patricks and Mullinahone while they lost to Fethard. In this match they had to finish with only fourteen players as there was no replacement for an injured player. A much depleted side were also well beaten by Carrick Swan. In the Semi Final they were back to full strength when they met the Carrick side. They were intent on turning the tables and they did so by a two point margin after a tense encounter. In the Final they met Fethard in Monroe. With a full compliment to pick from, hopes were high that we would take this title for the first time in 46 years. Kilsheelan, showing great determination, were the better side all through. Despite a gallant show by Fethard we ran out winners by 0-13 to 0-7.

In preparation for the County Semi Final they played a number of challenge games. Hopes of going further received a setback when Bill Maher and Colin Gleeson got injured and had to cry off the team.

Their opponents were Borrisokane in Dr Morris Park, the team were two points down with five minutes left to play. To win any title one always needs a bit of luck and this time ours came from an unusual source as one of the goals was plunged into darkness and a replay was ordered. This took place at the same venue ten days later. Again the injury bug struck when we lost two players during the match. After another tense battle Kilsheelan emerged one point winners on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-8.

The County Final at New Inn was against Golden-Kilfeacle and attracted a large number of supporters.

Kilsheelan trailed all through the first half. After the interval their supporters were in full voice when Conor Murphy punched the ball to the net and we led for the first time. This was short lived as Golden had a goal of their own. With five minutes remaining the sides were level. For Kilsheelan the excitement reached a crescendo when Conor Murphy found the unmarked Damien Dempsey and he drove the ball to the net as his side held out for a famous 2-9 to 1-9 victory. For the record Johnny Ormonde was the victorious Captain.

The Intermediate championship is always a competition of which we have a realistic hope of winning the South Title. Over the last ten years we have competed in three finals but defeat was our lot. This year we started off again hoping it would be the year to finally achieve the holy grail. The County League was our starting point where Franny Kelly (Manager) and selectors Liam Murphy, Martin Ormonde and Michael Dempsey gave 35 players an opportunity to play. This competition was seen as ideal preparation for the championship. The team improved with every outing and qualified for the Semi Final where they defeated Lattin-Cullen. The Final against Cappawhite took place in Cashel and after a close contest we emerged winners by 1-12 to 2-8.

In the championship we had easy wins over Grangemockler, Commercials and Moyle Rovers. We lost to old rivals Ballyporeen by a point and drew with Fr Sheehys. Despite these setbacks we still reached the Semi Final where we met Moyle Rovers. In the group stages we beat them by 3-10 to 2-2 and this time we confirmed our superiority with a 3-10 to 2-5 win. The Final was against Ballyporeen who had the Indian sign over us in recent contests. The team were well prepared and after a slow start it was 0-4 each at half time. We looked to be in trouble when Ballyporeen had an early second half goal. Our side got well on top after this and were more convincing than the 0-11 to 1-4 scoreline would suggest.

In the County Quarter Final we travelled to Dundrum to take

on Newport. From the opening whistle we never looked in trouble and took the honours by 3-22 to 3-2. The only concern was having conceded three goals. The Semi Final now beckoned and it was good to see that support for our team was increasing all the time as we took on Golden. On this occasion we had to come from behind a number of times and our superior fitness in the last ten minutes helped us to a 0-13 to 1-8 win.

On County Final Day all roads led to Boherlahan for the game against Rockwell Rovers. The team was hit by a pre match blow. Adrian Walsh was unavailable and midfielder Eoin Ryan was out through injury. This had an unsettling effect on the side as the New Inn side dictated matters. We had the boost of a goal just before half time and we were lucky to be only one point down at the interval. Early in the second half Eoin Ryan was introduced and our side soon got a grip on the game and drew level. Kilsheelan got on top but many chances went abegging and in an exciting finish the game ended in a draw.

It was back to Boherlahan again six days later for the replay. Their exploits had now captured the imagination of the parish and it was great to see such a large travelling support. We were at full strength on this occasion and like several of the earlier encounters we trailed all through the first half and this time we were in arrears by 0-5 to 0-4 at the break. For us the game was won and lost in the third quarter when our side shot seven points to lead by 0-11 to 0-7. Rockwell reduced arrears to two points. In the last ten minutes our defence was magnificent and conceded no further scores and we ran out winners by 0-11 to 0-9 to take our first adult Title in 38 years thus ensuring we will be back in senior ranks in 2011.

Tommy Ryan, one of four Ryan brothers on the team, was the Captain.



Ballingarry South U-21 'A' Hurling Champions Back l-r: Thomas Power, Sean Doheny, Ricky Cashin, Niall Walsh, Carl Rotherham, Kevin Fitzgerald, Ian Ivors, Daniel Fennelly, Liam Kelly, Danny Fitzgerald, Kevin Croke, Jonathon Ivors, Darragh Ivors, Matt Treacy. Front l-r: Mathew Butler, Gerard Fennelly, Adrian Cleere, Ciaran Shelly, John Edward Molloy, James Logue (Capt), Michael 'Blondie' Ivors, Sean Maher, Gerry Fitzgerald, Bobby Stokes.

Below: Captain James Logue accepting the Kevin Flynn Trophy from South Board Chairman Dick Egan



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cent year for both the Senior and Under-21 teams and for
the county, and wishing them every success in 2011

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Ballybacon Grange

Expectations were high for 2010 on playing fields of South Tipperary as we were successful in 2009 winning a County title in under 14 B hurling along with a South title in Minor hurling.

We began year well with training for Senior Hurling players beginning in February and there was good attendance from players in different age groups under new trainer Gavin O'Mahony.

We defeated Ballingarry in South Senior Hurling Championship but failed to qualify for the South semi finals and we were now in O Riain Cup and we played Lorrha in first round but suffered narrow defeat in this game. Our Junior hurling team began year well with wins over Ballylooby, Marlfield and getting a draw against Cahir to qualify for South semi final losing out to eventual champions Moyle Rovers.

Our under 21 campaign began with a win over Knockmealdown Gaels in first match and we defeated Clonmel Og in second game.

We were now through to semi final of this championship and we met Skeheenarinky in semi final. We won this match in Cahir to qualify to meet Carrick Swans in South Final. This was played in Clonmel on very wet Sunday night 18th July and after strong team performance we emerged winners. We played county semi final against Kildangan on Saturday 23rd October in The Ragg and were defeated in this match.

The seeds for this victorious team was sown in National Schools in Grange and in Ardfinnan. Tomas O Slatara and Richard Carroll in Grange along with Liam O Sullivan in Ardfinnan give great encouragement in teaching skills of hurling to our young players supported by Club. Our juvenile teams performed well this year with our young under 16 team winning through to South Final.

Our under 12 and our under 14 players also competed well. Blitz. We thank Juvenile Secretary Rosaleen O'Leary for all her work in looking after all matters relating to juvenile affairs in the Club.

On the inter county scene our Club was well represented by Brendan Cummins who was in goal for Tipperary Senior Hurlers in all their Championship matches. Brendan won his second All Ireland medal having won his first back in 2001. Brendan along with other players and Board officials brought Liam Mc Carthy Cup to both Grange and Ardfinnan Schools recently and he was honoured at reception in Goatenbridge on same night. We congratulate Brendan on his victory and wish him continued success for coming year.

We congratulate former great player John Keating from Nicholastown Grange who was honoured by South Board awarding him Hall of Fame award and we also congratulate Billy Hewitt in winning Young Footballer of Year award.

We offer the sympathy of club to Phelan family of Monksgrange on passing of Michael Phelan at end of 2009. Michael was very involved with training juvenile hurlers in this club for many years and he was also very involved in Grange Community.



Brendan Cummins, Tipperary's All-Ireland winning goalkeeper.

C. J. Kickhams GAA Club Mullinahone

This year marks the 125th anniversary of our club. Founded in 1885 the early years of the club focused mainly on football. In the early years we produced many great players who played an active role not only with their club but also with Tipperary. In 1920 on Bloody Sunday we provided six players to the Tipperary football panel. As the years progressed we developed an interest in hurling in the club and for many years we entered various junior and juvenile championships. The big break through came in the eightys with the arrival of a young John Leahy. John lead the charge at senior county level and was to start an era in the club which would culminate in the County senior hurling title in 2002. The previous year under the charge of Nicky English he was joined by Brian O'Meara, Paul Curran and the Kelly Brothers Paul and Eoin. All the while we were moving forward as a club improving our facilities and building our own sports complex. These developments were a tribute to the many members who gave so much of their time as volunteers.

When we started this years celebration little did we know that a Mullinahone player would Captain and bring home the Liam McCarthy to his county and his native Mullinahone. That Tuesday night will live long in the memories of many gael. Little did our founders think 125 years ago that such an event would take place.

This year also our U21 footballers and our Junior B footballers won South Titles making sure that our tradition of football still carries to this day. We thank the many players and team mentors who promoted and took part in our championships this year. We thank our supporters who support us vocally and financially. We thank our sponsors Mullinahone Co-Op for their support and belief in our club.

Of course in every club there has to be a juvenile club to ensure we have players into the future. We are very lucky in this respect to have such a dedicated juvenile committee who work tirelessly to promote our games. The annual U12 intercounty hurling tournament is now admired nationally with many clubs seeking to play in it. This year along with many teams from the republic we had Naomh Eoin Belfast, Armagh Primary School, Kevin Lynch's Dungiven, Eoghan Ruadh Tyrone and Castleblaney Monaghan. Our host families in the parish housed over seventy children and in all over sevenhundred U12's and U10's enjoyed a great weekend in Mullinahone. We sincerely thank our juvenile club for their dedication.

I wonder did our founders think that their idea of founding a gaa club would have such an effect on the life style of our community. Did they foresee that 2010 would yield the Tipperary senior hurling captain along with the Liam McCarthy cup, two all-stars, three senior hurling panellists, an All-Ireland winning U21 player, two county minors and a member of the Tipperary senior football team. We've come along way.

'For the credit of the little village'.

P.R.O. Jackie Bolger.



Eoin Kelly, Tipperary's All-Ireland winning captain.



Carrick Swan - South Senior Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Sean Barrett, James Gibbs, Greham Boysouth, Kevin Lanigan, Kieran Reade, Martin Russell, Tom Kennedy, Alan O'Sullivan, Alan P. Ryan, Stephen Hahessy, Johnnie Grace, Brian Grace, Jamie Sweetman, Danny O'Hanlon, Colm O'Sullivan, Darren Waters, Darren Fahey, Craig Walsh, Robert Ryan. Front l-r: Bill Walsh, Jamie Power, Ray Dunne, Andrew Walsh, M.J. Walsh, Paul Diffily, Jerry Walsh, John Walsh, (Capt), Dwayne Fogarty, Darren Murphy, Keith Walsh, Paul Regan, Derek Reade, Shane Hogan.



Carrick Swan - South Minor 'B' hurling champions: Back l-r: Declan White, Sean Boland, Ian Roche, Randal Barlow, Dale O'Mahoney, Eoin Wells, Bill Barrett, Kieran Loneragan, Rol Fitzgerald, Dean Murphy. Jack Walsh, James Barrett (Capt), Lee Grace, Jamie Long. Front l-r: Mikey Loughman, Evan Hogan, Paul Long, Lee Wall, Jamie Torpey, Dale O'Hanlon, Martin Griffin, Colin Loughman, Colin Waters, Bill Walsh, Aidan Ryan

St. Patrick's - South Junior 'A' Hurling Champions.

Front l-r: Dermot Molloy, Mick O'Connell, Shane Gorey, Conor Barry, William McCormack, Tom O Connor, Patrick Moroney, Liam Brett Captain, Colm Dunne, Declan Ryan, Tony O'Brien. Back l-r: Noel Russell (Trainer), Robert Meagher, P.J. Burke, Paul Horan, Eamon Needham, Brian McCormack, Robert McCormack, Richard Needham, John Moroney, Kieran Clancy, Stuart Broderick, Jason Hayes, Neil Gleeson, Eoghan McCormack, Seán Horan, Micheál Broderick (Selector), Thomas Hayes, Keelan O'Neill, Liam McCormack (Kit Manager), Eugene McCormack (Team Manager).



Ballylooby/Castlegrace County Junior Hurling League winners 2010: Back l-r: Enda Kendrick, Brian O'Donnell, Derek Whelan, Pat Wilkinson, Brendan Walsh, Fintan Morgan, Derek Coffey, Brian Reidy, David Fox, John F Whelan, Colm Flynn, Ronan Dwyer, Micheal Murphy, Ciaran O'Donnell, Paul Darcy, Alan Kennedy, Eamonn Ryan, Tomas Meehan. Front l-r: Danny Morgan, Brian Beary, Pat Morrissey, Johnny Cooney, Michael F Murphy, Jamie Myles, Ger Beary, Brian Fitzgerald, Stephen Morgan, Luke Murphy, Jamie Coffey, Paul Delaney.



Moyle Rovers South Junior B Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Craig Condon, Morgan Ryan, David Keogh, Lee Dunne, James Neylon, Daniel Lyon, Michael Fox, Cathal Quigley, Eoin O'Connor, Jack Lonergan, Charlie Purcell, David Lorigan, Barry Whelan, Pat Hickey. Front l-r: Michael Wall, Liam Carey, Ciaran Kenrick, Richard Power, Liam Cronin, Thomas Hill, Owen Fogarty(captain), John Shanahan, James Williams, Shane McCormack, Michael Mulcahy, Pat Condon, Donal McCarthy



Moyle Rovers South Intermediate Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Donal McCarthy, Tom Lorigan, Darragh Dwyer, Lee Dunne, Liam Carey, Ronan Desmond, Shane Heffernan, Ciaran Lorigan, Barry Hickey, Denis McGrath, Peter Acheson, Paraic Hickey, Daniel Lyons, Ian Browne, Kevin Condon, Noel Wall, Michael Mulcahy, John Shanahan. Front l-r: James William, Declan McGrath, Brian Mulvihill, Declan Browne, Sean Carey, Dan Egan, Eddie Whelan, Daniel Lyne, Martin Dunne(captain), Sean Keating, Owen Fogarty, Eoin Morrissey, Michael Wall.



Ballybacon/Grange South U/21B Champions. Back l-r: Shane Fagan, Jonathan Ryan, Aaron Cowan, Eoin Walsh, Carl Costigan, Andrew Heffernan, Noel Fitzgerald, Daniel O'Regan, James O'Mahony, Oisín O'Flynn. Front l-r: Darren Brady, Michael O'Sullivan, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Cully Nugent, Jason Coffey, Philip Murphy, Billy Hewitt, Joey Phelan, Michael Goonan.

West Tipperary Review

West Tipperary Officers and Committees 2010

Hon. President:	Most Rev Dr.Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly
Life Presidents:	Mick Frawley, (Emly), Jimmy Hennessy, (Kickhams), Mick Maguire, (Lattin/Cullen).
Chairperson:	Roger Kennedy, (Cumann Ciocaim).
Vice –Chairperson:	Joseph Power (Fánaithe Gleann Árann).
Secretary:	Jerry Ring, (Fánaithe Gleann Árann).
Treasurer:	Sean Bradshaw, (Cumann Ciocaim).
Assistant Treasurer:	Willie O'Grady, (Faiche Ró)
PRO:	Seamus King, (Caiseal R.C.).
Youth Officer:	Nominations to be sought for Adj. Convention.
Officer for Irish Language & Culture:	Roddy Crehan (Laitean/Cuilleann)
Coaching Officer:	Tom O'Donnell (Gabhailin Cill Fiacail)
Development Officer:	James O'Donnell (Gabhailin Cill Fiacail)
Management Committee:	Roger Kennedy (Kickhams), Joseph Power (Arravale Rovers), Sean Bradshaw (Kickhams), Willie O'Grady (Rosegreen), Jerry Ring (Arravale Rovers), James O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), D. J Gleeson (Éire Óg), Billy Ryan (Kickhams), Jimmy Hennessy, (Kickhams).
Competitions Control Committee:	Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Jerry Ring, (Arravale Rovers, D. J Gleeson (Éire Óg), Billy Ryan (Kickhams),Referee's Co-Ordinator, Stevie O'Donnell and one other Roger Kennedy, elected at Adj. Convention.
Bord Na nÓg Rep. to West Board:	Richard O'Connor (Fanaithe Gleann Árann).
Gate Checkers:	Willie O'Grady, Billy Ryan, Noel O'Brien, Brendan Cussen.



Tipperary Co-Op Sponsorship: Pictured at sponsorship presentation from left are Sean Bradshaw West Board Treasurer, Roger Kennedy, West Board Chairman, Matt Quinlan, Chairman Tipperary Co-Op and Ted O'Connor, general manager Tipperary Co-Op

West Tipperary Finals 2010

Date	Venue	Teams and scores		Referee
Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu West SHC---Clonoulty/Rossmore—County Finalists				
22.08	In S.T Park,	Clonoulty/R 2-15	Éire Óg 1-9.	R. Barry
Bertie's Bar S.H. Crosco Cup				
4.10	In	Cashel 2-16	Kickhams 2-10.	David Grogan
Tipperary Credit Union West IHC				
12.09	In S.T.Park	Aherlow 0-10	Galtee Rvs 0-10.	S. Roche
Replay to be fixed Aherlow Galtee Rvs				
Gleeson Concrete West JHCA				
10.10	In Golden	Emly 2-13	Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-10	P. Ryan
Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu West JHC B				
11.09	In Cappawhite	Kickhams 4-17	Eire Óg 1-5	J. O'Brien
O'Dwyer's Steel West U21HC A				
11.08	In Dundrum	Arravale Rvs 1-13	Clonoulty/R0-12	S. Bradshaw
Ollie's Bar West U21HC B				
14.08	In Golden	Cashel 1-15	Eire Óg 1-13	E. Browne
West U21HC 'C'				
30.10	In Dundrum	Galtee Rovers 4-8	Sean Treacys 2-9	S. Bradshaw
Dundrum House Hotel West MHC A				
24.08	In Dundrum	Clonoulty/R 2-12	Arravale Rvs1-11	F. Horgan
Bewley's West MHC B				
21.08	In Dundrum	Golden/K1-17	Cappawhite 2-7.	W. Kennedy
Ballinard Transport West SFC –Aherlow County Champions				
29.08	In Lattin	Aherlow 1-8	Galtee Rvs 1-4.	P. Russell
Ballinlard Transport West O'Donoghue Cup Football				
To be fixed Arravale Rovers Galtee Rovers				
Matt Kavanagh Coaches West IFC – Rockwell Rovers County finalists				
18.09	In Dundrum	Rockwell Rvs 1-11	Golden/K 2-6.	M. Duffy
Rea Clarke Hennessy West JFC A – Rosegreen County Finalists				
19.09	In Anacarty	Rosegreen Sean 1-9	Sean Treacys 1-5.	R. O'Connor
AIB JFC B---Golden/Kilfeacle County Champions				
12.09	In Dundrum	Golden/K 2-6	Eire Óg 0-11.	E. Browne
Mc Grath Oil U21FC 'A' Arravale Rovers County finalists				
13.03 I	In Bansha	Arravale Rovers 0-15	Aherlow 0-4.	J. Ryan C
Mc Grath Oil U21FC 'B'—Rockwell Rovers County Champions				
13.03	In Golden	Rockwell Rovers 3-8	Éire Óg 3-6.	M. Duffy
West MFC A				
18.08	In Golden	Arravale Rvs1-14	Cashel 1-4	D. Grogan
Pa Sheehy Butchers West MFC B – Golden/Kilfeacle County finalists				
12.08	In Cashel	Golden/K3-15	Clonoulty/R1-10	O. Ryan

Thanks

Coiste Thiobraid Árann Thiar CLG, wishes to thank the Clubs and Gaels of West Tipperary for their continuing support and encouragement in the promotion of Gaelic games throughout the Division. We acknowledge the trojan work of the club and Board personnel at every level, as well as the match officials and groundsmen. We salute the many players who represented their clubs, Division and County with pride over the past year. We congratulate the winners and also all the teams that participated in our activities. We wish to record our thanks to all our loyal sponsors for their generous support of our activities in these difficult times especially our major sponsors Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu. Like the GAA ,the Co-Op is also a community based organisation in West Tipperary and beyond, and we ask all our members to support their enterprises and those of all our sponsors.



Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu SHC - Clonoulty/Rossmore: Back l-r: Michéal Ryan, T.J. Ryan, Andrew Fryday, Andrew Quirke, Diarmuid Cullen, Anthony Kearney, John Heffernan, Aidan White, Niall Shanahan, Pádraig Heffernan, Paddy Ryan, Declan O'Dwyer, Tom Butler, Thomas Butler, Jason Forrester, Conor Ryan, Michéal Coen, Conor Gleeson, Donncha Ryan, Aaron Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Jamie Moloney. Front l-r: Seamus Carew, Conor Hammersley, Martin Sadler, Kieran Hammersley, Brian Ryan, John O'Neill, Paudie White, Kevin Horan, Sean O'Connor, John Devane, James Heffernan, John O'Keeffe, Joey O'Keeffe, Fiachra O'Keeffe, Kieran Ryan, Davy White, Timmy Hammersley, Liam Devane.



Gleeson Concrete West JHC 'A' Emly: Back l-r: Seamus Walsh manager, Patrick Mc Grath, Joey Lonergan, Eanna Quish, Eoin Buckley, Eddie Hanley, Will Hennessy, Pa Hennessy, Bob Mc Eniry, Sean Hennessy, Pat Buckley, Mike Ryan, John Purcell, Karl Bourke. Front l-r: John Hennessy, Shane Carroll, Chris Hennessy, Declan Mc Eniry, David Byrnes, Ciaran McAuley, Paddy Connors, Ger Dawson, Mike Ring, Jim Purcell, Donal Condon, David Hennessy. Missing from picture -- Paul Creamer and Ger Frawley.



Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu JHC 'B' Kickhams: Back l-r: PJ Collins, John Taylor, Thomas Ryan, Noel Ryan, Darren Hayes, Damien Hayes, Eoin Butler, David Horgan, Joe Shanahan(Capt), Harry Horgan, Gerry Horgan, Martin O'Brien. Front l-r: Gary Heelan, William Ryan, Padraig Slattery, Patrick Ryan, Aidan Butler, Cathal Morrissey, Rory Heffernan, Padraig Morrissey, Don Kennedy.



Ollie's Bar U21HC 'B' Cashel K.C. Back l-r: Sean Barron, Ronie O Donoghue, Colin Byrnes, Seamus Reade, Adrian Cummins, Eoin Laffan, Daniel Murphy, Declan Horan, Brian Laffan, Michael Killian O'Dwyer, David Shiels, Kevin O'Leary, Eoin Quirke, Garry Manton, Sean Kennedy, Gavin Manton. Front l-r: Tommy Fitzgerald (Farrell O'Donoghue), John Morrissey, Robert Anglim, Robert Doherty, Lee Burke (Capt.), John Darmody, Alan Coughlan, Jonathan Grogan, Paddy Morrissey, Darragh O'Brien, Patrick Coates.



Bewley's MHC 'B'---Golden/Kilfeacle. Back l-r: Liam Nagle, Daniel Curriuan, Ian Collins, Kevin Moloney, Tomas Burns, Sean Hayes, Christopher Ryan, Alan Wade, Aidan O'Connell, Paddy Ryan, Stephen Ryan. Front l-r: Daniel Hayde, Killian Farrell, J.J. Burns, Malachy Scott, Matthew Ryan, Kieran Butler Hallissey, Shane O'Connell, Joshua Keane.



Pa Sheehy Butchers MFC 'B' - Golden/Kilfeacle: Back l-r: Paddy Ryan, Daniel Curriuan, Kevin Moloney, Tomas Burns, Sean Hayes, Stephen Ryan, Christopher Ryan Captain, Brian Hosford, Ger Barlow. Front l-r: Shane O'Connell, Matthew Ryan, Kieran Butler Hallissey, Aidan O'Connell, Alan Wade, Malachy Scott, Killian Farrell, Joshua Keane, Liam Nagle. Ian Collins is missing from photo.



Pictured here at a reunion of the Arravale Rovers players of the 1985 County SFC winning side. Front l-r: Jimmy O'Connell 1985 selector, Jim Rhatigan Chairman, Tommy Toomey Captain, Josephine Ryan representing her father Dan Sheridan (RIP), a selector, Catherine Richardson representing her husband Tom (RIP), Nicole McLoughlin representing her brother Jayo Donoghue (RIP), Mary Lowry representing her husband Martin Lowry (RIP), Michael Ryan Club Chairman in 1985 and Karl Lowry. Middle l-r: Willie Madden, Willie Gilsean, Paul Landers, Paddy Kelly, Tony Meagher, Billy Cronin, Arthur Ryan, Denis Kenneally, Willie Crowe. Back l-r: Barry Walsh, Seamus O'Donoghue, 1985 trainer, Willie Dillon, Liam McCarthy representing his brother Michael McCarthy, John Crowe, Richard Crowe, Davy Walsh, Damien Quinlan, Johnny Lowry and Jimmy Lowry.

Jerry Ring West Secretary 1982-2010 retires

by Michael Ryan

Jerome (Jerry) Ring (pictured right) - the undefinable, indefatigable, irrepressible Corkonian who came amongst us from Ballydaly, Millstreet, Co. Cork in 1974 is, thankfully, still in our midst. However this year has brought the news that Jerry will no longer fill the position of West Board Honorary Secretary - a seat he filled with distinction for the past 28 years. He will be sorely missed by all G.A.A. personnel in West Tipperary and far beyond.

Jerry came to Tipperary to take up a teaching post in The Abbey C.B.S. in 1974, having spent 6 years previously teaching in Zambia. He quickly settled in to his teaching role in the Abbey, Gaelge and Geography being his main subjects.

Jerry represented Arravale Rovers at divisional board meetings where his talents were soon recognised. He was appointed Hon. Sec. of the board in 1982 and has served West and county Tipperary in most distinguished fashion since then. His contribution to Gaelic Games within our county has been immense.

Can we ever forget his innovative and inspiring reports and presentations at the board annual conventions? Successive chairmen might well ask themselves if sufficient heed has been paid to Jerry's suggestions over the years. His ability to record and present a factual account of the year's happenings in his annual report was truly amazing. His extended period as a member of the Fixtures Committee often got him into 'hot water' as did his brief exploits as a referee but only because Jerry hated to say "No" to any request and always went out of his way to facilitate every member and unit of the Association.

He attended all matches and brought the camera everywhere. West and county Tipperary as well as Munster Council are deeply indebted to Jerry for the myriad numbers of photographs he holds and makes available when and wherever they are needed for match programmes, social occasions or for historic recollections.



Generous to a Fault

Yet it is something else which truly defines Jerome Ring. Since he came to Tipperary he has given of himself to all needs and causes that presented themselves. Generous to a fault with his time, resources and energy he has supported every initiative that purported to enhance the development of Tipperary, the promotion of Gaelic Games and the enrichment of youth.

His inestimable contribution to his adopted town and county and to our Association will long bear rich fruit and we are blessed that this affable and genial Corkman decided to settle among us. One might well ask if due recognition and appreciation are ever afforded to Jerry and his likes (There are not many of them) by the G.A.A. and by the country for his selfless dedication to all that is truly noble, valuable and beneficial to society as a whole. I don't think so.

Support of Family

However he could not have achieved all that he did without the support of his wife Teresa and their three charming daughters, Deirdre, Meabh and Fiona. Their home was open to all of us and everybody was welcomed at any and every hour of day or night. To Jerry, Teresa and family we say 'Go raibh mile, mile maith agaibh. Taimid fíor-bhuíoch díobh agus guimid rath De oraibh go leir le fada an la'.

Rosegreen - West Junior 'A' Champions



Back l-r: Pat Cummins, Michael Cormack, Jack Bourke, David Hayde, Mick Lacey, Michael Fanning, Sean Gayson, Stephen O'Brien, John Walsh, Jackie Cahill, Denis Golden, Vinny Downey, Keith Phelan, J.P. Burns, David Cully, Gary Martin, Frank Culleton, Michael Golden, B.J. Gould, Paddy Ryan, T.J. Phelan, Fintan Ryan. Front l-r: Kevin Sullivan, Donal Coman, Ger O'Connor, Mick Kelly, Adrian Gleeson, Mark Harnett, Trevor Downey, Sean Cormack, David Quirke, Eoin McGrath.



Dundrum House Hotel MHC 'A' - Clonoulty/Rossmore: Back l-r: Andrew Purcell, Shane Fryday, Martin Sadlier, Kevin Maher, Philip Ryan, Sean Maher, Aaron Ryan, Kieran Quirke, Jack Spillane, Seamus Carew, Nicky Cullen, Paul Hayes. Cathal Ryan, Jimmy Maher, Front l-r: Ciaran Carroll, Shane Kinane, James Coffey, Conor Hammersley, Shaun Coffey, Patrick Hennessy, James Ryan, James Horan, Darren Corcoran, Jerry Ryan (c).



Matt Kavanagh Coaches IFC - Rockwell Rovers Back l-r: Michael King, Barry Shortall, Willy Flynn, James O'Halloran, Kevin Halley, Jack Sullivan, Stephen Quirke, Gavin Ryan, Alan Moloney, David Hally, David Brennan, Eoin shine, Gerry Ryan, Michael O'Loughlin, Front l-r: Brian Riordan, Michael Fahey, Liam Lonergan, Michael O'Donnell, Paul Halley, James Heffernan, David Byrne, Pat Halley, John Heaney, Kevin Heaney, Colm Heaney, Thomas Flynn, Pat Prendergast, Eddie Golden.

Tuarascáil Chontae Thiobraid Bórd na nOg

Le Rúnaí Neil Ó Riain

As the curtain comes down on what has been an unbelievable year we can look forward to the new decade with optimum expectations. The fruits of a huge effort by all in Bórd na nÓg coupled with that of our senior colleagues must be the envy of many other counties. No author could write a script at the beginning of 2010 that would do justice to what Tipperary had achieved by September 2010.

We all certainly look forward to sampling that unique atmosphere once again come the New Year.

This year is a watershed one regarding the U/12 Competition in both codes. As from next year onwards there will be no U/12 Championships resulting from a ruling from Congress/Croke Park.

It is regrettable that those entrusted with our juvenile structures are often left out of the loop when decisions pertaining to them are being discussed at preliminary stage/final decisions.

However whatever the merits of the new system that is now in place from 2011 onwards are, we in Bórd na nÓg have to embrace them for the good of our young player

Snap Shot of County Bórd na nÓg Activity this year

Our county U/16 hurlers and footballers delivered the silverware. Our hurlers retained the U/16 All Ireland title maintaining top of the roll of honour, while our footballers captured the Munster title for the first time.

Our U/15 footballers also did a first in winning the Humphrey Kelleher trophy in Millstreet.

The West division hosted the U/16 All Ireland Hurling championship games. Our thanks to the following clubs Cashel King Cormacs, Clonoulty Rossmore, Cappawhite and Knockavilla/Donnaskeigh.

The U/12 Championships were played for the last time this year bringing an end to an eighteen year period of the A grade which commenced in 1972. The B & C commenced in 1998.

Mid 12 C Football Champions Clonakenny in securing the county title this year recorded the very first for the club.

County championship scene

Hurling: This year's pairings in the semi finals were Mid v South and North v West.

This year was a special one for all our U/12 participants as it was the last of the U/12 championships. In complying with a ruling from Croke Park we are prohibited from staging championships in future at this grade.

U/12 In the semi finals North champions Kilruane MacDonaghs who went down by a solitary point in last years semi final reversed matters this year by overcoming their opponents from Clonoulty/Rossmore by a similar margin. In the other contest Mid champions had to give way to their southern opponents St. Mary's.

On final day in the Stadium after a pulsating game Kilruane MacDonaghs became champions for the first time on a score line of 3-5 to 2-3

U/12 B In this grade North champions Newport proved far superior for their opposition Eire Óg Annacarty representing the West. In the other decider Mid representatives J.K. Brackens overcame the test against Killenaule to book a final slot.

The final was to be a very one sided affair as the strength of the Brackens side cruised to victory, securing the title 3-11--0-5

U/12 C Templederry representing the North advanced to the final with a four point victory against Galtee Rovers from the West after extra time, the other contest was similarly balanced with victory going to the south representatives Ballyneale against Moyne/Templetuohy by a single point after extra time

The final proved to be that goals win matches with the North outfit striking the net on two occasions to secure the title on a score line of 2-2 to 0-2

The U-14 A In this championship defending champions Eire Óg Nenagh from the North showed that they were serious about holding on to their crown and were in devastating form against Clonoulty Rossmore in the semi final contest in Borrisoleigh concluding the game 3-11--0-2

In the other contest Durlas Óg were also much superior against their rivals from the South St Marys enjoying a thirteen margin 4-8--1-7 to earn a final place.

In the final which was in Templederry on a very sunny evening the expectations of a close dual were fulfilled. Throughout the entire

COUNTY BORD NA nÓG OFFICERS 2010

Chairman:	Sean Creamer (Portroe)
Secretary:	Neil Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill)
Treasurer:	Frank Morris (J.K. Brackens)
P.R.O.:	Ann McGrath (Burgess)
Representative to	
Senior Board:	Richard O'Connell (Arravale Rovers)

game the lead changed several times and at the interval it was the Mid boys that held the advantage by two points. On the resumption it was a repeat performance from all concerned and after the opening ten minutes the sides were all square. Durlas Og then enjoyed the upper hand and managed to gain a five point lead. Nenagh decided to get into action and produced some brilliant scores to level affairs once again. A drawn game was becoming evident. However a long ball into the sun caught the Durlas Og defence and landed into the net to give the defending champions a one goal advantage. Durlas came on the attack once again but failed to penetrate the Nenagh rearguard and on good clearance found the net once again. The final score line of 4-10--2-10 did not reflect the intensity of the game but Nenagh concluded in retaining their county crown.

U/14 B championship. Borris-Ileigh representing the North were in a different class against their opponents Sean Treacys securing their passage to the final with ease. In the other decider it was a similar feat for Mid champions Gortnahoe Glengoole against St. Patricks' from the South.

The final which took place in The Ragg proved to be a very one sided event after the opening seven minutes. Borris-Ileigh totally dominated throughout securing their title on a score line 4-13--0-5

U/14 C This championship was one of goals galore. North champions Portroe though proved to be the dominant force in this competition. In their semi final contest they amassed a score of 6-10 to 2-00 against Galtee Rovers. In the other decider it was a more evenly contested affair with victory going in favour of Fethard against Moyne/ Templetuohy with a three point margin

The final was part of a double header in The Ragg. In the opening quarter it appeared that a tight battle was on the cards, but as the game wore on it was the power of Portroe that came to the fore. Their ability to raise the green flags proved too much for Fethard and on the sound of the fulltime whistle the score board read Portroe 2-7 Fethard 0-5.

U-16 A This championship was delayed by two weeks due to participants being involved in minor championship games. However on October 2nd Durlas Og and St Marys contested the first semi final which took place in New Inn. The game was an evenly balanced affair for most of the game. Towards the closing stages though the Mid champions took control and concluded matters with a seven point margin 2-15 to 1-11.

In the other semi final which took place in The Ragg one week later Eire Og Nenagh proved too strong for the newly crowned West champions Cashel King Cormacs on a score line of 1-20 ---1-8.

This years champions were being presented with a new cup which was donated by the Phelan family Roscrea in memory of their son. The Bórd made a decision that the game be played in Roscrea and full credit has to be accorded to the club for their very professional manner in the way they had everything in order for final day on October 26th.

Durlas Óg chasing their 13th title started proceedings with a bang and after nineteen minutes were eight points ahead and one wondered if the game was going to be a dour affair for the Nenagh boys. However after a string of unanswered scores there was only two points dividing the sides at the interval.

On the resumption Nenagh managed to level proceedings. Again Durlas Og attempted to pull away but Nenagh replied every time to leave matters level on six occasions but failed to get their nose in front. They let some scoreable chances slip and to their cost Durlas Og were very profitable when opportunities came their way. In the closing minutes of the game it was the Durlas Og attack that proved



North Tipperary U-14 hurlers won the Peadar Cummins Tournament at Borrisoleigh.

most lethal and secured the title with a four point advantage. Final score 1-19 to 1-15

U-16 B In New Inn south champions Carrick Swan took on Mid representatives Moycarkey/Borris. Throughout the game the South contenders had the upper hand and earned their way to the final with four points to spare 2-11 to 2-7.

In the other semi final which took place in Kilcolman, West champions were a combination between Emly and Sean Treacys but were not equipped to deal with the strength of their northern opposition Ballina, who qualified for the final on a score of 3-08 to 1-09

Littleton was the venue for the final and again the Moycarkey/Borris have to be complemented for the condition of the facilities. As in the semi final Carrick Swans looked the better outfit with scores coming easier. However Ballina never gave up and in the end it was the goals conceded that proved their fate. On fulltime it was 3-9 to 1-9 in favour of Carrick Swans

U-16 C In this competition the West had no participants and as a result the Bórd made a decision which allowed the runners up in the south to contest the semi final. South champions Fr. Sheehys devastated their Mid opponents Durlas Og in their semi final clash in Cashel.

