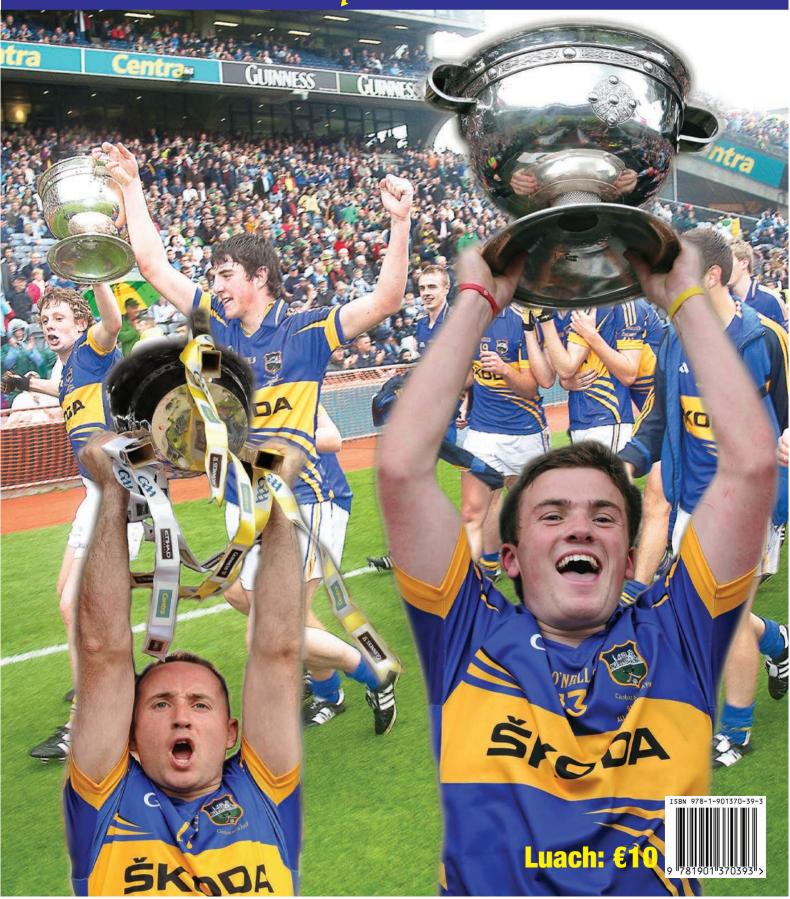
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Final reverse as Cats take 'rubber'

by John O'Grady

nother last Sunday in May. Again Tipperary were Munster quarter finalists, and again facing Cork. More than the venue had changed since the 2010 opener at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. We'd travelled south then without an All Ireland title in nine years. This time we were at home, and

owners of the MacCarthy Cup since the epic of September and the halting of Kilkenny's four year reign. With the major honour Tipp became what the Cats had long been – a target. A fair degree of tension arises from such a position – a lot to lose, balanced by the confidence of achievement.

There was a further contrast with the start of the 2010 campaign. The tag "under new management" was applicable as we sought, to begin with, a Munster title that became out of reach with the heavy loss in Cork a year before. The threesome of Sheedy, O'Shea and Ryan were replaced by Ryan, Dunne and Gleeson, having opted out on the best possible note after the heavy commitments and the ultimate triumph they had experienced during their tenure. It was, no doubt, a surprise but an understandable option. Declan and Tommy had an All Ireland minor to their credit already. Both rated among Tipperary's finest forwards and would be looked up to by their candidates for selection. A "going concern" was in their care and that of Sarsfields experienced Michael. The players would have to adjust to new faces and new voices but the motivation was surely in-built as defenders of the national title. Seeking a missing Munster one was top of the agenda.

A Modest League

The preliminary league was undistinguished.

Not much sense in pursuing it avidly, with more serious days to follow. Scope for trial of new material was a natural choice in those seven outings. We ended up in mid-table after losses to Kilkenny and Dublin at the outset, wins against Waterford, Offaly and Galway, draws with Cork (away) and finally Wexford (home) – the last result saving Colm Bonnar's side from relegation. So we could become spectators as Dublin sprung to new prominence by defeating Kilkenny in the

Four weeks on, Cork came to town. Their shock victory – at least in margin – the previous season had soon lost its brief kudos as Tipp rebounded from it to spectacular glory and Dennis Walsh's side lost out to Waterford in a replay and later, quite heavily, to Galway. So by now any dividend from their internal wrangling - and eventual change of manager - was hard to see. An echo of the lengthy dispute was still to be noted in the early exclusion of Sean Óg Ó h-Ailpin from the squad for 2011. This became another media issue as the player voiced his discontent and there were hints of sympathy from his fellow veterans. Still, the sight of blue-and-gold ought to produce Rebel unity on a ground technically "away" but traditionally congenial to them.

Cork Beaten

final.

Cork retorted well to Tipp's prompt five – two advantage. Had Brendan in goal not saved well from O'Sullivan and Horgan not

missed an obvious chance, matters might have been tighter. Our defence had early problems. Cork hit four in a row to get right back through Horgan, McCarthy and Ben O'Connor before Tipp surged dramatically clear. Patrick Maher fed Corbett – goal! Kelly fielded, turned and beat Cusack – goal! Noel McGrath



Tipperary captain Eoin Kelly gets away from Cork captain Shane O'Neill at Semple Stadium.

made it "seven up" at the break. Reversal of 2010 looked to be assured. It wasn't to be that simple, even if the bottom line of nine ahead would suggest untroubled ease. The lead remained intact for ten minutes as Callanan, O'Brien, Kelly and Corbett answered Cork's lodgments. Point by point, though, the gap began to shrink as Tipp lost shape. A huge one from Gardiner capped the revival. Shane McGrath's injury brought on Woodlock. O'Mahony arrived to shore up the defence as Padraic Maher was moved to mark McCarthy, who had hit three points. Rebel sounds escalated when parity was reached – were the All Ireland victors to suffer dreadful defeat at the very outset, and be sent again on the low road? Not so. Corbett and Kelly came up with steadying points, Benny Dunne – on for O'Brien – a cracking goal from provider-in-chief Patrick Maher. A surge of 1-5 in the last ten minutes – Callanan ended with five from play – had all worry banished and a semi final with Clare booked. We'd used Woodlock, O'Mahony, Dunne and Pa Bourke in taking control of the last quarter. "Satisfactory" would be general verdict. Cork were left to rue their failures to

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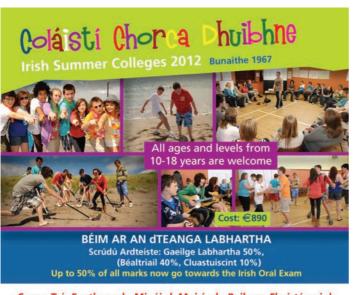




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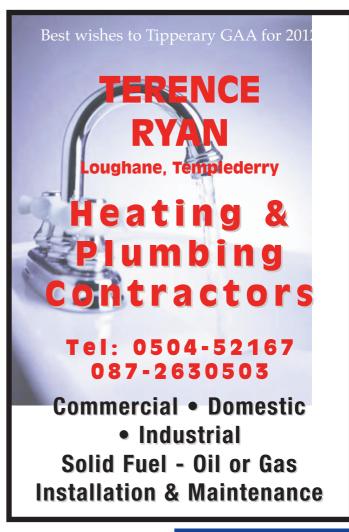
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spoil Cummins' clean sheet and apply immediate pressure.

If Cork were now well below their title winning level preceding Kilkenny's sequence, so too were Clare far from the power and drive of their great period under Ger Loughnane. An Under 21 All-Ireland was being reflected in their selection. A luckless minor final was also a lift to Banner morale but they had failed to get out of the lower League echelon. All in all, Tipp were unquestioned favourites at Limerick on June 19th. The things of interest in our line-out were the replacement of Stapleton by O'Keeffe and the starting of O'Mahony at centre back with Padraic Maher going left-half. In attack Callanan took centre and Noel McGrath right-wing.

The "underdog" does well to get in first bite. "Sparrow" O'Loughlin's youthful side had nothing to gain from passive resistance - the fight must be taken to the favourites. So, emphatically, it was to the extent of an instant six-nil on the board. Clare's pace and their movements out of half-back and midfield had Tipp on the rack. Banner cheers reached a quick crescendo as Conor McGrath skipped past O'Keeffe and had Cummins stretching in vain. The goal was a signal of their intent and three points doubled it. Was a shock being administered? Tipp's two openers were answered and matters still looked adverse on the general trend of play. Amazingly, the picture changed in a manner disheartening to the leaders. A quick fire triple salvo of goals began when goalie Brennan advanced a step or two, got tangled with full-back Dillon – and Eoin Kelly tapped in the breaking ball. Clare responded through Conlon and Honan before suffering the second serious breach. Wing-back Vaughan deflected a dropping ball into the path of Patrick Maher. He raced on and beat Brennan. Another high one, this off Cummins' puck-out, fell into the same zone at half-back. Again a Tipp forward exploited the break. This time it was Corbett who took it on for conversion. In four devastating minutes, Clare's rising hopes were dashed. Tipp now led by two but were hauled back by McGrath's frees before a three up interim lead was constructed by Patrick Maher, Callanan and Noel McGrath. From minus six to plus three was a healthy Tipp position.

Thereafter the advantage swelled to a decisive eight – we had six in a row at one stage. It was reduced to five as Clare fought on. Tipp supremacy was symbolized by a marvellous catch and hit by Padraic Maher from great distance. As patrons began to move out, in satisfied or disappointed mood according to loyalty, a Corbett drive spun off Brennan into the path of Callanan at the far post – a superfluous fourth goal to leave it a three goal gulf at 4-19 to 1-19. Seven in two outings was quite a haul. It was to be doubled at the next attempt. Reserves employed at Limerick were Stapleton (for O'Keeffe), Lillis (for Young) – both on resumption; Bourke (for O'Brien), Woodlock (for Gearoid Ryan); Coghlan (for Curran). Paul's injury looked a possible worry. In the glow of victory some felt our slow start might not bear repetition against opposition less readily overhauled. September may, in retrospect, be seen as evidence.

Munster Final Goal-Fest

The provincial championship no longer stands as an essential – we proved that in 2010. It is still, however, a valued target. Nobody knows, on Munster Final day, whether it will lead on to the ultimate or not – this year we met with a terminal "not". So on July 10th in Cork Waterford were defending the honour and we sought to be both Munster and All-Ireland holders – in a provisional way – at the same time. What happened at the Pairc was certainly memorable enough for everything - more or less as old-timers remember 1959, but in reverse direction to that long-ago Tipp disaster. All-Ireland champions mauled to the tune of eight Waterford goals at the Blackrock posts - and to nine altogether - in their first defence of the provincial and



Gearoid Ryan gets the better of Waterford's Kevin Moran in the Munster Final.

national titles with one of the most formidable back-lines ever fielded! Freakish? Hardly more so than this year's encounter.

Stapleton was back, O'Keeffe took Young's place outside. Callanan and Noel McGrath, in a familiar ploy, switched spots at half-forward. Waterford had come the shorter route via a semi final with Limerick and were certainly seen as stern defenders of their regional title. On the day in Cork, they won the toss. Success abruptly halted these. Tipp's 39th title came with maximum comfort. Equality on the points sector was utterly outshone in the goals column, Tipp's seven constituting a devastation of the Decies - 7-19 to 0-19.

The tale of the seven may be briefly told. Long ball from Padraic Maher, Lar Corbett hammers it in. Patrick Maher's pass to Eoin Kelly in front of goal - number two past hapless Hennessy. Corbett swoops out a Gearoid Ryan delivery – number three. "Bonner" Maher again lays on for the waiting Callanan, left of square – number four. Corbett makes it five against a riddled defence just before the break. Seventeen up at 5.10 to 0-8, no contest seen, no contest about to be seen. As the P.A. helpfully voiced direction to exits Eoin Kelly latched onto a Gearoid Ryan lob, turned and netted - number six. Corbett slipped a grounder across the 'keeper late on – number seven. The two Bourkes, Pa and Shane, got onto the list with routine points. Tipp stock rose. It had been an exhibition. The goals were of higher quality than against Clare in terms of cooperative build-up. Long strikes were mixed with neat passing closer to goal. Corbett's quota mirrored his All-Ireland haul. Visions of another final against Kilkenny seemed very reasonable - Tipp liable to go into it with higher status than was the case in '09 and '10. Our use of reserves in Cork - the two Bourkes; Brendan Maher in a very welcome return; Damien Gleeson on to allow a merited ovation for Cummins - these testified to the untroubled passage to the semi final. It had been a grim experience for Davy Fitzgerald's side. To their credit, it was put into better memory by defeating Galway and making a very creditable effort in their loss to Kilkenny.

Daly's Dublin were the penultimate test. Their league win over the Cats lifted them. The Leinster final soundly reversed the verdict, so judgment on them vis-a-vis Tipperary had to await the evidence of August 14th.

Dalv's Influence

Their Manager, forever to be associated with Clare's two All-



Michael Cahill gets ahead of Colin Fennelly in the All-Ireland final.

Irelands under his dominant captaincy had worked on Dublin in three different sectors - the technical, the physical and the mental. He may be regarded as having brought Banner baggage with him, certainly in the last respect. To imbue them with determination, he recycled the idea that the successful counties a Big Three – were in some ways a cartel that sought to preserve monopoly of honours, resenting any uprise from the lesser lot. It doesn't stand up as a theory - but it worked in Clare and might work in Dublin. More to be admired was his work on ball control and use of possession, and no less his work in defensive cohesion to smother the opposing attack. Confining us to a solitary goal - and that a curious one - after netting fourteen in Munster was proof of Daly's effect on the defensive side and the tenacity of his men. Loss of five players was shrugged off in their first semi final since remote 1938 - there was none in 1961 prior to their near-thing against Tipp.

Brendan Maher still was not a first choice on an unchanged line-out – the "Young Hurler of the Year" deemed short of full readiness. Strong favouritism added to our image - would Dublin really rise to this rare opportunity against the freescoring champions? They did. Ultimately we had to rely on Corbett's immediate goal, plus a single point, in a 1-19 to 0-18 outcome. Full back Kelly failed to deal with a hopping ball and Lar turned it past Maguire. So cheap a goal might be a signal of further and better, but it never happened. In a tough, dour battle our attack was never let flow, only Corbett succeeding in finding room to any real degree. Daly's ploy of an extra man round half back worked well, even if it conceded unhindered scope, for Michael Cahill in particular, to clear or to relay Cummins' short puck-outs.

Quite a Struggle

Parity at the break (1-8 to 0-11) had Dublin well in the hunt and resilient after their bad start - they actually led by three after

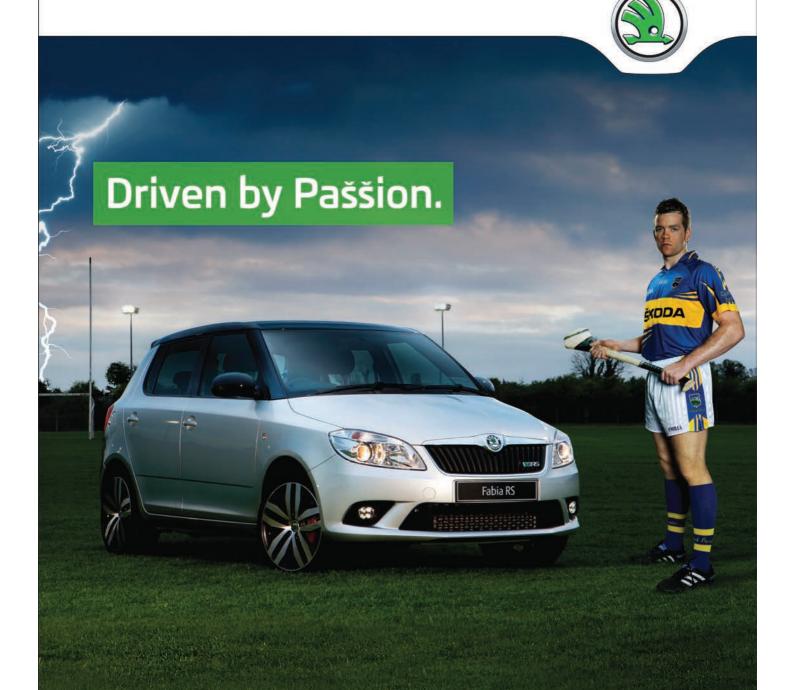
twenty minutes. Ideas of Tipp ease had vanished. Our workrate in attack was not positive enough as Dublin ruled at half back. It took flags by our midfielders, plus Corbett, to wipe out the deficit. Notable was Dublin's concentration of play away from Padraic Maher's side. Paul Ryan had hit six of their eleven points. Much-discussed Cashel man, Ryan O'Dwyer had to wait till well into the second period for his impact on the scoreboard.

In the definite emergency, half-time moves put Brendan Maher on at midfield, Gearoid Ryan going to wing forward as Callanan was withdrawn. Hopes of gaining command grew as we went three ahead through Noel McGrath and Eoin Kelly's "65s". Dublin were not folding. Maurice O'Brien and Paul Ryan wiped the lead. It was restored. Padraic Maher shot a rousing long one, Kelly had another "65" and a free, against Ryan O'Dwyer's response. Tipp were still failing to stretch the defenders, piling high ball directly on John O'Brien - Kelly was now in great form. When Shane Ryan – another of Tipp background – came in for an instant score the issue still hung dangerously at only two up. We felt relief flooding over us when Noel McGrath cut a line-ball over, and more so as Patrick Maher had his second of the day. A last Dublin gesture came from the gallant Peter Kelly before Pa Bourke gave the "insurance" – it had been an anxious experience, hugely to Dublin's credit, but a visa to a third September against Kilkenny. On the logical presumption that the Cats were a stronger force than Dublin, the final would demand a very special display.

Intense Rivalry

Ambitions were starkly opposed. Kilkenny to resume the reign that had been checked at four years. Tipp to endorse 2010 and put two together, not done since 1964-65. Saturation media coverage; county colours on car, house and street; "good luck" signs for local representatives; slogans positive for one side, good humoured derogation for the other; watchful attendances

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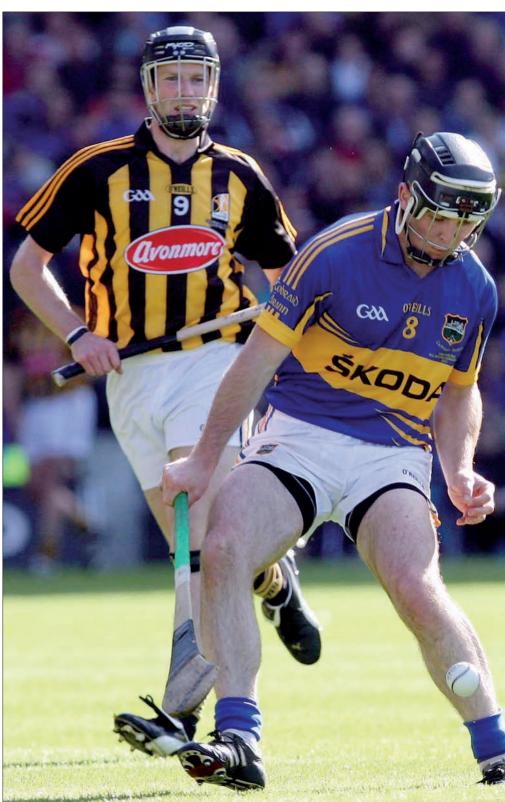
A starting spot for Brendan Maher was the ideal on our side – it would have been a psychological boost, but again the decision went in favour of a place on the bench, with odds strongly on later activity. The option was a theme of much debate. A school of apprehensive thought considered our selection physically limited on the right side of defence for a game bound to be severe in close play. Kilkenny appeared better equipped this time, defensively through the arrival of Paul Murphy as corner back and the presence of Brian Hogan at centre. Up front, Henry Shefflin had to be fitter than he'd proved to be a year earlier.

These thoughts were about to be justified,

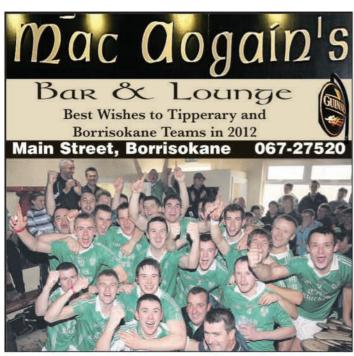
and without delay. Just what causes a side to be quick off the mark in terms of movement, possession and pressure, or leaves another on the back foot, is hard to say. In 2010 Tipp came onfield as challengers, with an ambush in mind, Kilkenny as anxious owners of the crown. It looked to be the reverse on this occasion as instant initiative was taken by the Cats. The trend of play and scoring was reminiscent of the way we fell behind Waterford in the 2008 semi final. A lot of the source on that day came from half forward beaten on the puck-outs. Kilkenny's Walsh, Hogan, Delaney line went to their play with purpose, midfield was by-passed (Shane McGrath, in any case, was less than fully fit). Kilkenny hit five in a row only a Cahill flick robbed Larkin of a major flag. Curran took a ball off the goal-line in a second escape. At last a response at the Railway end saw Noel McGrath and Eoin Kelly on target; frees won by Patrick Maher gave Tipp a start in pursuit. John O'Keeffe had to go off, Brendan Maher coming on. Brennan and Shefflin scores kept up the worrying process. Our rearguard was under stress, even Padraic Maher hampered in clearing. Came a heavy blow – a Shefflin line-ball slipped short to Richie Hogan and centred to the in-rushing Michael Fennelly. Cummins had no hope. Gearoid Ryan and a Kelly free left it at five down when it could have been worse at the break. Not good, by any means as Tipp were struggling in most sectors. Our previous title was very much in question.

Cats Hold Firm

The emergency led to Benny Dunne and Pa Bourke replacing Shane McGrath and Callanan. A considerable transformation was needed. It did not come. We sank to seven down on a string of three Kilkenny points from three different sources, a token of their spread of talent. O'Mahony and Kelly scores – "Bonner" Maher again a winner of frees - were soon trumped by Kilkenny's second goal. Brennan sped through with fine pace for a veteran, laid off to Richie Hogan and the gap was eight. Were we to be trounced to the point of embarrassment? The danger was obvious. Thankfully, it didn't happen. John O'Brien and a Noel McGrath lin-cut averted a fadeout. Came our best moment and Lar Corbett's best also of a frustrating day. He flicked deftly to Pa Bourke on the right and the low shot past Herity in goal. Tipp voices grew in volume at the prospect of continuing the rally. Would the leaders lose poise? Not so. Twice we had the margin down to a single score but Shefflin and Larkin twice tacked on the vital fourth. Cats followers were re-assured, Tipp's robbed of hope. In the last passage of play Pa Bourke couldn't get good contact on a fleeting chance of a goal from the "21" yard line. Title gone back to its previous home, and deservedly on the run of the game. On the aggregate of the three finals Kilkenny come top by a single point but two to one in terms of MacCarthy Cup annexation – not a bad CV for Tipp, by any means. Maybe the moral of the last two seasons is that its better to lose the first round than the last!



Gearoid Ryan in control against Michael Rice in the All-Ireland final.







for 2012





What went wrong?

By Seamus Leahy

here was not much to console us on the evening of the first Sunday in September as we made our way home. We just licked our wounds and thanked God for the brief flirtation with prosperity that gave us the M8 and made it possible for us to get home quickly from games that did not end to our satisfaction.

But though we had every reason to be dissatisfied, the one among us with an eye for statistics could offer a note of consolation. We still stood at the top of the table of the big boys in the matter of our performance in All-Ireland finals. Tipp, we were informed, had appeared in 35 finals and were beaten in only nine. Cork, in 48 final appearances, were beaten in 18. And Kilkenny, in 59 final were beaten in 26. This gives Tipp 74 percent of wins, Cork 63 percent and Kilkenny a mere 56.

Put it like that and you could cod yourself that Tipp are still the top dogs.

But percentages rarely tell the whole story and we are reminded of Mark Twain's "Lies, damned lies and statistics." Accepting percentage wins in All-Ireland hurling finals, Kerry tops the list with a resounding 100 percent victories. Or should I say victory – their one and only win was in 1891 which was also their one and only appearance. And Laois, with a fifty percent success rate to show for their two All-Ireland appearances, are not far behind the big boys.

So much for percentages.

Still, the Famine years notwithstanding - when we didn't get within an ass's roar of Croke Park anyway - our record in Croke Park appearances is by any standard, respectable. And this perhaps partly explains the feeling of shellshock which overtook so many of us on the afternoon of September 4 this year.

For many of us the feeling that things weren't quite to our satisfaction began shortly after the emergence of the Tipp team

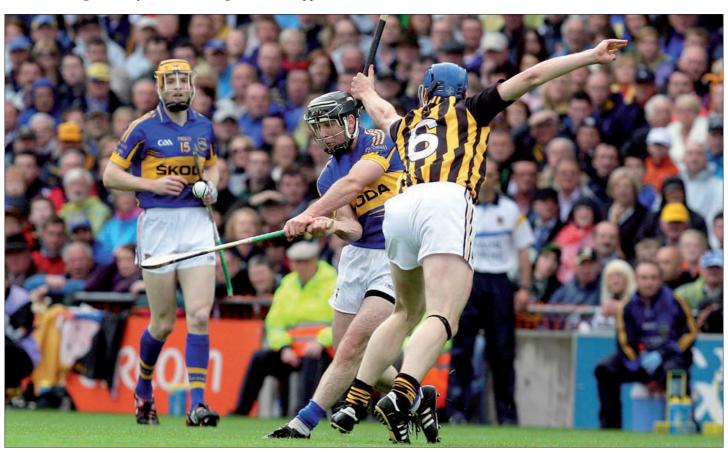
from the tunnel. In recent years Croke Park officialdom seems to think that the spectators need to be prodded by an orchestrated amplified hullabaloo into giving the teams a huge ovation when they make their appearance on the field. And maybe some of the spectators think likewise, seeing that so many of them nowadays appear not to be there all that often. There are all too many who, having attended every possible game since the month of May, cannot get or cannot afford a ticket on the big day. For the regular attender, the appearance of the team onto the field on the day of the All-Ireland or indeed on the day of any championship game does not need any artificially inspired enthusiasm. Tipp followers normally react as they have reacted for nearly a century and a quarter. They were doing it when the microphone was only a twinkle in the eye of the inventor.

And so they reacted this year when Eoin Kelly led his men onto the field and, recognising that God was in His heaven, all was right on earth and Tipp were in Croke Park on the first Sunday in September, we settled down to enjoy an outcome which, in our heart of hearts we must admit, we fully expected to be entirely to our satisfaction.

Those are precious moments when one's team is on the field before an All-Ireland. No artificial stimulus is needed by the real followers and, above all, the real followers do not need the deafening noise of a type of music which is entirely foreign to the ear of the vast majority of those present. Neither do they need the performance of the bould Hector. The game is the entertainment they come for and, while there is of necessity a degree of ritual appropriate to the occasion, they don't ask that their eardrums be blown out of them only to be told afterwards that what is described by the providers as 'entertainment' has added to the cost of their ticket.

The ticket would be expensive enough without the "entertainment".

And, truth to tell, there are those who actually go to hurling games to get away from the type of "entertainment" that is thrown at them between games on All-Ireland Day. God be with



Gearoid Ryan shoots for goal in the All-Ireland final as Brian Hogan attempts the block and Lar Corbett watches on.





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Brendan Maher under pressure in the All-Ireland final from Colin Fennelly.

the days when a hurling game was in part a social occasion, an opportunity to meet and chat with friends whom you could hear talking without having to seek a spot out of reach of a cacophony that is foreign to everything the GAA has traditionally represented.

The old order changeth and, while some of the changes are hugely praiseworthy, not all of them are for the best.

But back to the Final of 2011....

The team was not long on the field when the alarm bells began to ring for those who make a study of the body-language of players before the game. Afterwards there was comment about the lads first wiping the seat free of raindrops before sitting for the team-photograph. Nothing wrong with that, says a man - or woman - who doesn't fancy a wet backside before the match begins at all.