In the other semi final which was played in Holycross North



Carrick Swan - South and County Under 16 'B' hurling champions.
Back l-r: Fran Harris, Danny McNamara (Selector), Martin Walsh (Selector), Gerard Grace (Selector), Martin Griffin (capt), Colin Loughman, Mikey Loughman, Scot Hogan, Bill Barrett, Colin Waters, Dale O Hanlon, Dean Fitzgerald, J. P. Roche, Jack Cooke, John Fleming (Selector). Front l-r: Kieran Loneragan, Tommy McGrath, Gavin O'Halloran, Eric O'Halloran, Aaron O'Halloran, Gearoid O'Halloran (mascot), Lee Wall, Dean Waters, Danny Walsh, Evan Hogan, Derek Hogan, Jack Power.

champions Shannon Rovers were in equally devastating form against southern opponents Carrick Davins and showed that they were going to be serious contenders for the final showdown.

The final was played in Littleton ahead of the B decider in brilliant conditions.

During the opening minutes Shannon Rovers looked a formidable outfit and took control of proceedings. However Fr. Sheehys replied with some points but always appeared to be struggling. In the second period of the game the north boys kept their dominance with scores coming in abundance. Half way through this period the South contenders scored two goals but were responded too quickly by the Rovers who were crowned champions on a score line of 6-13 to 3-9

Football

U-12 A The first semi final took place on Boherlahan on May 22nd with West champions Clonoulty Rossmore overcoming the efforts of Kildangan with a four point margin 0-6 to 0-2.

The following day in New Inn South champions Killenaule were victorious in their contest with Mid representatives Drom/Inch

On final day in Semple Stadium both Killenaule and Clonoulty Rossmore served up a cracker of a contest. Through most of the game it appeared that the title was going westwards. However some time wasting on Clonoulty's part cost them dearly. Within approximately four minutes remaining with a four point lead they allowed Killenaule back into the game who managed to score a goal and equalising point to leave the full time score 2-05 apiece. During extra time the West side scored a goal while their opponents scored 1-1 to clinch the title by a solitary point. It was a bitter loss for Clonoulty as they had the game within their grasp only to let it slip. Final score 3-6—3-5

U-12 B In the B championship West representatives Galtee Rovers took on Newport in Kilcommon; this was a game of goals. Newport were the stronger side and while being out scored by seven scores to six their goals won the day on a score line of 5-1 to 2-5

In the other semi final which took place in New Inn proceedings were more balanced for most of the game. However at the conclusion victory went to Mid champions Holycross/Ballycahill over their southern opponents Ballyporeen. Final score 1-6—1-3

In the final Newport continued the dominance they displayed in the semi final. This time they proved that they could score points and at the conclusion of the game were crowned champions on a score line of 2-8 to 1-2.

U-12 C Mid champions Clonakenny travelled to Dundrum to play Fethard. This was a very exciting game as it was evenly contested with the result in doubt right up to the finishing line. At the fulltime whistle victory went to the Mid boys with a two point margin on a score of 0-8 to 1-3

In the other semi final which took place in Kilcommon North

champions Portroe were in devastating form against Arravale Rovers holding their opponents scoreless.

In the past the final proved to be an anti climax for Clonakenny whom on so many occasions were often humiliated bridesmaids'. However what a day it turned out for the small Mid club. On what was the very last final in this competition it was to be their first juvenile county title.

Right from the start Clonakenny let Portroe know that the dominance that they had enjoyed in their semi final counted for nothing in this contest. Clonakenny commanded proceedings throughout the game and on the final whistle were crowned champions for the first time on a score line of 1-8 to 1-1.

U-14 A North champions Ballina took on West opponents Arravale Rovers and with their strength always had command of the proceedings. This game also proved that goals as a rule win games and qualified for the final on a score of 2-6---0-6.

In the other semi final pairing of defending south champions Clonmel Commercials and Mid champions Durlas Og produced a one sided contest. The Clonmel boys definitely outclassed their opponents finishing the game on a score of 1-12---1-1.

On final day in Templemore Clonmel Commercials had things all their own way against Ballina securing their third title in succession on a final score of 7-09---0-03

U-14 B Burgess from the North were pitched against West side Knockavilla Donnaskeigh. This contest was evenly balanced and concluded with victory going northwards on a score of 2-5 to 1-4.

In the other decider Mid representatives Drom/Inch played South champions Ardfinnan. This was a tight fought game through. Both teams scored on nine occasions. However the victors were Drom/Inch on a score 1-9 to 0-8.

The final was a one sided affair with the Mid contenders enjoying their superiority and secured the county title on a final score of 6-13 to 2-2.

U-14 C South champions from Fethard proved much too strong for their Mid opponents Thurles Gaels winning the contest on a score of 4-7 to 0-4.

In the other semi final north champions Lorrha/Dorrha found the net three times against West champions Emly winning the game on a score of 3-9 to 1-6.

In the final Fethard continued the dominance they enjoyed in the semi final proving a different class against Lorrha/Dorrha clinching the county title 6-8 to 1-6.

U-16 A Clonmel Commercials defending champions representing the South had J.K.Brackens from the Mid as their opponents. Their depth of skill saw them qualify for the final on a score of 4-12 to 2-3.

The other semi final was very closely fought out between Golden/Kilfeacle from the West and Ballina from the North. Two points separated the sides at full time with victory going to Golden on a score of 2-9 to 1-10.

New Inn hosted the final which was the last football encounter of the season.

From the outset the outcome was never in doubt. Clonmel Commercials were in total control in all sectors of the pitch and credit has to be accorded to Golden/ Kilfeacle for the spirit in which they handled a game that was never within their reach after the opening five minutes.

The final score line reading 2-21 to 0-2 against Golden does not reflect the spirit of their performance. Full credit to Clonmel Commercials on defending their title with such class and comfort.

U-16 B West champions Rockwell Rovers were too strong for their North opponents from Kildangan clinching a spot in the final on a score of 3-9 to 0-3.

The other contest produced seven goals, South champions Fethard proved superior against Mid champions Moycarkey/Borris and qualified for the final on a score of 5-8 to 2-4.

On final day in Cashel Rockwell started off much slower than their opponents and after twenty minutes looked to be fighting a losing battle against Fethard.

However after some unanswered scores finished the opening half one point in arrears.

On the resumption proceedings were evenly balanced. It was in the last ten minutes that Fethard got a firm grip on the game securing the title on a score of 2-11---1-8

U-16 C The West had no participants in this competition, so as a result of a Bórd meeting both the south finalists were granted permission to contest the county semi finals. In the first semi final which took place in Littleton Grangemockler from the South were in devastating form against Clonakenny representing the Mid. At the full time whistle victory went in favour of the south boys on a score

of 9-12 to 2-3.

The other decider took place in The Ragg where proceedings were more evenly contested. Shannon Rovers clinching a spot in the final with a single point victory over Carrick Davins on a score of 0-10 to 2-3.

Holycross was the venue for the final which was an even battle for most of the game. Grangemockler however always secured their scores with more ease than their opponents Shannon Rovers. Midway in the second period the Rovers enjoyed some prized possession but failed to register on the scoreboard and it was the South boys took grip of the last ten minutes to secure victory on a score of 1-8 to 1-2.

INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Peadar Cummins U/14 Hurling tournament. Which is hosted annually by Borris-Ileigh club is in its 24th year of existence. The North played the West in their semi final encounter in Templederry and were convincing winners on a score of 2-14 to 0-4.

The other semi final took place in Borrisoleigh where the Mid were far superior to their South opponents finishing off the game on a score of 5-13---0-7 to claim their spot in the cup final.

Both cup and shield finals took place in Borrisoleigh.

In the opening game the South got the upper hand in their contest with the West and finished victorious on a score of 4-10---3-6.

In the cup final the first period of the game was evenly contested. On the resumption the same prevailed until the last ten minutes when the North struck the net on two occasions to claim the title on a score of 3-6---0-8.

Roger Ryan Memorial Cup U/15 Hurling. This was an inaugural U/15 Hurling tournament and similar to the U/16 it was run on the same day with Toomevara acting as host. It was fitting that the club being the club of the great Tipp hurler the late Roger Ryan should have the honour of hosting. In semi finals the Mid and the North had easy victories over the South and West respectively.

The final was evenly contested for most of the game, but towards the last quarter the North raised the green flag on two occasions to win the title on a score of 3-8 to 1-8.

Garda Cup. U/16 Hurling. Due to prevailing weather conditions our opening competition the U/16 Inter Divisional Hurling tournament got off to a later start than usual and under a new format.

On April 17th both semi finals and finals were played on the same day in Clonoulty.

The defending champions from the Mid saw off the challenge from their South opponents with some ease. In the other encounter the North overcame the West with similar comfort. The final however did not live up to the expected contest and the defending champions secured their title in a goalless game winning 0-9 to 0-5.

Munster U/16 A hurling inter divisional tournament This tournament commenced on Saturday May 1st. In Dr. Morris Park the Mid division took on Avondhu in their opening game. After a very competitive contest they secured victory with a two point margin. In the next round they had an easier passage to victory over East Waterford on a score of 3-10 to 0-05.

In their final game they played old rivals East Clare a team who the Mid had come off second best in their two previous encounters.

At the end of proceedings in Dr.Morris Park it was Mid Tipp and Avondhu that gained qualification to the next stage of the competition to be staged in Mallow on the following Monday.

Meanwhile the North division were playing their games in Clarecastle. In their opening game they secured victory over Limerick City/West on a comprehensive score of 2-11---1-3. Next up they defeated Mid Clare 4-5 to 1-11.

In their final game they were in goal scoring form against Kerry clocking up 4-7 to 0-7.

On bank holiday Monday the action was in Mallow. For the second year in succession Mid were drawn against North in the semi final. After a close battle the Mid gained their spot in the final with two points to the good. 1-11---2-6 In the other semi final pairing Avondhu overcame East Waterford.

The final turned out to be one way traffic right from the very start of the game. Mid Tipp totally dominated the proceedings and bridged an eighteen year gap by securing the title that the last won in 1992. The final score Mid Tipp 2-11 Avondhu 0-5.

Munster U/16 B Hurling inter divisional tournament. Both the West and South divisions and also Tipp (B) participated in this tournament.

In Cahir the West had a two point win over Carrighdhoun and a comprehensive margin over the Tipp B side.

In Kilmallock the South division defeated Limerick 2-08 to 1-5.

COUNTY TIPPERARY BORD NA nOG RESULTS

Football Championships 2010

GRADE	Date	Teams and Scores		Venue	Referee
U/12 'A'	29/5/10	Killenaule 2-5	Clonoulty Rossmore 2-5	Semple Stadium	Eddie Ryan
	Extra Time	Killenaule 3-6	Clonoulty Rossmore 3-5		
U-12 'B'	29/5/10	Newport 2-8	Holycross Ballycahill 1-2	Semple Stadium	Michael Duffy
U-12 'C'	29/5/10	Clonakenny 1-8	Portroe 1-1	Semple Stadium	Shane McCormack
U-14 'A'	29/5/10	Clonmel Commercials 7-9	Ballina 0-3	Templemore	Martin Ryan
U-14 'B'	12/6/10	Drom/Inch 9-11	Burgess 1-2	Kilcommon	Liam Hogan
U-14 'C'	12/6/10	Fethard 6-8	Lorrha 1-6	Templemore	Ciaran Timmons
U-16 'A'	5/7/10	Clonmel Commercials 2-21	Golden Kilfeackle 0-2	New Inn	Derek O'Mahony
U-16 'B'	3/7/10	Fethard 2-11	Rockwell Rovers 1-8	Cashel	Michael Hassett
U-16 'C'	3/7/10	Grangemockler 1-8	Shannon Rovers 1-3	Holycross	Fergal Hickey
Féile fe 14	6/5/10	Clonmel Commercials 3-10	Nenagh Éire Óg 0-4	Dr. Morris Park	Martin Ryan

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U-12 'A'	4/9/10	Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-5	St. Mary's 2-3	Semple Stadium	David Grogan
U-12 'B'	4/9/10	J. K. Brackens 3-11	Newport 0-5	Semple Stadium	Phil Ryan
U-12 'C'	4/9/10	Templederry Kenyons 2-2	Ballyneale 0-2	Semple Stadium	Liam Shanahan
U-14 'A'	17/9/10	Éire Óg Nenagh 4-10	Durlas Og 2-10	Templederry	Seamus Roche
U-14 'B'	18/9/10	Borris-Ileigh 3-3	Gortnahoe Glengoole 1-6	The Ragg	Keith Delahunty
U-14 'C'	18/9/10	Portroe 2-7	Fethard 0-5	The Ragg	John Butler
U-16 'A'	16/10/10	Durlas Óg 1/19	NenaghÉire Óg 1-15	Roscrea	Fergal Horgan
U-16 'B'	16/10/10	Carrick Swans 3-9	Ballina 1-9	Littleton	Eamon Clohessy
U-16 'C'	16/10/10	Shannon Rovers 6-13	Fr. Sheedy's 3-9	Littleton	Richard O'Connor
Féile Fé 14	25/4/010	Durlas Óg 5-9	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-04	Dr. Morris Park	Eamon Browne



Portroe - North and County Under 14 'C' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Ciaran O'Donnell, Ben Madden, Andrew Duggan (Captain), Kyle Creamer (goalie), John Hogan (Manager), Michael Breen, David Lumbruso, Paul Quinn (Selector), Dylan Fluck, Corey Mulrooney, Michael Quilligan, John Riggs Miller, Cormac Keating and Dinny Hogan (Selector). Front l-r: James McGrath, John O'Connor, Anthony Bourke, Jack Moloney, Robert Byrne, Billy Donnellan, Ruadhan Mulrooney, Kyle Morkan, Ciaran Willis and Brian Connaughton. Supporters: Cian and Lucy Hogan (kneeling), Shane Keating (standing).

They finished all square against Carbury 2-10 apiece. In their encounter against Muskerry they suffered on a final score of 3-10 to 0-12.

In the semi final West Tipp defeated Muskerry 2-8 to 0-6. In the final they overcame Carrighdhoun on a score of 3-9 to 1-3.

COUNTY TEAMS

Tipperary Supporters Club U/16 All Ireland Hurling championship. This year Tipperary were in Group 1 accompanied by Limerick and Antrim. All the games took place in Clonoulty. In their opening encounter with Limerick found the going tough for long periods of the game, their opponents appeared sharper when on the ball. Nevertheless as the game was coming to its closing stage Tipp scored a fortuitous goal followed by a point to leave the sides sharing the spoils on a score of 2-6 each.

Tipperary then enjoyed a rest period as Limerick played Antrim in a game which they won on a score of 3-9 to 1-5. This result meant that Tipp knew that they had to overcome Antrim by minimum of ten points to proceed to the cup semi final.

Against Antrim Tipperary were convincing winners on a score of 4-15 to 0-6.

In the semi final Tipperary were pitched against Group 4 winners Offaly who had a one point victory over Wexford and five point margin over Laois in their games.

The semi final was a complete one sided affair. It was a game that failed to produce any excitement and ended goalless on a score Tipp 0-22 Offaly 0-5.

By virtue of their success Tipp were now in a second final in a row and their fourth in five years.

On final day in Semple Stadium their opponents were the tribesmen from Galway who had to go to extra time in their semi final encounter against Kilkenny.

Tipperary has the assistance of a strong wind in the first half and at the interval held a commanding grip on the game with the score line reading 1-13 to 0-4 in their favour.

On the resumption despite an improved performance from their opponents in the early stage Tipperary secured their 11th title with ease on a final score of 2-20 to 0-9.

Full credit to the management of Ray Ralph, Len Gaynor, Brendan Ferris and Phil Ryan and Liam Flannery and the entire panel for securing back to back titles a feat last achieved in 2006/2007

Tipperary Panel: Jim Maher (Clonoulty Rossmore), Michael Cussen (Moycarkey Borris), John Ryan (Upperchurch Drombane), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Joseph Nyland (Loughmore Castleiney), Thomas Hamill (J.K.Brackens), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Philip Hogan (Lorrha Dorrha), Dylan Burke (Durlas Óg), Paul Hayes (Clonoulty Rossmore), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe Glengoole), Stephen Cahill (Durlas Óg), John McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), Sean Maher (Clonoulty Rossmore Capt), Paul Maher (Moyné Templemouhy), Michael Breen

(Ballina), Sean Nally (Holycross Ballycahill), Dylan Fitzgerald (Fethard), Tadgh Gallagher (Kildangan), Eddie Hynes (Templederry Kenyons), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Darragh O'Brien (Cahir), Jason Lonergan (St. Marys), Paudie Fogarty (Silvermines), Jack Loughnane (Kildangan), Sean Ryan (Cappawhite), Lorcan Egan (Loughmore Castleiney).

Humphrey Kelleher U/15 Football Tournament. This tournament took place in Millstreet and proved to be a very testing day for Tipp who had to play four consecutive games. In the opening game Tipp overcame Cork County (2) with a one goal margin 1-5 to 0-5. Next up in the quarter final they played Clare and enjoyed full control winning on final score of 1-8 to 0-4. In the semi final they had a tough encounter against North Kerry to advance to the final by a single point 2-10 to 3-6. The final was a cracking game with Tipp having the upper hand in the possession stakes against Cork County (2) but failed to show this on the score board. They went in front on many occasions but never pulled away and it resulted in the game being all square with the full time whistle approaching. The Rebel's pressure yielded them a one point lead. However full credit to the Premier boys who clocked up two unanswered points deep into injury time to win the title for the first time.

Tipperary Panel Paul O'Leary (Nenagh Éire Óg), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), James Feehan (Killenaule), Padraic Lourham (Clonmel Commercials), Brian Kennedy (J.K.Brackens), Eoin Kehoe (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Michael Connolly (Clonmel Commercials), Josh Keane (Golden Kilfeackle), Colin O'Riordan (J.K.Brackens), Tom Kirwin (Ardfinnan), Kevin Fahy (Clonmel Commercials), Michael Meagher (Grangemockler Castlegrace), Shane Crowley (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Casey (Cahir), Keelan Hickey (Cahir), Danny O'Mahony & Jason Ryan (Ardfinnan), Paul Shannahan (Upperchurch Drombane), Conoe Kissane (Arravale Rovers), Fionan O'Sullivan (Ballporeen), John Joe Ryan (Clonakenny), Adam O'Connell (Killenaule), David Finnane (Galtee Rovers), Brian Healy (Fethard), Gerry Cronin (Ardfinnan), John Smith (Kilaheelan Kilcash).

Selectors: Barry Shortall (West), Kevin Slattery (Mid), Stephen Morgan (South), David O'Connor (North), Michael Power (South).

Munster U/16 Football Tournament. This tournament that is eighteen years in existence finally yielded success for our county footballers. Tipperary's first game was against North Kerry in Knocklong. Tipp enjoyed the spoils in the opening half of the game finishing at the interval with a five point lead. On the resumption they had to endure severe pressure from the Kingdom that had the wind in their favour. However Tipp kept their nerve to emerge victorious with a margin of two points on a score of 0-14 to 1-9. In the semi final they were up against Limerick who had earlier disposed of Cork City. Tipp had the assistance of the wind in the opening period and took full advantage racing into a six point lead. Limerick replied by finding the nett, but Tipp held their cool by clocking up three points to leave the half time Tipp 0-10 Limerick 1-1. The Tipp defence was under siege from the Treaty men who now had the wind in their back. However Tipp only conceded 1-1 while



Grangemockler/Ballyneale Under 16 'C' Football South & County Champions 2010. Front l-r: Eoghan McGuigan, Ciaran Phelan, Kean O'Shea, Ramie Lyons, Jim Power, Pa O'Connell, Aaron O'Donovan, Jack O'Hanlon. Back l-r: Andrew Meaney, Alex Sheehan, Dean O'Hanlon, Michael Meagher, Andrew Bolger, Sean Dunphy, Oisín Teppan, Wayne McGrath, Paul Walsh, Jack Phelan, Eamon Phelan.



The Tipperary panel and selectors that defeated Galway in the Tipperary Supporters' Club sponsored All Ireland U/16 Hurling Final. Back l-r: Brendan Ferris (selector), Liam Flannery (Nenagh Éire Óg selector), Jack Loughnane (Kildangan), Dylan Bourke (Durlas Óg), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Eddie Hynes (Templederry), Jack Peters (Kilruane McDonaghs), Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel Kilcormacs), Tomas Hamill (JK Brackens), John Ryan (Upperchurch Dromban), Sean Maher (Clonoulty Rossmore Capt), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe Glengooile), Tadgh Gallagher (Kildangan), Paudi Fogarty (Silvermines), Paul Maher (Moyne Templetuohy), Sean Nally (Holycross Ballycahill), Philip Hogan (Lorrha/Dorrha), Phip Ryan (Selector Knockavilla Kickhams), Ray Ralph (Selector Moycarkey Borris), Len Gaynor (Coach Kilruane McDonaghs). Front l-r: Lorcan Egan (Loughmore Castleiney), Joseph Nyland (Loughmore Castleiney), James Maher (Clonoulty Rossmore), Michael Cussen (Moycarkey Borris), John McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan Kilcash), Michael Breen (Ballina), Dylan Fitzgerald (Fethard), Stephen Cahill (Durlas Óg), Paul Hayes (Clonoulty Rossmore), Jason Lonnergan (St Mary's Clonmel), Sean Ryan (Cappawhite), Darragh O'Brien (Cahir).

adding three more points to their tally to advance to the final on a score of 0-13 to 2-4. The final took place in the Gaelic Grounds with Cork County providing the opposition. Tipp got a good start and with five minutes remaining were four points to the good when Cork clocked up 1-1 in injury time to force the game into extra time. Tipp felt harshly done by the referee as it appeared that too much added time was played. However in extra time Tipp did not let the affairs of the previous five minutes upset them and fought with determination and overpowered their rebels rivals to win their first ever Munster crown in this grade on a final score of 1-19 to 1-5

Tipperary Panel: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel King Cormacs), Peter Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Paddy Ran (Golden Kilfeacle), Oisín Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin Cullen), Dlan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan Kilcash Capt.), John Martin (Ballporeen), Joesph Nyland (Loughmore Castleiney), Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Coleman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Simon Delaney (Cashel King Cormacs), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Diarmuid Devane (Newcastle), T.J.Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Mikey Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Eoin Donaghy (Cahir), Jason Lonnergan (Clonmel Commercials), Daireen Cass (Clonmel Commercials), John Ryan (Upperchurch Drombane), Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty Rossmore), Jack Feeney (Innane Rovers), Greg Henery (Killenaule), Dylan Fitzgerald (Fethard).

Selectors Martin Treacy (Mid), Paul Quish (West), Paddy Flaherty (South), Coach David Power (South).

SONNY WALSH U-14 Inter County Hurling

Despite producing a great second half, Tipperary were denied victory by Cork side in an exciting Sonny Walsh Cup Final at Walsh Park, Waterford. Played in brilliant sunshine, Tipp trailed by five points following Cork's second goal, one minute into the second half, but backed by the breeze, they came within a whisper of Cork with a relentless attack in the dying minutes as two late points by Matthew Stakelum and Conor Maguire brought them within the minimum.

Deep into injury the Tipp onslaught continued as they throw everything bar the kitchen sink at the Rebel opposition but to no avail. Final score Cork 2-6 Tipperary 2-5.

SCORERS: Tipperary- Matthew Stapleton 1-2; Paul McGrath 1-1; Tommy Skehan and Conor Maguire 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: Kieran Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Leo Cashin, (Roscrea), Mark Grace (Toomevara), Kevin Aherne (Drom Inch); Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Paraic Hogan (Templederry), James Cummins, (Cashel); Tomas Skehan (Durlas Óg), Dylan Carey (Templederry); Danny Ryan, (Borris-Ileigh), Luke Kelly (Thurles Sarsfields), Matthew Stakelum (Holycross-Ballycahill); Paul McGrath (Kildangan), Liam Lanigan (Moycarkey-Borris), John Cahalan (Nenagh Éire Óg).

Subs: Tommy O'Gorman (Moycarkey-Borris) for Ryan; Conor Maguire (Ballina) for Lanigan.

The other panel members were Jonathon Walsh (Cashel King Cormacs), Ronan Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengooile), Shane Kenny (Borris-Ileigh), Shane Luttrell (Moyle Rovers), Philip Hickey (Nenagh Éire Óg), Marco Bras (Gortnahoe-Glengooile), Brendan Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams).

The TIPPERARY path to the Sonny Walsh Cup Final:

Results			
Tipperary	1-6	Kilkenny	1-5
Tipperary	1-7	Dublin	2-7
Tipperary	6-14	Waterford	0-6

Tony Forristal Cup

Tipperary were grouped with Kilkenny and Galway with Mount Sion as the venue. Tipp played Kilkenny in the opening round but lost by eight points to a stronger opposition. In round two, Kilkenny proved too good for Galway having ten points to spare. Thus the final game between Tipp and Galway was of little consequences. Tipp however showed real battling signs with Willie Connors, Pa Ryan, Andrew Coffey, Bill O'Connell and Paraic O'Donoghue never giving up. Enda Moloney produced some great saves. Shane Hennessey grabbed Tipp's first goal just minutes into the second half and in a late finish, with a Conor Floyd goal, from a twenty metre free, producing an exciting finish.

Round 1: Tipperary 0-4 Kilkenny 0-12

Team- Enda Moloney (Roscrea); Chris McCullagh (Moycarkey -Borris), Paul Sammon (Durlas Óg), Willie Connors (Kildangan); Eric Walsh (Saint Marys), Paraic O' Donoghue (Cashel King Cormacs), Conor Floyd (Newport); James Morgan (Ballylooby- Castlegrace), Dominic Blake (Killenaule); Pa Ryan (Newport), Andrew Coffey (Nenagh Éire Óg), Bill O'Connell (Loughmore-Castleiney); William Coffey (Toomevara), James Casey (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brendan Larkin (Drom Inch).

Round 2: Tipperary 2-5 Galway 2-8

Enda Maher (Roscrea); Pa Ryan (Newport), Eric Walsh (Saint Marys), Andrew Coffey (Nenagh Éire Óg); Paul Sammon (Durlas Óg), Conor Floyd (Newport), Dominic Blake (Killenaule); James Casey (Golden-Kilfeacle), Billy McCarthy (Durlas Óg); Shane Hennessey (Nenagh Éire Óg), Bill O'Connell (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jason Ryan (Ballinahinch); Seany O'Halloran (Golden-Kilfeacle), Paraic O'Donoghue (Cashel King Cormacs), Ronan Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore).

Other players to come on were Brian Hogan (Lorrha), Michael Dunne (Mullinahone), James Doyle (Killenaule), Killian Loughnane (Knockavilla Kickams).

RESULTS: Group 1- Limerick 3-9 Antrim 1-5; Tipperary 2-6 Limerick 2-6 at Clonoulty; Tipperary 4-15 Antrim 0-6 at Clonoulty; Semi Finals -Tipperary 0-22 Offaly 0-5 at Clonoulty; Galway 4-15 Kilkenny 2-20 a.e.t. Final Tipperary 2-20 Galway 0-9.



Co. Tipperary HSE Community Games Under 10 Gaelic Football Champions, Roscrea, with their coaches Paul Booth and Ger Dooley. Back l-r: G. Shields, J. Cahir, N. O'Meara, E. Kelly, J. Lee, D. Hogan, C. Dooley, J. O'Meara. Middle: S. Ryan, A. Booth, G. Meagher, B. Bergin, L. Cashen (capt), E. Harte, G. Loughnane, D. Tynan, R. Lee, L. Seagry. Front: Jamie Ryan, C. Nolan, D. Pyne, E. Dooley, B. Culleton, C. Donovan, E. Tynan, D. Buckley, M. Walsh.

Cumann Peil Fánaíthe Eidhneáin 60ú bliain 2010

This year was very significant in the history of Inane Rovers as 2010 was the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the club in 1950. To mark the occasion, a celebration night was held in the Damer Court Hotel on Friday 26th March with special guests, Noel Morris (Chairman Tipperary County Football Board) and John Evans (Tipperary Senior Football Manager). A busy but very enjoyable night was had by all as the clubs new crest, website and club gear were launched.

The 2009 Under 16 North champions were presented with their medals by John Evans while also a new set of jerseys was kindly presented to the club by our main sponsor Bernie's SuperValu. Indeed we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Brian Colclough and Bernie's for their invaluable support to Inane.

2010 was a very busy year on the field for the club. Our U-12s and 14s were both beaten in North semi-finals while the U-16s were very unlucky to lose out in a North semi-final replay to Ballina.

Our Minors fared much better winning the North A championship beating Borris-Ileigh 1-14 to 1-7 in the final in Templederry. The Inane Juniors can count themselves very unlucky losing out to Nenagh Eire Og in the North Final by a single point after extra time and again by the same margin in the county quarter final to South champions Newcastle.

The highlight of the year however must go to our U-10 Community Games team. In our first year to enter the competition the lads did the club and town proud by winning the county title by beating Powerstown 4-7 to 1-1 and subsequently reaching the Munster Final defeating Ahane (Limerick) and Kilkee (Clare) along the way. Unfortunately a very strong Douglas (Cork) team proved an obstacle too far in the final, on a scoreline of 3-3 to 0-3. However, the teams' achievements this year were fantastic. They played skilful football with huge courage. Well done to all the players and mentors.

Finally the club would like to thank all the players, coaches, mentors and everyone who supported the club in any way this year. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Here's to another successful 60 years!



Durlas Óg U-16 'A' County champions 2010. Back l-r: Dylan Bourke, Caley Maher, David Fogarty, Aidan Ryan, Brian Hanrahan, Tom Meehan, Stephen Ryan, Sean Wade, Aidan Doyle, Tony O'Brien, David Russell, Ruairi Dwan, Jack O'Dwyer, Graham Maher, Jack Linneen. Front l-r: Conor Lanigan, Kevin Dunne, Jack O'Connor, Ronan Maher, Brendan O'Loughlin, Tom Tierney, Peter Coman, Cathal Ryan, Stephen Cahill, Paddy Carroll, Pa Phelan.



County Board Officers elected at the County Convention held in The Dome, Semple Stadium. Back l-r: John Smith (Youth Officer), John Costigan (Central Council), Donie Shanahan (Munster Council), PJ Maher (Munster Council), Michael Bourke (Development Officer), John O'Donovan (Asst Treasurer), Nicholas Moroney (Games Development Officer). Front l-r: Ger Ryan (PRO), Sean Nugent (Vice Chairman), Eamon Buckley (Treasurer), Barry O'Brien (Chairman), Tim Floyd (Secretary), Tommy Barrett (President), Tom Maher (Asst Secretary).

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North Tipp Bord na nÓg

How Our Divisional Hurling Sides Fared in 2010

North Tipperary U14 Peadar Cummins 2010

North Tipp 3-6 Mid Tipp 0-8

North Tipperary won the Peadar Cummins Annual Tournament at Borrisoleigh on May 29th. They defeated Mid Tipp in the final with ten points to spare. Half time, North 1-4 Mid 0-5.

Well done to the selectors, Seamus Doran, Roscrea; Mark Gennery, Portroe and Ger Slattery, Kildangan.

NORTH TIPP: Enda Moloney (Roscrea); Conor Ryan, (Nenagh Eire Og), Mark Grace (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Newport); Conor Floyd (do, 1-2), Dylan Carey (Templederry), Padraig Hogan (do); Eoin Hobbs (Roscrea), Andrew Coffey (Nenagh Eire Og) (Captain); Conor Maguire (Ballina, 0-1); Brian Hogan (Lorrha, 0-1), Andrew Dunne (Burgess), Willie Coffey (Toomevara); Paul McGrath (Kildangan), Evan Fitzpatrick (Roscrea, 0-1), Kieran Maher (Borris-Ileigh).

Subs: Jason Ryan (Ballinahinch, 1-0), Philip Hickey (Nenagh E Og), Willie Connors (Kildangan, 1-1), Jamie Maxwell (Burgess).

Others- Lee Cashin (Roscrea), Ronan Burke (Ballina), Andrew Duggan (Portroe), Shane Kenny (Borris-Ileigh).

Results: Semi-finals Mid Tipp 5-13 South Tipp 0-7; North Tipp 2-14 West Tipp 0-4

Shield Final South Tipp 4-10 West Tipp 3-6

Final North Tipp 3-6 Mid Tipp 0-5

Roger Ryan Memorial

U-15 Inter Divisional Hurling Final 2010

North Tipperary 3-10 Mid Tipp 1-8

North Tipp proved too strong for Mid Tipp in the final of the Roger Ryan Memorial Inter Divisional Hurling Tournament held in Toomevara on April 17th.

Halftime score: North Tipp 2-5 to 0-5.

NORTH TIPP: Daryl Ryan, (Roscrea); Daire Quinn (Nenagh Eire Og), Cathal Kennedy (Toomevara), Jason Ryan (Do); Kevin Mulcahy (Ballinahinch, 1-3), Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers), Killian Gleeson (Nenagh Eire Og); James Mackey (Nenagh E Og), Aidan Moloney (Newport, 0-1); Stephen Cleary (Kilruane MacDonagh), Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh E Og, 0-4), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara, 1-0); Joey Knight (Portroe, 0-1), Sam Conlon (Roscrea, 1-1), David Sweeney (Kildangan)

Subs: Christopher Fogarty (Lorrha), Cian Rigney (Roscrea), Eanna McLoughney (Shannon Rovers). Also on panel: Darragh McGrath (Ballinahinch), Andrew Nevin (Borrisokane), Brian Dooley (Borrisokane), Liam Carroll (Roscrea), Greg O'Brien (Portroe), Michael Collins (Nenagh E Og).

U-16 Hurling Garda Cup Final 2010

Mid Tipperary 0-9 North Tipperary 0-3

NORTH TIPP: Philip Hogan (Lorrha); Conor Leo (Portroe), Neill Gleeson (Do), Colm Hall (Toomevara); Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Eddie Hynes (Templederry), Michael Campion (Roscrea); Jack Feeney (Roscrea), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina); Michael Breen (Ballina), Tadgh Gallagher (Kildangan), Paudie Fogarty (Silvermines); Eoin Greene (Moneygall), Padraig Shanahan (Toomevara), Conor Delaney (Toomevara).

Subs used: Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) and Tadgh O'Halloran (Burgess).

Semi Final Earlier, North Tipp defeated West Tipp 1-9 to 0-5 in the semi final. Conor Delaney (0-2f) plus Michael Breen score 0-3 each with Eoin Troy grabbing a goal. Paudie Fogarty, Kevin O Halloran and Eddie Hynes had one each. The team was the same as played in the final. In the other semi-final, Mid Tipp defeated South Tipp by 1-11 to 0-3.

Munster U-16 Hurling Championship

North Tipp were drawn against Limerick City West in round

1. North Tipp won by 2-11 to 1-3. In round 2 North Tipp played Mid Clare and came out winners 4-5 to 1-11. Round 3 North Tipp played Kerry resulting in a 4-7 to 2-6 win.

As a result it was on to the Mallow GAA Centre on Monday for a semi final clash with Mid Tipp. Unfortunately North lost by two points, 1-10 to 2-6.

3rd Place North Tipp 4-7 Imokilly 3-11

Final Mid Tipp 2-11 Avondhu 0-5

North Tipp Panel: Philip Hogan (Lorrha), Conor Leo (Portroe), Niall Gleeson (Portroe), Colin Hall (Toomevara), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Eddie Hynes (Templederry), Michael Campion (Roscrea), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Paudie Fogarty (Silvermines), Padraig Shanahan (Toomevara), Jack Feeney (Roscrea), Kevin O Halloran (Portroe), Michael Breen (Ballina), Tadgh Gallagher (Kildangan), Conor Delaney (Toomevara), Adam Gratten (Éire Óg Nenagh), Tadgh O'Halloran (Burgess), Austin Tierney (Shannon Rovers), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara), Barry Heffernan (Éire Óg Nenagh), Joey Knight (Portroe), Cathal Kennedy (Toomevara).

Selectors: Liam Flannery Éire Óg Nenagh, Liam Kelly Kildangan, Len Gaynor Kilruane MacDonaghs (coach).

Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland U-16 Hurling Tournament

Tipperary I-16 hurlers retained the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland title with a convincing victory over Galway in Semple Stadium on Sunday August 29th.

North Tipp members: Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Tadgh Gallagher (Kildangan), Jack Loughnane (Kildangan), Philip Hogan (Lorrha), Eddie Hynes (Templederry), Michael Breen (Ballina), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Paudie Fogarty (Silvermines), Well done to all involved.

Selectors Liam Flannery Éire Óg Nenagh, Len Gaynor Kilruane MacDonaghs (coach). Congrats too all.

How North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Divisional Football Teams fared in 2010.

Divisional U14 Football Final

Mid Tipperary 2-04 North Tipperary 2-03

North Tipperary U-14 Divisional Footballers lost narrowly to Mid Tipperary in an exciting Inter- Divisional Football Final at flood lit Dr Morris Park. North trailed 1-2 to 0-2 at half time but displayed courage with a brave second half display. After an Andrew Duggan goal gave them a 2-3 to 1-4 lead, they were cruelly denied a late goal by Paul Kennedy ensured victory for the Mid boys.

North SCORERS: P O'Hagan 1-1; A Duggan 1-0; B McAuliffe, D Keating 0-1 each.

NORTH TIPP TEAM was: Jack Brady (Ballina); Daniel Nevin (Burgess), Conor Floyd (Newport), Danny Ryan (Borris-Ileigh); Robert Houlihan (Newport), Conor Maguire (Ballina), Pa Ryan (Newport); Jason Ryan (Ballinahinch), Andrew Duggan (Portroe); Conor Ryan (Capt) (Nenagh Eire Og), Phelim O'Hagan (Ballina), Thomas Conway (do); Dylan Fluck (Portroe), Brian McAuliffe (Newport), Daniel Keating (Ballina).