But all the way to the game and - in the couple of weeks before it – we had, despite ourselves, been basking in the certainty of Eoin Kelly lifting the Cup and Festy shaking the uprights with the 'Galtee Mountain Boy'. A grand, grand picture it was until, as we watched the Kilkenny players in their warmup looking as if they were plugged into a direct connection to Ardnacrusha and at the other end of the field our lads engaging in what seemed a leisurely puck-around, a horrible thought struck us. It was that the media hype of the previous few weeks that had made us firm favourites with the bookies had sent most of us to the game in the firm expectation that we would unquestionably be bringing the Liam MacCarthy Cup home with us. And if the hype had got to such seasoned old followers as us, what hope was there of it not getting to the team

There was no great reason why we should have allowed the hype to get to us. Both teams on the field that day might well qualify among the greats of the hurling game. And they were evenly matched. Maybe we should have been more keenly aware that what was going to make the difference on the day would be the mental attitude of the teams or the hop of the ball and the nod from Lady Luck. And this last is a factor over which nobody ever has total control.

So often it happens in evenly matched games that Lady Luck can be the deciding factor. It was her turning her back on us in the last ten minutes of the 2009 Final that cost us the MacCarthy Cup that year, though there are many - and not all from Tipp -

who would aver it was rather an unhappy refereeing decision. Whatever it was, we left Croke Park with our heads high, satisfied that we had seen a performance of which every man, woman and child of the Premier County could feel proud.

But leaving Croke Park this year there was hardly a genuine Tipp supporter who did not feel that there was something that was indefinably wrong with the proceedings from start to finish. As we walked away from the field of shattered dreams and began the long journey home there were those who opined that the pre-match media hype had got to the lads - and did it get to the management too? - and seventy minutes wasn't enough to undo the damage.

This may be more than a little unfair. But playing far below their potential, they had come within a whisker - or rather within four points - of beating one of the best teams ever to grace the sod of Croke Park.

And if the hype had got to anyone, it had also got to us, the supporters. At the end of the seventy minutes we were suffering from a degree of shock that is only experienced by those whose fingers have touched the Liam MacCarthy Cup only to have it snatched from their grasp. As we made our way home we were suffering from a pain that we would not wish on anyone – well not on anyone in a blue and gold jersey - on the first Sunday evening in September.

Maybe we will have found the explanation by the time we visit Croke Park again.

In the meantime we will savour memories of the great moments the team of 2011 gave us - and there were ever so many. In times to come we will remember and will savour again the memory of the golden moments given to us by this group of young fellows wearing the Blue and Gold - the Blue of loyalty and the Gold of shining courage.

While the rest of us were looking into last winter's fires, living again the golden moments of the campaign of 2010, these fellows were enduring all the discomforts of travel and of training in cold and wet in order to provide us with more golden moments in the year that lay ahead.

And so they are doing on these winter evenings. Here's to each and every one of them! Long may we appreciate the excitement they have brought to our lives and long may they continue to wear the Blue and Gold!

And here's to 2012!

Well, are you over it yet?

by Damian Lawlor

osing an All-Ireland final is never easy to take; in the aftermath you don't have much energy or interest in much and life is so bloody glum as a sense of what might have

I remember the 1997 final, looking on from Hill 16 as Ger Loughane shook the hand off Len Gaynor after leading Clare to an agonising one-point win over Tipp - I say agonising from a Tipp perspective, of course. Being from Kilruane I felt especially sorry for Gaynor and that was one defeat took ages to come to terms with. Especially with the rivalry being as strong as it was.

The 2009 setback was equally sickening, not least because Tipp looked to be the better team for long periods of that game but as is accepted by now Diarmuid Kirwan's controversial penalty decision set the Tipp quest back to a huge degree. When the pendulum swung in Kilkenny's direction Brian Cody's men were sufficiently hungry and experienced to seize the day.

Losing in 2011 is different, however. We just didn't deserve to win.

Right from the warm up, to the throw-in, to the half time break and the full time whistle, Kilkenny were on top and had enough distance placed between themselves and us (by the time we finally got going) to hang on for the title.

The 2010 winners' banquet at the Burlington Hotel was a sight to behold. Slievenamon banged out as the players walked in, the look on Brendan Cummins face nine years after he'd won his first medal, thousands of Tipp fans in the lobby trying to access the ballroom to meet the squad. What a beautiful glow around the place. This year, however, the Burlo was empty... dead as a doornail... and for once it was nothing to do with NAMA or this relentless recession.

Our team just didn't click, never showed up and neither did the supporters after the game. Home with them after a game best forgotten about.

So when it comes to analysis of the final just passed there's little to be said from a Tipperary point of view. The better team looked hungrier from the off, their intensity wasn't matched, our most dangerous forward Larry Corbett was kept out of the game and away from the ball while our best defender Padraig Maher was targeted by two or three opponents each time he touched the ball. Kilkenny had their homework done, the match-ups were spot on, their tempo was high-octane and they blew us away in the opening half. When we caught up with them the gap was still too big to close.

So where to now?

Well, firstly, Declan Ryan and Tommy Dunne have to be given space to contemplate the season just gone. Tipp won a Munster championship and that's never a bad thing. They would have left no stone unturned in the lead up to the final and they alone must analyse what went wrong on the day. Taking the job in the first place was a brave move after Liam Sheedy's crew bowed out on top of their game, but 2012 is a different sheet of canvass and both Ryan and Dunne will know that there is much to be done.

Hopefully, John O'Neill will get a chance to play a more influential role next season. Shane Bourke was disappointed to be left off the squad before the All-Ireland but he too must prove he is worthy of greater opportunities. Seamus Hennessy was a huge loss but is determined to come back from injury. Maybe David Butler, Johnny Ryan and Adrian Ryan can now get a lookin as well? James Woodlock has a fine club campaign and another year free of injury behind him – can he return to the force he was? The leadership Seamus Callanan displayed with Drom and Inch was great to see. Fully in-form, he is badly needed on this Tipp team because he is capable of the highest standards. Shane Maher looks to be back in the fold - I'd call back Conor O'Brien too.

We possibly need to get more from the intermediate panel and



Seamus Callinan gets away from JJ Delaney in the All-Ireland final.

tightly define it as a bridge between U21 and senior. As far as I can see Tom Stapleton was the only graduate from the intermediate set-up in 2011. Limerick are using it as an U23 setup and we must do the same.

Tactics wise, the long, direct ball didn't work against Dublin and it most certainly didn't work against Kilkenny. Yes, it created havoc for Waterford in the Munster final but that was against a shocking full back line display. The Tipp players seemed to revel in off the ball running, exploitation of space and short, crisp passing. Why change it? Many of the scores we notched on All-Ireland final day came as a result of thoughtful, lateral passing. It would seem to be a lot more effective than the long ball we employed towards the end of this season.

It's inevitable that our intensity levels would come under scrutiny in the wake of the Kilkenny game but some people dismissed that as saying that 'they were just hungrier than us'. How can a team that has several players with seven All-Ireland medals be hungrier than a team where most of the personnel have just the one?

The players themselves know that great things can come from hooking, blocking and our forwards tracking the opposition fullback line like ravenous wolves. It's not possible to maintain a manic tempo for 70 minutes, but you can set the tone by doing it early on. Kilkenny did that to us - Colin Fennelly even went into block one ball with his head!

You can be sure that our players who train three times a week and our backroom team who have devoted their lives to Tipperary hurling will already have scrutinised every little aspect of what went wrong. That's the starting point. But we must be positive too. Next year, we can make it 4 out of 5 in Munster, the Tipp forwards are still the best around and 2012 will come with an edge because we have a point to prove.

I would make Padraig or Brendan Maher captain in 2012 and I'd keep opponents guessing by varying the game-plan depending on what the opposition is. Some teams have weak full back lines, others are exceptionally strong up the middle and slow down the flanks. There have been changes in our backroom but Dublin showed us how much more physical hurling is going to become in the next couple of years and now we must consider this development and be ready for it ... ready to make the next step because this game is changing all the time. New trainer Ross Dunphy will be well up for this challenge as was Cian O'Neill before him.

There's much to look forward to, though. With a good start to the new year, a clear plan of action, three or four new players and a bit of luck this Tipp team can make it four All-Ireland

For me, it all starts with the national league opener and a chance to lay down a marker against Kilkenny. Win that game and don't look back from there.



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Patchy League Campaign

By J.J. Kennedy

t was a patchy league campaign from Tipperary in 2011. We began the year still intoxicated by the All Ireland win and it took the team some time to readjust to the new season. Opening defeats to Kilkenny and Dublin offered an immediate reality check. Eventually the side built some momentum though ultimately it wasn't enough: three wins, two losses and two draws gave us eight points which proved insufficient for a place in the final. We had highs and lows along the way – the win over Galway undeniably the individual highlight – but overall the campaign was more patchwork than patent.

2011 was also a changeover year for Tipperary. Liam Sheedy and colleagues had done the business and handed the baton over in good order to Declan Ryan, Tommy Dunne and Michael Gleeson. The new cabinet inherited a winning formula but change is rarely seamless. The league was the first test for the new triumvirate and in a sense our fate there mirrored our championship journey. We began and ended the season with defeats to Kilkenny.

So my brief then is to record for posterity our league series. It's a seven-act drama that began with defeat to Kilkenny and ended tamely with a draw to Wexford.

Crystal Crash

The All Ireland champions holidayed in Jamaica where they met Usain Bolt. On return there was little time to acclimatise as they faced an immediate test against the students of WIT in a preliminary round of the Waterford Crystal tournament, which was played at Clonmel Sportsfield on 16 January. It was a season opener where an experimental Tipperary side showed plenty of winter cobwebs and crashed out to the students by a single point.

For record purposes it's interesting to record the line out that day at Clonmel: Darren Gleeson; Conor O'Brien, John Coghlan, Eddie Connolly; David Young, Conor O'Mahony, Hugh

Maloney; Sean Carey and Michael Gleeson; Jody Brennan, Paddy Fanning, Darragh Hickey; John O'Neill, Dara Egan, Pa Bourke. Subs used: Stephen Lillis for Darragh Hickey, James Woodlock for Michael Gleeson, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Dara Egan, Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rvs.) for Jody Brennan and Gearoid Ryan for Paddy Fanning.

Significantly seven of that starting fifteen would depart the panel before championship time. The story of the game is easily told. Tipperary began brightly hitting 1-4 without reply, John O'Neill volleying home the goal off a Paddy Fanning run. However, the game turned on its head in the second quarter as the students stormed back into the contest. Our own Timmy Hammersley was central to the Waterford rally taking points from play and frees as well as being central to a pair of goals, netting one himself and acting provider for the other. We went from seven-up to four-down by half time when the board read 2-10 to

Twice the students went six-up in

the second half but each time we clawed our way back into the contest to ensure a tight finish. In the end it was Waterford's Stephen Power who hit the winner from a long-range free, Pa Bourke being wide with a similar effort, which would have sent the game to extra time. It ended 2-17 to 1-19 for the students.

A few items were noteworthy from the clash. James Woodlock made a return to action after his long lay-off since breaking his leg in the '09 county final against Sarsfields. Pa Bourke was our top scorer on eleven points but Timmy Hammersley led the way for the students hitting 1-10, 1-3 from play. For his opposite number, Conor O'Brien, it was a problematic start to the new season – there would be consequences. Other Tipperary personnel on the WIT side were Willie O'Dwyer (Carrick Davins), Michael Sheedy (Portroe), Ray McLoughney and Brian O'Meara (Kilruane).

Kilkenny under Lights

Following our exit from the Waterford Crystal there was a four week valley for Tipperary as they prepared for a league opener against Kilkenny under lights at Semple Stadium on Saturday 12 February. Challenge games against Clarinbridge and Wexford were of little value so the new management didn't have a lot to go on when they announced the following fifteen to face Kilkenny in the league opener: Darren Gleeson; Paddy Stapleton, Padraic Maher, Conor O'Brien; David Young, Conor O'Mahony, Hugh Maloney; Brendan Maher and Shane McGrath; Gearoid Ryan, Pa Bourke, Noel McGrath; John O'Neill, Patrick Maher, Timmy Hammersley.

In difficult conditions Tipperary enjoyed a bright opening but then faded. Twenty minutes into the action the home team led by 1-6 to 0-4, Pa Bourke setting up Gearoid Ryan for the goal. Pa Bourke was having the proverbial 'stormer' at this stage but before half time Kilkenny had found their rhythm and at the



Allianz Hurling League Tipperary v Waterford in March 2011.

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interval the visitors led by 0-13 to 1-7.

During the interval Tipperary made three substitutions: Seamus Hennessy for Shane McGrath, Brian O'Meara for Timmy Hammersley and Michael Cahill for Conor O'Mahony. Within twenty seconds of the restart Colin Fennelly buried a Kilkenny goal and thereafter the game, much touted in advance, fizzled out to a damp squib. James Woodlock replaced Conor O'Brien and Benny Dunne came in for the injured Brendan Maher. It ended 1-17 to 1-10 for Kilkenny, a result that in hindsight set the tone for the year.

Dublin at Croker

The following Saturday 19 February Tipperary were under lights once again, this time in Croke Park as part of a double header – the Dubs faced Cork in the football. Quite an altered formation was sent into action this time as the reigning All Ireland champions tried to avoid a second defeat on the trot. Darren Gleeson was again in goal but this time fronted by Paddy Stapleton, Paul Curran and Michael Cahill. Padraic Maher was moved to centre back between Brendan Maher and David Young. Shane McGrath was this time partnered at midfield by Michael Gleeson. The half forward line began with Pa Bourke in the centre between Gearoid Ryan and Patrick Maher. The inside line had Paddy Fanning at full with Sean Carey and John O'Neill in the corners.

A heavy fog drifted in off the Irish Sea as the game got underway but there was sufficient visibility to see that Tipperary had a battle on their hands. We got stung by a Declan O'Dwyer goal early on and even though John O'Neill hit back with a fine finish to the Dublin net we still trailed by one at the interval, 1-10 to 1-9.

It got no better in the second half as Tipperary struggled against a sprightly Dublin formation. With Conal Keaney in exceptional form for the metropolitans they went four-up early in the second half. Tipperary did rally and eventually drew level with substitute Eoin Kelly hitting the equaliser. However, Tipperary failed to sustain the momentum and in a tight finish it was Keaney who capped a match-winning display with the final point from a free. It ended 1-16 to 1-15 for the Dubs, Conal Keaney hitting fourteen of those points, 0-10 from frees. The free count against Tipperary was a major annoyance among the travelling fans. By league's end the failure to take even one point from Croke Park would prove very costly.

So a second defeat for Tipperary meant that the new management had yet to win a competitive game, the All Ireland champions clearly struggling to shake off the hang-over from the previous September.

A Win at Last

Round three of the league a fortnight later on March 5 was another floodlit affair at the Stadium for the visit of Waterford. The Deise were quite depleted for the job against a Tipperary side getting back closer to All Ireland strength as the need for league points was becoming urgent. Brendan Cummins returned to goal. There was just one change in defence where John O'Keeffe started at number seven with Brendan Maher moving to midfield in place of Michael Gleeson. Noel McGrath was back in attack at centre between Gearoid Ryan and Patrick Maher. Paul Kelly got a starting place at corner forward beside Brian O'Meara and Pa Bourke. Interestingly the week before this game the management had pruned the panel with Timmy Hammersley, Paddy Fanning, Hugh Maloney and Conor O'Brien all getting the chop. O'Brien's demotion would remain a debated issue throughout the season.

The game itself was an eventful affair. Tipperary urgently needed a win and that was reflected in their first half play. Paul Kelly flicked in a goal and the home side went to the break leading by five, 1-12 to 0-10. Already Noel McGrath was having a major impact on proceedings.

Early in the second half Waterford were reduced to thirteen as



David Young bursts out of the Tipperary defence against Kilkenny in the Allianz NHL at Semple Stadium in February

first Shane O'Sullivan saw red for a foul on Gearoid Ryan and then goalie, Clinton Hennessy, followed him after a reckless tackle on Patrick Maher. In the circumstances you'd expect Tipperary to cruise to a comfortable win but they didn't. In fact Waterford matched Tipperary for the remainder of the action. It ended 1-20 to 0-18, a welcome win for the home side even if that second half display was lacking in quality. We could be grateful for an exceptional input from Noel McGrath who chipped in with seven points from play.

Easy Against Offaly

Round four of the series took us to Nenagh the following week, 13 March, for a game against bottom of the table Offaly. The team was re-jigged somewhat from the Waterford match. Eddie Connolly played corner back with Paddy Stapleton moving to wing back where David Young went centre in place of the absent Padraic Maher. Midfield featured Brendan Maher and Gearoid Ryan in the absence of Shane McGrath. Benny Dunne got a start at wing forward in Gearoid Ryan's place while Eoin Kelly began full to the exclusion of Brian O'Meara.

Team captain Eoin Kelly unfortunately had to leave early with a finger injury, Shane Bourke taking his place. Kelly's departure failed to disrupt Tipperary, however. A Gearóid Ryan goal helped the team to a four point interval lead, 1-9 to 0-8. At the interval John Coghlan replaced the concussed Eddie Connolly while James Woodlock came in for David Young and Lar Corbett made his first appearance of the season replacing Paul Kelly. Later in the game Sean Carey came on for Noel McGrath.

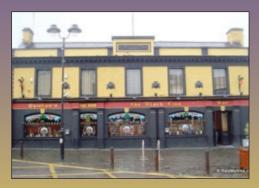
In the end Tipperary were comfortable winners, 1-20 to 0-10, with a useful spread of scorers. Brendan Maher was probably the best of the lot while Pa Bourke was once again top scorer on seven points, four from play. In fact Benny Dunne and Brendan Maher also chipped in with four apiece from play while Shane Bourke took his opportunity with three points – we'd hear more about the Brackens' man before the league was over. Overall it was a stress-free win against a struggling Offaly side.

A Draw at Cork

There was a fortnight break before our next outing, a tricky assignment away to Cork on 27 March. By now Brendan Maher was out injured following a mishap which would cast a shadow over the remainder of the season. The management opted for a strong line-out for this game, which was a dress-rehearsal for the

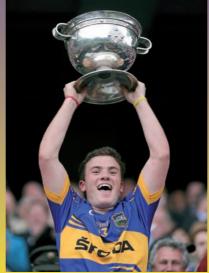
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championship meeting later in the year. Padraic Maher was back at number six between David Young and John O'Keeffe with Cummins fronted by Cahill, Curran and Stapleton. Shane McGrath was back at midfield partnering Gearoid Ryan. Shane Bourke held his place at corner forward beside Pa Bourke and Lar Corbett; Benny Dunne, Noel McGrath and Patrick Maher patrolled on the 'forty'.

In front of 7,782 followers Tipperary led by one at the end of a drab opening half, 0-7 to 0-6. By now we'd lost Paddy Stapleton with suspected rib damage, his place being taken by Eddie Connolly. Early in the second half Cork struck for a crucial goal, Luke O'Farrell the finisher after Cummins had saved well from Michael Cussen. Cork went four-up but then Benny Dunne slipped through for a precious goal to throw the game wide open once again. Thereafter it was score-for-score with a John Gardner free proving the equaliser in the end.

A draw was probably a fair result though Cork bemoaned a late Ben O'Connor free which came back off the post. Tipperary finished with fourteen players after John O'Brien, a replacement for Patrick Maher, got a second yellow following a clash with Eoin Cadogan. Other substitutes on the day were: Brian O'Meara for Shane Bourke, Michael Gleeson for Shane McGrath and John Coghlan for David Young.

Galway Crushed

Round six of the league series was unquestionably the highlight of the campaign for Tipperary. On April 3 the team travelled to Salthill to face the Tribesmen in what was expected to be a very difficult assignment. Yet, while turning on the style, with Shane Bourke the individual hero, Tipperary carved out an amazing 4-23 to 1-14 victory. It was a truly stunning eighteen point rout of John McIntyre's forces.

The management made minimal adjustment to the team for this trip into the West. Darren Gleeson was given another day in goal while John Coghlan was handed his first start of the series at corner back beside Curran and Cahill. David Young, Padraic Maher and John O'Keeffe stood on the 'forty' while once again Shane McGrath and Gearoid Ryan were handed midfield duties. Benny Dunne, Patrick Maher and Pa Bourke comprised the half forward line with Lar Corbett, John O'Brien and Shane Bourke on the inside line.

Only two separated the teams at half time, Tipp leading 1-10 to 1-8, John O'Brien the goal scorer. It had been a lively half but there was little hint of the turn of events that would transpire on the change-over.

Three minutes after the restart Shane Bourke had the first of his hat-trick of goals, a score that signalled real trouble for the Tribesmen. In an opening blitz to this period Tipp hit 1-3 without reply to signpost the one-sided outcome that was in store for table toppers, Galway. Shane Bourke went on to be undisputed man-of-the-match, scoring 3-4 in total but it wasn't just a one-man demolition of Galway. Tipperary dominated throughout in that second half and by the end Galway were left utterly bemused by the extent of the defeat. Tipperary had ten different scorers including all six starting forwards. It was truly a dazzling display by the All Ireland champions and in retrospect hinted at the type of frailty which ultimately saw Galway limp tamely from the championship in the summer.

For the record Tipperary introduced five subs: Brian O'Meara for John O'Brien, Sean Carey for Benny Dunne, Michael Gleeson for Gearoid Ryan, James Woodlock for John O'Keeffe and John O'Neill for Lar Corbett.

No Encore

That win in Galway kept Tipperary's hopes of qualifying for the league final alive as the team prepared for the final round of the series with a visit to the Stadium by Colm Bonnar and his Wexford side on 17 April. A Tipperary win plus favourable results elsewhere would see the Premier side through to a final showdown with Kilkenny, an outcome that seemed most unlikely after the team lost its opening two games in the campaign.

For the Wexford visit the management shuffled the pack once more. Brendan Cummins was back in goal. Paul Curran was a flu victim and his full back spot went to Padraic Maher with Eddie Connolly and Paddy Stapleton in the corners. Conor O'Mahony was back at number six sandwiched between David Young and John Coghlan. James Woodlock partnered Shane McGrath at midfield. Sean Carey won a starting place at wing forward beside Noel McGrath and Benny Dunne. Michael Heffernan got his first start of the series at corner forward beside Pa Bourke and John O'Brien.

With Wexford battling to avoid relegation Tipperary were expected to collect the points here and it all seemed to be going to plan in the first half. The home team raced into an early lead, 0-4 to nil, and by half time were still in control at 0-11 to 0-6. However, a lack of forward penetration began to tell and Wexford showed typical battling qualities to stay in the contest right to the end. Then with time almost up and Tipp leading by two the unthinkable happened: a Wexford goal by Willie Doran put his side a point up and even though a late leveller from a Pa Bourke '65' ensured a share of the spoils Wexford had done enough to stay ahead of Offaly in the relegation battle.

For Tipperary the result proved irrelevant because Dublin beat Cork in their final round to ensure their place in the league final, a final they eventually won. It was though a disappointing day for Declan Ryan's team coming so soon after the 'high' of the Galway win. Perhaps those final two games summed up our patchy league form overall. A bit like the curate's egg it was good in spots but that spottiness ultimately hinted at a vulnerability that was finally exposed in September.

To complete the record we introduced the following subs against Wexford: Gearóid Ryan for Shane McGrath, Paddy Murphy for Sean Carey, John O'Keeffe for Eddie Connolly and John O'Neill for Michael Heffernan.



Gearóid Ryan bursts through against Cork in the Allianz NHL in March.



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The Great Innovators

by Denis Walsh (The Sunday Times)

(This article first appeared in this year's All-Ireland final programme and is re-produced here by kind permission of the author and Croke Park.)

Remember how impressed we were with mobile phones in the beginning when nobody had even dreamed of the iPhone? That is the journey hurling has made in the last decade. Pull out a video of the 2000 All-Ireland final between and you will see Offaly playing some ground hurling as a matter of choice. Now? If there are a handful of ground strokes played in Croke Park today the chances are they will be made under duress as an option of last resort. At the elite level ground hurling died because hurling became a possession game. All of the other changes in the radiated from that core elemental shift.

Driven first by Kilkenny and Cork and then by Tipperary hurling in the last decade was all about the manipulation of space and a departure from orthodoxy. Hurling's randomness had always been a fundamental part of its appeal but now all the top teams work consciously to reduce its influence. Hurling now is about control and possession: getting the ball in your hand as quickly as possible. In terms of strategy, hurling's metabolism was never more active than it has been in the last five years. The hurling field now has all the properties of a chessboard. The days when you only had to worry about forward linear motion are gone; now it's all about diagonals and the space in behind the pawns.

Remember how conventional it used to be. In his last match in charge of Clare in 2000, Ger Loughnane played a teenage Gerry Quinn as a third midfielder and at the time a third midfielder was the accepted limit of tactical innovation, a full 14 years after Cyril Farrell and Galway had unleashed it on Kilkenny in an All-Ireland semi-final. There had been other changes in hurling from the mid-80s to the end of the century but not in strategic outlook. In the last few years, though, that intellectual reticence was blown away.

Take Tipperary. When they won the 2001 All-Ireland final against Galway the only slightly unusual element of their tactical approach was a pre-planned puck-out to Eoin Kelly at corner forward; Kelly drifted a little out the field and Brendan Cummins had the power and accuracy to launch the ball over the half forward line and into Kelly's orbit. Compare that to the sophistication of Tipperary's set-up in the last two All-Ireland finals: the movement and interaction of their attack was unlike anything we'd seen before in Croke Park. It had a freeform look but that choreography was months in the making.

Earlier in the decade Cork had made a similar jump in a much shorter time. For the 1999 All-Ireland final they had one puck-out in their play-book: centre forward Fergal McCormack switched with Neil Ronan, taking the opposition number six out of the middle and Dónal Óg Cusack aimed the ball at McCormack's gloved paw. By the time Cork won the All-Ireland again five years later Cork had any number of unconventional puck-outs in their playbook, predicated on the desire for control and the belief that primary possession shouldn't be left to chance.

There were elements of resistance to Cork's strategy, just as there was to Wexford in the 1950s when they largely eschewed overhead hurling in favour of catching the ball. Ultimately, however, what Cork did had a smaller global impact than Kilkenny's reaction. To stop Cork claiming three-in-a-row in the 2006 All-Ireland final Kilkenny re-drew the positional grid, expanding the role of centre fielders and comprehensively redefining the role of wing-forwards.

In Gaelic football terms, they began defending the 'D' and licensing players like Henry Shefflin and Eoin Larkin to roam, tackle and cover back as Paul Galvin and Brian Dooher routinely did in their code. Shefflin is one of the greatest players of all



Tipperary captain Eoin Kelly clashing with Kilkenny's Jackie Tyrrell in the All Ireland final.

time and Larkin is one of the best forwards of this era but they were asked to work like domestiques.

Over the next couple of years Kilkenny refined that system to the extent that all of their serious rivals were forced either to imitate their design or go for something completely different - as Tipperary did. Kilkenny now have a formulated tactical shape for defending puck-outs that would have been inconceivable at the beginning of this decade. Ten years ago, nobody worried about defending puck-outs beyond individual battles under the dropping ball; now puck-outs are a matter of strategic planning and collective responsibility. Nobody tried to imitate Cork's possession game but Kilkenny's blueprint for countering Cork turned into an evolutionary step in the game's development.

Kilkenny were kings of the possession game. They had the aerial power to consistently dominate teams under the dropping ball and they had the aggression to dominate teams in 50/50 contests on the ground. Tipperary's tactical response was predicated on the assumption that they might only have 40% of the ball against Kilkenny. Efficient use of possession became a priority and so did scoring goals. They didn't just aim to score goals they planned to score goals. In the 2010 All-Ireland final Kilkenny's defensive system was shattered by Tipp's premeditated forward play and manipulation of space.

In the 2004 All-Ireland final the Kilkenny full back line was isolated in one-on-one battles and exposed. When the teams met again in the final two years later Kilkenny had developed a defensive system where space was compressed, centre fielders and half forwards tracked back and everybody had support. Not until the All-Ireland final last September was their full back line exposed again. Tipp found a way to target and isolate Kilkenny defenders and bombard the Kilkenny goal. The imagination and precision of their forward play was stunning and, on that afternoon, hurling moved on again.

Today? There will be a Kilkenny response. They will come up with something. It is the way hurling has gone. If you're not thinking about doing something different you're dead in the water.