Subs: Darragh Murray (Templederry), Michael Hurley (Ballina), Jack Molamphy (Nenagh Eire Og), Jack Hogan (Borris-Ileigh), David Shanahan (Silvermines), David Bradshaw (Ballina), Michael Quigley (Newport), David Lumbroso (Portroe), Ronan Burke (Ballina), Adrian Power (do), Ohhran Murphy (Templederry), James Murtagh.

Inter- Divisional U-15 Football Final

Mid Tipperary 6-08 North Tipperary 1-02

North Tipp footballers were easily defeated their Mid Tipp neighbours in the U-15 Inter-Divisional Football Final at Dr. Morris Park, Thurles, on March 20th. Coming into the game following a semi final win over West Tipp, the North boys were outclassed by a superior Mid side.

North Selectors, John O'Leary, Gavin Berry and Joe Hannigan can be satisfied with their team who had earlier defeated West

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Results 2010

DATE	Grade	TEAM	TEAM	VENUE	Captain	Ref
U-12 Hurling						
07/08/2010	A	Kilruane MacD	8-2 Roscrea	3-5 Dolla	Rory McCarthy	N Mc Grath
07/08/2010	B	Newport	0-7 Burgess	1-1 Dolla	Cian Flanagan	M Murphy
07/08/2010	C	Templederry	2-7 Portroe	0-5 Dolla	Jack Dwyer	N Coffey
U-14 Hurling						
14/08/2010	A	Nenagh Éire Óg	3-7 Newport/B/Hinch 1-5	Nenagh	Aodhan Geaney	G Fitzpatrick
14/08/2010	B	Borris-Ileigh	3-13 Kildangan	0-2 Nenagh	Sam Devaney	P Gibson
14/08/2010	C	Portroe	3-13 Shannon Rovers	5-4 Nenagh (a.e.t)	Andrew Duggan	M Hallinan
U-16 Hurling						
02/10/2010	A	Nenagh	1-15 Toomevara	0-3 Dolla	Adam Grattan	L Hogan
02/10/2010	B	Ballina	3-8 Portroe	0-10 Dolla	Dylan Ryan	T.P.Sullivan
U-12 Football						
07/05/2010	A	Kildangan	1-3 Nenagh Éire Óg	1-1 Puchane	Declan McGrath	P Gibson
07/05/2010	B	Newport	4--5 Borrisokane	4-2 Dolla	Darragh Carroll	C Timmons
14/05/2010	C	Portroe	0-8 S/Rovers	1-1 Dolla	Brian Connaughton	C McLoughlin
U-14 Football						
19/05/2010	A	Ballina	1-6 Nenagh Éire Óg	0-8 Dolla	Daniel Keating	L Hogan
19/05/2010	B	Burgess	4-4 Kildangan	3-5 Dolla	Jamie Maxwell	E.Kennedy
01/05/2010	C	Shannon Rovers	2-3 Lorrha	1-6 Borrisokane		Dec Darcy
19/05/2010		Lorrha	4-9 S/Rovers	5-4 Borrisokane	Brian Hogan	J Cahill
U-16 Football						
10/05/2010	A	Ballina	4-9 Nenagh	1-4 Portroe	Brian Hurley	Dan Darcy
24/04/2010	B	Kildangan	4-7 Templederry	0-6 Nenagh	Sam Sterling	J Cahill
PLATE U-14	B	Silvermines	5-11 Borrisokane	5-8 Kilcolman	(a.e.t.)	N Coffey
	A	Roscrea	2-8 Ballina	1-8 Toomevara	(a.e.t.)	M Murphy
PLATE U-12	B	Shannon Rovers	2-6 Borris-Ileigh	1-7 Kilcolman		
	A	Nenagh Éire Óg	9-11 Kildangan	2-1 Puckane		K.Delaney
PEADER CUMMINS TOURNAMENT						
Semi Finals		North Tipp	2-14 West Tipp	0-4		
		North Tipp	2-14 West Tipp	0-4		
		Mid Tipp	5-13 South Tipp	0-7		
FINAL		North Tipp	3-6 Mid Tipp	0-8		
SONNY WALSH CUP FINAL						
28/08/2010		Tipperary	1-6 Kilkenny	1-5		
28/08/2010		Tipperary	2-7 Dublin	1-7		
28/08/2010		Tipperary	6-14 Waterford	0-7		
TONY FORRISTAL CUP						
Rd 1		Tipperary	0-4 Killkenny	0-12	Moin Sion	
Rd 2		Tipperary	2-5 Galway	2-8	Moin Sion	
TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB TOURNAMENT						
Rd 1		Limerick	3-9 Antrim	1-5		
Rd 2		Tipperary	2-6 Limerick	2-6	Clonoulty	
Rd 3		Tipperary	4-15 Antrim	0-6	Clonoulty	
Semi Final		Tipperary	0-22 Offaly	0-5	a.e.t	
		Galway	4-15 Kilkenny	2-20	a.e.t	
FINAL		Tipperary	2-20 Galway	0-9		
U-16 Póc	Fada	Conor Leo	Portroe			

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Tipp in the semi-final 3-7 to 1-6.

North SCORERS: Brian Keely 1-1; Robert Ryan 0-1.

NORTH TIPP: Paul O'Leary (Nenagh Éire Óg), Thomas Coughlan (Burgess), John Burke (Lorrha & Dorrha), Jack Sullivan (Shannon Rovers), Niall Pierse, Willie Carroll (both Ballina), Paudi Scanlan (Borris-Ileigh), C.J. Gavin (Borrisokane), Ben Kilkenny (Ballina), Sean Fogarty (Moneygall), Brian McNicholas, Robert Ryan (both Inane Rovers), Paudi Gill (Burgess), Brian Keely (Inane Rovers), Peter O'Leary (Ballina).

Subs; Dean Ryan, Dylan Reid (both Borris-Ileigh), Patrick Egan (Moneygall), Peter Wright (Inane Rovers), Ger O'Gorman, Michael Collins (both Nenagh Éire Óg).

Referee, Fergal Horgan, Knockavilla.

Inter-Divisional U-16 Football Semi Final West Tipp 5-14 North Tipp 2-8

North Tipperary U-16 Divisional side found West Tipp in formidable form when the sides met in Inter-Divisional U-16 Football competition played at Dr Morris Park on March 20th. North side trailed 4-7 to 2-3 at half time.

Team line out: Eric Campbell (Toomevara); James Kelly (Burgess), Nigel Flood (Portroe), Joe Ryan (Inane Rovers); Stephen Stack (Shannon Rovers), Tadgh O'Halloran (Burgess), Michael O'Brien (Ballina); Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Ethan Flynn (Inane Rovers); Michael Campion (Inane Rovers), Ian O'Donnell (Portroe), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe); Adam Ryan (Inane Rovers), Jack Feeney (Inane Rovers), Eanna Dooley (Borrisokane).

Subs used: Brian Hurley (Ballina), John O'Brien (Burgess), Cian Comerford (Do) Derek Mulqueen (Do). Others included, Hughie O'Brien (do), James Howard Borris-Ileigh, Daragh Ryan (Do). Patrick Ryan (Ballinahinch), Dylan Ryan (Ballina).



North Tipperary Bord na nOg football captains were presented with the medals on behalf of their club at the presentation function in Nenagh Éire Óg Sports Complex. Seated: l-r: Andrew Coffey (representing Jack Molamphy Nenagh Éire Óg), Declan McGrath (Kildangan), Keelan Floyd (representing Daragh Carroll, Newport), Brian Connaughton (Portroe), Daniel Keating (Ballina), Jamie Maxwell (Burgess), Brian Hogan (Lorrha), Brian Hurley (Ballina), Sam Sterling (Kildangan). Standing: George Hannigan (Guest County Footballer), Michael Flynn (Chairman), Liam Hogan (MC & Bord na nOg), Marian Minehan (Secretary), Michael Sheehy (North Board Chairman), Paddy Stapleton (Guest, County Hurler), Catherine Gleeson (North Board Treasurer), Anne McGrath (County Bord na nOg PRO).



Victorious hurling captains were honoured at the North Bord na nOg function where they were presented with medals on behalf of their clubs. Seated: Mark Grace (Toomevara), Rory McCarthy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Cian Flanagan (Newport), Jack O'Dwyer (Templederrey), Aodhan Geaney (Nenagh Éire Óg), Sam Devaney (Borris-Ileigh), Andrew Duggan (Portroe), Adam Healy (Nenagh Éire Óg). Standing: Paddy Stapleton (Tipperary Hurler), George Hannigan (Tipperary Footballer), Michael Sheehy (North Board Chairman), Michael Flynn (Chairman), Brian Seymour (Silvermines), Lee Cashin (Roscrea), Oisín Harding (Shannon Rovers), Dylan Ryan (Ballina), Brendan O'Brien representing Adam Gratton (Nenagh Éire Óg), Marian Minehan (Secretary), Anne McGrath (County Bord na nOg PRO), Catherine Gleeson (North Board Treasurer) and Liam Hogan (MC).



Ballina U-16 Footballers - North 'A' Champions. Back row: (l to r) Dylan Ryan, Anthony Kennedy, Padraig McGrath, Ben Kilkenny, Eoin Kennedy, Niall Kierse, Adrian Hurley, Conor Gilmore, Stephen O'Brien, Michael Breen, William Carroll, Christy Ryan, Bill Molloy, Brian Hurley (Captain). Kneeling: Kevin Noonan, Dan Finnerty, Darren Slevin, Aaron Atkinson, Peter O'Leary, Michael Collins, Phelim O'Hagan, Christy Collins, Niall McCormack, Conor Ryan, Eamonn Healy.



Kilruane MacDonaghs U-12 panel - North 'A' Champions. Back (l to r) Ben Healy, Liam Hannon, Kevin Shinnors, Cormac Mannion, Rory McCarthy (Captain), Cian Darcy, Mark O'Neill, Luke Dervan, Martin Grace, Aaron Conroy, Alan Spain, Carl Williams, Seamus O'Meara, Eoghan Mulcahy. Kneeling: Christopher Moyles, Oisín O'Meara, Kevin Oakley, Nathan Ryan, Rob Banaghan, Tommy Dooley, Sean Quinlan, Jerome Cahill, Craig Morgan, Sean McAdams, Devlin Courtney.



Toomevara - North Tipperary Feile winners. Back l-r: David Kennedy, Darran Bourke, John McNerney, Kieran Flaherty, Liam Fogarty, Jack Ryan, Willie Ryan (behind selector), Daniel O'Meara, Mark Grace (capt), Paul Ryan, Jim Shanahan, Willie Coffey, Tomás O'Meara (selector), Jack Delaney, Rory Harty, Michael Brislane, Pauric Ryan, Brian Grace, Michelin Delaney (selector), Neil Williams (selector). Front l-r: Ben Darcy (selector), Denis Haverty, Eoin Cahill, Daniel Casey, John Cleary, Jason Dwan, Dermot Kinnane, Eoin Grace, Shane Slevin, Seán Flaherty, Liam Ryan, Josh McCarthy, Niall O'Farrell, Seán Kevin.



Ballina U-14 Footballers - North 'A' Champions. Back l-r: Jamie Collins, Louis Kennedy, Ben King, Liam McGratton, Thomas Conway, Brian Connolly, Daniel Keating (Captain), Bill Floyd, Conor Maguire, Jack Brady, Daniel Joblin, Michael Hurley, Phelim O'Hagan, James Murtagh, Ronan Bourke, Ross Buckley, Thomas McGrath, Pierce Nash. Front: Terry O'Halloran, Conor O'Leary, Patrick Donovan, Michael Lane, David O'Connell, Lowell Ryan, Jamie O'Dea, Eoin Slattery, David Kelly, David Bradshaw, Gearóid Slattery, Adrian Power, Enda Sheehy, Jason Slevin, Stephen Atkinson. Mascot: James Power.

Kildangan U-12 footballers - North 'A' Champions. Back l-r: - Darren Ryan, Jack Kelly, Cormac Dunne, Barry Hogan, Eamonn Kelly (Co-Manager), Ciaran Kelly, Sinead Maher, Tommy Holland, Declan McGrath (Captain), Martin McLoughney (Co-Manager), Eoin Sharkey, Dan O'Meara, Tom O'Meara, James Ryan (Selector), Colm Cawley, Oisín Conaty, Liam Hayes. Kneeling: Paul Seymour (Mascot), Daragh Kinsella, Billy Seymour, Mark Quigley, Eoin Maher, Darragh Molloy, Oisín Ryan, Luke Fahy, Brian McLoughney, Ronan Ducey, Darragh Flannery, Martin Culhane, John McGrath.



Templederry U-12 hurlers - North 'C' Champions. Back l-r: Pío Kennedy (selector), Donal Ryan (selector), Ciara Ryan, Katie Clifford, Elaine Gleeson, Aisling Carey, Daniel Meehan, Tiim McCutcheon, Richard O'Donoghue, Liam Brennan (selector) Ryan Carey, Niall Slattery, Conor Looby, Patrick Ryan, Ben Looby (selector). Kneeling: Matthew Ryan, Nessa Murray, Eimear Murphy, Sean Ryan, Jack O'Dwyer (Captain), Conor Brennan, Jack Carter.

Newport U-12 hurlers - North 'B' Champions. Back l-r: Elizabeth Floyd, Mattias Allen, Barry O'Meara, Keelan Floyd, Darragh Carroll, Dale Richter, Jack Delahunty, Paul Hogan, Jack Connolly, Sean Moloney, Greg O'Gorman, Corie Mooney. Kneeling: Keely Lenihan, Amy Quigley, Ciara Floyd, Michael Gorman, Cathal Floyd, Colin Floyd, Cian Flanagan (Captain), Bryn Gleeson, Kevin Connolly.





Burgess - U-14 'B' Champions. Back l-r: James Collins, Paul Carroll, Shane Griffin, Adam Cody, Jamie Maxwell (Captain), Conor Gill, Daniel Nevin, Liam Gillispie, David Nevin, Drew Boland, Adrian Bourke, Aidan O'Flaherty, Jack Gill. Kneeling: Byron Cottam, Shane McCarthy, Francis Musterberg, Jack Moloney, Keith Mulqueen, William Fogarty, Keith Nealon, Ben Moloney, Aaron Quigley, Lee Howard, Andy Dunne.

Nenagh Eire Og U-14 hurlers - North 'A' Champions. Back l-r: John Manley (selector), Ian McNamara, Jack Molamphy, John Cahalan, Shane Hennessy, Anthony Walsh, Brian Tuite, Gavin O'Connor, Christy McLoughlin (selector), Andrew Coffey, Brian Flynn, Niall O'Gorman, Aodhan Geaney (captain), Jack Sheedy, Robbie Ryan (Manager), Philip Hickey, Eamonn O'Brien (selector). Kneeling: Aaron Hogan, Chris Donaldson, Liam Maher, Craig Hilmi, Connie O'Reilly, Dominic O'Brien, Jake Morris, Adam Healy, Alex Jones, Brian Slattery, Conor Ryan.



Portroe U-12 Footballers - North 'C' Champions. Back l-r: David Gleeson (Mentor), Callan Cottrell, Christopher Fitzgerald, Miriam Breen, Caoimhe Kennedy, Martin Rainford, Michael Breen, Ciaran Willis, Kyle Morkan, Anthony Bourke, Jack Moloney, Mark Gennery (Mentor). Front: Padraig Malone (Mentor), Elliot McDonnell, Kieran McKeogh, Diarmuid Boyle, Aidan Willis, Brian Connaughtan (Captain), William Flood, John Bray, Conor O'Brien.

Silvermines U-14 hurlers - North Plate 'B' Champions. Back l-r: Sean Quirke (Selector), Colin O'Brien, Eddie Ryan, James Madden, Peter Kennedy, Cillian Fitzpatrick, Eamonn Corcoran, Stephen Ryan, Michael Hogan, Tadhg Ryan, Ger Boland, Eoin Seymour, David Shanahan, Aidan Quinn, Declan Mulqueen (Selector). Kneeling: Orrie Quirke (Selector), Niall Ryan, Jack Sheehy, Andrew Hayden (Joint Captain), Brian Seymour (Joint Captain), Patrick Leamy, Mark Daniels, Darragh Gallagher, Kevin Madden, Ross Fitzgerald.



Kildangan U-16 football panel that defeated Templederry in the North 'B' Final . Back l-r: Paul Flynn, Jim Minehan, Brian McGahey, Denis Flannery, Paul McGrath, Sam Sterling (Captain), John Hayes, Andrew Nihill, Cathal Hayes, David Sweeney, Sean Webb, Jake McMahon, Tadhg Gallagher, Matthew Harty. Kneeling: Willie Connors, David Cawley, Tommy Mulqueen, Josh McMahon, Darren Moran, Eoin Maher, Tom McLoughlin, Johnny Horan, Alan Flynn, Jack Loughnane.



Newport U-12 footballers - North 'B' Champions Back l-r: James Flanagan (Selector), Keely Lenihan, Sean Moloney, Daragh Carroll (Captain) Aaron O'Neill, Kealon Floyd, Martin Murray, Conor Bradley, Anthony Floyd (Manager), Kevin Connolly, Dade Richtar, Paul Hogan, Jack Delahunty, Cory Mooney, Joe Floyd (Coach)). Front: Amy Quigley, Elizabeth Floyd, Ciara Floyd, Cathal Floyd, Jack Connolly, Colm Floyd, Michael Gorman, Cian Flanagan, Greg O'Gorman, Bryan Gleeson, Tiernan Ryan, Denis Allen.

Nenagh U16 'A' H. Back l-r: Christopher Ryan, Paul Browne, Barry O'Connor, Paul O'Leary, Killian Gleeson, John O'Brien, Brendan O'Brien, Andrew Coffey, Adam Grattan, Aodhan Geaney, Michael Collins, Niall Kennedy, Gary Howard, Jack O'Brien, Ger O'Gorman. Front l-r: John Cahalan, Donnacha Quinn, James Mackey, Shane Hennessy, Barry Heffernan, Philip Hickey, Aidan Healy, Jack Nolan, Daire Gleeson, Michael Hallinan, Conor Ryan.



Lorrha U14 'C' Football: Back l-r: Ross O'Meara, Brian Hogan, Conor Hogan, Tony Needham, Patrick Reddan, Colin O'Meara, Aaron McDermott, Ger Lambe, Brian Gleeson. Front: Niall McIntyre, David Sherlock, Tomás Kennedy, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael Dolan, Leon Houlihan, Denis O'Meara, Sean Molloy.

Bórd na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach

Le Sorcha de Shiun Runai

This year two hundred and eighty three juvenile games were played between the twenty six competitions including Feile, Peil, championship and shield covering both hurling and football. We appreciate the fact that this takes a lot of cooperation between officers and clubs and I wish to acknowledge that and to thank everybody involved.

2010 saw the demise of the u-12 Championship in its present format. A new format will be drawn up for 2011 based on a less competitive structure with teams playing 11 a side maximum which will give players more involvement in the games.

Club Action This year has seen an improvement in our county title tally with four county championship wins as opposed to last years single title. Drom Inch added to last year's U-12 B title when they won the U-14 B football title. Clonakenny won their first ever juvenile title when they defeated Portroe on the scoreline of 1-1 to 1-8 in the U-12 C Football final played in Semple Stadium. J.K. Brackens won the U-12 B hurling title in style in Semple Stadium on 5th July. Durlas Og defeated Nenagh Eire Og in the U-16 A county hurling final on the 17th October.

Interdivisional Tournaments In the interdivisional football tournaments Mid Tipp gave a good account of themselves winning the U-14 and U-15. The U-16's were defeated by a goal in their competition.

Mid Tipperary won the Garda Cup U-16 interdivisional hurling tournament. The U-14's and U-15's were defeated in the finals of the Peadar Cummins and Roger Ryan tournaments respectively.

In the Munster U-16 championship the Mid got off to a great start on May 1st with three wins to qualify for the semi finals in Mallow on the following Monday May 3rd. The Mid were drawn against North Tipp in the semi final and despite not getting off to the best of starts defeated them by 2 points to advance to the final. The Mid's opponents in the final were Avondu (Cork) whom the Mid had already defeated in the league rounds the previous Saturday. The Mid won out on the scoreline of 2-11 to 0-5 to bring the title back to the Division for the first time since 1992.

Feile Peil Five teams took part in this year's Mid Feile Peil competition which concluded with Durlas Og winning the final. Durlas Og were defeated by Clonmel Commercials in the county semi final

Feile Iomanaíocht The six A teams took part in the Feile iomanaíocht which resulted in a double Mid title for Durlas Og. They went on to win their county final when they defeated Toomevara. Durlas og went on to represent Tipperary in the All Ireland Feil na nGael finals in Clare.

Conor Ryan from Holycross/Ballycahill won the Mid and County U-14 long puck. Brendan Larkin (Drom/Inch) went on to win the county uU-14 skills title and came second in the national final in Ennis. Paul Maher from Moyne/Templetoohy won the county U-16 title and came second in the Munster final.

Thanks Sincere thanks to the following for their cooperation and support during the year,

- sponsors of our championships
- sponsors of the Mid divisional teams - U-14 sponsors Linnane Toys and Nursery, (Kieran and Gillian Linnane); U-16 sponsors FBD insurance (John Costigan)
- Hayes Hotel for the use of their facilities and hospitality especially the 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.

Bórd na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach Officers 2010

<i>President:</i>	Andy O'Gorman	Gortnahoe/Glengoole
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• To our senior Bórd colleagues many thanks for the cooperation as we both strive to fulfil very busy schedules.

• Well done to Andy Ryan, Games Development Administrator, for his running of the U-8 and U-10 blitzes throughout the year and for his help to the Bord.

Referees On behalf of Mid Bord na nOg I would also like to thank each and every referees in the division for their cooperation. The senior and juvenile boards work from the same panel and with sometimes more than fifteen juvenile games in a week it is sometimes a heavy workload on them.



Brendan Larkin (Drom/Inch) who represented Tipperary in the All Ireland Feile na nGael Skills final in Clare being presented with his trophy for second place by Chirsty Cooney, President of the G.A.A.

Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg Championship & Shield Finals 2010

Hurling

Date	Competition/Sponsor	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
April 11th	Féile Jimmy Coppinger	Durlas Óg	1-8	Moycarkey/Borris	1-4	Templetouhy	Martin Ryan
Sept 18th	U-12 A Shield Pat Cullen	JK Brackens	4-7	Moycarkey/Borris	3-4	Garda Field	Donal Leahy
Sept 25th	U- 12 B Shield	Boherlahan/Dualla	0-8	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-3	Littleton	Michael Hassett
Sept 25th	U/12-C Shield	Clonakenny	6-5	Durlas Og	0-3	Holycross	P.J. Nolan
Oct 10th	U/14 A Shield	Drom/Inch	0-7	Moycarkey/Borris	1-6	Templemore	Donal Leahy
Oct 2nd	U/ 14 B Shield	Boherlahan/Dualla	4-7	Moyne/Templetuohy	2-9	Dr. Morris Park	Tom McGrath
Sept 15th	U/14 C Shield	Thurles Gaels	0-1	Clonakenny	5-8	St. Patricks College	Hugh Coghlan
Aug 8th	U-12 'A'	Holycross/Ballycahill	2-2	Durlas Og	1-3	The Ragg	Kevin Butler
Aug 8th	Centenary Co-Op U-12 'B'	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	1-3	J.K.Brackens	5-8	The Ragg	Hugh Coghlan
Aug 8th	Snap Printing U-12'C'	Clonakenny	2-5	Moyne/Templetuohy	2-06 aet	The Ragg	Jimmy Sweeney
Aug 14th	Murphy Office Supplies U-14'A'	Durlas Og	1-8	Drom/Inch	1-4	Templetouhy	Martin Ryan
Aug 17th	Spain Family U-14 'B'	Boherlahan/Dualla	3-4	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	1-12	Littleton	John Kelly
Aug 23rd	Stakelums Office Supplies U-14 'C'	Moyne /Templetuohy	3-8	Thurles Gaels	3-3	Templetouhy	Tom McGrath
Sept 19th	Doran Oil Ltd U-16 'A'	Durlas Og	0-15	Holycross/Ballycahill	0-5	The Ragg	Martin Ryan
Sept 11th	Kevin Darmody Ltd U-16 'B'	Moycarkey/Borris	3-8	Drom/Inch	0-5	Templetouhy	Liam Shanahan
Sept 8th	Stakelums Hardware Ltd U-16 "C"	Durlas Og	4-6	Thurles Gaels	2-7	Sarsfield Pitch	Eamon Clohessy
	Doran Oil Ltd						

Football

Date	Competition/Sponsor	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
April 20th	Peil Jimmy Coppinger	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-5	Durlas Og	0-10	Holycross	John Butler
May 17th	U-12 'A'	J.K Brackens	0-3	Drom/Inch	0-9	Templetouhy	Martin Ryan
	Seamus Hanafin Furniture						
May 16th	U-12 'B'	Holycross/Ballycahill	0-6	Boherlahan/Dualla	1-1	The Ragg	John Butler
	Liam Young Plant Sales						
May 16th	U- 12 'C'	Clonakenny	3-6	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-4	The Ragg	Andy Murray
	Hayes Hotel						
May 31st	U-14 'A'	Moycarkey/Borris	0-6	Durlas Og	2-4	Templetouhy	Tom McGrath
	Joe O'Sullivan Bus Hire						
May 20th	U- 14' B'	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	0-1	Drom/Inch	10-12	Littleton	Eamon Clohessy
	John Ryan Bus Hire						
June 1st	U- 14 'C'	Moyne/Templetuohy	0-4	Thurles Gaels	5-11	Gortnahoe	Eddie Costello
	Murphy Office Supplies						
May 17th	U -16 'A'	Loughmore/Castleiney	0-7	J.K. Brackens	2-6	Templetouhy	John Kelly
	Templemore Jewellers						
May 16th	U- 16 'B'	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-5	Moycarkey/Borris	3-10	The Ragg	Liam Shanahan
	Darmody Fencing						
May 18th	U-16 C	Clonakenny	2-5	Durlas Og	3-4	Clonmore	Donal Leahy
	John Ryan Bus Hire						

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Moycarkey/Borris - Under 14 'A' Hurling Shield winners. Back l-r: Niall Heffernan (capt), Tom Hayes, Mikie Bergin, Jesse McKenna, Liam Cashin, Chris McCullagh, Shane Skelly, Liam Lanigan, Eric Fanning, Tommy O'Gorman, Kieran Cummins, Shane Ryan, Noel Walsh, Padraig Kirwan, Joe Doran, Tom Murphy, Mark Clohessy, Eoghan Hayes, Brian Hayes. Front l-r: Shane Maher, Maria Lanigan, Willie Bowe, Marty Hayes, J.J. Darmody, Kevin O'Regan, Ryan White, Anthony McKelvey, Darren Ryan, Jamie Callanan, Conor Ryan, Jack Cleary, Mark Heffernan.



The victorious Clonakenny panel that defeated Portroe in the County U/12 C football final. Back l-r: Keith Russell, Sophie Cantwell, Eoin Nesbitt, Matthew O'Sullivan, Thomas Costigan capt, Diarmuid Ryan, Tony O'Donoghue, Tommy Hennessy, Noel King, Claire Quigley. Front l-r: Daniel O Sullivan, Ben O'Carroll, Jack Casey, Delacy Byrne, Alexie Harty, Conor Shanahan, Grace Martin, Aine Greed, Rory Nolan, Sean Maher, Conor Nesbitt.

The Drom and Inch Panel that defeated Burgess in the County U/14 B Football Final. Back l-r: Stevie Nolan, Rory Kinane, Kevin Ahearne, Brendan Larkin, Michael Connors, Paul Kennedy (Capt), Emmet Moloney, Thomas O'Meara, Paul Carey, Thomas Nolan, Robert Long, Jamie Bergin. Front l-r: Paul Hennessy, Conor O'Meara, Colm Kinnane, Kevin Hassett, Ciaran Thorpe, Pauric Campion, Paul Bergin, Andy Purcell.



The Moycarkey/Borris panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Darmody Fencing Mid Tipperary U/16 B Football final. Back l-r: Jamie Costello, Conor Scallan, Seamus Healy, Cody Jackson, Kevin Maher, Ian Corcoran, Ciaran Flanagan, David Ryan, Conor Hayes, Eric Fanning, Tom Murphy, Paddy Grace. Front l-r: Matty Ryan, Niall Heffernan, Aiden Maher, Stephen Ryan, Michael Cussen, Ciaran Maher, Paddy Maher, Christopher McCullagh, Rory O'Regan.



The Clonakenny panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/12 C Football Final. Back l-r: Tom Costigan Capt, Tommy Hennessy, Daniel O Sullivan, Conor Shanahan, Delacy Byrne, Matthew O'Sullivan, Keith Russell, Eoin Nesbitt, Diarmuid Ryan, Noel King. Front l-r: Claire Quigley, Alexie Harty, Rory Nolan, Ben O'Carroll, Sean Maher, Conor Nesbitt, Aine Greed, Sophie Cantwell, Grace Martin



The Drom Inch panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Seamus Hanafin Furniture Stores Mid Tipperary U/12 A Football Final. Back l-r: Niall Fogarty, Shane Ryan, Mark O'Brien, Paul Bergin, Aidan O'Meara, Robert Kennedy, Conor O'Meara, Stephen Nolan, Andy Purcell, John Ryan, Caoimhe Bourke, Orla Cahill, Rachael Thorpe. Front l-r: Rory O'Dwyer, Glynn Stewart, Aaron Ryan, Eoin Collins, Padraig Campion (capt), Jason Heskin, Michael Clohessy, Ben Ahearne.



The Durlas Og Panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Joe O'Sullivan Mid Tip U/14 A Football Final. Back l-r: Shane Lanigan Ryan, Thomas Skehan, Darragh Coffey, Jack McDonnell, Seamie Hanafin, Robbie Hanrahan, Luke Kelly, Faoilean Linnane, Billy McCarthy, Paul Sammon. Front l-r: Sean Butler, Cathal Moloney, Rory Purcell, Adam Garrett Capt., Glen Kerrigan, Willie Tierney.



The victorious Durlas Og panel that defeated Clonakenny in the John Ryan Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipp U/16 C Football Final. Back l-r: Brian Ryan, Paddy Carroll, David Fogarty, Jack O'Dwyer, Patrick Brennan Capt, Brian Bourke, Daniel Lanigan Ryan, Eoghan Barrett. Front Row L to R Sean Murphy, Brendan O'Loughlin, Jack O'Connor, Tony O'Brien, John Fogarty, Brian Hanrahan.



The victorious Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Liam Younge Plant Sales Ltd sponsored Mid Tipp U/12 B Football Final. Back l-r: Darragh Woods, Jack Dwan, David Croke, Philip Fogarty, Alex Murphy, Daniel Matthews, Michael Nally, Euan Bourke, Edward O'Gorman, Luke Ryan, Bryn O'Meara, Niall Condon, Colin napt. Front l-r: William O'Donoghue, James Ryan, Eoin Morris, Paddy McCartan capt, Stephen Flanagan, Seam Spillane, Liam Ryan, Tomas Caffrey, Gavin Dunne.



County U/12 A Football Champions Killenaule who defeated Clonoulty Rossmore in the County U/12 A Football Final. Back l-r: Paudi Feehan, Mark Heffernan, Larry Gleeson, Eoin Shaw, Killian O'Dwyer, Gus Browne, Dean O'Connell, James O'Connell, David Healy. Front l-r: Andrew O'Connell, Sean Bourke, Adam Morrow, Gary Cavanagh, Liam Meagher capt, Kevin Lawlor, Jack Hayes, Eoin Barry, Conor Peacock, Philip Fogarty.



JK Brackens panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Templemore Jewellers sponsored Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg U/16 A Football Final. Back l-r: Brian Kennedy, Niall Murphy, Thomas Hamill, Colin Taylor, Dean McEnroe (capt), Sean Patrick Guerins, Darragh Kennedy, James Bergin, Dylan Moloney, Conor Burke. Front l-r: Paddy Morrissey, Jack Fogarty, Thomas Brett, Colin O Riordan, Jordan Moloney, Tommy Buckley, Carl Stakelum, Brian Roche, Martin Scully.



Thurles Gaels that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Murphy Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipperary U/14 C Football Final. Back l-r: Johnny Carraig Selector, Sean O'Dwyer Selector, Wayne McLeish Selector, Darragh Ryan, Jake Morre capt, Jack O'Dwyer, Jack Quinlan, John Brett, Shane Dunne, Dylan McKay, James Bracken, Gary Dunne, Liam Meeney, David Coppinger Selector. Front l-r: Niall Moloney, Paddy Dunican, Sean Connors, Peter McNamara, Darren McGuire, Aaron Hennessy, Gavin Gleeson, Brendan Callinan, Evan O'Gorman, Gary English.

The Boherlahan Dualla Panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipperary U14 B Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Darragh Dwan, Michael O'Sullivan, John Walsh, William Purcell, Shane Dwan, Sean O'Connor, Killian Maher (C), Brandon Duffy, Laurence Devane, Thomas Ryan, Aaron Sherlock, David Ryan. Front l-r: John Purcell, James Downey, Killian Darcy, Hugh McCann, Stephen Hickey, Conor Dwan, Cathal Darcy, Ewan Dwan, James O'Sullivan, Niall Manton.



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Centenary Co-op Mid Tipp U/12 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: William O'Donoghue, Gavin Dunne, Sean Stakelum, Philip Fogarty (Capt), David Croke, Michael Nally, Daniel Matthews, Fionn McCartan, Edward O'Gorman, Niall Condon, Ewan Bourke, Liam Ryan, Darragh Woods. Front l-r: Cormac O'Connor, Jack Dwan, Colin Nolan, Stephen Flannigan, Sean Spillane, Bryn O'Meara, James Ryan, Eoin Morris, Alex Murphy.



Mid Tipperary - Munster Under 16 and Garda Cup Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Sean Corbett selector, Lorcan Egan, Thomas Hamill, Seanie Nally, Dylan Bourke, Seamus Healy, John Ryan, Thomas Slattery Fitzgerald, Paul Maher, Kevin Slattery, Jamie Costello, Martin Meagher, Joseph Hennessy, Joey Nyland, Ray Ralph selector. Front l-r: Kevin Maher, Pa Phelan, Tom Quinlan, Stephen Cahill (Capt), Michael Cussen, John McGrath, Conor Lanigan, Aidan Doyle, Cathal Ryan, Eamon Sweeney selector.



The JK Brackens Panel that won the Mid Tipperary U12 A Hurling Shield.
 Back l-r: Joe Greed, Michael Kelly, Jack Fogarty, Dylan Moloney, Niall Martin, James Bergin, Conor Burke, Cathal O'Sullivan, Thomas Brett, Martin Scully, Brian Roche.
 Front l-r: Evan Fairbrother, Brian Kennedy, Jack Bergin, Mickey O'Meara, Colin O'Riordan, Lee Fennell, Jordan Moloney, Lyndon Fairbrother, Martin Delaney, Martin Coffey



The Moyne Templetuohy Panel that defeated Clonakenny in Murphy Office Supplies Mid Tipp U12 C Hurling Final. Back l-r: Sean Ryan, Darragh Taylor, Diarmuid Leahy, Eoin Keyes, Sean Hayes, Andrew Kiely, Damien Cantwell (Capt), Gearoid O'Connor, Harry Hogan, Conor Bowe, Damien Gleeson, Nathan Bowe, Andrew Doyle. Front l-r: Jack Taylor, Jamie Morrissey, Ben Ryan, Jack Taylor, Mark Ryan, Martin Ryan, Padraig Ryan, Diarmuid Collier, Tony Lowe.



Durlas Og defeated by Drom Inch in the Spain Family Mid Tipperary U14 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Glen Kerrigan, Jack McDonnell, Jack Derby, Mark Conway, Daragh Coffey, Paul Sammon, Seanie Hanafin, Luke Kelly, Willie Tierney, Thomas Skehan, Shane Lanigan Ryan, Faolain Linnane, Matthew Fogarty, Thomas Fogarty. Front l-r: Bill Darcy, Daniel Taylor, Jack Carroll, Robbie Hanrahan, Aaron McCormack, Rory Purcell, Adam Garrett, Collin Doyle, Cathal Moloney, Billy McCarthy, Sean Butler, Brian Fallon, Sean Fitzgibbon.



The Gortnahoe Glengoole Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Stakelum Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipperary U14 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Michael Spellacy, Bill Phelan, Gearoid Fahy, Mark Mullally, Aaron Morris (Capt), Cathal Egan, Marco Brass, Ronan Teehan, Carl Houlihan, Colin Kenny, Bobby Prout, Jamie Moriarty, Tom Lawless. Front l-r: Christopher McGarry, Oran Houlihan, Aidan Ryan, John Rafter, Keane Hayes, Philip Purcell, Fionn Cleary, David Butler, Karl Collins, GlenTompkins.