Tipperary Junior Football team 2011



Back (l-r): Mark O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer, Matthew Norris, John O'Callaghan, Jack English, Eddie Kendrick, David Butler,
Donal Lynch, Donagh Heffernan, James Egan, Graham Quinn, Aaron Wall, Adrian Walsh
Front (l-r) Darragh Kearney, Thomas Hanly, Gavin Ryan, Michael O'Sullivan, Alan Moloney, Billy Hewitt, Diarmuid
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Matt Hassett, Toomevara

by Donal Shanahan

oomevara G.A.A. club has a very proud and long hurling history and it is remarkable that in the great era from 1910 to 1930 when the Toomevara Greyhounds were synonymous with Tipperary hurling that nobody from the parish captained the county to victory in an All Ireland final. Not until 1961 would the gap be filled. Fittingly, it would be a cousin of Wedger Meagher, Matt Hassett, who would bring the MacCarthy Cup to Toomevara for the first time.

The year 1960 was to be a great year for Toome and Matt. Kilruane were swept aside in the North final. The county final drew over 10,000 to Templemore, where Toome ended Sarsfields'

hopes of six in a row, on a 3-15 to 2-08 scoreline. A thirty-year wait was over for Toome. The success at senior level was creating enormous excitement around the parish and hurling was again the number one item of conversation.

In 1960 Matt Hassett, was picked on the Tipperary senior team and with victories over Limerick and Waterford, met Cork in the Munster final. It was an exciting game, with Tipp winning by two points, 4-13 to 4-11. Wexford were the opponents in the All Ireland final. Tipperary struggled to get going, and lost 2-15 to 0-11. There was some consolation for Matt later, as he won an Oireachtas medal with Tipp in the defeat of Cork.

However the best was yet to come. 1961 was to be a very special year for Matt, as he was honoured with the captaincy of his county. The first title arrived on May 7 at Croke Park, with the defeat of Waterford in the National League final. Preparing for the championship Cork were defeated in a tournament at Buttevant, and Wexford were defeated at Wembley. Kilkenny were defeated in a high scoring

game at Templemore, 6-13 to 7-07. Tipperary defeated Galway in the Munster semi-final, winning 7-12 to 5-06.

Cork were the opponents in the Munster final at Limerick, but there was no stopping Tipp, who won 3-06 to 0-07. Matt had a great game, first on Paddy Barry and then on Christy Ring. It was to be Ring's last Munster final.

Dublin proved to be surprisingly strong opposition, with Tipp just edging it in a thriller by a single point, 0-16 to 1-12. This was a historic day as Matt became the first Toomevara man to lift the McCarthy Cup. Toomevara clubmates Matt O'Gara, Roger Mounsey and John Hough were also on Tipperary senior panel and Sean Ryan, Martin Kennedy and Willie O'Meara were part of the selection committee.

The MacCarthy Cup coming back to Toomevara was something that one only dreamed about. The village was packed from early on the Monday evening and when Matt and the team arrived on the back of a truck the scenes of joy was unbelievable.

The winning of the county final in 1960 and the All Ireland of 1961 cemented the love of hurling in the parish and it kindled the desire in the young lads of the day to aspire to play for Toomevara and Tipperary.

Newspapers or radio were the way most people got the news or results of matches, T.V was in its infancy in early 1960 and the 1961 All-Ireland final was the first to be televised and when one heard the name Toomevara mentioned or written about there was a feeling of pride about the club and the parish that one of our own could achieve the ultimate prize and bring the Liam

MacCarthy Cup home.

The other important aspect of the victory in 1961 was that there were no replays of scores or interviews with players, on T.V as there is today, it was all the more important for the people to be able to meet and talk to their heroes such as Matt and the rest of the Tipperary team.

The only disappointment of 1961 from a Toomevara point of view was the loss of the county title to Sarsfields in the final. Matt was again on the Tipperary panel the following year as Tipperary retained the Munster and All Ireland titles.

Matt's sporting prowess was not confined to hurling, winning county senior football medals in 1958, with the North selection, and in 1959 and 1961 with the St. Flannan's combination of



Matt Hassett of Toomevara, Tipperary captain in 1961, receives the Liam MacCarthy Cup from Hugh O'Byrne. Also in picture are Taoiseach Sean Lemass, President Eamon de Valera and Bishop T. Morris

Toome, Moneygall and Inane Rovers.

Matt's administrative skills were recognised early and he became club secretary in 1956, served as chairman in late 1970s, President 1991-2006, when he became Life President. He succeeded Michael Moylan as North Board secretary in 1964, serving until 1968. He also served as treasurer of the County Board for a period. In Centenary Year, 1984, he was Chairman of the Stewarding Committee of Semple Stadium, vital to the excellent staging of the All Ireland final.

Fifty years on from that All Ireland year of 1961, the flame is still burning brightly as far as hurling is concerned in Toomevara.

Matt Hassett had the distinction of been the first Toomevara man to lift the Liam MacCarthy Cup 1961 and it was to be forty years later in 2001 before a fellow clubman Tommy Dunne would lead Tipperary to victory in an All Ireland final and thus become the seconded Toome man to have that wonderful honour.

For the older generation of Toome people the homecoming of the victorious Tipp team in 1961 with the MacCarthy Cup is a memory that is as fresh today as if it was only yesterday.

All of us take great pride when we see the Tipp hurlers run on to the historic ground of Croke Park and of course to battle for the great prize of being crowned All-Ireland champions and the next time that this happens and if the captain is a Toomevara man it will continue to help future generations of young hurlers aspire to play for club and county in the years ahead.



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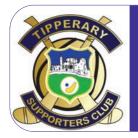
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Tipperary Supporters' Club had a busy year in 2011

By John Coman, Public Relations Officer

2011 was an eventful year for the Tipperary senior hurling team regaining the Munster Senior Hurling Championship while providing many great moments for Tipperary supporters and reaching the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final. The competitive season stretched from January to September with 13 competitive games yielding 7 wins and 2 draws including victories over Waterford in both League and Championship and wins over Clare, Cork and Dublin in the Championship.

Declan Fanning, Vice-Captain of the senior panel, announced his retirement from inter-county hurling and the Tipperary Supporters' Club would like to record our thanks to Declan for his tremendous service to Tipperary over many years. For 2011, Eoin Kelly was re-appointed as captain with Conor O'Mahoney as vice-captain. Tipperary were beaten by a point 1-19 to 2-17 in the the Waterford Crystal Munster Cup by Waterford IT. Like the senior team, the Tipperary Supporters' Club was out in the first month of the year with the launch of the 2011 membership in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on 20th January.

Declan Ryan performed the launch before a large attendance which travelled from far and wide and included Ken Hogan, Under 21 manager, along with players Séamus Callanan, Brendan Cummins, Pat Kerwick, Brendan Maher, Padraic Maher and Paddy Stapleton. County Board officers, Barry O'Brien, Seán Nugent, Tim Floyd and Eamonn Buckley were also present. Tipperary's successful year in 2010 was reflected in the trophies on display, the Liam MacCarthy Cup, the All-Ireland and Munster Under 21 trophies and the All-Ireland Under 16 Cup, a competition which is sponsored by the Tipperary Supporters' Club. On the night, a three year extension to that sponsorship was announced. The revamped website www.tippsupportersclub.com was also launched on the night.

The membership scheme in 2011 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 produced DVD of the 2010 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final with highlights of the All-Ireland Under 21 Final. Other features of membership were a special car sticker, membership card, draws for five 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.tippsupportersclub.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.tippsupportersclub.com for further details.

Supporters are invited to the 2012 launch which takes place in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on Thursday 19th January 2012. We want to extend the membership base further and anybody who would like to sell Supporters' Club membership is welcome to contact Supporters Club PRO and Membership Officer, John Coman on 087-9087105 or by email at info@tippsupportersclub.com. If joining by post please send a cheque or postal order for €30 payable to Tipperary Supporters

Club to John Coman, 52 Hazelbrook Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W. Tipperary County Board and Enfer Scientific announced the conclusion of the sponsorship arrangement and great thanks are due to Louis Ronan and Enfer Scientific for their strong support of Tipperary teams for many years.

The club annual general meeting took place in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin on 30th March. Among those to address the meeting were Declan Ryan and Seán Nugent, vice-chair of the County Board on behalf of Barry



At the launch of the Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 All-Ireland Tournament were John Tierney (Chairman, Tipperary Supporters' Club), Seán Creamer (Chairman County Bord na nÓg), Barry O'Brien (Chairman Tipperary County Board) and Brendan Maher (Young Hurler of the Year 2010) along with juvenile players from the Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams Club in the colours of the competing counties.

O'Brien, County Board Chair who was unavoidably absent. Jarlath Daly, President, Tipperary Association, Dublin congratulated Liam Sheedy who had recently been selected as Tipperary Person of the Year 2010. Declan Ryan urged all Tipperary supporters to assist the club. Also present at the meeting were players Noel McGrath and Pádraic Maher. Grants of almost €137,000 were made in 2010 to cover expenses incurred in the preparation of the Tipperary SH panel including catering and accomodation, travel expenses, training gear and hurling boots, physical training and medical expenses. In particular tributes were paid to Liam Sheedy, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan for the superb standards which they had set in three successful years of management.

Condolances were expressed to all those who suffered bereavements since the previous AGM, especially to the families of the late Simon Ryan, a loyal committee member of the club, John Doyle and Jimmy Butler Coffey. 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, John Ryan had to retire as Assistant Treasurer due to work re-location and Bryan Maher of Boherlahan-Dualla was appointed as Assistant Treasurer in his place.

The annual Golf Classic was again a major fund-raising and social success in the club's calendar. For the eleventh year in succession the County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel was the venue on 12th and 13th 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 that Brenadan Maher, Young Hurler of the Year, launched the All-Ireland Under 16 Tournament and took part in the draw for it.

Tipperary County Board and Skoda announced a sponsorship agreement to cover Tipperary hurling and football teams. The Tipperary Supporters' Club welcomes this new arrangement and looks forward to working with Skoda in to the future.

The Supporters Club was delighted to assist team management with financial and logistical support towards the expenses of training, travel, accommodation and specialist injury treatment, including elements of 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 All-Ireland Final, the club organised a second Golf Classic at the K Club, Straffan, Co Kildare on 1st/2nd 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 led by John Tierney. 52 teams took part and we must thank the team at the K Club for providing a prestigious venue and superb back up support. http://www.kclub.ie/.

In the All-Ireland Final, which had been looked forward to with great anticipation in hurling circles after the two previous finals, Tipperary had to accept defeat to champions Kilkenny (1-16 to 2-17). It was a very disappointing day for the players, management and supporters. That evening the panel and management got a positive 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 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 16Tournament, which is organised very professionally every year by County Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Cork won this year's final for this first time.

Tipperary hearts were lifted with the fine campaigns of the minor footballers in winning both the Munster and All-Ireland titles in impressive fashion.

Benny Dunne, former SH captain, announced his retirement from inter-county hurling in October and Tipperary supporters will join us in thanking Benny and in wishing him all the very best for the future.

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 2011 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 extended the very popular text service for current members giving them immediate information on the team selections for both Senior Championship and Allianz Hurling League. 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 Members can also qualify for 10% discount on VHI membership. To join as a new member - or to find out more about your VHI Healthcare group scheme - please call on CallSave 1850 44 44 44 Mon-Fri 8am to 8pm, Sat 9am-2pm and be sure to quote the group scheme number – 10588 (Tipperary Associates) or you can send an email to info@vhi.ie . Information is available on the website www.vhi.ie . You do not have to wait for your annual renewal date to avail of this discount. You can ring up at any time and, if you are eligible, the discount will be applied pro-rata to your payment from that date.



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- Billy Coffey from Ballylooby, Conor Murphy from Kilsheelan Kilcash and Liam Seacy of Roscrea were the lucky winners of the draw to be Match Mascots for the Tipperary SH team at the NHL home games against Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford respectively. The mascots and their families had 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. 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.

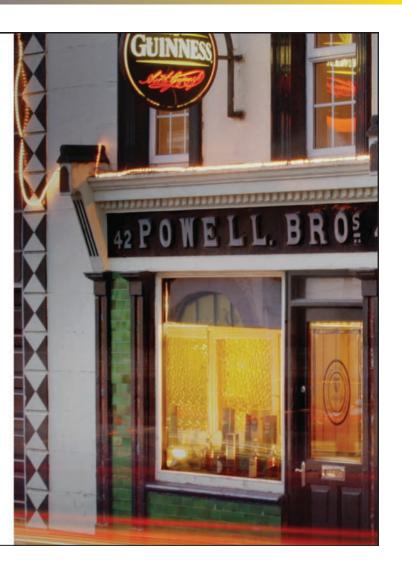
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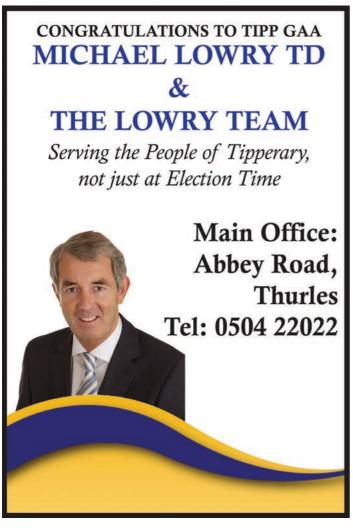
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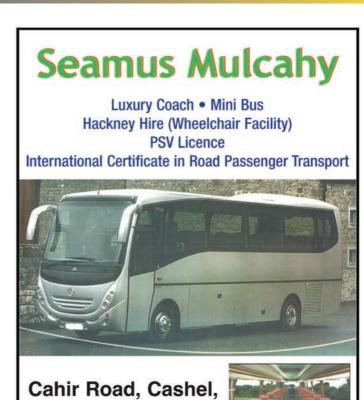


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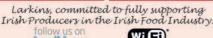
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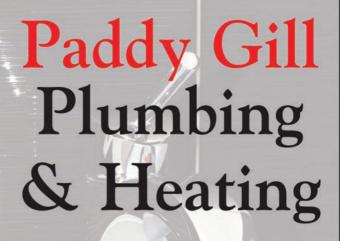








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Minor footballers provide the golden success in 2011

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

The Tipperary Minor footballers were the toast of the premier county in 2011 following their dramatic run to a first All Ireland success since 1934.

It can also be looked at as Tipperary first 'real' All Ireland success in the grade as the 1934 title was awarded to the premier county.

To say this campaign had everything would be an understatement. To win Munster having taken out both Kerry and Cork was an achievement in itself but it was topped off by winning the All Ireland in dramatic fashion, against the Dubs backed by tens of thousands of their own supporters in for the senior final against Kerry.