The Boherlahan Dualla Panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipperary U/12 B Shield Final. Back l-r: James Kennedy, Mark Buckley, Brian Treacy, Patrick O Dwyer, Darren O Reilly, Jimmy Cawley, John Purcell, Brandon Duffy, Aaron Sherlock, Jack Moloughney, Declan Crosse, John O'Connor, Augustine Barry, Roisin Maher. Front l-r: Bill Byrne, Hugh McCann, Cathal Darcy, Shane Dwan, Conor Dwan, James Kirby, James O'Sullivan, Jack Maher, Aoife Kavanagh, Aoife Gahan, Niamh Coffey.



Clonakenny who defeated Durlas Og in the Mid Tipperary U/12 C Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Alexie Harty, Matthew O'Sullivan, Thomas Costigan, Delacy Byrne, Noel King, Conor Nesbitt, Conor Shanahan, Diarmuid Ryan, Tommy Hennessy, Keith Russell, Jack Casey. Front l-r: Stephen Maher, Sophie Cantwell, Cian O'Dwyer, Sean Maher, Eoin Nesbitt, David Sullivan, Claire, Quigley, Grace Martin, Ciaran Shanahan, Rory Nolan, Aine Greed.



Durlas Og Panel that defeated Thurles Gaels in the Doran Oil Sponsored Mid Tipp U16 C Hurling Final. Back l-r: Robbie Mulcair, Shane McCormack, Stephen Ryan, Tommy Barrett, Jack O'Connell, Brian Hanrahan, Jack O'Dwyer Capt, Paddy Carroll, Tony O'Brien. Front l-r: Daniel Taylor, Michael Wade, Brian Ryan, Conor Cassidy, Sean Fitzgibbon, Brendan O'Loughlin, Sean Murphy.



JK Brackens defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipperary U/12 A Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Tommy Murphy, Daire Cavanagh, Niall Quinlan, David O'Shea, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Paddy Codell, Michael Egan, Edward Bergin, Radic Kaneic, Conor O'Brien, Jimmy Tierney, Andrew Ormonde. Front l-r: Aidan Coffey, Ned Kinane, Lyndon Fairbrother, Luke Quinlan, Stephen Quinlan Capt, Shane Doyle, Shane Doran, Conor Sheedy, Eanna McBride, Jordan Lyons. Standing at Back Seamus O'Dwyer, Tony Sheedy, Caroline Cadell, Mick Byrne, Martin Coffey (Selectors)



JK Brackens panel that defeated Newport in the County U/12 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Jimmy Tierney, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Jordan Lyons, Shane Doran, Paddy Cadell, Edward Bergin, Niall Quinlan, Lyndon Fairbrother, David O'Shea, Tommy Murphy, Conor O'Brien. Front l-r: Radic Kaneic, Andrew Ormond, Ned Kinane, Michael Egan, Luke Quinlan, Stephen Quinlan Capt, Shane Doyle, Aidan Coffey, Eanna McBride, Conor Sheedy, Darragh Kavanagh.



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoolie in the Snap Printing sponsored Mid Tipperary U/12 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Tommy Murphy, Jimmy Tierney, Radic Kaneic, Eanna McBride, Michael Egan, Niall Quinlan, Aidan Coffey, Luke Quinlan, Paddy Cadell, David O'Shea, Lyndon Fairbrother, Edward Bergin, Brendan Fitzpatrick. Front l-r: Shane Doorley, Ned Kinnane, Jordan Lyons, Darragh Kavanagh, Stephen Quinlan (Capt), Shane Doyle, Conor Sheedy, Conor O'Brien, Andrew Ormond.



Moyne Templetuohy that defeated Thurles Gaels in the Doran Oil sponsored Mid Tipperary U14 C Hurling Final. Back l-r: Joe Lawlor, Ger Geehan, Chkris Lawlor, Dean Morrissey, Thomas Foy, Philip Geehan, Mark Dunne, Colm Ryan, Padraig Troy, David Lowe, Sean Moloney, Jack Dunne (Capt), John Moloney, Kieran Healy. Front: Mark Ryan, Stephen Troy, Jamie Morrissey, David Walsh, Damien Cantwell, Eoin Gorman, Darren Ryan, Lee Tierney, Diarmuid Leahy.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Stakelums Hardware Ltd Mid Tipperary U16 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Conor Scanlon, Seamus Healy, Miceal Cussen, Cody Jackson, Ian Corcoran, David Ryan, Jamie Costello, Kieran Flanagan, Rory Regan, Kevin Maher, Tom Murphy, Eric Fanning, Liam Lanigan, Ciaran Maher. Front L-R: Conor Hayes, Matty Ryan, Niall Heffernan, Stephen Ryan, Aidan Maher, Christopher McMullagh, Paddy Maher, Brian Maher, Stephen Ryan, Tom Hayes, Mikey Bergin.



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Crossbar Challenge



Seamus Armstrong, Upperchurch Drombane, receiving his prize from Mid Board Chairman Matty Ryan after he got three strikes from three shots in the Crossbar Challenge at half time in the Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Final. On right of picture Mid Board Secretary Jonathon Cullen

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Mid Bord na nOg Championship winning football captains at Mid Bord na nOg presentation night. Back l-r: Paul Kennedy Drom Inch U14B, Kevin Maher Moycarkey Borris U16B, Patrick Brennan Durlas Og U16C, Hugh Kelly Durlas Og Peil na nOg, Dean McEnroe JK Brackens U16A. Front l-r: Padraig Campion Drom Inch U12A, Adam Garrett Durlas Og U14A, Fionn McCartan Holycross Ballycahill U12B, Joe O'Sullivan Sponsor, Thomas Costigan Clonakenny U12C, Jake Moore Durlas Gaels U14C.



Mid Bord na nOg Championship winning hurling captains at the Mid Bord na nOg presentation night. Back l-r: Jack Dunne Moyne Templetuohy U14C, Tom Skehan Durlas Og U14A, Stephen Ryan Durlas Og U16C, Michael Cussen Moycarkey Borris U16B, Dylan Burke Durlas Og U16A. Front l-r: Aaron Morris Gortnahoe Glengoolie U14B, Damien Cantwell Moyne Templetuohy U12C, Catherine and Saoirse Doran Sponsor, Philip Fogarty Holycross Ballycahill U12A, Stephen Quinlan JK Brackens U12B.

West Tipperary Bord na nOg

Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

The 2010 playing season proved a very busy year for West Tipp Bord Na nÓg with some forty three competitions down for decision culminating in no fewer than three hundred games across both codes.

Clonoulty/Rossmore topped the table capturing seven titles (4 football and 3 hurling) followed by Galtee Rovers, Eire Óg, Golden/Kilfeacle and Cappawhite all multiple competition winners.

While no County title in either code came to the West division in 2010 there were a number of near misses and all our West representatives can feel well pleased at having done both their Clubs and Division proud

This year saw the end of championships being contested nationally at U12 level in both hurling and football and will be replaced by eleven, ten and nine a side competitions in a league and blitz type format in 2011.

Clonoulty/Rossmore U12A Football/U12A Hurling, Galtee Rovers U12B Football/U12C Hurling, Eire Óg U12B Hurling and Arravale Rvs (B) in U12C Football all have the distinction of being the last winners of the U12 Championships played in the West Division.

In Inter-Divisional competitions our U14 Footballers were defeated by North Tipp in the semi final and by Mid Tipp in the shield final.

In U15 Football we had to settle for the runners up spot to North Tipp in the Semi final while our U16's easily disposed of North Tipp in their semi final and in a hard fought U16 Football Inter-Divisional final on the 3rd April in Dr. Morris Park, West Tipp captained by Gearoid Slattery (Cashel KC) emerged winners with three points to spare over Mid Tipp.

West Tipp U16 Football Inter Divisional Winners Gearoid

West Bord Na nOg Officers 2010

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West Bord Na nOg CCC Committee

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The completed panel included Daniel Hayde (Golden/Kilfeacle), Mark Russell (Lattin/Cullen), Oisín Slattery (Kickhams), Shaun Coffey (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Sean Ryan(W) Cappawhite, Johnny Lowry (Arravale Rvs), James Horan



U12 F 'C' Winners Arravale Rovers Back l-r; Cormac Cummins, Eddie Moroney, Darren O'Dwyer, Tadhg O'Connor, Paul O'Halloran, Shane Mulcahy, Michéal Sharpe, Maurice Smith, Christopher Ryan, Christopher O'Brien, Liam Doyle, Mark Donovan, Jordan Doyle. Front l-r; Cathal McNamara, Sean Smith, Kevin Mooney, Cormac Flanagan, Capt., Adam Swords, Alex Ryan, Bailey Martin, Conor Leahy, Killian Noonan.

West Tipperary Bord na nOg Results

2010 FOOTBALL COMPETITION WINNERS

U12 A Football Championship– Sponsored by Fitzpatrick Printers, Tipperary

U12A Championship, Dundrum 16/5, Clonoulty/R 0-5 Cashel KC 0-2. Capt.Dillon Kennedy Ref. Eamonn Browne.

U12 Football League– Sponsored by Michael Martin & Associates, Accountants, Tipperary

U12A League Dundrum 5/5, Cashel KC 2-6 Clonoulty/Ross 2-3. Capt. Conn Bonnar Ref. Willie Kennedy.

U12 B Football Championship– Sponsored by P P O'Dwyer Hardware, Dundrum

U12B Championship, Dundrum 16/5, Galtee Rvs 5-7 Rosegreen 0-1. Capt .Dara Egan Ref. Willie Kennedy

U12 Football League– Sponsored by Michael Martin & Associates, Accountants, Tipperary

U12B1 League, Sologhead 19/4, Galtee Rvs 1-8 Rosegreen 3-0 Capt. Dara Egan Ref Ger Howe

U12B2 League, Cappawhite 21/4, Cappawhite 2-8 Eire Og 0-0. Capt. Thomas Coughlan Ref. Sean Bradshaw

U12 C Football Championship– Sponsored by Kala Electrical, Tipperary

U12C Championship S.T.Park 19/5, Arravale Rvs B 4-4 Sologhead 2-1. Capt. Cormac Flanagan Ref. Phil Ryan

U12 Football League– Sponsored by Michael Martin & Associates, Accountants, Tipperary

U12C League, Golden 24/4, Clonoulty Ross B 3-5 Rosegreen B 2-2. Capt. Avril Quirke Ref. Sean. Hayes

U12 Football Shield– Sponsored by Friends of Tipperary Football

U12 Shield, Cappawhite 31/5, Lattin Cullen 1-5 Arravale Rvs 0-5. Capt. Shane Neville Ref. Fergal Hickey

U12 Football Plate– Sponsored by Lidl Stores Tipperary

U12 Plate, Sologhead 27/5, Eire Og 2-5 Rockwell Rvs 2-0. Capt. Sinead Buckley Ref. Michael Duffy

U14 A Football Championship– Sponsored by Hanley Tyres, Tipperary

U14A Championship Cappawhite 31/5, Arravale Rvs 4-4 Golden/K 2-1 Capt. Phillip Roche Ref. Paddy Russell

U14 Peil na nOg– Sponsored by Pall Ireland BV, Tipperary

U14 Peil Na Nog Annacarty 27/3, Clonoulty/Ross 3-7 Golden/K 2-2 Capt. Fintan Kearney Ref. Phil Ryan

U14 Football League– Sponsored by Michael Martin & Associates, Accountants, Tipperary

U14A Football League Golden 30/9 Golden/Kilfeacle 0-12 Arravale Rvs 0-6 Capt. Keith Landy Ref. Sean Bradshaw.

U14 B Football Championship– Sponsored by Sargeant Peppars, Tipperary

U14B Championship S.T.Park 31/5, K Kickhams 5-3 Galtee Rvs 4-4 Capt. Killian O'Meara Ref. Oisín Ryan

U14 Football League– Sponsored by Michael Martin & Associates, Accountants, Tipperary

U14B1 League Final Bansa 8/6, Galtee Rvs 6-4 Lattin/C 3-12 Capt. Darren McGrath Ref. Michael Duffy

U14B2 League Final Sologhead 10/5, Emly 5-7 Eire Og 0-1 Capt. Shane Carthy Ref. Ger Howe

U14 C Football Championship– Sponsored by Sargeant Peppars, Tipperary

U14C Championship, Rosegreen 27/5, Emly 2-4 Rosegreen 1-6 Capt. Andrew Mc Grath Ref. David Grogan.

U14 Football Shield– Sponsored by Friends of Tipperary Football

U14 Shield Final, Golden 7/6, Clonoulty/Ross 2-4 Cashel KC 0-7 Capt. Calem Loughman Ref. Fergal Hickey

U14 Football Shield– Sponsored by Friends of Tipperary Football

U14 Plate Final Sologhead 7/6, Eire Og 3-7 Cappawhite 0-3 Capt. Gearoid Loughman Ref. Tommy Fitzgerald

Garda Cup 2009 U15F Clonoulty 21/3, Golden/Kilfeacle 3-5 Cashel KC 1-6 Capt. Paddy Ryan Ref. Sean Bradshaw

Garda Plate 2009 U15F Golden 21/3, Rockwell Rvs 3-18 Galtee Rvs 4-8 Capt. T.J.Ryan Ref. Michael Duffy

Under 16A Football Championship – Sponsored by AIB Bank Tipperary

U16A Championship Dundrum 10/5, Golden/Kilfeacle 0-8 Cashel KC 0-7. Capt. Paddy Ryan Ref. Sean Bradshaw

Under 16B Football Championship – Sponsored by Town House Deli, Kickham Place, Tipperary

U16B Championship Sologhead 10/5, Rockwell R 3-16 Emly/Treacys 4-8 Capt. T.J.Ryan Ref. Michael Duffy.

2010 HURLING COMPETITION WINNERS

U12 A Hurling Championship– Sponsored by Gleeson Concrete, Donohill

U12HA Championship, Dundrum 22/8, Clonoulty/Ross 2-4 Cashel KC 1-7[Draw] Capt. Anthony Maher Ref. Fergal Horgan.

U12HA Replay Dundrum 25/8, Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-7 Cashel KC 0-7

U12 Hurling League– Sponsored by O'Dwyer Steel, Dundrum

U12HA League Final, Dundrum 19/7, Golden/Kilfeacle 3-8 Cashel KC 2-4. Capt. Aoife Crosse Ref. Fergal Horgan.

U12 B Hurling Championship– Sponsored by Tipp Co Op Creamery Ltd

U12BH Championship, Dundrum 22/8, Eire Og 2-5 Cappawhite 2-4 Capt. Eoin Loughman Ref. Richie O'Connor

U12 Hurling League– Sponsored by O'Dwyer Steel, Dundrum

U12BH1 League Final, Sologhead 4/7, Cappawhite 2-6 Sean Treacys 2-0. Capt. Alan O'Dwyer. Ref. Ger Howe

U12BH2 League Final, Lattin 18/9, Eire Og 7-4 Galtee Rvs 1-3 Capt. Eoghan Loughman Ref. James Coffey.

U12 C Hurling Championship– Sponsored by Donovan Auctioneers, Tipperary

U12HC Championship, Dundrum 22/8, Galtee Rvs 5-6 Cashel KC [B] 0-0 Capt. David Byron. Ref. Ger Howe.

U12 Hurling League– Sponsored by O'Dwyer Steel, Dundrum

U12HC League Final Dundrum 2/8, Sologhead 2-4 Kickhams 1-1, Capt.Christopher Irwin Ref. Michael Duffy.

U12 Hurling Shield– Sponsored by Quirke Jewellers, Cahir

U12 H Shield Final Cappawhite 7/9, K Kickhams 3-7 Lattin/Cullen 2-5 Capt. Ger Browne. Ref. Tommy Fitzgerald

U12 Hurling Plate– Sponsored by Donovan Auctioneers, Tipperary

U12 H Plate Final, Dundrum 1/9, Rockwell Rovers 9-8 Arravale Rvs B 0-2 Capt. Conor Hickey Ref. Sean Hayes

Garda Cup Final U13H, Golden 30/10, Rockwell Rvs 2-1 Clonoulty/Ross 0-4 Capt. Kevin Blair Ref. Fergal Horgan

Garda Plate Final, U13H Sologhead 30/10, Cappawhite 2-6 Arravale Rvs 3-1 Capt. Caolan Hennessy Ref. Willie Kennedy

U14 A Hurling Championship– Sponsored by John Kelly Soft Drinks, Tipperary

U14HA Championship, Golden 2/9, Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-10 Cashel KC 3-4 Capt. Ronan Heffernan Ref. John O'Brien

Feile na nGael Under 14 Hurling – Sponsored by Coca Cola

U14 Feile Na Gael Golden 22/4, Clonoulty/R 1-8 Cashel KC 2-5 [Draw] Capt. Adam Fryday. Ref. Fergal Hickey

Replay, Golden 29/4, Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-5 Cashel KC 1-3.

U14 B Hurling Championship– Sponsored by D J Butler Centra, Dundrum

U14HB Championship, Cappawhite 4/9, Sean Treacys 1-13 Kickhams 1-11 Capt. Garry O'Brien. Ref. Oisín Ryan

U14 C Hurling Championship– Sponsored by D J Butler Centra, Dundrum

U14HC Championship, Sologhead 4/9, Galtee Rvs 3-12 Emly 4-3 Capt. David O'Mahony Ref. Mark Ryan

U14 Hurling League– Sponsored by O'Dwyer Steel, Dundrum

U14BH1 League, S.T.Park 27/7, Lattin/Cullen 0-16 Kickhams 2-4. Capt. Shane McGrath Ref. Michael Duffy.

U14BH2 League Sologhead 24/7, Cappawhite 2-11 Galtee Rvs 2-2, Capt. Michael Leahy Ref. Tommy Fitzgerald.

U14 Hurling Plate – Sponsored by –Permanent TSB, Tipperary

U14 H Shield Final Dundrum 18/9, Golden/Kilfeacle 7-13 Cappawhite 1-5 Capt. James Casey Ref. Paddy Russell

U14 H Plate Final Cappawhite 20/9, Eire Og 5-7 Emly 2-3 Capt. John Ryan (W) Ref. Mark Ryan

U16A Hurling Championship– Sponsored by Tipperary Credit Union

U16HA Ch'ship Final Dundrum 26/9, Cashel KC 1-20 Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-20 Capt. Eamonn Morrissey Ref. Richie Barry

U16 B Hurling Championship– Sponsored by Centenary Co op Cashel

U16HB Ch'ship Final Sologhead 18/9, Emly/S. Treacys 3-8 Arravale Rvs 1-10 Capt. Seanie Ryan Ref. Oisín Ryan.

U16 B Hurling League – Sponsored by O Dwyer Steel, Dundrum

U16BH League Final, Sologhead 16/10, Cappawhite 1-15 Emly/Treacys 2-9 Capt. Kevin Stapleton Ref. Eamonn Browne

(Clonoulty /Rossmore), Paul Hayes (Clonoulty /Rossmore).

Team Mentors, Sean O'Donoghue (Lattin/Cullen), Paul Quish (Emly), Tommy Fitzgerald (Sologhead), Tommy Toomey (Arravale Rvs).

In Inter-Divisional hurling our U16 Hurlers were crowned Munster U16B Champions following a superb Munster final victory over Carrighdhoun (Cork).

Having come through their preliminary round games successfully West Tipp travelled to Newtownshandrum on the 3rd May quietly confident of collecting the trophy and made no mistake with an eight point margin win over Muskerry (Cork) in the semi final before going on to outclass Carrighdhoun in the final.

In the Garda Cup U16 Inter-Divisional hurling tournament which preceded the Munster championship North Tipp came out on top in the semi final but West Tipp prevailed with a seven point margin victory over South Tipp in the Shield final.

West Tipp U16B Hurling Munster Champions and Garda Shield Winners. Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Oisín O'Meara (Kickhams), Simon Delaney (Cashel KC), James Horan (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Sean Ryan (W), Cappawhite, Dylan Fitzell (Cashel KC), Fionnan Ryan (Cashel KC), Shane Kinane (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Ger Barlow (Golden/Kilfeacle), Dean Thompson (Kickhams), Paul Hayes (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Joshua Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), Eamonn Morrissey (Cashel KC), Sean Maher (Clonoulty /Rossmore), James Ryan (W) Clonoulty /Rossmore.

The completed panel included, Aidan Barron (Rockwell Rvs), Nicky Cullen (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Ray Kelly (Arravale Rvs), Donal O'Dwyer (Eire Og), Gearoid Slattery (Cashel KC), Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin/Cullen), Shaun Coffey (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Daniel Hayde (Golden/Kilfeacle), Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys), Oisín Slattery (Kickhams), Tom Fox (Eire Og), Josh Quinn (Eire Og), Sean Breen (Eire Og), Eanna Heffernan (Cappawhite), James Ryan (Cappawhite)

Clonoulty /Rossmores Sean Maher and Paul Hayes were the respective captains of the Munster Championship winning team and Garda shield winning team.

Team Mentors, Phil Ryan (Kickhams), Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Francis Maher (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Johnny Breen (Cappawhite).

In the Peadar Cummins U14 (Inter Divisional hurling) we finished runners up to both North Tipp and South Tipp and similarly in the Roger Ryan U15 Inter divisional hurling Tournament both North and South Tipp emerged decisive winners over West Tipp.

At Inter County level West Tipp were well represented on all our winning teams.

Having overcome Offaly fairly comfortably in the Semi Final Tipperary's U16 Hurlers went on to successfully defend their title with a comprehensive victory over Galway in the All Ireland final.

Tipperary All Ireland U16 Hurling Champions West Reps. Dylan Fitzell (Cashel KC), Jimmy Maher, Paul Hayes and Sean Maher (Clonoulty /Rossmore), Sean Ryan (Cappawhite)

West selector (Phil Ryan (Kickhams). See Co. Board report for full report and team list.

At the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick on Sunday, 18th July, Tipp's U16 Footballers produced an historic first ever Munster Final victory with a five point margin win over Cork after a nail biting twenty minutes extra time.

Having seen off Kerry South and Limerick on the way to the final Tipperary went into the final, full of optimism and produced a stunning performance with some excellent defending coupled with plenty high quality shooting, to ensure Tipperary's name on the trophy for the first time.

Tipperary Munster U16 Football Champions. West Reps. Gearoid Slattery, Simon Delaney and Dylan Fitzell (Cashel KC), Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin/Cullen), Oisín O'Meara (Kickhams), T.J.Ryan (Rockwell Rvs), Paddy Ryan (Golden/Kilfeacle), Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty /Rossmore).

West selector Paul Quish (Emly). See Co. Board report for full team list

On that same weekend in July Tipperary's U15 Footballers played some outstanding football making it a first ever victory in the Humphrey Kelleher Tournament in Millstreet.

Through their programme unbeaten with victories over Clare, Cork County, North Kerry and Cork County again in the final.

Tipperary U15 Football Humphrey Kelleher Tournament winners: West Reps. Josh Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), Conor Kissane (Arravale Rvs), David Finnane (Galtee Rvs). West selector, Barry Shortall (Rockwell Rvs). See Co Board for report and full team list.

To complete a great year for underage football in the division, a number of our U16 players went on to figure prominently throughout the Daryl Darcy U17 Football memorial Tournament and in the final on Monday, 25th October, in Semple Stadium where Tipperary had seven points to spare over Limerick on a score line of 3-13 to 0-15.

West Tipp Bord Na nOg also want to congratulate Tipperary's All Ireland winning senior hurlers on bringing the Liam McCarthy cup back to Tipp after nine years, our U21 Hurlers on Munster and All Ireland glory and Tipperary's U21 Footballers on a memorable first ever Munster Final title victory over Kerry in Tralee.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the co operation of all the clubs for their help in meeting fixtures, deadlines, and ensuring that their pitches were ready and available throughout the year for the smooth running of our games.

The board also wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the fixtures secretary, Tom O'Donnell who has the mammoth task of putting together a very extensive fixture programme.

It also acknowledges West Tipperary's referees association and the Referees co-ordinator Steve O'Donnell for his painstaking attention to detail in ensuring a referee is appointed for every game.

The Board would also like thank our many sponsors for their continued support of our games which is very much appreciated during this present challenging economic climate as well as the Nationalist and Tipperary Star for their continual coverage of West Tipp Bord Na nOg affairs along with Tipp Mid West Radio for its weekly slot.

To the many families and friends in the various Clubs throughout the division who suffered bereavement during the year, West Tipperary Bord Na nOg extends its deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anama dilis.

Munster U16B Hurling Inter Divisional Championship

Newtownshandrum 3/5, Semi Final, West Tipp 2-8 Muskerry (Cork) 0-6; Newtownshandrum 3/5, Munster Final, West Tipp 3-9 Carrighdhoun (Cork) 1-3. Captain. Sean Maher (Clonoulty /Rossmore)

West Tipperary Bord na nOg

Titles Won in 2010		Finals Lost
Clonoulty/Rossmore	7 4 Football/3 Hurling	3 1 Football / 2Hurling
Galtee Rvs	6 3 Football/3 Hurling	4 2 Football/2Hurling
Eire Og	5 2 Football/3 Hurling	2 2 Football
Golden/Kilfeacle	5 3 Football/2 Hurling	2 2 Football
Cappawhite	5 1 Football/4 Hurling	3 1 Football / 2Hurling
Rockwell Rvs	3 2 Football/1 Hurling	1 1 Football
Lattin/Cullen	2 1 Football/1Hurling	2 1 Football/1Hurling
Cashel KC	2 1 Football/1Hurling	9 4 Football/5Hurling
Kickhams	2 1 Football/1Hurling	3 3 Hurling
Arravale Rvs	2 2 Football	5 2 Football/3Hurling
Emly	2 2 Football	2 2 Hurling
Sologhead	1 1 Hurling	1 1 Football
Sean Treacys	1 1 Hurling	1 1 Hurling
Emly/S.Treacys	1 1 Hurling	2 1 Football/1Hurling
Rosegreen		4 4 Football



Eire Óg U12 HC 'B' Winners: Back l-r: Katelyn Fleming, Fintan O'Brien, Tommy Moore, Paul Bourke, Liam Óg O'Dwyer, Sinéad Buckley, Jordan Hayes, Arnold O'Dwyer, Eoin Loughman, Dion Breen. Front l-r: Arthur O'Brien, Conor Devlin, Jean Kelly, Stephen O'Brien, Paul Devlin, Conor Bradshaw, Anthony O'Brien, Aidan Griffin, Ciarán Loughman.



U12 HC 'A' --Clonoulty/Rossmore: Back l-r: Mentors: Paddy Ryan, Hazel Quirke, Dan Quirke, Denis Quirke and John O'Neill. Middle Row L/R: Owen Ryan, Odhran Quirke, Anthony Maher, Dillon Quirke, Cathal Bourke, Nicholas Mockler, Padraig Carew, Dylan Kennedy, Samuel Kearney, Patrick Kennedy, Eimear Loughman, Tomás Ryan. Front l-r: Martin Ryan, James Ryan, Eugene Ryan, Sean Ryan, Aidan Loughman, Nathan Slattery, Nicky Kearns, Donncha Quirke, Jack Ryan, Oisín Fryday, Caoimhe Quirke, Avril Quirke. Missing were; Jamie Wade, Philip O'Dwyer, Katie Murphy.



U14 FC 'A' Winners Arravale Rovers: Back l-r: Brian Glasheen, Jack Comerford, Ryan McGrath, Samuel Noonan, Sean Maher, Philip Roche, Darragh Crowe, Frank Mooney, Mark Hoban, Sean Barron, Niall Leahy, Ronan Fogarty, Paddy O'Connor, Julian Lenk, Michael Hogan. Front l-r: Mark Tuohy, Ger Halligan, Jason Buckley, Adrian Ishaq, Darragh Bourke, Niall Fitzgerald, Andy Cummins, Shane Hogan, Tommy Lowry, David Kiely, Cian Ryan, John Hickey, Dylan Buckley, Cathal Byrnes.



Cappawhite West Under 14B Hurling league winners 2010. Front l-r: Eanna Buckley, Michael Pat O'Neill, Alan O'Dwyer, Thomas Coughlan, Michael Leahy Capt, Tim Meagher, Darragh Clancy, James O'Dwyer, Robert Quirke. Back l-r: Conor Ryan, Rian Doody, Caolan Hennessy, Paul Ryan, David Buckley, Ross Ryan, Gillian Piveteau, Christy Hanley, Kieran Duggan, Zachary Piveteau.



Cappawhite Under 12 B1 West Hurling League Champions 2010: Front l-r: Colm O'Dwyer, Ornaith Hennessey, Diarmuid Duggan, Sean Ralph, Alan O'Dwyer (capt), Fraser Allen, William Armshaw, Eoin Carew, William Barry. Second row l-r: Fionn Brady, Eanna Buckley, Ross Hughes, Eoghan Ryan, Thomas Coughlan, Robert Quirke, Rian Doody, David Murphy, Tim Meagher, Brendan Murphy, Cian Moloney. Back row l-r: Team Mentors - Willie Meagher, Owen Doody, Ger Ryan. Missing from photograph: Dean Kelly, Liam Ryan, Cian Ryan, Jerry Hayes.



Cappawhite Under 12 B2 Football league Champions 2010. Front l-r: Fionn Brady, Diarmuid Duggan, William Armshaw, Eoin Carew, Brendan Murphy, Alan O'Dwyer, Eanna Buckley, Sean Ralph, William Barry, Alex Hughes, Jerry Hayes. Middle l-r: Nathan Hughes, Colm O'Dwyer. Back l-r: Liam Ryan, Cian Moloney, Robert Quirke, Eoghan Ryan, David Murphy, Rian Doody, Tim Meagher, Dean Kelly, Ross Hughes, Thomas Coughlan (Capt.), Fraser Allen.



Cappawhite under 13 Garda Plate winners 2010. Front l-r: Sean Ralph, Brendan Murphy, Thomas Coughlan, Darragh Clancy, Caolan Hennessy Capt, Tim Meagher, Kieran Duggan, William Armshaw, Fraser Allen, Eoin Carew, Alan O'Dwyer. Back l-r: Cian Moloney, Alan Spillane, Eanna Buckley, James O'Dwyer, Christy Hanley, Eoin Ryan, David Murphy, Robert Quirke, William Barry, Rian Doody, Conor Ryan, Fionn Brady, Colm O'Dwyer.

The McCormack Cup was presented by the McCormack family to promote football in Sean Treacys G.A.A. Club many years ago. The local schools Kilcommon, Hollyford and Rearcross played each other each year until twenty year ago. This competition was revived between the schools in 2010 when Kilcommon/Hollyford played Rearcross/Others. Others are children from the parish attending schools other than Kilcommon, Hollyford or Rearcross. Sean Treacy Juvenile Club wish to thank the teachers, parents, players, supporters all associated with the final held at our club grounds on October 25th which resulted in a Rearcross/Others victory 5-1 to 1-6.



McCormack Cup Gaelic Football winners Rearcross/Others primary schools 2010: Back l-r: Patrick Carey Capt., Patrick Carroll, Adam Hurley, John Nolan, Jillian Lyons, Chloe Lenihan, Aoife Nolan, Stephen Carr, Mickey O'Connell. Front l-r: Caithlin Hyde, Lauren Mulligan, Trudie Hurley, Conor Nolan, Philip Deegan, Pat O'Toole, James Rochford



McCormack Cup Gaelic Football runners-up Kilcommon/Hollyford primary schools 2010: Back l-r: Sean Maher, Donal Quigley, Eamon Carr, Michael Feehan, Michael Hayes, Aaron Ryan, Simon Maher Capt., Christopher Egan, Jodie Light, Brendan O'Dwyer, Aidan Fahey, Jack Fahey. Front l-r: Sarah Ryan, Ann Hayes, Kathrina McGrath, Cathlyn Egan, Rachel Ryan, Thomas Hayes, Brian Egan, Annebelle Ryan, Sean Fahey, Patrick Hayes, Aoife Butler.

Sean Treacy U-14 'B' West final 2010: Players back l-r: Michael Feehan, Dylan Fahey, Darragh Ryan, Gary O'Brien (capt), Shane Stapleton, Darragh Kennedy, Ger Egan, Mattie Feehan, Jack O'Toole, Brian Carey, Patrick Deegan, Eddie Spillane, Emmet Ryan. Front l-r: Patrick Carey, Ian Fahey, Pat Carroll, Aaron Ryan, Thomas Lyons, Michael Hayes, Adam Hurley, Simon Maher. Selectors: Brendan O'Brien, John Carey, Michael Ryan, Denis Stapleton, Noel McMahon.



Cappawhite West Under 16 B League winners 2010: Front l-r: David Stapleton, Caolan Hennessy, Joe Ryan P., Sean Ryan W, Kevin Stapleton Capt., Russell Quirke, Brian Carew, John Breen Selector, Stevie Grisewood, Selector. Back l-r kneeling Johnny Barry Selector, Zachary Piveteau, Callum Randall, Gillian Piveteau, David Buckley, Eanna Heffernan, James Ryan, Jack Allen, David Orr, Michael Leahy, Keith Ryan, Eugene O'Neill, Selector.



Sean Treacys West Under 16 'B' hurling finalists. Back l-r: Donal Condon, John Lyons, Adrian Dawson, Jason Ryan, Eddie Lynch, Willie Mackey, Kevin Barry, Dave McGrath, James Deegan, Pa Quinn, Pat Hennessy. Front l-r: Larry Joy, Kevin Lonergan, Ger Egan, Mattie Feehan, Andrew McGrath, Darragh Kennedy, Andy O'Brien, Seanie Ryan (Capt), Declan Hennessy, Michael Joyce, Brian Carey.



Galtee Rovers Under 12 B Football West Champions and B1 League Champions. Back l-r: Kate White, Alan O'Brien, Edmund Bourke, Shane Ryan, David Byron, Conor Cotter, Adam McGrath, Dylan Gubbins, Dillon Quinn, Cailum Quinn, Connor Grace. Front l-r: Roisin Finnane, Saoirse Fanning, Eoin Kelly, Tony Byron, Dylan Gubbins, Darragh Egan, Jake Flannery, Niall Grogan, Edmund O'Dwyer, Maurice O'Sullivan.



Galtee Rovers - Under 12C West Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Darragh Egan, Conor Cotter, Jake Flannery, Tony Byron, Dylan Gubbins, Edmund Bourke, Shane Ryan, Dylan Quinn. Front l-r: Roisin Finnane, Niall Grogan, Darren Lonergan, David Byron, Adam McGrath, Edmund O'Dwyer, Caillum Quinn, Eoin Kelly



Galtee Rovers Under 14 B1 West Football League Champions. Back l-r: Sean Daly, Eric Grogan, Paddy Gallagher, Shane Power, Darren McGrath, Kenneth Collins, Jack Morrissey, Darragh Egan, Callum Fanning. Front l-r: David O'Mahony, Edmund Bourke, Shane Ryan, Dillon Quinn, Dylan Gubbins, Stephen O'Dwyer, James Ryan, Tadgh Ryan, Kevin Lonergan.



Galtee Rovers Under 14 C Hurling West Champions. Back l-r: Phillip O'Mahony, Darragh Egan, Sean Daly, Eirc Grogan, Darren McGrath, Shane Power, Jack Morrissey, Paddy Gallagher, Leo Ryan. Front l-r: Kenneth Collins, Stephen O'Dwyer, Tadgh Ryan, Kevin Lonergan, David O'Mahony, David Byron, James Ryan, Callum Fanning.



Clonoulty-Rossmore U-12 'A' Hurling West and U-12 'A' Football West Champions. Back l-r: Thomas Ryan, James Ryan, Nicky Kearns, Anthony Maher, Padraig Carew, Dylan Kennedy, Nicholas Mockler, Dillon Quirke, Samuel Kearney, Odhran Quirke, Philip O'Dwyer, Sean Ryan, Owen Ryan, Jamie Wade. Front l-r: Jack Ryan, Aidan Loughman, Nathan Slattery, Martin Ryan, Cathal Bourke, Oisín Fryway, Caoimhe Quirke, Ávri Quirke, Katie Murphy, Eimear Loughman, Donnchadh Quirke, Anthony McCarthy, Eugene Ryan. Absent from photo: Patrick Kennedy.



Clonoulty-Rossmore U-14 'A' West Hurling Champions

Back l-r: Helen Carroll, Aidan Carroll, Seamus Heffernan, Gary Donnelly, Kevin Kearney, Dillon Quirke, Cathal Moriarty, Fintan Kearney, Declan O'Dwyer, David Egan, Cailém Loughman, Stephen Quinn, Adam Fryday, Kieran Ryan, Martin Moriarty. Front l-r: Kieran Hammersley, Aaron Kennedy, Nicholas Mockler, James Ryan, Gerard Mockler, Padraig Carew, Dylan Kennedy, Philip Fitzpatrick, Ronan Heffernan, Nicky Kearns, Odhran Quirke, Anthony Maher, James Hammersley, Michael Ryan.



West Board na nÓg U15 and U16 Medal presentation to Captains: Back l-r: Gearoid Slattery Cashel KC, Sean Maher Clonoulty Rossmore, Timmy Hammersley, Roger Kennedy Chairman West Board, Conor O'Brien, Aidan Barron Rockwell Rvs, Front l-r: Seanie Ryan, Sean Treacys, Kevin Stapleton Cappawhite, Joe Hammersley Bord na nÓg West Chairman, Daniel Hayde Golden Kilfeacle, Eamon Morrissey Cashel KC, T J Ryan Rockwell Rovers



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South Tipperary Bórd na nOg

(By Kieran Hogan, Runai)

400 games in another busy season

2010 proved to be another exciting and extremely busy year for all associated with juvenile games. There were over 400 games played between the various championships plus the U/12 Football and Hurling Shields, Féile na nGael and Péil Na nOg and the U/10 football and hurling blitzes. Commercial's and St Mary's won the Peil Na nOg and Feile Na nGael competitions. St Mary's were beaten by Durlas Og in the county semi- final but Commercial's went on to take the county and as Tipperary representatives they reached the All- Ireland final but they lost to an experienced St Gabriel's side from London.

Football: The football championships commenced in March and the first ones to reach a conclusion were the U/16s when on a double bill in Kilsheelan Commercial's defeated old rivals Moyle Rovers in the A final while Fethard got the better of Cahir in an engrossing B final where the lead changed hands three times in the last ten minutes.

After a good performance Grangemockler had a comfortable win over Carrick Davins in the C final.

Fethard picked up their second title when they beat Grangemockler in the U/12 C football final and The Blues were already having a great year. The B title went to the west of the division when Ballyporeen defeated Ardfinnan in a very entertaining decider played in Ballylooby. Commercial's were expected to pick up the A Championship honours after they had swept all before them in the league stages but in a terrific final they were beaten by a well organised, determined and skilful Killenaule side.

Commercial's, who had done so well in Péil na nOg, were impressive winners of the U/14 A title accounting for Moyle Rovers in the decider and on the same evening in Ardfinnan Fethard got the better of Grangemockler in an exciting C final. The B final was played on a wet and windy evening in Clonmel but that did not take away from a very impressive performance by Ardfinnan who defeated Ballingarry in the final.

We introduced the shield competition in U/12 Football and our first winners were Clonmel Og who defeated Fr Sheehy's in the final played in Ballylooby.

Our U/10 Blitz was held in Monroe (Moyle Rovers) in May

and after a great day of competition Commercial's won Group 1, Ballyporeen were the victors in Group 2, Clerihan took the honours in Group 3 while Ballylooby/ Castlegrace came out on top in Group 4

Hurling: St Mary's set out their stall early when they picked up the Féile title after a protracted competition defeating Carrick Swan in the final and later on in the season they completed the double when they beat Ballybacon/ Grange in the U/14 A final. St Patrick's brought joy to Cloneen and Drangan when they defeated Kilsheelan in a heart stopping B final played in Grangemockler. On that same bill Fethard scored and injury time point to secure a draw against Mullinahone. The replay was played in Cloneen and Fethard took their chances to capture the C title.

The three U/12 Finals were played in Monroe on what proved to be a wonderful occasion. In the first game Ballyneale caused a surprise when they got the better of Carrick Davins to win the C championship. Two second half goals helped Killenaule to claim the B title with a victory over Mullinahone. The A final saw St Mary's defeat Ballingarry after a close first half.

The three U/16 finals promised some wonderful contests but they never materialised. After a close enough first half Fr Sheehy's pulled away in the second to defeat Carrick Davins and win the C title. St Mary's completed the clean sweep with a convincing win against Ballingarry in the A final.

Carrick Swan were very impressive when defeating Ballybacon/ Grange in the B final played in Ned Hall Park

As in the football we had a shield competition in U/12 Hurling in which Ballylooby were victorious defeating St Patrick's in the decider played in Ballylooby.

Duneske (Cahir) was the setting for the U/10 Blitz in September and once again we had a fantastic day of competition. In Group 1 Moyle Rovers came out on top, the Group 2 winners were Cahir and in Group 3 Skeheenarinky claimed the winning spot while Group 4 honours went to Clonmel Og.

As well as all these championships we had divisional sides competing successfully in both hurling and football and quite a lot of players from the South Division played for the County at both hurling and football.

A big thank you to all players, coaches, officials, parents and referees for their continued marvellous support and we look forward to 2011 with great anticipation.



Fr. Sheehy's South Under 16 'C' hurling champions. Back l-r: Mike Hyland, Kieran King, Kevin Watson, Peter O'Driscoll, Shane Lowry, Steven O'Driscoll, Brian Smith. Front l-r: John Ferguson, Shane O'Brien, Jack English, Conor Lowry, Ben Hyland, Adrian O'Brien, Brian Hyland.



Ballyneale/Grangemockler U12 C Hurling: South Champions and County Finalists Back l-r: Richie Lyons, John Woodside, Jake Hennebry, Heather Phelan, David Houlihan, Jerry Shelly, Colin O'Shea, Michael Meaney, David Power, Adam Hennebry, David Needham, Eamon Phelan. Front l-r: Manus McFadden, Jack Lyons, John Lyons, Denis Hanrahan, Josh Ellis, Ciaran Crowley, Lorcan Magorrian, CJ Houlihan.



Ballyporeen - South Under 12 'B' football champions. Back l-r: Denis English, Molly O'Sullivan, Adam O'Donoghue, Darren O'Dwyer, Adam Donovan, Josh Macken, James McKenna, Tommy Breeady, Thomas McKenna, Jason English, Fionn McLoughlin, Dylan O'Gorman, James Hackett. Front l-r: Eoin Fitzgerald, Jack Donovan, James Hackett, Adrian English (Capt), Thomas Vaughan, Oisín Brennan, Caoimhe English, Riain Hennessey, Kieran Macken.

The Skeheenarinky Under 10 team that won the Shield final in the Mullinahone hurling blitz.

Back l-r: Kevin O'Mahony, Eoin Fitzgerald, Dean Finn, Oisín Brennan, Shannon Brennan, Cian Murphy, Christy English, Caoimhe English, Sean English. Front l-r: Riain Hennessey, Darragh Brennan, Thomas Vaughan (Capt), Adam Fitzgerald, John Donald O'Brien, Vincent Fitzgibbon, Jack Murphy, Kieran Macken.



St. Mary's, Clonmel

A couple of years ago St. Mary's made a decision to devote their main efforts to the development of the juvenile section of the club. With the active involvement as coaches of parents and ex-players, this year saw a major breakthrough for the club. No less than four under-age divisional titles were captured – under-12, under-14, under-16 and minor, while the under 14s won the South Tipp Feile and the under-12s won the Mullinahone and Carrigeen/Mooncoin tournaments. Now the juvenile club is in a position to set its sights firmly on county titles.



St. Mary's South Under 12 'A' hurling champions. Back l-r: Conor O'Sullivan, Sean Adamson, Eoin Hctor, Aidan Tobin, Daniel Trass, Kyle Peters, Michael Murphy, Michael Farrow, Luke Sweeny, Jamie McGuire, Ian Fahey, Gavin Ryan. Front l-r: Joe Gunne, Niall Hctor, Adam Kelly, James Brophy, Jamie Ahern, Sean Kennedy, Leon Basquille, Conor McKeever, Patrick Merchant, Daniel Plescat, Conal Kennedy, Ryan Lamb.

St. Mary's South minor hurling champions.
Back l-r: Kevin Gunne, Franny Kelly, Jason Mullins, Cian Mackey, James O'Sullivan, Keith Browne, Shane O'Gorman, Brian Walsh, Keelan Maher, Matthew Hynes, Jason Lonergan, Coleman Kennedy, Christopher Walsh, Darren Cass, Conor O'Keefe, Jamie Peters, Bryan Powell, Shane Power.
Front l-r: Patrick Murchain, Shane Taylor, Michael Quinlivan, Samuel Ryan, Ciaran Brady, Liam Murchain, Emmett Ryan, Georoid Buckley, Liam Glendon, Seamus Kennedy, Paul Nolan, Noel Williams.



Rockwell Rovers - West Under 16 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: Kevin Blair, Simon Brennan, Ciaran Barron, Aidan Barron, Aaron Gallagher, Paddy Keating, Robert O'Donnell, Eoghan Ryan, Michael Healy. Front l-r: Patrick Farrell, Pdraig Ryan Owen Cleary, Patrick McElligot, John Keating, Christopher Hickey, Craig O'Connell, Gerry O'Rourke, Liam Fahey, T.J. Ryan (Capt).



Post Offices Championship Cup

In 1955 the Post Office Workers' Union donated a cup for the Post Offices football championship. In that year it was won by Tipperary Post Office, who beat Castlebar in the final. This game was played at Croke Park on December 4, 1955, as a curtain-raiser to a Galway-Dublin league fixture, in which Frank Stockwell and Sean Purcell starred for Galway.

Jackie Hannon (Lattin-Cullen) was the captain of the winning side and he has said of the occasion: 'It was a great thrill to play in Croke Park and even better to win an All-Ireland final on the one day.'

Since the cup wasn't perpetual it became the property of the Post Office team and it has occupied a place of honour in Tipperary Post Office since then. Recently the surviving members of the team, Jackie Hannon (capt.) Eoin O'Neill, John O'Neill, J. C. Fitzpatrick, John O'Dwyer, Tony Crosse, Niall O'Dea and Donie Nolan, decided to hand it over to Lár na Páirce for safe keeping and Jackie Hannon did just that to Seamus J. King, chairman, on a sunny Sunday in Tipperary in July.



Jackie Hannon presenting the Post Office Cup to Seamus King, Lár na Páirce,

A very successful year for Scór

The 2009/2010 Scór season was once again a very successful one. The Scór na nÓg county final was held in Halla na Féile, Cashel on 11th December 2009. The county final of Senior Scór was held in Borrisoeigh on 27th February and the county final of Scór na bPáistí was again held in Halla na Féile, Cashel on 28th March. Standards were very high in all competitions as contestants proudly represented their clubs. Comhghairdeas leis na hiomaitheoirí agus na buaiteoirí uilig. Great credit is due to the mentors who give generously of their time in the preservation of Irish culture in song, dance, music and drama through the medium of Scór. Maith sibh go léir agus leanaigí ar aghaidh leis an dea-obair. Many thanks to the Tipperary senior hurlers, Paddy Stapleton, Brendan Maher and James Woodlock who presented the trophies/medals to the prize winners at each of the county finals. Míle buíochas libh. Congratulations to Noirin Ryan, Clonoulty, who won the 2010 Munster final in the Senior Scór solo-song competition and to the Borrisoeigh set dancers who also became Munster champions in 'An Tinteán', Ballybunion.

Winners of County Final Scór na nÓg 2009

Competition	Winner(s)
Figure Dance	J.K.Brackens (Mid)
Solo-Song	Newcastle –Sinéad Grant (South)
Instrumental Music	Newport (North)
Recitation/Storytelling	Newcastle—Treasa McGrath (South)
Ballad Group	Newport (North)
Question Time	Loughmore/Castleiney (Mid)
Novelty Act	Moycarkey/Borris (Mid)
Set Dancing	Newcastle (South)

Winners of County Final Senior Scór 2010

Competition	Winner(s)
Figure Dance	Newcastle (South)
Solo-Song	Clonoulty/Rossmore (West) —Noirin Ryan
Instrumental Music	Newport (North)
Recitation/Storytelling	Upperchurch/Drombane (Mid) ---Áine Ryan
Ballad Group	Newcastle (South)
Question Time	Borrisoleigh (North)
Novelty Act	Moyne/Temptuohy (Mid)
Set Dancing	Borrisoleigh (North)

Winners of County Final Scór na bPáistí

Competition	Winner(s)
Figure Dance	Ballina (North)
Solo-Song	Templederry (North) —Liam McCutcheon
Instrumental Music	Newport (North)
Recitation/Storyteing	Borrisoleigh (North) —Orla Ryan
Ballad Group	Newport (North)
Question Time	Seán Treacys (West)
Novelty Act	Templederry (North)
Set Dancing	Drom/Inch (Mid)



Sinéad Grant (Newcastle) winner of the Solo Song in the County Final of Scór na nOg, receiving her trophy from Paddy Stapleton.



Treasa Mc Grath (Newcastle), winner of the Recitation in the County Final of Scór na nOg receiving her trophy from Paddy Stapleton



Loughmore-Castleiney, winners of the Question Time in the County Final of Scór na nOg. L-r: Paddy Stapleton, Padraig Hennessy, Niamh Ryan, Joe Hennessy.



Moycarkey-Borris, winners of the Novelty Act in the County Final of Scor na nOg. L-r: Paddy Stapleton, Nora Connolly, Jamie Costelloe, Melissa Morris, Conor Hayes, Micheala Graham.



Newcastle, winners of the Set Dancing in the County Final of Scor na nOg. Front l-r: Ciara Corbett, Veronica Mc Namara, Catherine Ryan, Leah Condon. Back l-r: Seamus Mc Grath (County Chairman of Scor), Sinead Grant, Jenny Murphy, Paddy Stapleton, Rose-Mary Mc Carry, Treasa Mc Grath, Kathy Mc Grath, Monnie Hallahan.



Newport, winners of the Ballad Group in the County Final of Scor na nOg. L-r: Paddy Stapleton, Sarah McAuliffe, Rory Floyd, Niamh Floyd, Conor Floyd, Aisling Bradley.



J K Brackens, winners of the Figure Dancing in the County Final of Scor na nOg. Front l-r: Lisa Fogarty, Yvonne Meehan, Niamh Kennedy, Chloe Giles. Back l-r: Francis Bourke, Leona Bowe, Ciara Bourke, Sandra Bowe, Maeve Bourke, Mairead Delaney, Paddy Stapleton



Newport, winners of the Instrumental Music in the County Final of Scor na nOg. L-r: Paddy Stapleton, Lorna Floyd, Rory Floyd, Sarah Mc Auliffe, Brian Mc Auliffe, Niamh Floyd.



Supporting the Moycarkey-Borris Novelty Act in the County Final of Scor na nOg were l-r: Peggy Costelloe, Eileen Costelloe, Patricia Connolly, Marian Graham.

Winners of County Final of Senior Scór 2010



Noirin Ryan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), winner of the Solo Song in the County Final of Scór Sinsear, receiving the cup from Tipperary hurler Brendan Maher.



Cait Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), winner of the Recitation in the County Final of Scór Sinsear, receiving the cup from Brendan Maher.



Newport winners of the Instrumental Music in the County Final of Scór Sinsear. L-r: Niall Carey, Louise Ryan, Brendan Maher, Aine O'Malley, Tracey Ryan, Killian Doheny.



Moyne Templetuohy, winners of the Novelty Act in the County Final of Scór Sinsear. Front l-r: Brendan Delaney, Catherine Dunne, Mary Walsh, Tony Cantwell. Back l-r: Brendan Maher, William Maher, David Bourke, Eamon Travers, Francis Cleere, Jim O'Meara.



Newport, winners of the Instrumental Music in the County Final of Scór na bPaisti. L-r: Ciara Ryan, Elizabeth Floyd, Kealan Floyd, Ciara Floyd, Marie Carey.



Sean Treacy's, winners of the Question Time in the County Final of Scór na bPaisti, with James Woodlock. L-r: Brian Carey, Emmet Boyle, Shane Stapleton.



Drom-Inch, winners of the Set Dancing in the County Final of Scor na bPaisti. Front L-r: Orla Cahill, Shannon Grant, Clara Ryan, Lucy Cunningham. Back L to R: Tom Walsh, Conor O'Meara, Glynn Stewart, Andy Mullins, Aidan O'Meara, James Woodlock.



Liam Mc Cutcheon, Templederry, winner of the Solo Song in the County Final of Scor na bPaisti, with Tipperary hurler James Woodlock.



Newport, winners of the Ballad Group in the County final of Scor na bPaisti. L-r: Elizabeth Floyd, Ciara Ryan, James Woodlock, Ciara Floyd, Marie Carey, Kealan Floyd.



Templederry, winners of the Novelty Act in the County Final of Scor na bPaisti. L-r: Nessa Murray, Roisin Ryan, Amy Kennedy, Dearbhla Slattery, Jack O'Dwyer, Liam McCutcheon, Conor Brennan, Sarah McCutcheon.



Orla Ryan, Borrisoleigh, winner of the Recitation in the County Final of Scor na bPaisti, with James Woodlock and her mother Kay



Ballina, winners of the Figure Dancing in the County Final of Scor na bPaisti. Front l-r: Sarah O'Donnell, Christina Hayes, Sarah Gilmore, Mary Power. Back l-r: Margaret Lynch, Mark Power, Leah Farnan, Eoghan Power, Patrick O'Donovan, James Woodlock.



County Scór committee 2009/2010 Back l-r: Murt Ryan, Marie Mcoughlin (Mid Secretary), Paddy Kelly, Úna Shanahan, Noel Joyce, Jim O'Meara (Mid Chairperson), Josie Fahey, Jack Fahey. Front l-r: Philomena Keyes (North Chairperson), Johnie Delaney, Mary Bourke (Secretary), Seamus McGrath (County Chairperson), Dan Madden (Treasurer), Seosaimhín Ní Chathail (Cultural Officer), Tim Floyd (Secretary County Board).

West Tipperary Scór Sinsear Scór

The West Tipperary Scór Sinsear final was held in the Hall Anacarty. Incidentally it was the first West Scór Sinsear of the 21st century. It was hosted by the Eire Óg Anacarty Camogie Club. It was a great social occasion. Many Scór stalwarts of the past attended, indeed Laoise O'Keeffe, Clonoulty/Rossmore made a competitive comeback! The fine attendance enjoyed the music, dancing and the crack and most of the audience also enjoyed a long chat with the cuppa.

The hard work of Roddy Crehan, Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir, and the enthusiasm of Tom McDonald ensured that this start of a Scór Sinsear Revival would be successful and the emphasis on enjoyment with less of the competitive edge of yore.

The former County Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir Noel Joyce and Caroline Ní Leannáin were the adjudicators on the night. Four clubs Emly, Clonoulty/Rossmore, Lattin/Cullen and Eire Óg Anacarty will be represented in the County Final in Borrisoleigh on Saturday February 27th in Borrisoleigh.

The West Final of Scór na bPáistí will take place on Friday March 19th. There has also been a renewed interest in this competition and it may be necessary to hold semi-finals, so any Primary School children or their teachers should contact Roddy Crehan or their local club if they

wish to enter. The County final of Scór na bPáistí is scheduled for Sunday March 28th.

The West Scór Sinsear Result as follows. The winners and runners Up go forward to the County Final.

Rince Fóirne (Figure Dancing): I. Emly.

Amhránaíocht Aonair (Solo Singing): 1. Nóirín Ní Riain, Clonoulty Rossmore; 2. Matthew Ryan, Eire Óg Anacarty.

Ceol Úirlise (Instrumental Music): 1. Eire Óg Anacarty: Emma Kelly, Rebecca Curry, Rita Ryan; 2. Lattin/Cullen: Abbie O'Connell, Denis Ryan.

Aithriseóireacht (Recitation): 1. Paul Maher, Éire Óg Anacarty; 2. Roddy Crehan, Lattin/Cullen.

Tráth na gCeisteanna (Question Time): 1. Lattin/Cullen: Ger Howe, Daniel Connery, Sean Nash; 2. Eire Óg Anacarty: Dan Kelly, Micheál O'Dwyer, Tom Ryan.

Nuachleas (Novelty Act): 1. Eire Óg Anacarty: (The Mirror); Paul Maher, Dan Kelly, Caitriona Devlin, Margaret Kelly.

Bailéad Ghrúpa (Ballad Group): 1. Clonoulty/Rossmore: Nóirín Ní Riain, Fiona O'Connor, Teresa Burke, Tracey Forrestal; 2. Lattin Cullen: Denis Ryan, Anne Bradshaw, Mary Bradshaw, Anne Kinane, Abbie O'Connor.

Rince Seit (Set Dancing): 1. Eire Óg Anacarty: Mary McDonald, Kathleen Bradshaw, Patricia Quinn, Virginia Moore, Joe Hayes, Joe Ryan, Tom Mc Donald, Michael



Arravale Rovers Ballad Group winners at West Scór na bPáistí final, Included are Michael Jenkins, Shane O'Donovan, Dylan Prenderville, Jack Comerford and Cormac Flanagan.



Arravale Rovers Ballad Group winners at West Scór na bPáistí final Included are Michael Jenkins, Shane O'Donovan, Dylan Prenderville, Jack Comerford and Cormac Flanagan.



Scór na bPáistí West winners, Lattin/Cullen Figure Dancing; included are Orla Landers, Maeve Carew, Noelle Looby, Carol Vaughan, Angela Heffernan, Ciaras O'Grady, Louise Murnane and Marie Kinane.



Sean Treacys West Scór na bPáistí Novelty Act winners: included are Brian Carey, Clodagh Sheldon, Dylan Ryan, Emmet Boyle, Jack O'Toole, Patrick Deegan, Paul Ryan and Thomas Lyons.



Eire Óg Anacarty Set Dancers, winners of Scór Sinsear final. Front l-r: Virginia Moore, Mary McDonald, Kathleen Bradshaw, Patricia Quinn. Back l-r: Joe Hayes, Michael Moore, Philip Ryan, Tom McDonald, Joe Ryan.



Eire Óg Anacarty Instrumental Music winners at West Scór Sinsear in Anacarty. From left: Rebecca Curry, Rita Ryan, Emma Kelly.



Clonoulty/Rossmore Ballad Group winners at West Scór Sinsear final. From left: Martin Forrestal, Nóirín Ryan, Fiona O'Connor, Teresa Burke

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Munster Senior Solo Song winner, Noirin Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore) pictured with her parents Breda and Tom.

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Newcastle - County winners of Senior Scor Ballad Group.
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Borrisoleigh - Munster and County champions in Senior Scor Set Dancing.
 Back l-r: Declan Maher, Henry Groome, Thomas Walsh, Peter Ryan. Front l-r:
 Pauline O'Brien, Michelle Maher, Aileen Og Groome, Margaret Ryan.

Mid Tipperary Scór

We had a very good and busy season in Mid Tipperary Scór in 2009/2010. Our year started on 21st October with our annual general meeting in Hayes' Hotel, Thurles.

The competitions started with Mid final of Scór na nÓg in Loughmore Community Hall on Saturday 5th December, where seven clubs were involved, and a packed Hall enjoyed a great nights entertainment, some of the winners on the night went on to win county final in Cashel, then to Munster final in Mallow, where despite great performances were unlucky on the night. The All-Ireland Loughmore quiz team from previous year were hoping to do well but Paraic Hennessy broke his leg the day before the Munster final despite having a very capable substitute there was no joy this time.

We had a very enjoyable Scór sinsear final in Moyne on the 19th of February where we welcomed the Holycross Club to senior Scór after a long absence with well known singer Michelle Skehan. We also welcomed newcomers Thurles Gaels. It was a big disappointment that we had no set dance at this level. Each category on the night was hotly contested.

As always our Scór na bPaisti competition was the "jewel in the crown", we had nine clubs involved with a very enjoyable first semi-final in Littleton, also an enjoyable second semi-final in Drom, thanks to Drom Scór committee

at a moments notice helped out the Drombane committee when they were unable to host the competition. Again we were back to Littleton for the Mid-final where a wonderful show from our primary school children was enjoyed by our appreciative audience. At this competition the trophies were presented by Bill McCormack, Tipperary U-21 hurler. The competitors enjoyed a bit of banter with Bill and the Scór committee thanks him for his kindness.

An Coiste Mid-Scór would like to thank the host clubs, the stewards, the ladies in the hospitality rooms who do a great job looking after us all, the masters of ceremonies who keeps the night running smoothly and the sponsors, Mid GAA Board, Donal Younge, The Ragg, Lycon Auto Spare and Tivoli Cleaners their continued support is much appreciated.

Mid Tipperary Scór Winners

Category	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPaisti
Rince Foirne	JK Brackens	JK Brackens	JK Brackens
Amhranaíocht	JK Brackens	Holycross-Ballycahill	JK Brackens
Aonair			
Ceol Uirlise	JK Brackens	Upperchurch-Drombane	JK Brackens
Bailead Ghrupa	Upperchurch-Drombane	Upperchurch-Drombane	Moyne-Templetouhy
Quiz	Loughmore- Castleiney	Moyne-Templetouhy	Drom-Inch
Novelty Act	Moycarkey-Borris	Moyne-Templetouhy	JK Brackens
Rince Seit	Drom-Inch		Drom-Inch
Aithriseoireacht	Moyne-Templetouhy	Upperchurch-Drombane	Upperchurch-Drombane

County Scór na nÓg Winners	JK Brackens Rince Foirne Loughmore-Castleiney Quiz Moycarkey-Borris Novelty Act
County Senior Scór Winners	Aine Ryan Upperchurch Recitation Moyne- Templetouhy Novelty Act
County Scór na bPaisti Winners	Drom-Inch Rince Seit

I would like to express sincere sympathy to all Scór families, who have suffered bereavements during the past year. No year goes by without the sad passing of members and friends, who have rendered great service and dedication to Scór. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to all, their memories will continue to inspire us. I can't let this year pass without mentioning one special friend Martin Kennedy who passed his eternal reward in September, Martin was in Mid Scór since its inception, he was a live supporter and a great worker. Martin was a great friend to me down the years and was our contact with our sponsor John Kennedy, Donal Younge. Sincere sympathy to his wife Peggy and his family. Ar dheis go raibh ainmneacha ar dilis.

Elected Officers and Committee: Chairman - Jim O'Meara (Moyne-Templetouhy); Vice-Chairman and Assistant Treasurer - Murt Ryan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Joint Secretaries - Maria McLoughlin and Aine Coffey (both Upperchurch-Drombane);

Cisteoir and P.R.O - Nora Troy (Sarsfields); Delegates to County Scór- Maria McLoughlin, Aine Coffey, Johnny Delaney (Clonmore), Peggy Costello (Moycarkey-Borris). Committee members - Mairead Clohessy, Patricia Connolly (Moycarkey /Borris), Mary C. Ryan (Upperchurch), Noel Joyce (JK Brackens), Catherine Dunne (Moyne).



Eire Óg, Novelty Act winners in West Scór Sinsear. Margaret Kelly, Paul Maher, Caitriona Devlin and Danny Kelly.



Tipperary Handball Report

by Paddy Collins P.R.O.

2010 has been a great year for Tipperary G.A.A. Not alone have our hurlers uplifted the county but our handball players have also had huge success with 28 players winning 42 All-Ireland gold medals.

Our juveniles continue to improve and are beginning to make an impact at National level. Pdraig O'Donoghue & Jonathon Walsh from Cashel had a remarkable year winning the under 14 Doubles in both 40x20 and 60x30. They were also members of the Cashel Féile team together with Daniel Hayes, Kevin Ryan & Adam Kennedy who won the Division 1 60x30 Féile na Gael. Pdraig won the Féile skills and crowned a great year winning the College Junior Doubles with Jonathon Walsh. Tipperary also featured in the U16/U17 Inter County team competitions. In 40x20 the team of Brendan Ryan & Paddy Kelly (Ballinahinch), Ollie Harte (Newport), Kieran Cahill (Lahorna), Dylan Ryan (Ballina) and Adrian O Dwyer (Cashel) beat Galway in the All-Ireland final in Williamstown. In 60x30 Tipperary beat Wexford in the All-Ireland final in Dungarvan with the following team- Adrian O Dwyer (Cashel), Kieran Cahill (Lahorna), Anthony Crotty (Ballyporeen), Shane Mc Cormack (Ballina) & Dylan Ryan (Ballina).

Tipperary juveniles in 40x20 who won Munster titles were : Girls U13 Singles Roisín Cahill (Lahorna), U12S Aiden O'Flaherty (Youghalarra), U17S Niall Fitzgerald (Cashel). In 60x30 our Juveniles won Munster titles in U12D Kevin Shinnors & Jerome Cahill (Lahorna), U12S Jason English (Ballyporeen), U13S Tieran O'Brien (Ballyporeen) and Girls U13S Roisín Cahill. Roisín also won the Cuman na mBunscoil U13 S Munster final and was a member of the Munster U13/U17 Interprovincial team.

In the adult grades in 40x20 Tipperary players started off the year with 6 Munster titles and Fergal Collins (Ballina) went on to win the U21 Singles & Jim Ryan (Silvermines) and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) went on to win the DMAD All-Ireland Finals. Munster winners were JBS David Hickey (Ballina), MBD John Lee (Ballina) and Paul Maher (Clonmel), EMBS Paddy Collins (Ballina), EMBD Andy Purcell & Denis Gleeson (Silvermines).

In the 60x30 Court Tipperary players were in devastating form



David Moloney (Cashel) and Noel Murphy (Cashel) - Munster and All Ireland Over 35s Doubles Champions.

and were successful in many grades. They won All-Ireland & Munster titles in U21 Singles Fergal Collins (Ballina), Junior B Singles Michael Carroll (Ballina), Junior B Club Team Ballina Michael Carroll, Paddy Collins, Noel Moroney, David Hickey, Declan Gleeson, EMAD Pakie Mullins and Billy Mullins (Clonmel), O/35 Doubles David Moloney & Noel Murphy (Cashel), SMBD Martin Spain and Paul Maher (Lahorna), Masters Doubles Hardball John Lee (Ballina) and Pat O'Flaherty (Youghalarra). Tipperary won Munster titles in U21 Doubles Fergal Collins and Declan Gleeson (Ballina), MAS John Mc Quaid (Ballina), EMBS Jim Quinn (Youghalarra), GMAS Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen), MBS Paul Maher (Clonmel), GMAD Tony O Flaherty and Pat Griffin (Youghalarra),



Cashel - Division 1 Féile na nGael winners 60 x 30. Daniel Hayes McGrath, Kevin Ryan, Tony Hannon, President, Irish Handball Council, Jonathan Walsh and Pdraig O'Donoghue.

SMBS Paul Maher (Lahorna), MBD John Lee (Ballina) and Paul Maher (Clonmel), JBD Denis White and Ray Manton (Cashel), MAD Josie O'Dwyer and Willie O'Dwyer (Cashel), EMBD Andy Purcell (S/Mines) and Jim Looby (Cashel), Junior Club Team Cashel John Ferncombe, Denis White, Willie O'Dwyer, Paul Mc Grath, Ray Manton.

Tipperary hosted the G.A.A. Handball Congress in March in the Anner Hotel in Thurles. This was a great success thanks to all who helped out on the day.

In September Tipperary hosted the senior softball doubles along with the LMS, MD and I.S. in Thurles. There was a huge turnout of supporters on the day and the organisers coped very well on what was a great day of Handball.

Both Silvermines and Ballinahinch Handball Clubs ran very successful tournaments during the year. In the Silvermines Singles Tournament Michael Carroll (Ballina) beat Oisín Naughton (St. Comans) in the Division 1 Final, Paddy Collins (Ballina) beat Dave O'Donoghue (Newport) in the Division 2 final & Paddy Kelly (Ballinahinch) beat Dylan Ryan (Ballina) in the Division 3 final. In the Ballinahinch Doubles tournament Jim Ryan (Silvermines) and Paddy Collins (Ballina) beat Pat O'Flaherty (Youghalarra) and Paul Heinz (Ballinahinch) in the Division 1 Cup Final. In the Plate final John Kennedy (Silvermines) and Thomas Small (Newport) beat Jim Quinn (Youghalarra) and Oisín Naughton (St. Comans). In the County Juvenile Championships in both 40x20 and 60x30 there has been a huge increase in the numbers taking part. North Tipperary Handball Board ran a very successful Juvenile B Competition in 40x20 in 2010 and will include 60x30 in 2011.

In April a huge gathering of handball players, supporters and friends turned up for the benefit night in Clonmel for Billy McCarthy who had a very serious accident during the year. We wish Billy a speedy recovery.

A very successful coaching course was held in Ballinahinch under instructor Richard Willoughby from Wicklow.

In the coming year it is hoped to run a referees course and also set up coaching and development camps for our juveniles. Congratulations to all our successful players in 2010 and a special thanks to all at club level who continue to promote the great game of handball.



All Ireland Junior 'B' Club Team Ballina 60 x 30: Declan Gleeson, Michael Carroll, Noel Moroney, David Hickey, Paddy Collins.



Martin Spain (Lahorna) and Paul Maher (Lahorna) - Munster and All-Ireland SMB Double Champions.



All-Ireland U-21 Singles 60 x 30 - Ciaran Neary (Kilkenny), runner up, Fergal Collins (Ballina) winner.

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Tipperary - All Ireland U16-U17 champions. Adrian O'Dwyer (Cashel), Kieran Cahill (Lahorna), Anthony Crotty (Ballyporeen), Shane McCormack (Ballina) & Dylan Ryan (Ballina). At back centre Tony Hannon, President Irish Handball Council.



Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) and Jim Ryan (Silvermines) - All Ireland DMA Double winners



Padraig O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Jonathan Walsh (Cashel) - All-Ireland U14 Doubles champions 40 x 20 and 60 x 30.



Roisin Cahill, Munster U13 Girls Singles winner and Pat McKenna (Chairman Tipperary Handball).



Michael Carroll (Ballina) All-Ireland Junior B Singles 60 x 30 winner and Maurice Murray (Kildare) runner-up.