The couple of hundred supporters that gathered in Fitzgerald Park in Kilmallock on a wet and dreary April evening for the Munster Championship first round game between Limerick and Tipperary wouldn't have any expectations that they were looking at Munster and All Ireland champions in the making.

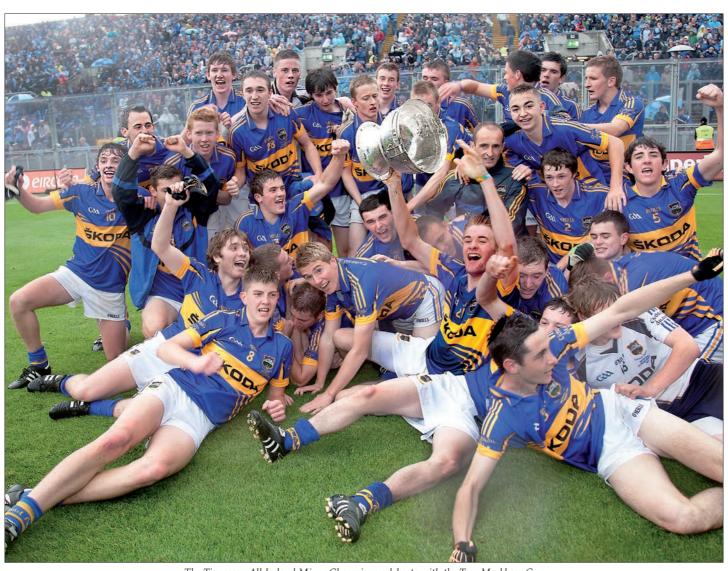
It is an indication of the progression made and the strength of the panel that the management team put together that just eight of the players that started against the Shannonsiders started in the All Ireland final.

While those same supporters weren't flooding to the nearest bookmakers after the seven-point win to back Tipperary for provincial and All Ireland honours, there was a sense coming away from Kilmallock that there was something in this Tipperary team.

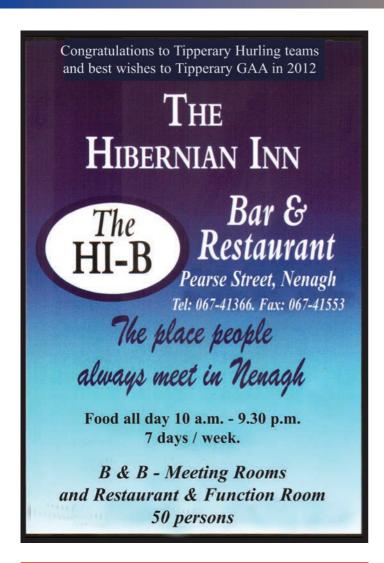
In 06, 08 and 09, Tipperary reached Munster Finals but all three squads appeared to be lacking something that prevented them from competing at the highest level. In Kilmallock this year, compared to those teams, this Tipperary team firstly had physicality with Stephen O'Brien and Daragh Butler giants in the midfield and added to that were Philip Quirke and Ian Fahey in the half forward line who were to play leading roles later in the campaign.

Secondly, Tipperary had a scoring threat. T.J. Ryan top scored with six points that night, including three super efforts from play and then there was Michael Quinlivan and the manner in which he took his goal, not only just the clinical nature of the finish, but the manner in which he hood winked the full back to follow him out from goal before then doubling back in behind into space to latch onto the long ball before slotting to the net.

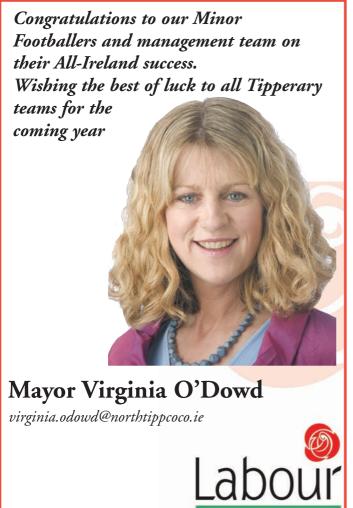
However, the beginning of Tipp's great odyssey could have



The Tipperary All Ireland Minor Champions celebrate with the Tom Markham Cup.









been much different with Gearóid Slattery and Oisín O'Flynn pulling off goal-saving blocks at vital stages.

The victory set-up a semi-final in Thurles against the mighty Kingdom. Playing against a strong wind in the first half, Tipperary went in trailing at half time by ten points, (3-6 to 0-5) with two of the goal gifted to the visitors who appeared to have more than one foot in the final.

However, Tipperary weren't playing that poorly and following some astute changes, fought their way back into the game with Michael Quinlivan's goal in the 41st minute getting the comeback underway in earnest. Tipperary still trailed until super-sub Colman Kennedy blasted home Tipp's second goal with two minutes of normal time remaining.

Tipp actually managed to edge in front through Michael Quinlivan but Kerry hit back for only their second point of the half but six minutes into added time, captain Liam McGrath kicked the winning score to seal the most dramatic of victories.

The victory set-up a Munster Final against holders Cork in Killarney on 3 July, the scene of Tipperary's most recent provincial success back in 1995 against the same opposition and once again the premier county rose to the occasion.

Despite an early goal from Liam McGrath, Tipperary were under pressure for much of the first half but an inspired first half display from T.J. Ryan who scored five points from play helped Tipperary to restore parity at half time.

In the second half, Tipperary took control, with a superb all round display, with the defence holding Cork to just two points while the movement of the forwards up front caused the rebels no end of problems and goals from Greg Henry and a Michael Quinlivan penalty secured a sixth provincial title.

The August Bank Holiday Monday saw Tipperary in All Ireland quarter final action against Leinster runners-up, Meath in Portlaoise. On a wet and dreary day, Tipperary produced their poorest performance of the campaign with nerves a clear factor as they entered the game with the mantle of favourites.

In many ways it was the most impressive win of the six games as in a tight low-scoring game, Tipperary found a way to grind out a win and a strong last quarter showing saw the Munster champions win by four-points and set-up an All Ireland semifinal against fancied Connacht champions, Roscommon.

It was a rare appearance for a Tipperary football team at Croke Park and with their opponents having played two games there in the build-up, the occasion could have gotten to the players but it was the premier county who burst out of the blocks and with midfielders Ian Fahey and Stephen O'Brien to the fore early on, Tipperary forged into a 0-7 to 0-2 lead.

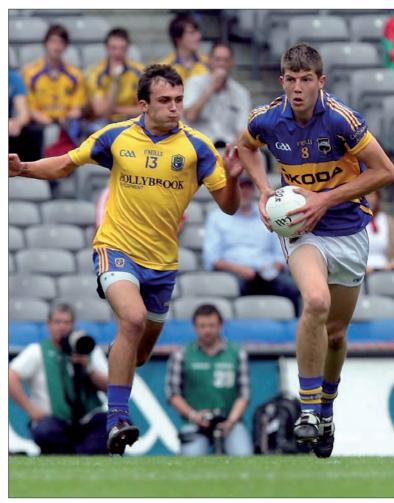
Tipperary held a comfortable four-point lead at half time and when Michael Quinlivan struck for the only goal of the game inside the opening minute of the second half, Tipperary had one foot in the All Ireland final. Roscommon fought back and when Ian Fahey was sent off with ten minutes remaining, Tipperary were forced to hang on which they did with Colman Kennedy's late point off the bench the clinching score.

Victory saw Tipperary reach the All Ireland Minor final for the first time since 1984, ironically then as now, Dublin were their opponents and another irony saw the game as a curtain-raiser to a senior final between Dublin and Kerry who also met in the 1984 final.

Going in once again as underdogs against a heavily fancied Dublin side, trained by Dessie Farrell, Tipperary started as they did in the Munster Final with a terrific early solo goal from Liam McGrath. However a rapid response in the form of a Gavin Ivory goal saw the Dubs take complete control as at one stage, they raced into a six-point lead at one stage in the first half.

Michael Quinlivan converted a penalty just before half time to get Tipperary back into the game but they still trailed by a considerable five-point margin at half time.

Character is what this team was not short of an they showed that in the second half, coming out in determined fashion and inspired by subs Philip Quirke and Colman Kennedy, Tipperary cut the margin to the minimum within five minutes of the



Stephen O'Brien in action for Tipperary in the All-Ireland minor semi-final against Roscommon

restart.

Dublin took control once more and kept their noses in front but crucially, the Tipperary defence held out and going into the final five minutes, the premier county cut the game to one-point once more when the pressure of the forwards forced Dublin goalkeeper Ross O'Hanlon into an error with Colman Kennedy snapping up the loose ball and with an easy levelling point for the taking, Kennedy went for glory and picked the top corner of the empty net from 21-yards to put Tipperary back in front.

Tipperary held out in the dying minutes with it more than appropriate that captain Liam McGrath had possession of the ball when the final whistle went to round-off a fairytale campaign for the Tipperary minor footballers, All Ireland champions 2011!

Munster Championship 1st Round 13 April in Kilmallock Limerick 0-9 Tipperary 1-13

Tipperary: Gearóid Slattery; Óisin O'Flynn, Conor O'Sullivan, Adrian McGuire; Bill Maher, Fintan Ryan, Colin O'Riordan; Steven O'Brien, Daragh Butler; John Martin, Philip Quirke (0-2, 1f), Ian Fahey; Liam McGrath (0-1), Michael Quinlivan (1-2), T.J. Ryan (0-6, 3f).

SUBS: Dean Lonergan (0-2) for Martin; Colman Kennedy for Quirke; Greg Henry for Fahey; Leonard Vance for O'Brien; Eoin Fitzgerald for T.J. Ryan.

Munster Championship Semi-Final Wednesday, 18 May at Semple Stadium, Thurles Tipperary 2-12 Kerry 3-8

Tipperary: Gearóid Slattery; Seamus Kennedy, Conor O'Sullivan, Niall O'Sullivan; Adrian McGuire, Dylan Fitzell, Bill Maher;

Best wishes to all Tipperary teams in 2012

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SUBS: Philip Quirke (0-1) for Butler; Colin O'Riordan for McGuire; Colman Kennedy (1-1, 0-1f) for Lonergan; Jason Lonergan for Henry.

Munster Final Sunday, 3 July @ Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney Tipperary 3-11 Cork 1-9

Tipperary: Gearóid Slattery; Niall Sullivan, Conor O'Sullivan, Adrian McGuire; Colin O'Riordan (0-2), Dylan Fitzell, Seamus Kennedy; Stephen O'Brien, Ian Fahey (0-1 45); Bill Maher, Philip Quirke, Greg Henry (1-1); Liam McGrath (1-0), Michael Quinlivan (1-1, 1-0 pen), T.J. Ryan (0-6, 2f).

SUBS: John Meagher for McGuire; Colman Kennedy for Ryan; Jason Lonergan for Henry; Daragh Butler for Quinlivan; Dean Lonergan for Maher.

All Ireland Quarter Final Monday, 1 August at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise Tipperary 0-11 Meath 0-7

Tipperary: Gearóid Slattery; Niall Sullivan, John Meagher, Conor O'Sullivan; Colin O'Riordan (0-1), Dylan Fitzelle (0-1), Seamus Kennedy; Stephen O'Brien (0-1), Ian Fahey (0-1f); Bill Maher (0-1), Philip Quirke (0-2f), Greg Henry; Liam McGrath, Michael Quinlivan (0-4, 2f), John McGrath.

SUBS: Jason Lonergan for Henry; T.J. Ryan for Fahey; John Martin for Quinlivan.

All Ireland Semi-Final Sunday, 21 August at Croke Park Tipperary 1-11 Roscommon 0-12

Tipperary: Evan Comerford; Niall O'Sullivan, John Meagher, Conor O'Sullivan; Colin O'Riordan (0-2), Dylan Fitzelle, Seamus Kennedy; Stephen O'Brien (0-1), Ian Fahey (0-3, 1f); Greg Henry (0-1), Philip Quirke, Bill Maher; Liam McGrath (0-1), Michael Quinlivan (1-1), T.J. Ryan (0-1).

SUBS: John McGrath for Quirke; Adrian McGuire for Fitzelle; Jason Lonergan for Henry; Colman Kennedy (0-1) for Ryan; Tom Kirwan for O'Brien.

All Ireland Final Sunday, 18 September at Croke Park Tipperary 3-9 Dublin 1-14

Tipperary: Evan Comerford; Conor O'Sullivan, John Meagher, Niall O'Sullivan; Colin O'Riordan, Dylan Fitzell, Seamus Kennedy; Stephen O'Brien, Ian Fahey; Bill Maher (0-1), John McGrath, Greg Henry; Liam McGrath (1-2, 0-1f, Capt), Michael Quinlivan (1-1, 1-0 pen), T.J. Ryan.

SUBS: Philip Quirke (0-3) for J McGrath; Colman Kennedy (1-2, 0-2f) for Ryan; Adrian McGuire for O'Riordan; Jason Lonergan for Henry; John Martin for Maher.

Tipperary Minor Panel: Tom Kirwan, Oisín O'Flynn (Ardfinnan); Stephen O'Brien (Ballina); John Martin (Ballyporeen); Shane Dooley (Borrisokane); Eoin Donaghy, Dean Lonergan (Cahir); Dylan Fitzell, Gearóid Slattery (Cashel King Cormacs); Evan Comerford, Ian Fahey, Kevin Fahey, Colman Kennedy, Seamus Kennedy, Jason Lonergan, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials); Eoin Fitzgerald (Fethard); Sean Flynn (Father Sheehys); Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Alan O'Riordan, Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens); Greg Henry (Killenaule); Bill Maher, Adrian McGuire, Conor Davin Murphy (Kilsheelan/Kilcash); Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin Cullen); Daragh Butler, John McGrath, Liam McGrath, John Meagher (Loughmore/Castleiney); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey/Borris); Cathal Quigley, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers); T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers).

Manager: David Power (Kilsheelan/Kilcash)
Selectors: Tadhg Duggan (Arravale Rovers), Fergal McDonnell
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Colin O'Riordan, Tipperary, makes a clean break away from Dublin during the All Ireland Minor Football final.

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Tipp Minor Football (2011)

Tommy Fitzgerald (Sologhead GAA Club) Tipperary Minor Football Adminstrator

oon after the inaugural Darcy Tournament in October 2010, I was asked by Tipp Minor Football manager, David Power, if I would be interested in joining the management back room staff for 2011 and having given it some thought and met him I decided why not.