Scoreboard 2010

Compiled by Ed Donnelly

County Finals – Hurling

Senior (Dan Breen Cup) - 31/10/10 at Semple Stadium

Thurles Sarsfields 1-16 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-7

Senior (Seamus O'Riain Cup)

31/10/10 at Semple Stadium

Nenagh Eire Og 3-17 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-6

Intermediate

17/10/10 at Templemore

Borrisokane 2-13 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-12

Junior "A"

21/11/10 at Templemore (Drawn Game)

Holycross-Ballycahill 0-10 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-10

Junior "A"

(Replay)

Holycross-Ballycahill vs. Kilruane MacDonaghs

Junior "B" – 23/10/10 at The Ragg

Thurles Sarsfields 3-11 Toomevara 1-14

Under 21 "A"

Under 21 "B"

13/11/10 at Toomevara

Kildangan 1-7 Moynes Templetuohy 0-5

Under 21 "C"

16/10/10 at Dolla

Moneygall 2-12 Ballinahinch 1-9

Minor "A"

18/9/10 at Dolla

Thurles Sarsfields 0-27 Nenagh Eire Og 2-12

Minor "B"

10/10/10 at Nenagh

Holycross-Ballycahill 2-17 Lorrha Dorrha 3-12

Minor "C"

25/9/10 at Newport

Silvermines 2-14 Ballinahinch 1-11

Under 16 "A"

16/10/10 at Roscrea

Durlas Og 1-19 Nenagh Eire Og 1-15

Under 16 "B"

16/10/10 at Littleton

Carrick Swan 3-9 Ballina 1-9

Under 16 "C"

16/10/10 at Littleton

Shannon Rovers 6-13 Fr. Sheehys 3-9

Under 14 "A"

17/9/10 at Templederry

Nenagh Eire Og 4-10 Durlas Og 2-10

Under 14 "B"

18/9/10 at The Ragg

Borris-Ileigh 3-3 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-6

Under 14 "C"

18/9/10 at The Ragg

Portroe 2-7 Fethard 0-5

Feile na nGael

25/4/10 at Dr. Morris Park

Durlas Og 5-8 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-4

Under 12 "A"

4/9/10 at Semple Stadium

Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-5 St. Mary's 2-3

Under 12 "B"

4/9/10 at Semple Stadium

JK Brackens 3-11 Newport 0-5

Under 12 "C"

4/9/10 at Semple Stadium

Templederry Kenyons 2-2 Ballyneale 0-2

County Finals – Football

Senior – 7/11/10 at Semple Stadium

Aherlow 2-4 Loughmore Castleiney 1-6

Intermediate – 30/10/10 at Boherlahan

Kilsheelan-Kilcash 0-11 Rockwell Rovers 0-9 (AET)

Junior "A" - 13/11/10 at Holycross

Nenagh Eire Og 1-10 Rosegreen 1-6

Junior "B"

24/10/10 at Fethard

Golden-Kilfeacle 1-10 Mullinahone 2-6

Under 21 "A"

25/4/10 at Cashel

Clonmel Commercials 2-8 Arravale Rovers 1-6

Under 21 "B"

25/4/10 at Cashel

Rockwell Rovers 3-6 Mullinahone 0-9

Minor "A"

18/9/10 at Holycross

Clonmel Commercials 2-10 Loughmore-Castleiney 2-5

Minor "B"

25/9/10 at New Inn

Kilsheelan Kilcash 2-9 Golden Kilfeacle 1-9

Minor "C"

7/9/10 at Borrisoleigh

Ballinahinch 3-13 Clonakenny 2-8

Under 16 "A"

5/7/10 at New Inn

Clonmel Commercials 2-21 Golden-Kilfeacle 0-2

Under 16 "B"

3/7/10 at Cashel

Fethard 2-11 Rockwell Rovers 1-8

Under 16 "C"

3/7/10 at Holycross

Grangemockler 1-8 Shannon Rovers 1-3

Under 14 "A"

12/6/10 at Templemore

Clonmel Commercials 7-9 Ballina 0-3

Under 14 "B"

12/6/10 at Kilcommon

Drom & Inch 9-11 Burgess 1-2

Under 14 "C"

12/6/10 at Templemore

Fethard 6-8 Lorrha-Dorrha 1-6

Peil na nOg

6/5/10 at Dr. Morris Park

Clonmel Commercials 3-10 Nenagh Eire Og 0-4

Under 12 "A"

29/5/10 at Semple Stadium

Killenaule 3-6 Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-5 (AET)

Under 12 "B"

29/5/10 at Semple Stadium

Newport 2-8 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-2

Under 12 "C"

29/5/10 at Semple Stadium

Clonakenny 1-8 Portroe 1-1 County Hurling League Finals

Premier Division

8/8/10 at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 1-23 Holycross-Ballycahill 2-16

Division 1

22/8/10 at Templetuohy

Loughmore-Castleiney 0-19 Moycarkey-Borris 2-12

Division 2

7/8/10 at The Ragg

Roscrea 4-15 Boherlahan Dualla 3-8

Intermediate

4/9/10 at Templemore

Moynes-Templetuohy 2-18 Drom and Inch 0-22

Junior

28/8/10 at Cahir

Ballylooby-Castlegrace 0-14 Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-4

County Adult Football League Finals

Premier Division

22/8/10 at Ballyporeen

Moyle Rovers 2-9 Clonmel Commercials 0-6

Division 1

20/8/10 at Cashel

Kilsheelan-Kilcash 1-12 Cappawhite 2-8

Division 2

7/5/10 at New Inn

Drom and Inch 2-14 Newcastle 2-7

County Minor Football League Finals

Division 1

13/7/10 at Fethard

Clonmel Commercials 2-11 Killenaule 1-4

Division 2

29/6/10 at Mullinahone

Golden Kilfeacle 1-14 Mullinahone 0-10 A.E.T

Inter County Championships Hurling

Senior

30/5/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Cork 3-15 Tipperary 0-14 (Munster Quarter-Final)

3/7/10 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 3-24 Wexford 0-19 (All-Ireland Qualifier)

Qualifier)

18/7/10 at Portlaoise

Tipperary 0-21 Offaly 1-12 (All-Ireland Qualifier)

25/7/10 at Croke Park

Tipperary 3-17 Galway 3-16 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

15/8/10 at Croke Park

Tipperary 3-19 Waterford 1-18 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

5/9/09 at Croke Park

Tipperary 4-17 Kilkenny 1-18 (All-Ireland Final)

Intermediate

30/5/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Cork 1-18 Tipperary 1-12 (Munster Quarter-Final)

Under 21

14/7/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Tipperary 2-17 Cork 0-21 AET (Munster Semi-Final)

28/7/10 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-22 Clare 1-17 (Munster Final)

21/8/10 at Tullamore

Tipperary 2-32 Antrim 1-7 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

11/9/10 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 5-22 Galway 0-12 (All-Ireland Final)

Minor

28/4/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Cork 2-31 Tipperary 4-22 AET (Munster Quarter-Final)

5/5/10 at Cusack Park Ennis

Clare 0-17 Tipperary 1-13 (Munster Losers Group Playoff)

Allianz National Hurling League – Division 1

28/2/10 at Parnell Park

Dublin 1-21 Tipperary 2-12

7/3/10 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-14 Kilkenny 0-13

14/3/10 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-17 Galway 0-14

21/3/10 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick

Tipperary 2-23 Limerick 0-8

28/3/10 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-19 Waterford 2-16

4/4/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Cork 1-16 Tipperary 1-15

18/4/10 at Tullamore
Tipperary 1-18 Offaly 2-14

Waterford Crystal SH Tournament

26/1/10 at Borris-Ileigh
Clare 0-17 Tipperary 1-12 (Quarter-Final)

Inter-County Championship – Football

Senior

16/5/10 at Semple Stadium
Kerry 2-18 Tipperary 2-6 (Munster Quarter-Final)
27/6/10 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 0-13 Laois 0-12 (All-Ireland Qualifier Round 1)

10/7/10 at Croke Park
Dublin 1-21 Tipperary 1-13 (All-Ireland Qualifier Round 2) Inter-County Championship – Football Junior

16/5/10 at Semple Stadium
Kerry 1-13 Tipperary 0-9 (Munster Quarter-Final)

Under 21

18/3/10 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 0-16 Limerick 2-5 (Munster Semi-Final)
31/3/10 at Austin Stack Park Tralee
Tipperary 1-7 Kerry 1-6 (Munster Final)

17/4/10 at Parnell Park Dublin
Donegal 0-12 Tipperary 0-4 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

Minor

14/4/10 at Austin Stack Park Tralee
Kerry 1-12 Tipperary 2-7 (Munster Quarter-Final)

24/4/10 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-8 Clare 1-3 (Munster Losers Group Playoff)
12/5/10 at Semple Stadium
Cork 2-12 Tipperary 2-9 (Munster Semi-Final)
McGrath Cup Football

16/1/10 at Sean Treacy Park
Tipperary 2-9 University of Limerick 1-9 (Preliminary Round)

17/1/10 at Dr. Morris Park
Tipperary 2-13 LIT 2-6 (Quarter-Final)

24/1/10 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney
Kerry 0-13 Tipperary 1-9 (Semi-Final)

Allianz National Football League – Division 2

6/2/10 at Portlaoise
Laois 1-13 Tipperary 1-11

13/2/10 at Semple Stadium
Kildare 1-17 Tipperary 0-8

6/3/10 at Páirc Esler, Newry
Tipperary 1-11 Down 0-14

14/3/10 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-9 Meath 0-10

20/3/10 at Semple Stadium
Donegal 1-9 Tipperary 2-5

28/3/10 at Crossmaglen
Armagh 1-15 Tipperary 2-8

11/4/10 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-13 Westmeath 1-10
Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling
Cup Final – 29/8/10 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 2-20 Galway 0-9

Interdivisional Competitions

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final – 17/4/10 at Clonoulty
Mid Tipperary 0-9 North Tipperary 0-5

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final – 29/5/10 at Borrisoleigh
North Tipperary 3-6 Mid Tipperary 0-8

Roger Ryan Under 15 Hurling Final – 17/4/10 at Toomevara
North Tipperary 3-8 Mid Tipperary 1-8

Under 16 Football Final – 3/4/10 at Dr. Morris Park
West Tipperary 2-6 Mid Tipperary 1-6

Cumann Na mBunscol County Finals

Hurling

Under 11 A Iomáint - Holycross 0-8 Scoil Ailbhe 1-3

Under 11 B Iomáint - St. Mary's Central N.S. Killenuale 2-3 Cahir Boys NS 2-1

Under 11 C Iomáint - Cashel BNS 2-7 Two-Mile-Borris NS 2-5

Under 11 D Iomáint - Kilruane NS 5-1 Clerihan NS 1-3

Under 13 B Iomáint - St. Colmcille's 2-6 St. Mary's CBS Clonmel 0-2

Under 13 C Iomáint - Templederry 4-8 Tipperary CBS 2-2

Under 13 D Iomáint - Gaelscoil Durlas 3-10 Dunkerrin NS 2-4

Under 13 E Iomáint - Powerstown 3-7 Kilbarron 4-3

Under 13 F Iomáint - Clonoulty 3-15 Drom 4-12

Under 13 G Iomáint - Ballagh NS 8-8 Kilkeary NS 0-2

Camogie

Under 11 A Camogie - St. Mary's Nenagh 4-2 Cahir 0-1

Under 11 B Camogie - Drom 7-4 Clonoulty 5-1

Under 13 A Camogie - St. Mary's Nenagh 2-4 Cahir 1-3

Under 13 B Camogie - Burgess NS 10-2 Holycross 0-2

Under 13 C Camogie - St. Joseph's Templemore 6-2 Scoil Mhuire - Cnoc a' Bhile 1-0

Under 13 D Camogie - Ardcroney NS 6-4 Loughmore NS 0-1

INTO Mini Sevens Winners 2010

Hurling: Barnane NS

Camogie: Burgess NS

Football: Carrick CBS

Ladies Football: St. Joseph's Templemore NS

Football

Under 13 Boys Football

Roinn A: St. Peter and Pauls CBS, Clonmel beat Tipperary C.B.S.

Roinn B: Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles beat Gaelscoil Durlas.

Roinn C: Ballyporeen beat Loughmore.

Roinn D: Moycarkey beat Kilsheelan.

Roinn E: Mount Bruis beat Templetuohy.

Roinn F: Rathkeevin beat Barnane.

Roinn G: Tankerstown beat Clonoulty.

Roinn H: Kilcash beat Castleiney.

Under 11 Boys Football

Roinn A: St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel beat Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.

Roinn B: St. Michael's N.S., Clerihan beat St. Colmcille's, Templemore.

Roinn C: Two Mile Borris beat Clonoulty.

Roinn D: Moyglass beat Ballylooby.

Peil na mBan

Under 13 Ladies Football

Roinn A: Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir beat Sisters of Charity, Clonmel.

Roinn B: St. Joseph's, Templemore beat Rathkeevin.

Roinn C: Ballylooby beat Upperchurch.

Roinn D: Tankerstown beat Mount Bruis.

Under 11 Ladies Football

Roinn A: Sisters of Charity, Clonmel beat Powerstown.

Roinn B: Our Lady's of Mercy, Cahir beat Ballyporeen.

Roinn C: Mount Bruis beat Grange..

Munster Club Championship

Senior Hurling

Semi-Final – 14/11/10 at Kilmallock
Thurles Sarsfields 2-10 Kilmallock (Limerick) 0-11

Final – 28/11/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Thurles Sarsfields 0-8 v De La Salle (Waterford) 0-9

Senior Football

Semi-Final – 21/11/10 at Cashel
Dr. Crokes (Kerry) 2-11 Aherlow 0-9 (AET)

Intermediate Hurling

1st Round – 30/10/10 at Sixmilebridge
Borrisokane 2-14 Killanena (Clare) 3-10
Semi-Final – 7/11/10 at Nenagh
Borrisokane 2-13 Roanmore (Waterford) 0-11
Final – 21/11/10 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Ballymartle (Cork) 2-14 Borrisokane 0-8

Intermediate Football

1st Round – 7/11/10 at Lisdoonvarna
St. Breckans (Clare) 1-13 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 1-11

Junior Hurling

Semi-Final – 21/11/10 at Walsh Park Waterford
St. Patricks 3-13 Ballydurn (Waterford) 2-13 (AET)

Final – 12/12/10
St. Patricks v Meelin (Cork)

Junior Football

Semi-Final – 28/11/10 at Caherciveen
Nenagh Eire Og (Tipperary) v St. Mary's (Kerry)

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2009

County Finals – Hurling

Under 21 "A" – 6/12/09 at Boherlahan
Thurles Sarsfields 0-20 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-8

Under 21 "B" – 13/12/09 at The Ragg
Aherlow 1-15 JK Brackens 1-11

COUNTY TEAMS – 2010

(Compiled by John Smith)

HURLING

SENIOR: Waterford Crystal Tournament

26/1/2010 at Borrisoleigh (Quarter Final)

Clare 0-17 Tipperary 1-12

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); David Young (Toomevara), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Shane Maher (Burgess); Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-2, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg); Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-6 (0-5 frees). Subs: Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Bourke, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for Paul Kelly, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-0 for Kerwick, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1 for Ryan, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for Dunne.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

28/2/2010 at Parnell Park

Dublin 1-21 Tipperary 1-12

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-2, Hugh Moloney (Nenagh Eire Óg); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-5 (1-0 pen, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1. Subs: Declan Fanning (Killenaule) 0-1 for Ryan, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Moloney, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for Hennessy, Jody Brennan (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Callanan.

7/3/2010 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-14 Kilkenny 0-13

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Benny Dunne (Toomevara), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-7 (0-6 frees), Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2. Subs: Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Dunne, Jody Brennan (Upperchurch-Drombane) 0-1 for Stapleton, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) for O'Brien, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for Webster.

14/3/2010 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-17 Galway 0-14

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-4, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-0; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-5 (0-4 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-1. Subs: Paul Curran (Mullinahone) for O'Mahony, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2 for Hennessy, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for O'Brien, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for McGrath, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Corbett.

21/3/2010 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick

Tipperary 2-24 Limerick 0-8

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); David Young (Toomevara), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-6, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch), Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-5, (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65'), Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1-4 (0-1 free). Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-2 for Callanan, John Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2 for McGrath, Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) for Eoin Kelly, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1 for Brendan Maher, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) for Webster.

28/3/2010 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-19 Waterford 2-16

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Shane Maher (Burgess); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-1, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) 0-2. Subs: Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for S. McGrath, Micheal Webster (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Kelly.

4/4/2010 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Cork 1-16 Tipperary 1-15

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields), Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-6 (0-5 frees), Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Paul Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels) 1-2. Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Hammersley, Jody Brennan (Upperchurch-Drombane) for B. Maher, David Young (Toomevara) for Fanning, Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Ryan, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-1 for P. Kelly.

18/4/2010 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore

Tipperary 1-18 Offaly 2-14

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 1-2 frees, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-7 (0-3 frees, 0-1 pen, 0-1 '65'), Jody Brennan (Upperchurch/Drombane) 0-1, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 0-1. Subs: Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Kelly, Shane Maher (Burgess) for O'Mahony, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Young, John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Heffernan, Pat Kerwick (Killenaule) 0-1 for Egan.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

30/5/2010 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Quarter Final)

Cork 3-15 Tipperary 0-14

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), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-7 (0-5 frees, 0-2 '65'), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2. Subs: Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for O'Meara, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for O'Mahony; Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty/Rossmore) 0-1 for N. McGrath, Jody Brennan (Upperchurch-Drombane) for O'Brien, Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) or S. McGrath.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

3/7/2010 at Semple Stadium (Round 1 Qualifier)

Tipperary 3-24 Wexford 0-19

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); David Young (Toomevara) 0-3, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-4, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 0-2; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 (0-1 free), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-3, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-8 (0-3 frees, 0-2 '65'). Subs: Paul Curran (Mullinahone) for Fanning; John O'Brien (Toomevara) for Callanan; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Kelly; Darragh Egan (Kildangan) 1-0 for S. McGrath; Shane Maher (Burgess) for B. Maher; Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Ryan.

18/7/2010 at Portlaoise (Round 2 Qualifier)

Tipperary 0-21 Offaly 1-12

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 free, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, David Young (Toomevara); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-3, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-11 (0-8 frees, 0-1 '65'). Subs: Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) for Patrick Maher; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Young; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for N. McGrath; Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for B. Maher; John O'Brien (Toomevara) for S. McGrath.

25/7/2010 at Croke Park (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 3-17 Galway 3-16

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, David Young (Toomevara); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 1-2, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-7 (0-6 frees). Subs: Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 1-0 for Young, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1 for N. McGrath, Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Fanning; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Patrick Maher.

15/8/2010 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 3-19 Waterford 1-18

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-6; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-5 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 2-5 (0-2 frees), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-2. Subs: Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) for Ryan; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Patrick Maher.

5/9/2010 at Croke Park (Final)

Tipperary 4-17 Kilkenny 1-18

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange) 0-1 free; Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-0, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-7 frees, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 3-0. Subs: Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for O'Mahony, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for J. O'Brien, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1 for S.

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McGrath, David Young (Toomevara) for Fanning, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for B. Maher.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

30/5/2010 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Quarter Final)

Cork 1-18 Tipperary 1-12

Team and scorers: Bill McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields); Alan Byrnes (Shannon Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Lee Mackey (Carrick Davins); Evan Hanley (Lattin Cullen), Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Willie O'Dwyer (Carrick Davins), John Coghlan (Moynempletuohy); Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Pat Buckley (Emly); Seán Carey (Moyle Rovers), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Pat Murnane (Galtee Rovers).

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

14/7/2010 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-17 Cork 0-21 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), John Coghlan (Moynempletuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-3 (1-0 free, 0-1 '65' 0-1 sideline), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-6 (0-4 frees); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 0-1, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1; Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-1, Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-2. Subs: Thomas Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for D. Maher; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 for Ryan; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) for O'Dwyer; Ciaran Hough (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Barry; Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Murphy; John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Morris.

28/7/2010 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 1-22 Clare 1-17

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), John Coghlan (Moynempletuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-5 (0-1 pen, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '5'), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-3, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-5; Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-3, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-3. Subs: Kieran Morris (Moycarkey/Borris) for O'Dwyer.

ALL IRELAND UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

21/8/2010 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-32 Antrim 1-7

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), John Coghlan (Moynempletuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-6 (0-2 frees; 0-2 '65'); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-4, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 0-1; Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-6, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 2-3. Subs: Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 for McGrath, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-3 for Patrick Maher, Ciaran Hough (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Brendan Maher, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1 for Hennessy, Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons) for O'Gorman.

11/9/2010 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 5-22 Galway 0-12

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 '65', Ciaran Hough (Lorrha-Dorrha); Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-3 (1-0 free); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 1-3, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-2, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 1-0; Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-2, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-3 (0-1 free), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-3. Subs: Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons) for O'Gorman, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1 for O'Dwyer, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for Murphy, Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) for McGrath, Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-1 free for Heffernan.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

28/4/2010 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Quarter Final)

Cork 2-31 Tipperary 4-22 (after extra time)

Team and scorers: David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Pa Dunne (Thurles Sarsfields); Seamus Kennedy (St. Marys), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Davin Flynn (Roscrea), Jason Forde (Silvermines); Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3, Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-10 (0-10 frees), Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) 3-0, Cathal Horan (Mullinahone) 1-2. Subs: Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Kennedy; David Butler (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) 0-1 for Heffernan; Michael O'Brien (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4 for Forde; John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for McCormack; Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Dunne; Jason Forde (Silvermines) for Flynn; Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Forde; Davin Flynn (Roscrea) for John McGrath; Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) for Liam McGrath.

5/5/2010 at Cusack Park, Ennis (Semi Final Play Off)

Clare 0-17 Tipperary 1-13

Team and scorers: David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule); Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney); Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1, Davin Flynn (Roscrea) 0-1; David Butler (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) 0-1, Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-3 (0-3 frees); Michael O'Brien (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Cathal Horan (Mullinahone) 0-1. Subs: Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1 for Forde; Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for Butler; Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) for Horan; Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Heffernan.

FOOTBALL

Senior: McGrath Cup

16/1/2010 at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town (Preliminary Round)

Tipperary 2-9 University of Limerick 1-9

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg); Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 1-0, Ryan O'Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3, Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-3, Barry Grogan (Aherlow). Subs: Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Mulvihill 1-1, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) 0-1 for Kearney, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial) for Bourke, James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Grogan, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for C. Morrissey.

17/1/2010 at Dr. Morris Park, Thurles (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-13 Limerick I.T. 2-6

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial) 1-0, Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Padraic O'Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty) 1-0; James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-7 (0-5 frees). Subs: Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Morrissey; Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) for O'Dwyer, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for Tierney, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for Rockett, Liam O'Gorman (Cahir) for Hahessy.

24/1/2010 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney

Kerry 0-13 Tipperary 1-9

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 1-0, Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 0-2 free, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 frees, Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1. Subs: Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) 0-1 for Dillon, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 for Hahessy, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Carey, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) for McGrath, Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) for Acheson.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

6/2/2010 at Portlaoise

Laois 1-13 Tipperary 1-11

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-1, Brian Coen (Fethard); Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5 (0-4 frees). Subs: Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for McDonald, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) for McGrath, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 for Coen, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Austin, Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) for Rockett.

13/2/2010 at Semple Stadium

Kildare 1-16 Tipperary 0-8

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) 0-1, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 (0-1 free). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Cagney; Brian Coen (Fethard) for S. Grogan, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) for Austin, Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 0-2 for B. Grogan, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Codd.

6/3/2010 at Newry

Tipperary 1-11 Down 0-14

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg) 0-2, Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow); Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 1-0, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-5 (0-4 frees), Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-3 frees. Subs: Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Coen, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Cagney, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) for Austin, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) for S. Grogan.

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14/3/2010 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-9 Meath 0-10

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1 free, Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-5 (1-4 frees, 0-1 sideline). Subs: Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Sweeney, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Mulvihill, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) for S. Grogan, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Austin, Liam O’Gorman (Cahir) for Coen.

20/3/2010 at Semple Stadium

Donegal 1-9 Tipperary 2-5

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Robbie Costigan (Cahir) 1-1, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 1-0, Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 frees. Subs: Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Mulvihill, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Hahessy, Ryan O’Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs) for Austin, Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney) for McGrath, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) for Coghlan.

28/3/2010 at Crossmaglen

Armagh 1-15 Tipperary 2-8

Team & Scorers: Matthew O’Donnell (Killenaule); Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg) 0-1, Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Derek Bourke (Loughmore-Castleiney); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan); John Cagney (Clonmel Óg), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); James Tierney (Golden-Kilfeacle), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 2-4 (0-2 frees). Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Cagney, Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-2 frees for Tierney, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Coen, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Rockett, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Austin.

11/4/2010 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-13 Westmeath 1-10

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 1-0, Liam O’Gorman (Cahir); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-2, Ryan O’Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-7 (0-3 frees). Subs: John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Mulvihill, Brian Coen (Fethard) for O’Dwyer, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Morrissey, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) for O’Gorman, Conor Morrissey (Clonmel Óg) for Aylward.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

16/5/2010 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Kerry 2-18 Tipperary 2-6

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1; Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-0, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-3, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1. Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Mulvihill, Brian Coen (Fethard) for Carey, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Austin, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Aylward, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for McGrath.,

ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

27/6/2010 at Semple Stadium (Round 1)

Tipperary 0-13 Laois 0-12

Team & Scorers: Matthew O’Donnell (Killenaule); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens); Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-7 (0-6 frees), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 for Sweeney; Brian Coen (Fethard) for Mulryan; Niall Curran (Mullinahone) for Acheson; John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Hahessy.

10/7/2010 at Croke Park (Round 2)

Dublin 1-21 Tipperary 1-13

Team & scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 0-1, Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3 (0-1 free), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-5 (0-5 frees), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3. Subs: Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1 for Hahessy; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Jones; Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens) for Acheson; Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan) for Coghlan; Eoin Kearney (Ballyporeen) for Codd.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

16/5/2010 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Kerry 1-13 Tipperary 0-9

Team and scorers: Ciaran Kenrick (Moyle Rovers); David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Richard Power (Moyle Rovers), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial) Derek Bourke (Loughmore/Castleiney), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Padraig O’Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty); Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite), Liam O’Gorman (Cahir) 0-1; Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) 0-2, Ryan O’Dwyer (Cashel King Cormacs), Laurence Coskeran; Tony Egan (Galtee Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free), Stehen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 0-3, Paul McEvoy (Cahir). Subs: Diarmuid Foley (Moyle Rovers) for Heffernan; Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) for Power, Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for McEvoy, Declan Lynagh (J.K. Brackens) for Coskeran.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

18/3/2010 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-16 Limerick 2-5

Team & Scorers: Ciaran Kenrick (Moyle Rovers); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial); Padraig O’Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyn-templetuohy), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-7 (0-1 free), Bernard O’Brien (Aherlow) 0-3, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 (0-1 free), Brian O’Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael O’Dwyer (Arravale Rovers). Subs: Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for Ryan, Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for O’Brien, Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers) for O’Meara, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial) for M. O’Dwyer.

31/3/2010 at Austin Stack Park, Tralee (Final)

Tipperary 1-7 Kerry 1-6

Team & Scorers: Ciaran Kenrick (Moyle Rovers); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial); Padraig O’Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyn-templetuohy), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 frees, Bernard O’Brien (Aherlow) 1-0, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1 free, Brian O’Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael O’Dwyer (Arravale Rovers). Subs: Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers) 0-2 for O’Meara, Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for O’Brien.

ALL IRELAND UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

17/4/2010 at Parnell Park (Semi Final)

Donegal 0-12 Tipperary 0-4

Team & Scorers: Ciaran Kenrick (Moyle Rovers); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial); Padraig O’Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyn-templetuohy), Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free), Bernard O’Brien (Aherlow), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1 free, Shane Egan (Galtee Rovers), Michael O’Dwyer (Arravale Rovers). Subs: Paul McEvoy (Cahir) for M. O’Dwyer, Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for Matassa, Brian O’Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Egan, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for O’Brien, Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Carey.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

14/4/2010 at Austin Stack Park, Tralee (First Round)

Kerry 1-12 Tipperary 2-7

Team and scorers: Paul Nolan (Clonmel Commercial); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Shane Taylor (Clonmel Commercial); Micheal Murphy (Ballylooby-Castlegrace), Niall O’Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Padraig O’Meara (Shannon Rovers); Kevin Seymour (Burgess), John O’Callaghan (Ballyporeen); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcassh); Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) 1-3 (0-1 free), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-3 (0-1 free), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney). Subs: Michael O’Sullivan (Ardfinnan) for Murphy, Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 1-1 for Seymour, Keith Kennedy (J.K. Brackens) for N. O’Meara (blood sub), Conor O’Sullivan (Galtee Rovers) for Ryan, Shane Power (Clonmel Commercial) for Maher, Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) for D. Leahy

24/4/2010 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final Play Off)

Tipperary 1-8 Clare 1-3

Team and scorers: Paul Nolan (Clonmel Commercial); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Conor O’Sullivan (Galtee Rovers), Padraig O’Meara (Shannon Rovers); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcassh) 0-1, Michael O’Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Shane Taylor (Clonmel Commercial); Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-0, John O’Callaghan (Ballyporeen); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 0-2, Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 0-3 (0-1 free), Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 free, Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 free, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney). Subs: Bill Walsh (Carrick Swan) for S. Leahy; Keith Kennedy (J.K. Brackens) for Taylor.

12/5/2010 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Cork 2-12 Tipperary 2-9

Team and scorers: Paul Nolan (Clonmel Commercial); Paddy Dalton (Arravale Rovers), Conor O’Sullivan (Galtee Rovers), Padraig O’Meara (Shannon Rovers); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcassh) 0-1, Michael O’Sullivan (Ardfinnan), Shane Taylor (Clonmel Commercial); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, John O’Callaghan (Ballyporeen); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-1, Benny Harkin (Borris-Ileigh), Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) 0-3 frees, Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan) 1-4 (0-3 frees). Subs: Niall O’Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for O’Sullivan, Bill Walsh (Carrick Swan) for Harkin, Shane Carroll (Emly) for Treacy.

2011 Munster Championship Fixtures



MUNSTER GAA SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final

29/5 Tipperary v Cork at Thurles

Semi-Finals

12/6 Limerick v Waterford at Thurles
19/6 IF Clare v Tipperary at Limerick
19/6 IF Clare v Cork at Thurles
10/7 FINAL

MUNSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Finals

22/5 A. Kerry v Tipperary at Killarney
22/5 B. Cork v Clare at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Semi Finals

4/6 Limerick v Winners A at Limerick
5/6 IF Cork v Waterford at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
5/6 IF Clare v Waterford at Ennis
3/7 FINAL

BORD GAIS ENERGY MUNSTER UNDER 21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final

1/7 A. Waterford v Tipperary

Semi Finals

20/7 Winner of A v Cork
21/7 Clare v Limerick
3/8 FINAL

CADBURY UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Finals

9/3 A. Tipperary v Waterford
9/3 B. Limerick v Clare

Semi Finals

23/3 Cork v Winner of A
23/3 Kerry v Winner of B
6/4 FINAL

ESB MUNSTER GAA MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1

27/4 A. Waterford v Tipperary
27/4 B. Limerick v Cork
27/4 C. Kerry v Clare

Round 2 – Semi-Final Play Off 1

30/4 D. Loser of B v Loser of C

Round 2 – Semi Final Play Off 2

7/5 E. Winner of D v Loser of A

Semi-Finals

24/6 F. Winner of A v Winner of B
24/6 G. Winner of E v Winner of C
10/7 FINAL – Curtain Raiser to Senior Final

ESB MUNSTER GAA MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1

13/4 A. Tipperary v Limerick
13/4 B. Waterford v Kerry

13/4 C. Cork v Clare

Round 2 – Semi Final Play Off 1

16/4 D. Loser of B v Loser of C

Round 2 – Semi Final Play Off 2

23/4 E. Winner of D v Loser of A

Semi-Finals

18/5 F. Winner of A v Winner of B
18/5 G. Winner of C v Winner of E
3/7 FINAL – Curtain Raiser to Senior Final

MUNSTER GAA INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final

29/5 Tipperary v Cork at Thurles

Semi-Finals

12/6 Limerick v Waterford at Thurles
19/6 IF Clare v Tipperary at Limerick
19/6 IF Clare v Cork at Thurles
13/7 FINAL

MUNSTER GAA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Finals

22/5 A. Kerry v Tipperary at Killarney
22/5 B. Cork v Clare at Pairc Ui Chaoimh

Semi Finals

4/6 Limerick v Winners A at Limerick
5/6 IF Cork v Waterford at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
5/6 IF Clare v Waterford at Ennis
6/7 FINAL

WATERFORD CRYSTAL HURLING CUP

Preliminary Round

16/1 A. Clare v IT Tralee
16/1 B. Kerry v Cork IT
16/1 C. Tipperary v Waterford IT

Quarter Finals

23/1 D. Limerick IT v Winner of A
23/1 E. Waterford v Winner of B
23/1 F. UL v Winner of C
23/1 G. Cork v UCC

Semi Finals

30/1 H. Winner of D v Winner of E
30/1 J. Winner of F v Winner of G
6/2 FINAL

McGRATH CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

Preliminary Round

9/1 A. Cork v Waterford IT
9/1 B. Kerry v IT Tralee
9/1 C. Tipperary v UL
9/1 D. Clare v UCC

Quarter Finals

16/1 E. Limerick v Winner of A
16/1 F. Limerick IT v Winner of B
16/1 G. Waterford v Winner of C
16/1 H. Cork IT v Winner of D

Semi-Finals

23/1 J. Winner of E v Winner of F
23/1 K. Winner of G v Winner of H
30/1 FINAL

Marcus de Búrca (1927-2010)

by Dr. Willie Nolan

Marcus Bourke (Marcus de Búrca) was 83 years of age when he died on 2 March 2010. He lived his life between Dublin, the city of his birth, and Tipperary, the town of his paternal forbears –the Bourkes. His Dublin was that of the educated Catholic middle-class who came to prominence after the long struggle for political independence from Britain. Education was the fulcrum which shaped him and many other children of the revolutionary people. Belonging to a determinedly Irish Ireland family he was educated in the primary school attached to St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, where one of his teachers was the noted Meath footballer Frankie Byrne. His secondary school days were spent with the Jesuits in Belvedere College in Dublin's north inner city. That school's most famous past pupil is James Joyce and Marcus had a bronze bust of the writer on the mantelpiece of his sitting-room in Clontarf. At his father's prompting, he enrolled for a degree in legal and political science including economics in UCD. After graduating he completed an MA in economics under the supervision of Paddy Lynch. He then, like his father before him, qualified for the bar in 1949. Charles Haughey was one of his classmates.

Marcus Bourke practised as a barrister for eleven years. During this period he also began working as a sport's reporter with the *Irish Press*, specialising in Gaelic football and he remembered fondly the great contests between Meath and Cavan in the early 1950s. He subsequently transferred to the *Irish Independent* and the position of news sub-editor and leader writer. But as a young married man with a family he found that combining the Law Library with an evening stint in the newspaper office was becoming impossible and he changed course and applied for a position in the civil service. His legal background and editing experience led him to a position as a parliamentary draftsman in the Attorney-General's Office, and he was to remain there until his early retirement in 1987. He was involved in the preparation of road traffic and labour legislation.

Marcus Bourke was well-equipped and an appropriate choice to write the first detailed history of the Gaelic Athletic Association, published under the title *The GAA: a history* in 1980. Seamus King discussed in detail the protracted negotiations leading to Marcus's appointment and it is certain that he was directed, as he wrote in the introduction, to treat 'particularly of its role in the national movement of the pre-1922 era'. There is no whiff of winter green in the book and when Marcus refers to Croke Park it is not the green sward that he had in focus but the Ard-Comhairle. The strength of the work is that he was writing from the inside out rather than from the outside in and it is his knowledge of the internal dynamics of the association that gives the book great authority. He had a sense that he should do justice to the quiet men who had revolutionised the organisational structures of the GAA, in particular, Jim Nowlan, its Kilkenny president during the early twentieth century, and two great secretaries, Luke O'Toole and Pádraig Ó Caoimh, who between them held office for sixty-five years.

It was not his final excursion into GAA history. *Gaelic games in Leinster* (1984), *One hundred years of Faugh's hurling* (1985), and *Michael Cusack and the GAA* (1989), followed. It is appropriate here to note that one of his assistants in researching the book on Faughs was Paddy Williams, a member of the great hurling family from Kilruane. It was another Tipperaryman, Con Ryan, who lobbied the Dublin County Board to write the history it had long planned to complete. Fortunately, we were able to avail of Marcus's intimate knowledge of the early years of the GAA in Dublin and the three volume study, *The Gaelic Athletic Association in Dublin, 1884-2000*, was published in 2005.

Perhaps his most controversial book was *Murder at Marlhill. Was Harry Gleeson innocent?* This book dealt in microscopic detail, the kind of forensic investigation which he excelled in, with the brutal murder of Mary McCarthy in November 1940.



Marcus de Búrca

He trawled legal records and traced people who knew both the murdered woman and the man accused of her murder. He found disturbing evidence which convinced him that Harry Gleeson was executed for a crime he did not commit. Marcus Bourke never wavered from his deep conviction that society had failed through moral cowardice and allowed an innocent man to die. 'The book,' wrote Denis G. Marnane in this journal in 2002, 'in fact is a powerful argument against capital punishment'.

It was fortuitous for the Tipperary Historical Society that its beginning and Marcus Bourke's retirement from the civil service coincided. The society was founded in Thurles on 15 August 1987 and Marcus was asked, presumably as the only barrister in attendance, to draw up its constitution. Events transpired that the editorial committee appointed to prepare the Society's first journal for publication had to resign and Marcus was approached and willingly accepted the role of sole editor. He remained in the editorial chair for thirteen fruitful years and under his direction the journal acquired a national reputation for the quality of its research, presentation and writing.

Marcus Bourke delighted in visiting Tipperary and apart from Tipperary town, he had a special liking for the Glen of Aherlow and Kickham's Vale of Anner. He was a regular attendee at the annual Kickham Country Weekend seminar held every August in Mullinahone. Indeed his last lecture in the county was on the occasion of the Thurles field trip organised in conjunction with the Mullinahone seminar on 9 August 2008. It was sadly appropriate that it was delivered in Hayes' Hotel on the men, he knew so much about, who came together to found the Gaelic Athletic Association on 1 November 1884. His last public appearance in the county was on the occasion of the launch of the reprint of *John O'Leary: a study in Irish separatism* in the Excel Centre in Tipperary town on 26 March 2009. Perhaps his summation of John O'Leary, in an interview with Fintan Deere for the *Clonmel Nationalist* some years ago, can be also applied to Marcus Bourke: 'He was a prominent Tipperary patriot. He was a literary, ideological type of person rather than a political one'.

Marcus Bourke was predeceased by his wife Phyllis and he is survived by three sons, Richard, Raymond and John, his sister Eileen and brother Seán.

(This is an abbreviated version of the obituary notice that appeared in the 2010 edition of the Tipperary Historical Journal, and is published by kind permission.)

Friends We Lost

Tommy Bourke (Emly) 1936-2010.

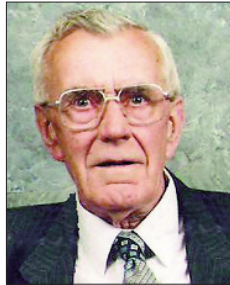
A native of Lackelly, Emly, Tommy played for Emly in the junior football county final winning side of 1968.

A teak tough player Tommy also played football with Galbally and hurling with Garryspillane in Co. Limerick where he also won many medals.

Billy Cussen (Kickhams)

Billy Cussen of Wardpark passed away on Saturday the 28th of August. In the 1950s and '60s Billy was instrumental in the running and development of the Kickham club and served as secretary for a number of years in the late '50s.

His contemporaries of that time remember him as a very efficient club officer who ably represented the club at many divisional and county board meetings. Though not as involved with the club in later years his love for the Kickham club remained undaunted. As a mark of respect to the Cussen family the club afforded Billy a guard of honour on his removal to Knockavilla Church. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Mary, sons PJ and John, daughters Patricia, Betty, and Moira and the extended Cussen family on their sad loss. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.



Michael Frawley, (Emly) (1932-2010)

A native of Lisobhyane, Emly where he lived and farmed all his life, Mick was involved with the GAA as a player and later as an administrator for many years. During his playing career he won 3 West-Tipp senior football medals, (captain in 1960), 3 West-Tipp junior football medals, 1 county junior football medal and also 3 West-Tipp junior hurling medals. He played his last match for Emly in 1972.

He was a member of Emly GAA committee 1953-1984, serving in all club positions except secretary.

During this time, he was one of the pivotal men in obtaining and later developing Emly's GAA ground, St.Ailbe's Park. He became a trustee of the club and one of its vice-presidents. In 1960 he was elected as one of West Tipperary's delegates to the county board. He was West Board chairman 1973-1976, Munster Council chairman 1977-1980, county board chairman 1982-1984. He served as county football board chairman as well and on several national committees. Even after scaling the heights with the GAA, he always kept an interest in his local club.

He will be sorely missed in all circles of the GAA, especially in his home club of Emly. Ar dheis De go raibh a ainm.



Billy Heney (Kickhams)

Billy Heney of Ballinahinch passed away on Tuesday the 21st of September after a long illness so bravely borne. Billy was a Kickhams man through and through.

From his younger days on the playing fields where he wore the amber and black of his beloved Kickhams with pride right through to his involvement in the day to day running of the club, Billy gave his all. He served as senior chairman for a number of years and was instrumental in 1999 in initiating the development projects at Pairc Ui Ciocaim that have continued under various officerships to this day. Billy was also involved in team management over the years with the clubs senior hurlers as well as juniors, U/21s and minors and many juvenile teams and he enjoyed considerable success in those roles. As an officer he represented the Kickham club at divisional and county meetings on many occasions. He also served for many years as a steward on match days at Semple Stadium. His love for the Kickham club extended to his children, all who played for the club in hurling football and camogie.