For me it was a labour of love for having worked with Divisional and County football sides at U14, U15 and U16 level over a long numbers of years, it presented me an opportunity to see a work in progress given that I myself was directly involved with our all conquering U16 and U17 Divisional sides of 2010, two groups which would have a major input into the success that was to follow.

Not beyond my wildest dreams did I think the year would pan out as it did but looking back on the massive turn out to training and the willingness of everyone to put in the work under Cork's Eamonn Ryan every Friday night during January and February in wind, rain, snow in New Inn, it looked very

Certainly the Leinster League games against Longford, Carlow and Meath didn't reveal a whole lot but competitive challenge games against Kildare, Galway, Cavan, Armagh and later against Kerry sides Dr. Crokes, Austin Stacks and Rathmore, all proved the benchmark where Tipp minors were heading.

However the real work that went on in Dr Morris Park under the eye of Alan O'Connor and John Evans left nothing to the imagination and would pay rich dividends as the big guns like Kerry, Cork, Roscommon, Meath and finally Dublin would all be left in their wake.

For me a number of things come to mind including Colin Riordans superb points against Cork and his great words of encouragement to everyone in the dressing room that he wasn't prepared to figure on any losing Tipp side, John Meagher's

words of wisdom in the Park Ave Hotel before we left for Portlaoise to play Meath, Michael Quinlivan's rousing speech in the dressing room at half time in the All Ireland Final and similarly John Evans in his address to the players at half time when all seemed lost and ten points down to Kerry.

One training session that stands out was on the Tuesday night prior to our game against Meath we travelled to Portlaoise for a training spin as we would be playing Meath there, and having lost a football I decided on one last look on the terraces before the bus left and who was on the field all on his own having one final look around was the quiet man of the whole group, Niall O'Sullivan, who had a superb year at corner back.

Other memories include Liam McGrath's winning point against Kerry and the excitement amongst the Tipp supporters behind me in Ardan O'Riain, our superb second half performance including Seamus Kennedy's rock solid display and Greg Henrys brilliant goal to see off hot favourites Cork in the Munster Final and being literally pushed over by Bill Maher and team mates doing a lap of honour in Fitzgerald Stadium.

Cashel's Dylan Fitzell's insurance point against a dogged Meath side also comes to mind, Ian Fahey opening up the Roscommon defence side to set up Michael Quinlivan for a crucial goal and looking up at the big screen in Croke Park when Colman Kennedy crashed home his famous goal in the All Ireland Final along with the presentation of the Cup and the excitement that went with it.

What a finish to the year-priceless.

While the homecoming and all that went with it are great memories, having visited the Primary Schools of West Tipp including my own Newtown N.S. with the Tom Markham Cup and to see the colour and welcome shown by teachers and children alike towards Thomas O'Donoghue, Ian Fahey and Tadgh Duggan and the patience they showed in signing autograph after autograph for every pupil, it certainly was an unbelievable 2011.



Civic Reception in Grangemockler from South Tipperary County Council. Pictured l-r" Mick Fitzgerald, Council Chairman, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Michael Hogan, nephew of Michael Hogan, killed in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday ninety years ago, Liam McGrath, captain of the victorious All Ireland Minor football team, David Power, manager and Michael Murphy, Council vice-chairman.



Tipperary SF team championship review 2011

By Jackie Cahill

HE draw for the 2011 Munster senior football championship pitted Tipperary with provincial heavyweights Kerry for the second successive year. And once again, the Kingdom proved too strong for the Premier County, running out 2-16 to 0-11 winners at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney on Sunday, May 22.

Tipp, however, did not enjoy the best of fortune in an illtempered encounter that will be remembered for captain Barry Grogan's disallowed goal and a red card for Kerry defender Tomás Ó'Sé.

Ó'Sé was shown a straight red card in the 33rd minute for an off-the-ball incident with Tipperary's Hugh Coghlan.

The linesman is alleged to have seen O'Sé strike Coghlan, leaving match official Maurice Condon with no option but to dismiss the Kerry man.

In the second half, with Tipperary having the extra man and Kerry leading 0-9 to 0-5, Kerry were awarded a crucial penalty when Kieran Donaghy was dragged down in the square. Bryan Sheehan neatly tucked the spot-kick away.

Sheehan followed with a long-range free within two minutes and Kerry had moved 1-10 to 0-5 in front.

Following that, a Darran O'Sullivan dipping effort, that went just over the top, appeared to have Tipperary in a hopeless position.

However, two pointed frees from Barry Grogan and points from Conor Sweeney and Brian Mulvihill closed the gap to 1-13 to 0-10 with fifteen minutes left.

In the 57th minute, Barry Grogan had the ball in the Kerry net, but the referee ruled he was in the square.

TV replays showed that Grogan was desperately unfortunate to see that effort ruled out and a goal then for the visitors would have thrown the cat among the pigeons.

Tipperary's luck was clearly out as in the 63rd minute Philip Austin, who scored a terrific goal at Semple Stadium when the side met in 2010, struck the foot of the Kerry post with a goal on.

A goal for Grogan or Austin would have ensured a nervy finish for Kerry but with Colm Cooper and Declan O'Sullivan steadying the ship for Jack O'Connor's men, it was left to Bryan Sheehan to score his second goal in injury time.

Scorers: B Grogan 0-3 (2f) C Sweeney (1f), P Austin 0-2 each, B Fox, G Hannigan, B Mulvihill, P Acheson 0-1 each.

Tipperary's team on the day was: Matthew O'Donnell; Andrew Morrissey, Paddy Codd, Ciaran McDonald; Cathal Dillon, Lorcan Egan, Chris Aylward; George Hannigan, Brian Jones; Brian Fox, Philip Austin, Hugh Coghlan; Conor Sweeney, Seamus Grogan, Barry Grogan (c).

Subs: Brian Mulvihill for S Grogan (43); Peter Acheson for C Sweeney (56); Johnny Cagney for B Jones (66); Stephen Hahessy for P Austin (70).

Tipperary's defeat in the Munster championship sent them into the All-Ireland SFC qualifiers, where they were drawn against Laois in the first round.

That game took place at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, on Saturday, June 25, and resulted in a 0-11 to 2-16 defeat against Justin McNulty's team.

The hosts were simply too good for Tipperary and had little trouble securing an eleven-point victory, which was admittedly a slightly flattering result.

Tipperary goalkeeper Paul Fitzgerald pulled off three fine saves which kept the score down but at the other end, the visitors missed a glorious chance just after half-time when a goal would have put them right back into contention.

The ball broke kindly to sub Brian Coen but the Fethard

man was caught in two minds, unsure whether to shoot or pass, and his tame effort was easily dealt with by Eoin Culliton in the Laois goal.

The pre-match odds had Tipperary available to 5-2 to cause an upset and forewarned was certainly forearmed for Laois following their 2010 championship defeat at Semple Stadium.

Unfortunately, lightning was never going to strike twice and Laois had too much class and physicality on this occasion.

Under former Armagh player McNulty, Laois have bulked up considerably and this is an area where Tipp need to improve.

Too much turnover ball was conceded and Tipp's players also struggled not only to take the big hits, but to also break through opposition tackles.

Tipp were also without the services of goalkeeper Matthew O'Donnell and forward pair Peter Acheson and Conor Sweeney, who all featured in the Munster SFC quarter-final defeat against Kerry before leaving for America in the summer.

Tipp were still in contention approaching half-time, trailing by 0-4 to 0-7 against the breeze, before Darren Strong scored a 33rd minute goal.

Fitzgerald had kept out Strong and Munnelly with saves earlier in the half but the breakthrough goal had a feeling of inevitability about it.

MJ Tierney's driven pass found midfielder Pádraig Clancy in an advanced position and Strong finished well from Clancy's layoff.

It was a goal that disappointed Evans as Tipp had plenty of bodies around the goalmouth but Strong still managed to find a way through.

Laois led by 1-8 to 0-5 at half-time, in front of an estimated 2,000 attendance, and it was Ross Munnelly, Tierney and Kingston leading the attacking charge.

Skipper Colm Begley bagged the match-clinching goal in the 53rd minute to kill the Tipperary challenge stone dead, with Laois moving into a 2-12 to 0-7 lead, before Tipp tacked on a few consolation scores.

Coen's sight of goal was Tipp's best chance of raising a green flag on a pleasant evening for football but overall, there was little cut and thrust about the Premier County's play.

Laois opened with real purpose and stormed 0-3 to 0-0 clear within five minutes, with Tierney hitting the opening two points.

Tierney had famously tweeted his displeasure at not starting against Dublin in the Leinster championship but on his return to the side, the Parnell's clubman was determined to make an impact and he finished with five points.

Strong matched Tierney's overall tally with a haul of 1-2 and a feature of the Laois play was the ability of their wing backs to storm forward in support of the attack.

This tactic put Tipperary on the back foot and a Laois player was always available to take a pass from a teammate.

Scorers for Tipperary: B Grogan 0-4f, B Mulvihill 0-2, G Hannigan, S Grogan, H Coghlan, J Cagney & P Austin 0-1

TIPPERARY: Paul Fitzgerald; Ciarán McGrath, Ciarán McDonald, Andrew Morrissey; Christopher Aylward, Lorcan Egan, Cathal Dillon; George Hannigan, Seamus Grogan; Hugh Coghlan, Brian Fox, Johnny Cagney; Brian Mulvihill, Philip Austin, Barry Grogan (c).

Subs: Seán Carey for McGrath (half-time), Brian Coen for Cagney (half-time), Niall Curran for Mulvihill (55), Robbie Kiely for Aylward (65), Stephen Hahessy for Coghlan (67).





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Tipperary National Football League review

By Jackie Cahill

IPPERARY'S 2011 Allianz National Football League Division 3 campaign was something of a mixed bag but ultimately finished with survival in the third tier.

Tipp got off to a cracking start with a home victory against a strong Limerick team but three successive defeats left the team with relegation worries.

However, Tipp bounced back with two impressive victories, away to Offaly and at home to Wexford, to ease relegation fears ahead of the final game of the campaign, away to Cavan.

That visit to Kingspan Breffni Park finished in a 0-13 to 0-16 defeat but results elsewhere ensured that Tipp remained in Division 3.

Tipp's wins against Offaly and Wexford had left the Premier County heading into the Cavan game in a situation where they could have been promoted back to Division 2 or relegated to Division 4, depending on results.

The season began on February 6 at Semple Stadium when Tipp welcomed neighbours Limerick for the opening game of the Division 3 season.

A disappointing attendance of no more than 200 spectators witnessed a 0-10 to 0-6 win for Tipp against a Limerick team containing dual players Mark O'Riordan and Stephen Lucey, along with other big names like John Galvin, Stephen Kelly, Seanie Buckley, Ian Ryan and Ger Collins.

But Tipp collected two priceless points and were a team transformed after half-time, having registered just a single point in the opening half of a disappointing encounter.

Tipp created plenty of chances in that first half but were guilty of poor finishing as 14 attempts on goal yielded just a point from George Hannigan.

Nine wides were registered, two further efforts dropped short and another shot clattered against the Killinan End upright as Tipperary were left frustrated by their failure to translate good possession into scores.

But the home side clicked into the gear in the second half, outscoring the visitors by 0-9 to 0-3 and finishing the second 35 minutes with just one wide.

Once Tipperary upped the ante and intensity of their play, it was enough to see off a below-par Limerick team.

Limerick weren't far off full strength but the Shannonsiders would finish the match with 14 men after O'Riordan was dismissed for a second bookable offence in the final minute of normal time.

Limerick's experiment of playing John Galvin at full-forward didn't work as he was well policed by man-of-the-match Ciaran McDonald and the Shannonsiders finished with scoring contributions from two players.

Ger Collins hit five points, including three from play, and was by far his team's outstanding forward while John Galvin added a point.

Tipperary produced a better overall team effort, with seven players on the scoresheet.

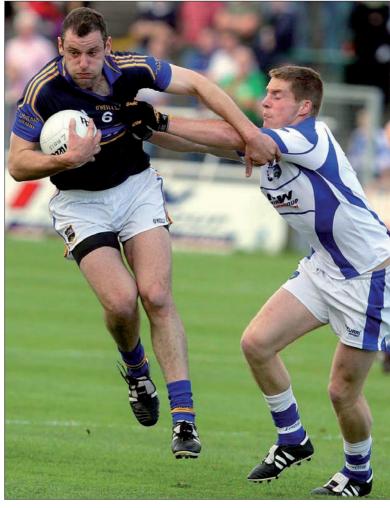
Peter Acheson scored two points from play while captain for the year Barry Grogan (frees) and Conor Sweeney (one free) had a brace apiece.

Brian Jones, Hannigan, Philip Austin and Seamus Grogan added a point each as Tipp got their campaign off to a perfect start

Tipp's first away match of the season saw them visit beaten 2010 Leinster finalists Louth in Drogheda.

And it was the hosts who produced a dogged performance to claim a 1-12 to 1-10 victory on February 20.

But the Wee County had goalkeeper Sean Connor to thank in the dying moments as Paddy Codd was denied a winning goal



Lorcan Egan bursts out of the Tipperary defence against Laois in the All Ireland SFC 1 st round Qualifier.

for Tipperary by a fantastic save.

With the wind advantage, Tipp raced into a 0-4 to 0-2 lead after 15 minutes but the sides were level at half-time, 1-6 apiece.

Barry Grogan netted for Tipp but Shane Lennon replied in kind for Louth to bring Peter Fitzpatrick's men back level.

Tipp moved ahead early in the second half but inspired by 2010 Allstar Paddy Keenan and other experienced players, the home side produced the better football in the second half to claim the points on offer.

Grogan finished with 1-4 for Tipp on the day, Conor Sweeney 0-3, Brian Fox 0-2 and Johnny Cagney 0-1.

Tipp's next outing, at home to Westmeath on February 27, ended with another defeat as the Lake County ran out 2-12 to 2-9 winners.

Tipp slumped to a second successive defeat in Division 3 as Westmeath claimed a first Allianz National Football League victory in almost three years.

Manager John Evans and his players will look back with some regret on the failure to take maximum points against Westmeath, a team they defeated last season.

Tipp finished the match with ten wides, compared to just two from Westmeath, and left a five-point lead slip in the final quarter of an hour.