One of his proudest GAA moments was when his son Fergal won an All Ireland minor hurling medal in 1996 and subsequently wore the Blue and Gold at U/21 and senior level.. We offer our deepest sympathies to his loving wife Mary, sons Raymond, Aiden, Fergal and Killian, daughter Sonya, brothers and sisters and extended family, neighbours and friends on their sad loss. As a mark of respect to Billy and the Heney family the club provided a guard of honour on the evening of his removal to Knockavilla Church. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Anna Kennedy (Nenagh Éire Óg)

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Anna Kennedy on the 13th of September 2010. The Kennedy family have long been associated with the Nenagh Éire Óg club in a playing, supportive and administrative capacity. Anna was a great supporter of both club and county alike and enjoyed nothing better than heading off on a Sunday afternoon to the playing fields of Tipperary and Munster to cheer on her team.

One of the greatest servants in North Tipperary GAA circles had been Anna's beloved husband Jack who aside from holding a number of administrative positions in both the Moneygall and Nenagh Éire Óg clubs was also North Board treasurer from 1972-75.

The Kennedy boys, Michael, Philip and John were the cornerstone of many successful club and county teams. Michael won an All-Ireland under 21 medal with Tipperary in 1980 and was North Tipperary footballer of the year in 1989. Philip was the first Tipperary player to captain two All-Ireland winning under 21 teams in 1980, 1981 before later playing senior hurling for Tipperary with a special occasion being his performance in the epic 1984 centenary Munster final against Cork. John also represented his county with distinction at underage level and his high point was with the club when winning an elusive county senior hurling medal in 1995. Anna's two daughters Mary and Anne are two of Nenagh Éire Óg's greatest supporters who hardly ever miss a club or county game. Indeed, Anna's only nephew was Michael Cleary a four times All-Star and undoubtedly one of hurling's finest.

Anna was first and foremost a family woman to whom she was so dedicated and of whom she was so proud and she had a special place in her heart for her 12 grandchildren. We have all suffered a great loss, so how much greater must be the loss to her own family and extended family to whom is offered our deepest sympathy.

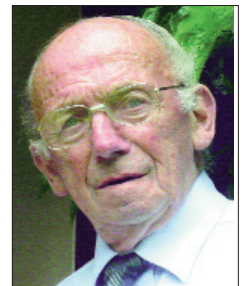
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dilis.



Jack O'Dwyer (Kickhams)

The death occurred on Thursday the 30th of September of Jack O'Dwyer, Carrigeen, Clonoulty and formerly of Clonkelly.

Jack had lived in Clonoulty Rossmore parish for many years but it is true to say the he remained a very proud Kickham man. In his youth he wore the amber and black of Kickhams with pride and was part of the golden era of the club in the 1940s and 50s. He was on senior teams that claimed the divisional crown in 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, and 56. Jack also served as club secretary in the early 1950s and was delighted in recent years when he was elected as a President of his club. As a mark of respect to Jack and the O'Dwyer family the Kickham club provided a guard of honour on the evening of his removal to Clonoulty Church. The large turnout of all age groups in the guard of honour proved testament to the esteem that Jack was held in by all Kickham folk. We offer our sincerest sympathies to his loving wife Mona, his sons, Neil, John and Alan, his daughters, Anne, Marie, and Claire, his brother Neil and sister Marie (Shorman), extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends on their loss. He will be sadly missed by us all. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.



Paul O'Heney (Emly) 1928-2010.

Originally from Bansha, Paul moved to Emly in 1956. He had played for Galtee Rovers from 1945-1956.

He played for Emly for most of the late 1950s and the early 1960s. He was one of the people responsible for reviving St. Ailbe's athletic club, which lasted from 1967 to 1973. In this time Emly and Lattin juveniles won many track and field competitions in Tipperary, Munster and Ireland. He served for many years as a committee member in Emly GAA Club.

Paddy Ryan (TUC), (Emly), 1951-2010.

Paddy Ryan served Emly GAA in many capacities during his life. He was on both Bord na nOg and senior club committees. He was groundsman for St. Ailbe's Park and served as selector for various teams, but from his playing career he was most proud of his 1985 West intermediate hurling winning medal. He remained up to the end a staunch Emly supporter.

Tommy Sheridan (Kickhams)

We were all saddened when we heard of Tommy Sheridan's death on the 29th of July after a long illness borne with dignity and courage.

In his youth Tommy was very involved in gaelic games in the parish and wore the amber and black of the Kickhams with pride. When he got married to Catherine and moved to the Limerick Junction he still kept up his interest in the games and especially his beloved Kickhams.

Along with Catherine he attended club games up until shortly before his death. As a mark of respect to the extended Sheridan family the Kickham club provided a guard of honour on his journey to his final resting place in Knockavilla Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to Catherine and son Thomas on Tommy's passing. We also offer our condolences to his brother Mickie (Knockavilla) sisters Jean Ryan (Knockavilla), Eileen Carew (Tipperary), Mai Campion (Clonoulty) and their families on their sad loss. Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.



Jack Wall (Tullamaine)

One of the great stalwarts of the G.A.A. and Coolmoyne for over 20 years (1940-1960s) was Jack Wall, who died in February after a short illness. A hurler of the highest calibre, Jack was a colossus in the number 3 position, which he made his own, closing the road to goal for many an opposing forward.

He was in his prime during the golden era of hurling in Coolmoyne, winning a South senior championship in 1951 and a second in 1956, with the combination, Na Piarasigh. He added a junior hurling crown with Coolmoyne in 1959.

He was also an outstanding handballer, his early passion for the game born in the small alley in Coolmoyne on Sunday mornings after first Mass in Fethard. He was a delightful player to watch, had few equals in 'killing' a ball off the end wall and he won many county and provincial titles.

He was honoured with a Sean Gael award in 2007 and looked forward to Tipperary returning to All-Ireland glory with his grand-nephew, Conor O'Mahony, playing a key role. Unfortunately he didn't live to see it. The large turnout at his funeral in Fethard and the guard of honour provided by the local G.A.A. bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. May he rest in peace.

Mick Friend (Carrick Davins)

The death occurred of Mick Friend Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir on August 25th 2010.

Mick was a life long fan of Gaelic games and especially of Carrick Davins G.A.A. club. Mick was a great supporter and member of Carrick Davins and took a keen interest in all teams' involvement in championship activities on the field. Two of Mick's brothers, Tom and Dick, played for Carrick Davins during the '40s and '50s. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends on the passing of Mick to his eternal reward.

Ar dheis De go raibh a Anam.

Stephen Cleary (Carrick Davins)

On March 10th 2010 it was learned with deep regret and sadness of the death of Stephen Cleary of Pearse Square in Carrick on Suir. He was a great family man and life long clubman with Carrick Davins. Coming from a strong GAA family he had a great love of hurling and football from a very young age. He played on many Carrick Davin teams, his career spanning through the '40s, '50s and '60s. Stephen liked nothing better than taking to the field to play hurling or football.

His skill and talent was well recognized and in 1957 was a member of the Tipperary junior hurling panel. The following year 1958 he was a member of the Tipperary senior hurling panels who were both Munster and All Ireland champions.

He played on the Carrick Davins winning team of 1962 who were South Junior No.2 hurling and football champions and the following year won the South junior hurling championship. He played his part on the great Carrick Davins team that won two county senior hurling titles in 1966 and 1967 and Munster club senior hurling championship 1967.

In 2007 Stephen was awarded and honoured with the 'Player of the Past' award by Carrick Davins in recognition for his great service to the club down through the years. The large turn out of family members and friends at his removal and funeral was statement to the man he was. We extend our deepest sympathies to all his family and many friends.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Tommy Ryan (Carrick-on-Suir, Faugheen and Carrick Davins)

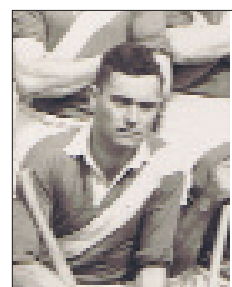
It was with great sadness that the news broke of Tommy Ryan sudden death on September 7th 2010 just a few days after one of the greatest weekends of Tipperary hurling history. Tommy grew up just a few yards from the Davin Park in Carrick on Suir and had a great interest in all sports, his favourite unquestionably hurling in which he played a role in for many years.

As a minor, he played for the local Sean Treacys team and was also a member of the successful Munster and All Ireland minor hurling winning team of 1957 which was captained by his hero Jimmy Doyle. He progressed to junior grade with Carrick Davins who were in the year 1962 both No.2 junior hurling and football South Champions. The following year Tommy played on the Carrick-Davins team that retained the South junior hurling title. In 1965 he captained the Carrick Davins team that won the first South senior hurling title. The team were unlucky to lose the re-play of the county Final against Thurles Sarsfields. 1966 was another successful year for both Tommy and Carrick Davins winning their first county senior hurling. Tommy also played on the 1967 team which retained the title. Tommy played his part in going on to win the Munster senior hurling championship that year. During all these years Tommy player along side his brothers Jimmy, P.J. and Michael with whom he shared his passion, inspiration and enthusiasm for the game in that most successful era in hurling for Carrick Davins.

His skill and stick work would rival any in the game today. Later Tommy became involved as a trainer and selector with the club. Tommy will be missed cycling around the roads of Faugheen and Carrick and also by the Carrick-on-Suir Operatic Society, where he often took to the stage as music and song were a big part of his life. A guard of honour was formed by Carrick Davins lead by his former team players for the removal and funeral to St. Marys. A huge turn out was testament to the respect in which Tommy was held as an inspiration to us all for his gentleness and self sacrifice. Tommy will be missed by all his family and we extend our sympathies to them. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Jimmy Gibson (Kilruane MacDonaghs 1934-2010)

The sudden passing of Jimmy Gibson has severed yet another link with a golden period for the Kilruane MacDonaghs club. Jimmy rendered tremendous service to the club as a player and selector and he is rightly regarded as one of the greatest ever to wear the jersey. He tasted his first success on the playing fields in 1952 when he lined out at centre back on the Kilruane MacDonaghs minor team which



defeated Nenagh to win the club's first title in that grade. In 1959 he was in his customary centre-back position when MacDonaghs overcame their great rivals Toomevara in the North final. Six years later he once again wore the number six jersey when Kilruane defeated Lorrha in the divisional decider. Jimmy possessed fierce determination and was calmness personified under pressure. He was a great reader of the game and as strong as an ox. He wasn't renowned for his speed but compensated with uncanny positional sense and clever reading of the game.

Like all great athletes he seemed to have plenty of time on the ball and always delivered it with purpose and precision. Jimmy's talents did not go unrecognised at county level and he wore the blue and gold, winning a national hurling league medal in 1960. When the North Tipperary centenary hurling team was selected in 2001 he was deservedly on the list of nominees. In 2005 he was honoured with a Sean Ghael award which recognised his contribution to hurling in general and the Kilruane MacDonaghs in particular. Jimmy was a shrewd observer of the game and it came as no surprise that he slotted seamlessly into the role of selector. Along with Len Gaynor and Jim Meara he was a mentor on the minor hurling team which won the county final in 1971 and completed three in a row North titles two years later. He was also on the line when the U-21's captured the club's first two county titles in 1973 and 1974. Jimmy loved to socialise by taking a drink and he liked nothing better to replay the thrilling games of days gone by particularly the great contests between Tipp and Cork. As his funeral entered Cloughjordan village for the last time a huge gathering of MacDonaghs hurlers past and present walked in silent tribute to acknowledge his massive contribution to the club both as a player and selector. *Leaba i measc na naomh do.*

Johnny O'Meara 1951-2010 (Kilruane MacDonaghs)

The sudden and unexpected death of Johnny O'Meara shocked the entire community where he was one of the most recognisable characters in the village. Johnny played his first juvenile game with Kilruane MacDonaghs in 1965 but success eluded him until 1970 when he won a North U-21 football medal and he made his debut for the senior hurling team the same year. In 1972 he became the first MacDonaghs player to lift the Hugh Burke Cup when he captained the U-21 hurling team which defeated Roscrea in the divisional final. In the same year he won the first of his six North senior football medals when Kilruane defeated Silvermines. Johnny's favourite position was on the edge of the square where he proved to be the ideal target man. He never relied on his strength to make or take scores but on his considerable skill, quick hands and alert brain. Johnny could strike scores confidently off his left or right and was adept at laying off a deft pass to a better placed colleague at precisely the right moment.

1975 was a memorable year for Johnny when he was a vital cog in the Kilruane MacDonaghs senior football team which created history by winning the county final for the first time. He had a magnificent campaign culminating in a fantastic display against Loughmore-Castleiney in the final. His displays with the club brought county recognition and he wore the blue and gold in U-21 and senior football. In 1977 Johnny was called on to the Tipperary senior hurling panel and he lined out in the championship against Clare. Later in the year MacDonaghs defeated Borris-Ileagh to win the North senior hurling final for the first time in twelve years and in October Kilruane won the county senior hurling championship for the first time in seventy five years, with the familiar presence of Big Johnny at full forward. He went on to win three successive North and county senior hurling medals. Johnny continued playing senior hurling with the club until 1982. In 1995 he served as a selector with the senior hurling team and the following year he was a mentor with the U-16 hurlers. Club members formed a guard of honour at his funeral and his colleagues from the three-in-row side of the seventies shouldered Johnny, the Gentle Giant to his final resting place. *Solas na bhflaitheas da anam.*

James McKeogh (Ballina) - 1983 - 2010

The parish of Ballina/Boher came to a sudden halt on Saturday 30th January, when word filtered through of an accident involving James McKeogh.

James had always been a very popular & active member of the Ballina GAA Club. He started out his hurling life like so many others in his own back lawn and yard, reliving and



replaying many great games with friends and family. He moved onto Boher National School and was goalkeeper for the school as they won the county schools hurling title for from 1994 to 1996.

He also won many juvenile honours with Ballina at underage level culminating with an North Tipp under-16 hurling and football "A" double in 1998 and a county football title the same year. In 1999 he won a Munster Schools under-16 1/2 hurling title with Saint Anne's, Killaloe.

James soon moved onto the Ballina minor and intermediate teams. In 2000 he was part of the Ballina minor team which won the North double and county football title & 3 years later he achieved the same feat at under-21 level. He continued to line out for Ballina at the various grades. In 2007/08, he travelled to Australia and played with Sydney Shamrocks.

In 2009 James transferred to the Na Fianna club and won a Dublin county junior hurling championship with his adapted club that year. After training with Na Fianna seniors on Friday 29th January, James was on his trip from Dublin to Gortlassobrien, Ballina to help out at home, when his tragic accident occurred.

James was an avid sports fan and will be missed by all who knew him - especially Jimmy, Sheila, Mary, Josephine, Barbara, Seamie and David and his extended family and friends.

Rev Francis George Gallagher (Ballinahinch GAA)

4th Aug 1943 - 20th April 2010

Fr. Gallagher's untimely passing in his mid-sixties cast a cloud over the entire parish which he had served for more than 16 years as one of the most devoted and loved pastors in the history of the parish. He was president of the GAA club and had an active role in the community, he was involved in the improvements in both churches in the parish along with numerous other projects throughout his years as parish priest. A native of Ballycroehane, Aherlow, where he was born in 1943, he was the youngest of a large farming family, and educated at Rockwell College, Cashel, before going on to study for the priesthood at the Pontifical Irish College in Rome where he was ordained on February 18, 1967. He served on temporary mission in Dublin for three years and was Chaplain at the Convent of Mercy, Doon for a year, before his first parish appointment in the Archdiocese as Catholic Curate (CC) at Bothar na Naomh, Thurles and teacher of Catechetics at the Vocational School, Thurles. In 1980 he was appointed CC at Castleiney and two years later became CC at Herbertstown, Co Limerick, before being appointed Parish Priest of Ballinahinch and Killooscully in August 1992. He retired in April 2009, because of failing health, but decided that he wished to continue to live in the parish, where he continued to assist with the celebration of daily Mass, and other church ceremonies until last December. May he rest in peace.



Margaret O'Keeffe (Ballinahinch GAA)

24th November 1968 - 15th July 2010

Margaret O'Keeffe (nee Clifford) passed away peacefully after a long illness in July 2010. She was a big supporter of Ballinahinch GAA club following the teams around the county. She continued to attend the games throughout her illness keeping an watchful eye on all the teams. She was a great character and well liked by all who were privileged to know her. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband JJ., daughters Áine, Bríd, Peíg and son Danny, sisters and brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and a large circle of friends. May she rest in peace.



Nora (Nonie) Jones (Ballinahinch GAA)

11th Dec 1945 - 27th August 2010

The sudden passing of Nonie Jones (nee Cosgrove) saddened the parish in August this year. Nonie had an active role in the community and she had a big interest in all GAA matters. She was a very active member of the Ballinahinch club, involved in numerous of our fundraising efforts and always present at club games. She had attended Tipperary's All-Ireland semi-final victory over Waterford in Croke Park on the previous Sunday with her



family and friends. She will be sadly missed by her loving son Pat, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephew, relatives and a large circle of friends. May she rest in peace.

Tadgh Foley (Ballinahinch GAA)
2nd June 1928 – 5th October 2010

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Tadgh Foley in October. He had a big involvement with Ballinahinch GAA throughout his life, as a player in the '50s and 60's, starring mainly at full-forward throughout this period. He served as chairman of the club in the early '60s and worked on various club committees throughout the years. In 2005 he was awarded a Sean Ghael award in recognition of his contribution to the GAA. He served as joint president of the club for the past few years. The esteem with which he was held throughout the area was evident by the huge crowds that attended the removal to Ballinahinch church and the burial in the local cemetery. A guard of honour of past and present players lined the route from the family home to the church on his removal. Deeply regretted by his loving wife Maura, children Cathriona, Noreen and John, brothers Rev. Denis Foley (Dublin), Rev. Mons. Jack Foley (Los Angeles, California) and Seamus, sister Maura, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.



Philip Kelly (Cappawhite) 1978-2010

The village of Cappawhite and surrounding area was shocked at the news of the death of Philip Kelly on Wednesday 7th April, 2010. Philip Kelly tragically drowned in the river Clodagh in Portlaoise, Co. Waterford as the result of a Kayaking accident having gone to the rescue of his friend Connie Smith who also perished. Philip represented Cappawhite in hurling and football, winning Co. Feile na Gael in 1992, West and Co. U-14 Football in 1992. He won West U-16 hurling championship in 1994 and West minor hurling 'A' championship in 1995, and West U-21 'B' hurling championship in 1995. Philip won All Ireland Division 3 colleges hurling in 1997 with Dundalk R.T.C. Philip had a great sense of adventure and travelled extensively to Australia, Middle East, Nepal, Morocco and Spain in pursuit of his passion for outdoor activities. To his parents John and Patricia, brothers John, Pat, George and Frank, and sisters Georgina, Rachel, Mary and Lorraine the Club sends its deepest sympathy.



Betty Walshe (Cappawhite) 1925-2009

The death occurred on 6th February, 2009 of Betty Walshe, Philipstown cappawhite. Betty was married to the late Willie Walshe. Betty and Willie were both caretakers of Cappawhite GAA field for a long number of years. Betty's life was immersed in Gaelic Games. She was a stalwart and active committee member of the club until a short time prior to her death. Betty was always first at juvenile games along with her family. In 1988 Betty was elected chairperson of Tipperary Camogie Co. Board. Betty held various officers positions with Cappawhite Camogie and Ladies Football Club who won Co. junior camogie championship in 1977 and Co. junior football championship in 1980 and 1982. Cappawhite GAA Club formed a guard of honour at her funeral at which the large attendance was testament to the high esteem in which Betty was held locally. Sincere sympathy is extended to her son, Sean, and daughters, Cecilia, Patricia and Caroline.



Peter Hogan (Lorrha)

The death took place on Friday, 23 April of Peter Hogan, resident of Nenagh but native and passionate Lorrha man right up until his death. Peter was a great player and great supporter of Lorrha. He played mostly in the half forward line, winning a county juvenile title in 1957 before helping Lorrha win the 1966 North senior title. His teammates and members of the Lorrha club formed a Guard of Honour at his funeral at Nenagh on Tuesday, 27 April before



he was interred in Lisboney cemetery. He is survived by his wife Maureen and his six children, sons Diarmuid, Peadar and Ruadhan and daughters Niamh, Maureen and Deirdre. May he rest in peace.

David Boland (Moyle Rovers) (2005 – 2010)

It was with great sadness and extreme devastation that the news spread of the sudden passing of young David Boland on Wednesday 7th July. The courageous 5 year old underwent planned heart surgery but passed away in hospital after developing complications. David was a loveable young boy, with an infectious smile, and was one of Moyle Rovers most loyal supporters. David is sadly missed by his parents Charlie and Caroline, grandmother Eileen Boland, and extended family and friend to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Paddy Boland (Carrick Swan) 1931-2010

When Paddy Boland passed to his eternal reward on Saturday 18th September Carrick Swan club lost the greatest club man who has ever lived. Paddy had given his life to his beloved club in numerous roles for over 60 years. Paddy did not have a most distinguished playing career but it was off the field of play that he showed the true meaning of a clubman. It seems that the gods granted Paddy the unique gift of a 48 hour day whereas other mere mortals had to be satisfied with 24. He had time for everything, and everybody, and that allied to his deep love of sport, particularly Carrick Swan and Tipperary, is why he always had something to be happy about.

Paddy Boland gave unbroken service as secretary of Carrick Swan club for 42 years. He was the most accomplished club secretary that any organisation could wish for. He also co-ordinated the Tipperary draw, ran the annual Grand National Sweep, served on Davin Park field committee for many years, as secretary for over 20 years, represented the Swan Club at south and county board level, washed jerseys, lined fields, hung nets. You name it – Paddy did it. Since Paddy's tenure as secretary ended he filled the role of treasurer and his work ensured the club remained on a financially sound footing at all times. His services to the GAA were acknowledged in 2004 when he was awarded the Sean Ghael Award while two years earlier he and his family were honoured by the town of Carrick-on-Suir when accorded a most deserving civic reception.

Paddy Boland's remains reposed in his beloved club's juvenile training centre after his death. This was Paddy's second home and it was most fitting that the hundreds of people who came to pay their respects met their fellow gaelers and friends in a place that meant so much to Paddy Boland who went to meet his maker only a short time after he had witnessed Carrick Swan win their 22nd South senior hurling title and Tipperary regain their rightful place as All-Ireland senior hurling champions. It was very moving to see both trophies adorn his coffin.

Carrick Swan club salutes Paddy Boland and we thank him. We will never forget him.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Joan, daughters Tricia and Susan, sons Billy, Ebbie and David and the extended Boland family. May he rest in peace.



George Pyke (Clonmel Commercial)

The members of Clonmel Commercial were greatly saddened by the death of club president George Pyke on Monday February 1st. George gave a lifetime service to the club and without his efforts down the years the club would quite simply not exist. George was a gentleman in every way. His quiet ways endeared him to many throughout the GAA in South Tipperary and beyond. George was a member of Commercial from almost the beginning of the club. His first involvement in football came in the late 1930s playing with St. Mary's CBS in a league organized by Clonmel Commercial, a relatively new club busy promoting the game among the youngsters of the town. In 1942 George Pyke first donned the club jersey and so began a lifelong involvement with the club that would last almost 70 years. On



the minor team of 1942 also was his brother Jack who also played with the club at many levels. George would go on to play with the club at minor, junior and senior level and was a distinguished footballer. He was a member of the 1948 senior panel winning south, county and Tipperaryman's Cup medals in that year. George captained the senior team in 1954. George suffered a serious injury and although recovered to take his place on the county winning panel of 1956 he retired from playing shortly afterwards. His talents were recognized beyond the club and in 1952 George played on the Tipperary junior team which won the Munster title. Unfortunately an All Ireland eluded him as Leitrim proved too good in the semi final. George was selector on teams at various levels at both club and county.

He became chairman of the club in 1957 and held the position until 1966. He again served as chairman for a shorter term beginning in 1968. As an administrator he also excelled. His knowledge of the rules and application of them earned him the respect of all who had dealings with him and he guided the club in a positive way. He was accorded the highest honour of the club when in 1984 he succeeded the late Dr. Pat Ó Callaghan as Honorary President. While George was an outstanding player it was perhaps his work with the juveniles of the club over many years that his legacy can be best seen. He looked after dozens of juvenile teams within the club over the years. He was selector of the under 14s that won a Féile Peil Na nÓg title in Cavan in 1982. George believed passionately in the promotion of gaelic football to the young people of Clonmel and he worked tirelessly for the promotion of the game.

Johnny Lonergan (Newcastle) 1932 – 2010

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Johnny Lonergan on the 14th May, 2010. He passed away peacefully at St Theresa's Hospital Clogheen.

Johnny had a long, varied and interesting life. He was a passionate sportsman, deeply interested in G.A.A., soccer, greyhounds and tennis. He participated in all of the above, except soccer with great success. However, it was in the gaelic fields of South Tipperary, Tipperary, Munster and Ireland where he made his greatest mark.

Johnny's adult club career spanned from 1950 to 1968 inclusive. He won many honours with his club, most notably south junior hurling, and junior football double in 1960. He played senior hurling with Pierce McCann's (Newcastle/St Mary's) and was a member of the team beaten in the 1959 South final. He played senior football with Old Bridge and Ardfinnan and won a post-office All Ireland with Clonmel post office. He played junior hurling with Tipperary for three successive years, 1954 to 1956 inclusive. He, also, played senior hurling with Tipperary in a number of tournament games in Waterford and Limerick. He was club secretary from 1954 to 1958, and he proved to be a most efficient and forward looking administrator.

The G.A.A at county level acknowledged his contribution to gaelic games by presenting him with Sean Gael award in 2008. He was very supportive of the recent publication of the club's history. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Go ndeana Dia troaire ar a anam dilis.

Tom Ryan (Templederry)

There was a profound sense of shock and disbelief in and around the Killeen and Templederry area on Thursday morning May 27th 2010 as news spread of the sudden and untimely passing of Tom Ryan Killeen.

A native Killeen man Tom was a tremendous club man with his club Templederry Kenyons and played there for a long number of years. Tom won North Tipperary junior A medals in 1970 and 1977 and won a North intermediate medal in 1979. He also won intermediate league medals in 1985 and 1990. Tom also served in the role of selector with the club at junior grade in 1984 and intermediate grade in 1996 and 1997.

His pride in his club was very evident in the year 2000 when Templederry won their first ever Ccounty intermediate title.

Tom never missed a Templederry Game whether intermediate, junior, juvenile and football, He would have been delighted this year to see his daughter Ciara win her North and county under 12 title with Templederry club.

Tom was also a great Tipperary supporter and never missed a Tipperary match. How proud he would have been in Croke Park in September when Tipperary won the All Ireland.



Tom will be greatly missed by his wife Bridget, his daughter Ciara, his sisters Anne and Carmel and brother Pat.

He will also be missed by club members and ex players all of whom valued his knowledge greatly.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.

John "Jack" Quinlan (Arravale Rovers) 1930 – 2010

John Quinlan or Jack as he was widely known, sadly passed away in April this year. Jack was a devoted supporter of Tipperary GAA and the Arravale Rovers club. He was a committee member of the Senior and Juvenile club for many years and was a constant presence on the sideline at all club matches adult and juvenile, which he both enjoyed. He passed on his love of the GAA to his children, Damien, Justin, Robbie, Gary and Sinead. He took great pleasure in their involvement in hurling and football at school, college, club and inter county levels. He would have loved to have seen Tipperary's magnificent All Ireland victory and also Arravale Rovers first U21 divisional win in 50 years this summer. His passing leaves a great void in Gaelic Games in Tipperary town and West Tipperary.

Ar dheis go dtí a anam.



Bill Quigley (Sean Treacy's)

Bill Quigley, Milestone, died on 11th June 2009. His death was greeted with great sadness by his family and large circle of friends. Bill was known to one and all in his native Milestone, Hollyford, Kilcommon and throughout Tipperary and beyond. He had a lifelong association with the G. A. A. in his native parish and county. Bill was an outstanding hurler who had a great passion for the game and was renowned for his speed and skill. He played with St. Ailbe's, Hollyford in the 1940s and won North Tipperary Junior Hurling Championships with Kilcommon in 1943 and 1947, when he was a key player. Bill was honoured by the Sean Treacy Club where he was a lifelong president. He witnessed the foundation of the Sean Treacy Club and was a selector on the famous Sean Treacy team that won three in a row West Tipperary senior hurling championships during the golden era of the 1970s. In recognition of his contributions Bill was honoured with a Sean Ghael Award in November 2008. Bill was a genuine G.A.A. supporter and a loyal follower of Sean Treacy and Tipperary hurling. His coffin was draped in the blue and gold of the Sean Treacy club and club members formed a guard of honour in a moving tribute to one of its great sons.

To his daughters, Josephine, Ann and Patricia and sons, John and Pat, and their families, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Pat Walsh (Cahir)

Pat Walsh was one of seven brothers, from Ballymacadam, who played football with Cahir. Pat had a lengthy career. He was part of the 1953 M. F. team that won that year's county championship. Although only 17 he played a number of games for the junior football team that won the 1955 county championship. He played a key role in the junior team that won the 1958 county football title. Pat again played in the back line on the senior team that won the South title in 1959 along with his brothers Tom, Sean and Michael. Pat continued to full-back play for the club up until 1974. He also represented the county at junior football level. Pat repaid the club as an officer and committee member for many years. He continued to have an interest in the club's affairs and indeed took great delight in the club's county senior victory in 2003. The club would like to extend its sympathy to Pat's family and extended family.

Tom Walsh (Cahir)

The death occurred in April of former Cahir, Tipperary and Munster footballer, Tom Walsh.



A county minor in 1954 and 1955, he played at centre back in the 1955 Minor All-Ireland final against Dublin. After a couple of years on the Tipperary junior team, he made his Munster senior championship debut in 1958 and played for Tipperary until 1965. In 1959 at the age of 21 he played at centre back for Munster in the Railway Cup. For Cahir he won a County minor championship in 1953, county junior championships in 1955 and 1958 and in 1959 he was centre back on the Cahir team that won the South senior football championship for the first time. We extend our sympathies to his family. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Thomas Casey (Drom & Inch)

It was with great sadness that the many friends of Thomas Casey learned that he had died in Nenagh Hospital in the early morning of Wednesday, August 18th. Thomas, better known as Tommy, was the caretaker of the Vocational School, Templemore (now St. Sheelan's College) from 1955 to 1992. Until he retired to The Mall, Templemore, he had lived most of his life under the shadow of the Devil's Bit Mountain. He was a man of many and great enthusiasms, and he expressed them vigorously and without any doubt.



Tommy was a great GAA supporter and never missed a match. In the late 1950s, he played hurling and football for Drom & Inch and was the recipient of many medals for his prowess on the field. Held in high esteem, he was asked with Hugh Cleary to train the Drom & Inch team in 1973-'74. As his good friend Dan Condron recalls, discussions on the latest hurling matches often continued late into the night. Tommy's contribution to Gaelic games was recognised by the Mid Tipperary Board in recent years when he was presented with a Sean Ghael award. As a mark of respect, a GAA guard of honour was graciously formed outside Drom Church to receive his remains.

A keen and enthusiastic gardener, Tommy took special pride in his immaculately maintained lawns, flowerbeds and herbaceous borders. He took a special interest in the legendary horses bred and trained by Vincent O'Brien in Ballydoyle and was a regular at race meetings in Thurles, Limerick and The Curragh.

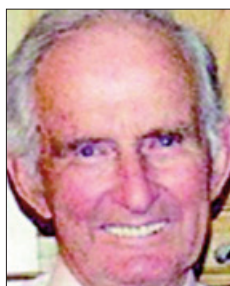
Born on September 10th, 1924, Tommy was one of nature's true gentlemen. To an extent, he was larger than life in both character and physique. For those who knew him, he loved his food, his pint and the occasional game of cards. Tommy was at the same time a gentle and humble person, full of good humour at all times and generous to a fault with everyone and everything. He never married and, as they say, remained "an unclaimed treasure". It is hard to believe he is no longer with us. He will be greatly missed in both the parishes of Drom & Inch and Templemore.

We extend our sympathies to his brother John, sister-in-law Alice, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Martin Kennedy (Drom & Inch)

The sudden passing of Martin Kennedy in September brought sadness to the parish of Drom & Inch and beyond. It often seemed that the evergreen Martin, a man who was active until a short few days before his death, would be around forever, ageless and resilient.

Martin represented all that was good about life in our parish. He was, first and foremost, a devoted family man, raising five children with his wife Peggy on their farm in Clonismullen. Here visitors were received with great hospitality at all hours of the day, tea was made and stories were spun. Martin enjoyed telling and listening to yarns in equal measure.



Martin was a lifelong supporter of the GAA in Drom & Inch. He was a founder member of Drom & Inch juvenile GAA club in 1982, acted as mentor on many teams and was always on hand to ferry youngster to games throughout Tipperary. His contribution helped to lay the foundations for many successes since then. His other great passion was traditional music and dancing. He was a driving figure in Scór in the parish for decades and also served as chairman of Mid Tipperary Scór. He took great delight in the club's recent victories in Scór na bPaistí.

Martin's other interests and activities were many and varied. He was part of Drom Hall committee since its inception, had a keen interest in politics and loved weekly social dancing. He was also a frequent caller to many homes in Drom and elsewhere, particularly to the sick and elderly. His good-natured, sociable and unassuming personality and his qualities of warmth, selflessness and humility will be missed by all those he came into contact with.

To his wife Peggy, daughter Bridget Reid, sons James, Pat, Thomas and Benny, sisters Kay and Chris, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and wide circle of friends we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

Jim Shanahan (Drom & Inch)

Jim Shanahan's sudden and untimely death earlier this year caused shock and dismay in his native Drom. Jim was a strong supporter of GAA in the parish, was always on hand to help out with various activities throughout the community and was especially involved in local politics. He was a regular at club games and acted as a promoter for the Tipperary County Board draw. His late brother Pat hurled for Drom & Inch until his tragic death at a young age, winning a county minor B title in 1984. The family subsequently donated the Pat Shanahan Memorial Trophy to the club and Jim took great pride in presenting this cup with his late father Martin at various tournament games. Jim was an honest, hard-working and decent man who will be sadly missed in his community. We extend our sympathies to his sisters, Mary and Noreen Delaney, brother-in-law Johnny Delaney, girlfriend Olive, and to all his relatives and friends.



Fr. John Mullally (Roscrea and Melbourne) (1928 – 2010)

Fr. John Mullally was born on 15th February 1928 at Borrisnoe in the parish of Bournea, Co. Tipperary. He attended secondary school in Roscrea and afterwards went to St. Patrick's College, Carlow to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in Carlow on June 8th 1952, for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia. Before leaving, a special meeting of Inane Rovers Gaelic Football Club was held at Grimes' Main St. (now Bernies SuperValu). The Committee and all members elected him Life President of the club. Fr. John died on March 19th 2010, Pastor Emeritus of St. Theresa's Essendon, Australia. His brother Jim, who passed away on June 8th 2010 was also an avid Inane Rovers and Roscrea GAA fan and had a wide knowledge of all Gaelic games in Roscrea and throughout the county.

Go nDéana Dia trocaire ar an mbeirt acu.



Tim Marnell (J.K. Brackens)

The name of Tim Marnell will always be remembered and spoken of with great respect in the parish of Templemore whenever G.A.A. matters are discussed. All who knew Tim were saddened when news of his death filtered through on October 13th following an illness which he bore with great courage.

With Tim's passing, J.K. Brackens and Tipperary have lost a loyal and dedicated member and supporter. His passing removed another link with the College Hill team that brought much success to the parish in the 1950s. Tim was a tough, tenacious, accomplished hurler who captained College Hill from the centre back position to win a Mid No.2 junior hurling title in 1954. He won another Mid No.2 junior hurling title with Templemore Kickhams in 1961. Tim also featured on Templemore Éire Óg football teams throughout his playing career.

Tim was an active committee member with the College Hill club and was later a founder member of J.K. Brackens G.A.A. club where he was a hard-working committee member, shrewd selector and busy County Board Draw promoter. He took immense satisfaction in watching all players performing in the club colours, in particular his three nephews Paddy, Michael and Anthony. Tim had many friends inside and outside the club – this was due to his jolly character and great sense of humour which appealed to people of all ages.

The esteem in which he was held was reflected in the huge crowds that attended his funeral where many members of his beloved J.K. Brackens provided a guard of honour and carried his coffin to his final resting place.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and many friends.



Seamus (Seamie) O'Dwyer
(Ballylooby/Castlegrace & Cahir) 1936-2010

It came as a great shock to his family and the local community in Ballylooby to learn of the sudden death of Seamus O'Dwyer, Scartana on Sunday 17th of October 2010. Seamus died suddenly that morning at home.

Seamus was hugely energetic and was involved in many organisations within the Parish of Ballylooby & Duhill serving all of them with selfless dedication and hard work.

Seamus's GAA career begun with the Cahir juvenile club where he played both hurling and football. A player of great skill he later played senior football, junior & intermediate hurling for the Cahir club. Seamus in 1968 began to play with the Ballylooby club playing junior hurling & intermediate football. Seamus was a vital part of the Ballylooby junior hurlers who won the South junior hurling title in 1972. He was also a member of the intermediate football team who won the South championship in 1974 & 1976.

Seamus continued to be a loyal supporter of Ballylooby/Castlegrace after he hung up his boots. He served as the club treasurer in the late '70s and early '80s. In recent years Seamus served as a selector with the clubs junior hurling & football teams in 2008 & 2009 and there was no prouder man when the club captured the South junior hurling title in Monroe in September 2009.

Off the field Seamus was a vital cog in the running of the Ballylooby/Castlegrace weekly Lotto. Seamus was in the clubhouse every Monday night counting the cash and keeping a tab on ticket numbers. Monday nights are not the same since his passing. The club provided a guard of honour at his funeral and the large attendance was testament to the high esteem in which Seamus was held locally.

Seamus or (Seamie) as he was known to many will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

Ballylooby/Castlegrace club offers its deepest sympathy to Seamus's wife Al, sons Kevin & Brian and daughter Irene.



Michael Murphy (Ballylooby/Castlegrace)
1938-2010

Saturday the 12th of June 2010 was a day of great sadness in the parish and surrounding areas when the news broke that Michael Murphy of Whitechurch had passed away.

Michael was involved in many organisations over the years within the Parish of Ballylooby & Duhill. His first association with the club began back in 1984 where he was a leading figure in the re-establishment of the juvenile club. It was here that he took up the position of club chairman between the years of 1984 until 1988.

Michael continued to be a loyal supporter of Ballylooby/Castlegrace GAA club in the many years to follow and his particular interest in the juvenile club continued through his great love of the game of cards, he was involved in the running of card games each Monday night in Ballylooby to ensure that the juvenile club could survive with the funds raised.

The club provided a guard of honour at his funeral and the large attendance was testament to the high esteem in which Michael was held locally.

Ballylooby/Castlegrace club offers its deepest sympathy to Michael's wife Anne and their family.



Flan Lowry (Portroe and Killavilla)

There was shock and dismay in our parish when news spread of the sudden death of Flan Lowry on Monday October 11th 2010. Flan was a proud Offaly man who arrived in Portroe from his native Killavilla in 1979 and he immediately immersed himself in club activities. He won a Junior B Hurling North medal in 1990 when he lined out in goals when we beat old rivals Burgess. Flan was also a selector on the victorious North and county intermediate championship hurling team of 1990 – a historic first for the club. To list all the work and time he gave to his adoptive club would take up pages but everyone in Portroe will be forever indebted to him for this strength and leadership over the years. When writing about Flan one has to mention his wit. Flan was a great man for the craic and many a person was caught out by one



of his many pranks. To be in his company would certainly brighten up your day. Flan was also a great businessman and everyone who visited his shops in Nenagh, was always given a warm welcome. At the removal of his remains, a huge Guard of Honour was formed by his many friends from Killavilla and Portroe. Flan would have been pleased to see the Tipp and Offaly crowd getting on so well!. To his wife Mary, daughters Clodagh and Laura, sons Enda and Colin, sons-in-law Paudie and Kieran and grandchildren and a wide circle of relatives and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

Seamus Donnellan (Portroe)

Seamus Donnellan who passed away during the year was a lifelong player and supporter of Portroe G.A.A Club. Seamus was born into a great G.A.A family, with his late father Jim looking after the clubs affairs all his life. Seamus played in all grades of hurling with the club, winning many championships along the way. He was a towering full-forward and his ability to pull overhead and eye for goal made him a most difficult man to mark. His best year was in 1983 when he helped Portroe win the North intermediate hurling title and reaching the county final against Moyne-Templetuohy. He scored many a great goal that year, the pick being a pile driver against Templederry in the North final. Sadly around this time, Seamus had to emigrate to find work, and he was a big loss to the team. When Seamus returned home, he again immersed himself in club activities and at his time of passing he was working on a FÁS scheme in our club grounds. Seamus was married to Grainne and they had two sons Billy and Joey. Seamus would have been a proud father this year as Billy played a prominent role in helping Portroe U-14 hurlers win a county title. All the club and parish were deeply shocked at the death of Seamus at the removal of his remains. To his wife Grainne, sons Billy and Joey, Mother Mae and a wide circle of family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis de go raibh anam dhilis.



Mick McGrath (Holycross/Ballycahill) 1913 - 2010

On the 16th April 2010 Mick McGrath, Farney, Holycross passed to his eternal reward. Born on 29th September 1913, Mick played hurling, along with his brother Tom, on the club's first team throughout the 1930s. Mick was a goalkeeper of renown and also played in outfield positions.

A very well liked and respected member of the community, Mick was proud of the achievements of the Holycross/Ballycahill club, and especially when his sons Tom and Anthony won county under 16 and minor medals in 1973 and 1982 respectively.

Blessed with good health into his 97th year Mick was a great family man and loved having his wife, children and grandchildren, relations and neighbours around him. One of Mick's favourite places was his garden and he spent many happy hours there. With his excellent memory, he liked nothing better than to recall with clarity the teams, players and games of the past with his great friend, Bob Stakelum, R.I.P.

It was fitting that his coffin was draped with the club colours. Club members formed a guard of honour for Mick's final journey.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Annie and family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Michael Ryan(C) (Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill)
1920-2010

Michael Ryan (C), better known as Mikey the Castle died suddenly on October 21st 2010, just one week after burying his son Philly (owner of Hogan Stand Pub in Dublin). He was the last surviving player of the Éire Óg team that won the county senior hurling final in 1943. His hurling career began in Anacarty N.S under the tutelage of headmaster, Bill O'Donnell, where he won a schools medal in 1934. He went on to win two West minor hurling medals in 1937 and 1938, and also a West Junior medal in 1937. From 1941 to 1944 he won four West senior hurling medals and two Crosco Cup medals in 1944 and 1946. In the county final of 1943 when Éire Óg defeated Moycarkey/Borris, Mikey played at left-half forward. On the team were



his two brothers, Tom who captained the side and Philly who later won medals with both Tipperary and Dublin. In 1949 Mickey hung up his boots to concentrate on farming and family life. He was married to Mary Jo O'Dwyer and they reared a family of four boys and two girls. Mikey was honorary president of the Éire Óg club.

Sympathy to his wife, family and all his relations.

Jack Cooney (Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill)

Jack Cooney passed to his eternal reward at his home in Limerick in September 2010. He played Senior Hurling with Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill in 1943 and 1944, winning two West titles and the county senior hurling final of 1943. Jack hailed from Goldengarden in the parish of Anacarty and was studying veterinary in UCD, when he transferred to Éire Óg in 1943. Jack operated in the full forward line and he was full forward in the county final of 1943. After 1944 Jack left the area, seldom to return but will always be remembered as one of the greats of 1943.

Sympathy is extended to his family.



D.J. Treacy (Glengar)

D.J. Treacy, Davis Street, Tipperary and formerly of Commonaline died on 5th March 2010. D.J. served as a player and secretary of Glengar club over a number of years. He won a West Tipperary minor hurling medal in 1942. This minor team was made up of players from Glengar, Hollyford and Kilcommon. D.J. also won a West Tipperary senior hurling medal with St. Nicholas in 1957. St. Nicholas was a combination from Glengar, Solohead and Cappawhite. He also wrote a history of Glengar G.A.A. club in centenary year. D.J. loved hurling and was an avid follower of Tipperary hurling until his death.

May he rest in peace.



Connie Walshe (Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill) 1941-2009

Connie Walshe was born on July 21st 1941 at Shanballymore, Donohill. He began playing with Éire Óg at juvenile level, graduating to Minor and U/21 level, but without any success. His favoured position was either left-corner back or full-back. He first lined out in senior hurling on the Éire Óg/Hollyford combination in 1962. While not having any success in senior hurling, Éire Óg won the West junior hurling title of 1962 with Connie at full-back. They lost the county final to Thurles Sarsfields by a mere point. Connie won a West senior hurling medal in 1964 when Éire Óg beat Cappawhite in the final. They then lost the 1965 final to Cashel. Connie played both games at full-back, but faded off the hurling scene after that, though he remained a life long Éire Óg supporter even while living in Tipperary Town. He was a selector when Éire Óg last won a West senior hurling title in 1986.

In failing health for some time he departed this life on December 14th 2009 at a relatively young age. Sincere sympathy to his wife Catherine, brother P.J., sisters Kathleen and Maureen.



Tom O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill) 1948-2009

Tom O'Dwyer was born in May 1948 to Michael O'Dwyer and Josie Mai Heffernan of Knockgorman, Donohill. He was the second eldest of a family of six, the others being John, Michael, Seanie, P.P. and Mary.

His hurling and football career began in juvenile circles in the late fifties continuing into Minor and U/21 grades but without any success. In 1967 he won a West senior hurling medal, playing at centre-forward when Éire Óg toppled Arravale Rovers in the final. In 1971 he distinguished himself by outhurling Theo English at midfield when Éire Óg beat Marfield in the county senior hurling open draw series. His big break-through came in 1974 when he



captained the footballers known as Multeen Rovers to a West and county junior football title, playing at wing-back. A West and county junior hurling medal came his way in 1977, when he marshalled Seamus Barry of Upperchurch in the final. He won three Crosco Cup medals with Éire Óg in 1971, 1972 and 1980 when the Crosco Cup meant something in the division. Tom's final achievement with Éire Óg was in 1981 when they beat Cappawhite in the West Final and he was on the losing side in 1982 when Seán Treacys beat them in the final. He was a substitute in both of these games. Unfortunately in April 1980 he suffered a broken leg which contributed to his retirement from the game, though he continued as selector for the football team for the following years. He also served as club secretary in 1984 and 1985.

An utter sense of shock and disbelief rippled through the GAA community of Anacarty and Donohill on December 19th 2009 when news filtered through of the sudden and untimely death of Tom O'Dwyer. Tom's funeral was a sight to behold as it was one of the largest funerals ever witnessed in Tipperary Town with farming and GAA people from far and wide paying tribute to one of their own who was called to God's Heavenly Kingdom at a relatively young age.

Sincere sympathy to his wife Nora, sons Thomas, Michael, Gerard, daughters Joanne, Mary-Louise, Paula, sister and brothers.

Jim Nolan (Sean Treacys)

Jim Nolan of Barnadomeeny, Rearcross, Newport, County Tipperary, and also late of Manor Street, Dublin, died suddenly on Friday the 13th of August 2010.

Jim loved sport from an early age. He first came to prominence, hurling with Rearcross School, in the O'Brien Cup competition. His talent was evident throughout his youth, and his defensive prowess was never more apparent than in the West minor hurling final in 1965, where he gave a brilliant display for Sean Treacy's, losing to Cappawhite by 1 point.

After some time spent working in Thurles, Jim got the call to the capital. He initially worked in the bar and building trades, before later spending over 30 years with M & J Gleeson & Co., until he retired through illness.

Jim played hurling in Dublin for a few years, but his heart was always with his local Sean Treacy team. When they were promoted to senior grade in 1967, he was approached to rejoin the club. He answered the call without hesitation and played his part with the very successful Sean Treacy's team in the 1970s. Jim made his name at right cornerback on that team and gave some memorable displays. He won 5 West Tipperary senior hurling championships, 2 Crosco Cup hurling leagues, the prestigious Doon, Borrisoleigh and Bansha tournaments and many other trophies. He was captain of the Sean Treacy team that won the 1978 West senior hurling championship. A fearless and skilful hurler, who did not "take any prisoners", Jim always played the game hard but fair and was undaunted by any of the big name players he faced, especially the county stars of Benettsbridge and Mount Sion, arguably the best clubs in Ireland at the time.

When his playing career ended he helped the club in any way he could and was very generous in supporting the clubs fund-raising ventures. He was a prominent and founder member of the Sean Treacy's Golfing Society and was honoured both as captain and president. He was deeply honoured to carry the GAA "Millennium Torch" through his native village of Rearcross in June, 2009. He was a gentle giant with a heart of gold. He went to Lourdes for each of the past 20 years as a helper with the cystic fibrosis patients and gave generously of his time. He had a great outlook on life, worked hard but always believed in enjoyment. People loved to be in his company. Many of us can recall his vibrant personality on all social occasions and in such places as Majorca, Spain, Cheltenham, York, Galway and Listowel. He will be sadly missed by all his friends, the Sean Treacy GAA club, work colleagues and acquaintances, both in Tipperary and Dublin. He will be especially missed by his brothers John Joe, Michael and Donie and by his sisters Mary and Winnie, his sister Peggy having predeceased him by a short time. "We may have had great men, but we never had better".

Leaba I measc na Naomh dó.



Patrick O'Dwyer (Gaile)

On August 19th 2010, the death took place at Milford Hospice, Limerick of Patrick O'Dwyer, Gaile, Cashel. Formerly of Nodstown, Boherlahan, he was son of the late William and Josie O'Dwyer. His late father Willie was well known for many years in GAA and political circles and held many positions of note, not only in the GAA, but also as a member of South Tipperary County Council. As a young man, Patrick, like so many young men of the fifties had to emigrate to England. While there, he won senior titles with the Brian Boru club, London in 1962, 1963 and 1964 and he also won All Ireland intermediate medals with the London team in 1959 and 1960. He was a member of the London team which were defeated by Tipperary Intermediate hurlers in 1963 in the All Ireland intermediate hurling final which was played in Thurles. Around 1965, Patrick returned to Boherlahan and in the late sixties he played regularly for the local team. In the early seventies, Patrick married Rita Hanrahan, Kilkee, Co. Clare and they spent their married life in Gaile where Patrick was a valued member of the local farming community. We express our deepest sympathy to his bereaved wife Rita, to Noel, Brendan and Dermot (sons), Liam, Tom, Eddie and Jim (brothers), Catherine and Mary (sisters), daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a wide circle of cousins and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Tommy Donnelly (Moycarkey/Borris) 1927-2010

The death occurred in September of Tommy Donnelly of Grallagh, Horse & Jockey. Tommy played at all levels with the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club in the 1940s and 1950s and was a part of the Tipperary junior hurling panel in 1951. Tommy was a selector on the Moycarkey-Borris team which captured the county No. 1 junior hurling title in 1954 before emigrating to New York where he played for the Tipperary team there for a number of years. Tommy was a staunch GAA supporter and followed Moycarkey-Borris and Tipperary teams up to the time of his untimely passing. Tommy's son Ed is a former County Board PRO. The Moycarkey-Borris GAA club formed a guard of honour at Moycarkey Church and the coffin was draped in the red and yellow colours of the club. May he rest in peace.



Dan Shaw (Moycarkey/Borris) 1933-2010

On 6th August, the parish of Moycarkey Borris was deeply saddened by the death of one of its biggest supporters, Dan Shaw, Grallagh, Horse and Jockey, aged 77 years. Dan was a lifelong supporter of his beloved parish and of Tipperary hurling. Dan played hurling with Moycarkey up to and including junior level. It will be for Dan's tremendous off-field work that he will be fondly remembered. Whether at juvenile matches with his club or Tipperary matches nationwide, you were guaranteed to see Dan there with his friend Frank Gooney. Dan was a very successful promoter for the Tipperary GAA draw, and was honoured with distinction on presentation of a Cumann na Sean Ghael Award in 2006 for his services to Tipperary hurling. At the time of his death Dan was Vice-President of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA club. He is sadly missed by his sister Anna, brother Maurice, nephews, nieces, and all his friends.



Billy Bourke (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1936-2010.

The sudden death of Billy Bourke on the morning of Thursday 16th September caused great sadness around the parish. He epitomized all that was good and healthy in the person, having never drank or smoked, attended horseracing in far away places and like his neighbours, enjoyed his greyhounds. However it was on the training grounds that Billy really made his mark and in the early eighties he became part of our club history.

In 1980 Billy was appointed trainer of the clubs junior football team and immediately put his stamp on affairs when the club won both the



Mid and County titles. As a result of these successes the club was promoted to the intermediate grade the following year and against all the odds, Billy's well prepared team won both Mid and County titles that year. This enabled the club to join the senior football ranks the following year. Billy's love of Gaelic games could be measured by his attendance at both adult and juvenile matches, regardless as to where they were played. He will be sadly missed by those who were so lucky to know him. To his family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana dia Trocaire ar a anam.

Michael [Mixie] Dunne (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1926-2010.

The sudden death of Mixie Dunne, Moyne Village on 12th May evoked great sadness throughout the parish. Mixie was a noted hurler with his beloved Moyne/Templetuohy club. It was however in his role as masseur to all the parish teams that Mixie Dunne will be most fondly remembered. Whilst he never sought the limelight, preferring to fulfill his role in his own quiet manner, he derived great satisfaction from the county senior hurling final victory in 1971 and bringing the Dan Breen Cup to the parish for the only time in the clubs history. In his youth Mixie was an outstanding athlete and had the honour of representing Ireland at International level on several occasions, in Wales and France and indeed further afield. In 1948 he finished 2nd individual in the All Ireland Novice cross country championship leading the famed Coolcroo Athletic Club to the bronze medal position in the process. He was one of the International Athletes honoured for his athletic prowess at the Coolcroo golden jubilee awards function. Mixie was a loyal and conscientious employee of Centenary Co-Op for 40 years. Go ndeana dia Trocaire ar a anam uasal.



Ned Doherty (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1918 - 2010.

When Ned Doherty went to his eternal resting place on the 17th May the parish lost one of its elder statesmen. Been in his 92nd year at the time of his death Ned had enjoyed good health for many years. Ned was a real historian with a wealth of information about local events and in particular anything to do with our Gaelic Games. When people were researching or writing about games played in bygone days, Ned would often be consulted about its accuracy. While Ned found it difficult to get a place on the local senior team, he did play both hurling and football at junior level for Templetuohy and Moyne. He also played a major role in the administration side of the club and at the time of his death he was a Life Vice President and Trustee of the Moyne/Templetuohy Hurling and Football club.

Ned did not confine all his past time energies to the GAA, he was knowing to enjoy rearing and coursing his greyhounds around the lovely lands of Longorchard. And also was secretary of the Templetuohy Athletic Club for many years during its existence.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary and their family.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Christy Champion (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1935 - 2010.

As word of Christy Champion's death, which took place on 17th May last became knowing, a great sense of sadness descended upon both Moyne and Templetuohy at the loss of this popular Gael. Though Christy did not play the games, his love for them was undying. He seldom missed a match that his club was playing in and enjoyed the discussion which often took place afterwards. Christy showed a keen interest in the juvenile club and admired the skill and the ability of the future and upcoming talent. What skills he may have lacked on the playing fields, Christy certainly made up for them when it came to club fundraising, here he was a legend. The amount of effort he put into fundraising events such as Club Development, County Board Draws and our annual juvenile Progressive 25 card game, will be difficult to match. The club expresses its deepest sympathy to his family and relations.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Willie Treacy (Borris-Ileigh) 1947 - 2010

On Wednesday 3rd March 2010 Borris-Ileigh G.A.A. Club lost one of its valued and loyal members. Willie was the essential Borris clubman and supporter. He was unfailingly present at the A.G.M. of the club year upon year. Whenever the progress or success of the various teams was being discussed you were very likely to find Willie "in the thick" of the debate. No matter where Borris were hurling Willie would be there. His "body language" spoke a thousand words during the ebb and flow of the game. His home was a hurling home where Borris held pride of place. It's little wonder that his son, Martin, turned out to be such a skilful and loyal servant to Borris hurling. There is little doubt that his nephews Sean, Martin, Declan and Brendan Maher also inherited much of their love for Borris hurling from Willie.

We remember him at this time of year and mourn his passing. His loss is greatest to his family to which we extend our sympathy.

Borris will miss him at this year's A.G.M. and on the sideline for many years to come.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh sé.

Pat Ryan (Sean Treacys)

The unexpected death of Pat Ryan on January 8th last caused widespread shock, sorrow and a sense of disbelief to all in his native Hollyford and surrounding areas. Called to his eternal reward at a relative early age, his untimely demise has taken from our midst a great community worker, an outstanding neighbor, a fine all round sportsman and above all a dedicate family man.

A stylish wing forward in underage competitions, he became the club's goalkeeper in the early 1970s and player senior and junior hurling for many years. His steady hand and lightning reflexes saved Sean Treacys from many a certain defeat, while his coolness under pressure was a source of inspiration to younger and inexperienced colleagues. Following in his father's footsteps, his son Kevin has guarded the net in many championship campaigns. A life long supporter of Cuman Luthchleas Gael, Pat followed the fortunes of Tipp and Treacys with great enthusiasm and rarely missed a local game.

In recent years golf had become Pat's other sporting passion and he derived great enjoyment from his many outings with the local Golf Society. His meticulous attention to every aspect of the game and his prowess on the golf course is reflected in his trophy laded sideboard while he loved the camaraderie and banter in the clubhouse.

Snowflakes fell, as a guard of honour accompanied the funeral cortege, and Pat's coffin, draped in the blue and gold of Sean Treacys made its final journey home. There were poignant graveside scenes and many a silent tear was shed as we bade farewell to a kind and gentle soul.

Our sympathy to the bereaved.

In lothlainn Dé go raibh a anam dhlíis.

Pat Maher (Borris-Ileigh)

The passing of Pat Maher on 24th September was received in Borris with great sadness and shock. Though unwell for some time, the suddenness of Pat's death was difficult to comprehend. His family's loss is great, and indeed, the club's sympathy is once again extended to them. Pat was a great stalwart of the club both on and off the field. Through the '60s and '70s Pat was a great cornerback, tight marking, fast and tough. He captained Borris in the 1977 county final against Kilruane which Borris lost narrowly in a replay.

After his playing days Pat was a stalwart for the club behind the scenes at all levels. He was a tireless worker who never stinted with his time or effort for the betterment of Borris. His presence on the sideline was inspirational and he always took great pride in the many great performances of his sons Seamus and Philip. Whenever one met Pat his outlook and demeanor was uplifting and positive. His own happy and outgoing personality revitalized all those who came in contact with him. His values and beliefs were genuine and uncomplicated. His love for Borris and hurling is deeply etched in the memories of all in the club.



We will miss him for a long time.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

Michael Walsh (Skeheenarinky) 1936 - 2010

Mick Walsh passed to his eternal reward on April 10th. He was one of Skeheenarinky's most dedicated players during the '50s and '60s. He held the position as treasurer during that period. At that time it was men like Mick who helped to keep our club on the road. He moved to Mitchelstown in 1968. It was fitting that the club provided a guard of honour at his funeral and his coffin was draped in the club colours.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary, daughter Ailish, son in law, brothers, sister, relatives and friends.
Go ndeana Dia trocaire as a anam.



Mick Cowan (Borris-Ileigh)

On 17th May 2010 a great stalwart of our club Mick Cowan passed from among us. His long and brave battle with illness had finally ended. Although it was widely known that Mick was seriously ill for a long time, the impact of his passing had a profound effect on all who knew him. He will always be remembered in Borris for his great performances with the club during the '70s and '80s, winning county titles in '81, '83 and '86. The mighty battles with Middleton in Kilmallock in '83 are still spoken of as being among the greatest games in club hurling. Undoubtedly winning the All Ireland club final on St. Patrick's Day 1987 was memorable by any standards. Mick was central to all these great memories and his ongoing legacy is well preserved by his sons, Aidan and Kieran.

His smiling welcome to all who called to Stapletons in Borris was a hallmark of his personality. Mick had been accurately described as "the most likeable and easy company", with genuine friendship, wit and kindly humour.

His loss to his family is very deep and the club extends its sympathy once again especially at this time of year.

His memory will always hold pride of place in the annals of Borris-Ileigh.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.



Hughie Tooher (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1929-2010

The late Hughie Tooher was one of the great characters in the Kilruane MacDonaghs club. He won divisional junior hurling medals in 1954 and 1956. He was called on to the senior side and lined out at full forward when MacDonaghs defeated Toomevara in the 1959 North final. Hughie was a wily and wiry competitor who held his own in the uncompromising tussles in that era. He was recognised as a shrewd overseer of the game and acted as a selector on many MacDonaghs sides. Hughie was a mentor on the 1965 senior team which defeated Lorrha in the North final. He lived life to the full. He enjoyed his game of cards, liked to take a drink, smoked like a steam engine and liked nothing better than a wager on a horse or a hound. Although in failing health in recent years he kept firmly in touch with events both local and global by reading the *Irish Independent* and *The Guardian* from cover to cover. Last year the MacDonaghs club made a special presentation to Hughie in recognition of his loyal service and to mark the golden jubilee of the famous win against The Greyhounds in 1959. The graveside oration was given by his friend and former colleague Len Gaynor. Suaimhneas siorai da anam.



Jim O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1926-2010

Jim played junior hurling with the local Kyle team before he progressed on to the Kilruane MacDonaghs senior side. He lined out at corner back in the 1952 and 1953 north finals but MacDonaghs lost out to the powerful Borris-Ileigh team of that period. He was a crafty player with uncanny anticipation which made



him a formidable opponent for any forward. Jim was a shrewd mentor and along with Len Gaynor and Jimmy Gibson he was on the line when Kilruane MacDonaghs won the minor county final in 1971 and four U-21 divisional county titles between 1973 and 1976. Jim was a keen follower of the fortunes of both club and county. He derived great satisfaction from Tipperary's All-Ireland win against Kilkenny. He was great company and liked a quiet drink in one of the village taverns. Jim was equally at ease in the company of both young and old and was in his element when hurling was the topic of conversation. His coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and club members formed a guard of honour as his funeral entered the village. To his wife Eileen, sons Denis and Michael, daughter Mary and extended family sincere sympathy is extended. Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a anam uasal.

Seamus Nolan (Clonmore)

The death of Seamus Nolan Dromard Clonmore on July 21st after a short illness caused widespread regret and sadness in the area where he was an admired and respected member of the community. Always in good spirits, his humour and wit and his ability to converse on any topic made his company always a pleasure to be part of.

A native of Roscommon Seamus was in London at the age of fourteen where he spent almost forty five years and in latter years spent many vacations in Clonmore with family members of his wife Liz. When he retired he moved back permanently to Clonmore four years ago. He was a man of many interests but he took a passionate interest in the GAA and in particular the fortunes of his native county, Roscommon and his adopted county, Tipperary. He looked forward to the commencement of the championship and the trips he would make with his friends to Cork, Thurles, Limerick to support Tipperary. It was the time of the year for him to display at his residence the blue and gold flags and he was a disappointed man on All Ireland Final day 2009 when Tipperary's heroic efforts against Kilkenny fell narrowly short of victory. Due to his illness Seamus was unable to attend Tipperary games this year but followed their progress up to the time of his death and no doubt if he had been alive would have been a happy man on September 5th after Tipperary's eight point victory over Kilkenny who were bidding for a historic five All Irelands in a row. Incidentally on the Sunday prior to his death he watched his home county Roscommon win the Connacht senior football championship, an occasion he enjoyed after many disappointing years.

An only son who lost his only sister at the age of thirty three, Seamus diligently looked after and cared for his elderly mother and while in her early '90s she passed to her eternal reward less than five weeks before his own death.

To his wife Liz and extended family, sincere sympathy on the death of one of nature's finest gentlemen.

Bob Stakelum (Holycross/Ballycahill)

With the passing of Bob Stakelum we lost a true stalwart whose efforts on and off the field of play for decade after decade inspired several generations to join in and play their part for our club.

As a hurler his record speaks for itself. A crucial player on our county senior hurling final winning teams of 1948, '51 and '54, Bob's sterling performances during that golden era for our club earned him the recognition of the county selectors and saw him win an All Ireland senior hurling medal in 1949, the first leg of Tipperary's three in a row.

Bob was also a very accomplished footballer, who represented Tipperary at both junior and senior level in the 1950s. All the while, his acknowledged sense of fair play and his vast knowledge of the rules of hurling and football saw him gain wide respect as a referee of high standard, and he had the honour of refereeing the All Ireland senior hurling final of 1955, the Munster senior hurling final of 1956 and the Munster senior football finals of 1954 and 1955.

Off the field of play there was scarcely a role in the club that Bob didn't take on. Spells as club chairman, secretary and board representative were inevitable given his standing as a leader of club and parish, and every role he assumed was marked by the same strong, solid leadership qualities he carried throughout his life.

As the decades passed, Bob's interests in the club and his willingness to help in any way possible never waned. A wise and welcome



contributor at A.G.M. time, a valued adviser on club decisions and an accomplished quizmaster at juvenile club fundraisers, these were just some of the roles he played in later life with customary competence and in the same thorough way that he researched and wrote our club history "Gaelic Games in Holycross/Ballycahill" in 1991. To be able to conclude that history with the tale of our last county senior hurling title in 1990 was a source of real pride for him, as was his selection as President of the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board later in the '90s, a role he played most diligently right up to his final months.

Bob's legacy to our club is immense. Respected in every corner of our parish and for miles beyond, it was only fitting that our club flag should adorn his coffin on its final journey, flanked by a guard of honour that he so often led himself. To the entire Stakelum family of whom Robert, Tim and Tony all wore the club colours with distinction, we extend our support and sympathy and wish for Bob the happiness of heaven which he so thoroughly deserves.

Brendan Bannon (Holycross/Ballycahill)

With the passing of Brendan Bannon, Holycross/Ballycahill lost another proud and faithful servant whose loyalty and dedication to the cause knew no bounds. A noted hurler, his favourite position being wing back, he featured on the club's senior hurling team right through the 1960's, winning a Mid senior title in 1966. When his playing career ended, he found endless other ways to help out the club. A selector at various stages on teams from underage right up to senior, he was always ready to take on whatever role the club asked of him. He took great pride in the development of Ballycahill G.A.A. grounds and how appropriate that at the time of his passing, the club should be undertaking upgrading of the facilities Brendan and so many others helped to put in place.

In recent decades, Brendan was a valued club committee member who never missed a monthly meeting and always contributed to the matters on hand in a quiet wise way. He had the pleasure of seeing his sons, P.J., Liam and Brendan all wear the green jersey of Holycross/Ballycahill in the 80's and 90's and even in declining health his interest in the club never waned. To the entire Bannon family we offer our condolences and for Brendan we wish the peace of eternal rest.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Paddy Morrissey (Kildangan)

It marked the end of an era when the community learnt of the death of Paddy Morrissey, Milmount, Nenagh and formally, Monsea, Ballycommon on July 9th. In his 92nd year, Paddy was lifelong servant of Kildangan GAA club and served as club president right up to his death. His hurling career began in the 1930s. He won two North senior hurling championship medals against Roscrea in 1938 and 1943. He continued hurling into the 1950s. After his retirement he followed Kildangan cherishing many good moments. In 2004 he saw Kildangan collect North and county honours before adding the All-Ireland club title in Spring 2005. There were tears of joy when in 2008 Kildangan bridged a gap of sixty-five years to win a North senior hurling title against Burgess.

Players from Kildangan GAA senior and juvenile clubs, dressed in club colours, provided a Guard of Honour from Puckane Church to Kildangan GAA field before the cortege continued to Monsea Graveyard for burial.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Paddy Gleeson (Portroe)

It was with deep sadness that the news of Paddy Gleeson's passing spread through Portroe's tightly knit community. In his ninetieth year Paddy had passed away peacefully after a long and extremely active life.

Paddy along with his late wife Mary ran a very successful grocery business in Portroe for many years which contributed greatly to the life and vibrancy of the community. Paddy worked hard at his farming pursuits and was an active member of many local organisations which included, the Tidy Towns group, Senior Citizens group, The Pioneer Association and local drama



groups.

Whenever Portroe club were in hurling, football and scór competitions Paddy would always be present lending his knowledgeable opinion on our game. He always followed the blue and gold of Tipperary home and away on all occasions. He will be sadly missed by all. Our sympathy to his sons, Michael, Martin, Pádraig and his daughters Gertrude and Kathleen and his extended families.

Ar dheis Dé go raimh anam.

Bridget Gleeson (Kildangan)

Sad news arrived in our parish on Friday 13th August when we learned that Bridget Gleeson (nee Hogan) and wife of the late Pat, Johnstown, Puckane had passed away after a long illness.

Although in poor health for many years, her death came as a shock to many in the end.

Bridget was a fantastic mother, devoted wife, friend and neighbour. She enjoyed having fun and sharing jokes while socialising with friends.

She was born in Macloon Upper, Terryglass. She married Pat Gleeson and came to live in Johnstown, Puckane. While raising a family of five, she helped her husband Pat in running their farm. She was an active member with Kildangan Juvenile club where she became club secretary for a number of years.

Bridget will be sadly missed.



John Ryan (Solohead) 1952-2010

The untimely death after a very short illness of John Ryan (S) shocked the local community of Solohead and surrounding areas.

Pudden, as he was affectionately known, came from a very sporting family and at a young age had already made his name in the boxing ring where he won two national titles at juvenile level.

He was a playing member of Solohead GAA club for over twenty years, winning juvenile west football in 1967, U21 in 1968, and U17 west and county in 1969. He won west senior football titles in 1970/71, junior hurling in 1975 and west intermediate hurling in 1979 and in 1981.

His family continues to be very involved with the club, and his son Kieran is the present club secretary.

His popularity could be gauged by the huge attendance at his funeral and a guard of honour was given by Solohead GAA club.

We would like to extend sincere sympathy to his family



Davy Ryan (C) (Solohead) 1955 - 2010

It was with profound regret that the news of the death of Davy Ryan was received in Solohead and Monaghan on April 21st last.

On the playing fields, he was part of a very successful Solohead squad that won juvenile west football titles in 1967 and 1968, west and county U17 football in 1969, minor football west titles in 1970 and 1971 and played minor football for Tipperary in 1971 and 1972. He also captained Abbey CBS in a Munster final appearance.

He joined the guards in 1973 and after a short spell in Listowel he was sent on border duty to Clones and later Carrickmacross.

A member of the Carrickmacross hurling club since moving to the town Davy was involved in the hurling scene for over thirty years at club and county level. He played for the county hurlers from 1978 to 1992 in practically every position with the exception of goalkeeper and was the proud holder of four Ulster junior hurling championship medals and three National hurling league division four medals. He won a senior hurling league medal with Carrickmacross in 1986 and was assistant hurling manager in 1993 and manager in 1994. At club level he served as treasurer of both the Carrickmacross hurling and football clubs. When he hung up the playing boots and the camán Davy took up refereeing and was operating on the provincial panel as well as in Monaghan for the best part of two decades. He took charge of Ulster minor hurling leagues and U21 championship matches as well as the final of the Monaghan senior hurling championship in 2002.

There was a large and representative attendance at both the removal of his remains and Requiem Mass in Carrickmacross with the Garda



Siachana, members of the Carrickmacross and Solohead GAA clubs along with former playing colleagues and officers and members of Monaghan County Board including GAA director general, Pádraig Duffy forming a guard of honour. Davy Ryan was interred in Saint Oliver Plunkett cemetery Clones.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Martin Fogarty (Clonoulty/Rossmore) 1937 - 2010.

Clonoulty/Rossmore GAA club extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Martin Fogarty, Clonealy and Artane, Dublin who passed away on 15th July 2010 after a short illness.

Martin played hurling and football with Clonoulty/Rossmore winning a West No. 1 junior hurling title with Rossmore in 1956. He was also a member of the Clonoulty/Rossmore team that won the West junior football title in 1969. Although Martin lived most of his life in Dublin he never lost touch with his roots. He loved hurling and football and was an avid supporter of Clonoulty/Rossmore and Tipperary. He was known to travel the length and breadth of Ireland to see the Premier play in all grounds. His coffin was draped with the club colours and members past and present formed a guard of honour. His memory will live on with all those who had the privilege to know him.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



Michael Costello (Cahir)

In late 2009, Cahir G. A. A. club lost one of its former players and club officer, when Mick (as he was known) Costello passed away.

Mick was a native of Roscommon, for whom he played county football. He arrived in Cahir as a young Garda and immediately began playing with the local football team, in the company of other members of the Gardai, such as, Bill Quinn, Pat O'Brien and Jimmy O'Shea.

When he stopped playing, Mick became involved in under-age activities in the club, when his sons John, Paul and Michael began playing. He was part of the selection committee that oversaw many juvenile successes in the early 1980s.

Mick progressed to senior football, both as a selector and manager. Mick also served as a committee member and later chairman, when he oversaw many developments in the playing pitch. He also played a leading role in many novel fund-raising ventures, which generated much needed finance for the e. g. Fashion Shows, golf classics. He continued to have an interest in club affairs right up to his untimely death.

Paddy Ryan (Toomevara)

During the 1950s and 1960s Paddy Ryan played his hurling with Toomevara winning a North junior hurling medal in 1958 and he was also a member of the senior panel that won the North Tipperary senior championship in the same year. Paddy also had a great passion for Greyhounds and was a very familiar and popular figure at Greyhound Stadiums in places like Limerick and Thurles. To his wife Joan and family we extend our sympathy.



Seamus Maxwell (Toomevara)

Seamus Maxwell passed to his eternal reward after a short illness. As a hurler Seamus first came to promise as a very skilful player when Toomevara won the North Tipperary juvenile championship of 1955 and it was no coincidence then that Seamus would progress to play junior and senior with the club and he was a member of the panel when Toome defeated Thurles Sarsfield in the never to be forgotten county final of 1960. He achieved further honours when Toome won North finals in 1961 and 1962. Seamus always maintained a great love for Toomevara hurling and he remained a most loyal supporter up to the time of his death. Such was his love of hurling that when Seamus took up residence in Templemore that he lined out with the Red and White of Killea for a couple of years.

He is a great loss to his wife Francis and family to whom we extend our sympathy.



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