But for Westmeath, this was a landmark victory and their first in the National League since defeating Dublin in the Division 2 final back in April of 2008.

The Lake County's 16 League matches since then and prior to the Tipp game had yielded 15 defeats and one draw.

Not surprisingly, Westmeath celebrated this success with some



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gusto as a 34-month wait for an elusive win finally ended.

And the visitors did it the hard way, coming from 0-10 to 2-9 down to win by three points.

In a ten-minute spell from the 59th to 69th minutes, Westmeath rattled off an unanswered 2-2 as Tipp failed to score.

The home side had the wind advantage too but Westmeath clawed their way back into contention when George Hannigan, one of Tipp's goalscorers, turned villain with a foul on visiting corner back John Gaffey.

David Glennon slotted home the resultant penalty before further points from Westmeath's other corner back Francis Boyle and Glennon tied the scores at 1-12 to 2-9.

And in the 69th minute, Westmeath claimed victory when subs Denis Glennon and Conor Lynam combined to set up top scorer Paul Greville for a simple finish at the Killinan End.

Greville may grab the headlines for his late exploits but goalkeeper Gary Connaughton deserved a huge slice of credit too for keeping Tipp at bay with a couple of crucial saves.

Connaughton did concede a 22nd minute penalty for a foul on Barry Grogan, which the Tipp forward scored from, but the Tubberclair shotstopper denied Brian Jones with a flying save in the first half.

And five minutes after the restart, Connaughton did well to keep out Timmy Dalton as the Tipp forward tried to find the net from a tight angle.

At half-time, the sides were level at 0-6 to 1-3, with Grogan accounting for 1-2 of Tipp's tally from placed balls, including the penalty.

Little separated the teams in the early stages of the second half but Westmeath were rocked in the 51st minute when Grogan's lengthy delivery was badly misjudged by Gaffey and Hannigan took full advantage to finish well for Tipp's second goal.

That vicious Hannigan strike was a sucker punch for Westmeath, who had been denied a goal of their own by a sensational Ciaran McDonald block three minutes earlier.

Denis Corroon looked certain to score from close range before McDonald, Tipp's 2010 Munster U21 winning captain, arrived from nowhere to keep the ball out.

The loss of Paddy Codd was also a significant factor in Tipperary's defeat.

The Killenaule clubman was booked nine minutes before halftime and walked a disciplinary tightrope in the second half.

Evans reluctantly decided to substitute the full back in the 55th minute and the Westmeath revival coincided with Codd's absence.

At the other end of the field, Tipp struggled too.

1-4 of Barry Grogan's 1-5 haul for Tipperary came from placed balls and overall, the Premier County managed just 1-5 from play.

Westmeath bagged 1-8 from play and were more economical in their shooting as that previously elusive win finally arrived.

Tipp's scorers on the day were Barry Grogan 1-5 (1-0 pen, 3f, 1 45), George Hannigan 1-0, Timmy Dalton, Philip Austin, Brian Fox & Brian Mulvihill, 0-1 each.

Tipp's next away assignment was a trip to Dungarvan to meet hosts Waterford on Saturday, March 12.

And it was the Déise men who gathered the all-important points with a deserved victory in the first ever floodlight league game to be played in Fraher Field.

Tipperary raced three points ahead through a Barry Grogan free and Conor Sweeney and Brian Fox points.

Waterford settled with scores from Brian Wall and Eamonn Walsh but Tipp led 0-4 to 0-3 when Eamonn Walsh got in for a well taken Waterford goal on 24 minutes. A Shane Briggs pass and a powerful finish from Walsh saw Waterford take the lead.

Wall added two further points as Waterford began to dominate. Eamonn Walsh created Waterford's second goal on 32 minutes, which was well finished by Patrick Hurney, to give the home side a commanding 2-5 to 0-4 lead at the break.

Tipp improved in the second half with points from Barry



Seamus Grogan gets away from Westmeath's Brendan Murtagh at Semple

Grogan and Brian Fox but Wall added some great points to seal a 2-8 to 0-9 victory.

Tipperary's scorers on the night were Barry Grogan 0-4 (1f, 1 '45?), Brian Fox 0-2, Hugh Coghlan, Conor Sweeney and George Hannigan, 0-1 each.

Tipp were now in deep relegation trouble but just when a positive response was needed, it arrived in the form of a crucial 1-11 to 0-13 victory against Offaly in Tullamore on March 20.

The result may have come as a surprise to most neutrals but Tipp were full value for the win as the team came from three points behind at half-time to secure a priceless win.

Tipp laid the foundations for victory with a blistering start to the second half.

0-4 to 0-7 behind at the midway point, Tipperary goalkeeper Matthew O'Donnell made a great save to deny Offaly substitute Graham Guilfoyle.

Buoyed by that let-off, Tipperary then scored 1-3 without reply, as Brian Brian Mulvihill raced through for a well-taken goal for the visitors.

Tipp continued to have the edge and were 1-10 to 0-8 ahead with 15 minutes left.

Offaly battled back and points from Niall McNamee and John Reynolds cut the deficit to the minimum, with Reynolds' shot deep in injury-time scorching just over the bar.

Tipp's scorers on the day were Barry Grogan 0-7 (4f), Brian Mulvihill 1-1, Brian Fox, Johnny Cagney and Philip Austin, 0-1 each.

On April 3, a rejuvenated Tipperary welcomed Wexford to Semple Stadium and scored a deserved 0-17 to 0-10 win against the promotion-chasing Slaneysiders.

Tipp badly dented Wexford's promotion hopes of making the leap to Division 2 as Barry Grogan's nine points helped to seal a surprise victory.

Tipp significantly boosted their survival hopes with a third win of the campaign and left them in a situation where, if results had gone their way on the final weekend of the season, they could have snatched promotion.

Wexford could have few complaints after falling to a second defeat from six outings in front of 336 spectators in Thurles.

The Slaneysiders mustered just three points from play during

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the entire game and they failed to score at all in the final fifteen minutes plus stoppage time as Tipp closed the game out.

Grogan's matchwinning haul included six frees and the Aherlow star almost goaled in the 47th minute but was denied by a point-blank Anthony Masterson save.

The closest Wexford came to a goal was in the 55th minute when Redmond Barry cracked a shot off the crossbar before Ciarán Lyng's follow-up was smothered by Tipp goalkeeper Matthew O'Donnell.

The sides were level four times in the first 18 minutes but crucially; Tipp went on to lead by 0-11 to 0-7 at half-time, having played against a stiff first half breeze.

Wexford never got any closer than four points throughout the entire second half as Tipp's tireless centre forward Philip Austin carried the fight to the visitors.

With fifteen minutes to go, Tipp led by 0-14 to 0-10 before Grogan, sub Niall Curran and Austin added points to secure an impressive win.

Tipp's other scorers on the day were Philip Austin (0-3), Seamus Grogan and Brian Mulvihill (0-2 each) and a point from Niall Curran.

Tipp's final game saw them travel to Cavan for that aforementioned fixture and the team managed to maintain Division 3 status, despite losing by three points against a side inspired by corner forward Seanie Johnston at sun-kissed Kingspan Breffni Park.

Defeat left Tipperary in a potentially perilous position but Waterford's home reverse to Louth proved crucial and the Premier County survived at Limerick's expense on the 'head to head' rule, with the Shannonsiders and Waterford relegated back to Division 4.

In the closing minutes, Tipp manager John Evans urged his side to push on for more scores as points difference could have proved pivotal in the final standings.

But with Waterford losing and finishing bottom of the table, it was a straight head to head between Tipp and Limerick, with Tipp surviving having defeated Maurice Horan's team on the opening day of the season.

It was a day of mixed emotions for Tipperary in Cavan town as Tipp produced a poor performance against the hosts, who finished the game with 14 men.

But credit is due to Tipp for fighting until the very end as they cut a nine-point deficit back to just three in the closing stages.

In the 61st minute, Eugene Keating kicked Cavan's final point of the afternoon as the Breffni men cruised into a 0-16 to 0-7

But wind-assisted Tipp, battling for their lives, responded with six unanswered points before the finish, as substitute Conor Sweeney made a big impression.

The man advantage certainly helped the visitors in warm conditions as Cavan lost the services of midfielder David Givney to a second vellow card in the 54th minute.

Cavan were utterly dominant until then but their midfield domination was broken as Givney's sidekick John McCutcheon had gone off injured early in the second half.

From the start, Cavan's tactics were to get the ball inside to matchwinner Johnston, who scored nine points, as quickly as

Both teams played an extra man in defence and for the opening twenty minutes, Tipp stood toe to toe with their opponents, who desperately needed the points to stay up.

It was average fare at best, however, with Johnston the real class act on show and giving none other than Ciaran McDonald a searching test of his undoubted defensive skills.

At the other end, Tipp showed flashes of good interplay but they were struggling to work the ball inside while the refereeing of Ciaran Brangan was leading to a stop-start affair.

Brangan frustrated both teams with some bizarre calls and one particular refusal to award Peter Acheson a free approaching half-time as the Moyle Rovers player, a late replacement for the



Brian Mulvihill in possession against Westmeath in the National Football League at Semple Stadium.

injured Seamus Grogan, bore down on goal.

By half-time, Johnston had registered six of Cavan's seven points as Tipp responded with four white flags, including two points from play supplied by top scorer Barry Grogan.

Three points down at the break, Tipp needed a good start to the second half and they got it when Brian Mulvihill landed a point within two minutes of the restart.

But Cavan, who shot some magnificent points during the game, responded with a run of four successive scores to move 0-11 to 0-5 clear.

Acheson responded for Tipp in the 48th minute but Cavan hit back with another run of three points without reply, including two picture-book scores from Johnston, to surge 0-14 to 0-6 in front.

Givney was then dismissed for a second bookable offence and Conor Sweeney's first piece of work was most impressive as the substitute landed a long-range free as Tipp looked for a way

Cavan corner forward Eugene Keating landed two fine points, however, as the home side hit back to scupper any faint hopes of a Tipp comeback.

But instead of folding the tent, Tipperary launched a spirited revival down the home straight as it looked for a few fleeting minutes that score difference would prove decisive to the final league standings.

That would not prove to be the case as Tipp clung on in dramatic fashion thanks in main to Louth's victory on their travels to Waterford.

Tipperary's scorers on the day were Barry Grogan (0-5, 3f), Conor Sweeney 0-3 (2f), Hugh Coghlan, Philip Austin, Brian Mulvihill, Brian Coen and Peter Acheson, 0-1 each.



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Wishing all Tipp teams every success in 2012

The Premier Plan

by Denis Floyd

n August 2011, Criostóir Ó Cuana, Uachtarán CLG, launched the *Premier Plan*, Tipperary's Strategic Vision & Action Plan for the G.A.A. in the county 2011-2015. This extensive document, running to 124 pages, charts the future for all units of the association in the county. It is an integrated plan for county and clubs, indicating the ethos and philosophy within which issues may be addressed and providing pointers for possible response. It plants the seeds of change and encourages long-term evaluation and planning.

The Plan highlights the excellent facilities dotted throughout the county, providing a strong base for clubs to develop. It sets out targets, assigns responsibilities and provides for regular review of systems and personnel. It challenges existing structures and seeks to create a new vision for the future.

The document also provides much background information on clubs, schools and county which should inform planning and guide development programmes.

The challenges facing the G.A.A. in Tipperary may be crystallized in six main areas:

Games: Providing a programme of regular, meaningful games for all players.

Changing demographics: Coping with population movement and social and economic difficulties.

Facilities: Developing a new approach to the use of existing facilities of all kinds and to the provision of new and extended facilities to meet future needs.

Funding: Highlighting our product, attracting support and generating sufficient revenue to maintain and improve our standards.

Personnel: Optimising our use of the experience and expertise in our communities and implementing practical recruitment and training programmes.

Discipline: Implementing discipline and coping with diminishing levels of respect for authority.

The Premier Plan addresses these issues under the following headings:

• Our Games: Fixtures, Hurling, Football, Games Development,

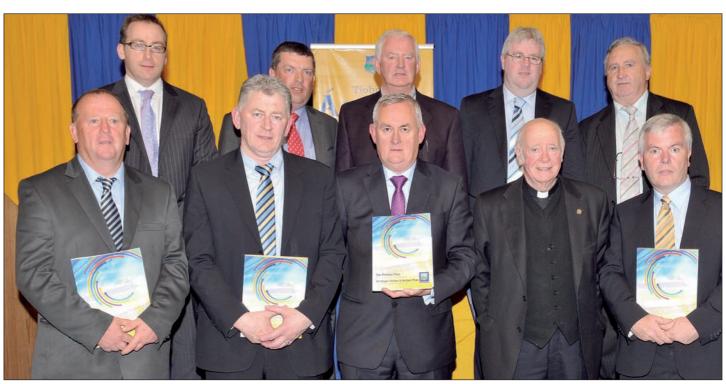
Refereeing, County Team Management.

- Premier Clubs: Club Essentials, Culture & Community, Volunteerism.
- Social Issues: Urbanisation & Rural Depopulation, Inclusion & Integration, Unemployment & Emigration.
- Planning: Strategic Planning, Officer Support, Reviewing our Systems, Facilities & Infrastructure.
- Financial Excellence: Income & Expenditure, Commercial Income & Sponsorship, Support Groups, Capital Expenditure, County Board & Club Finances.
- Communications, PR & Marketing: Schools, Media, Boards & Clubs, IT Solutions, Match Days, Publications, Loyalty Schemes, Games Presentations.

Among the key projects examined are:

- 1. A Manager's Charter to guide the workings of county team management groups
- 2. Recruitment, training, monitoring and assessment of referees
- 3. Coach Badging System for all team mentors
- 4. Equality of standards in hurling and football across the four divisions
- 5. Recruitment and training of volunteers and officers
- 6. Increased awareness of substance abuse
- 7. Introduction of Recreational Games
- 8. Implementation of best practice when working with children
- 9. Review the effectiveness of the existing divisional boards
- 10. Rationalise the issue of promotion and relegation
- 11. Appointment of a Fixtures Harmonisation Group to oversee fixtures at all levels
- 12. Enabling clubs to cope with dwindling numbers and initiating development programmes to cater for growing urban areas
- 13. Greater emphasis on community and cultural activities
- 14. Embracing modern technology in communication, coaching and development
- 15. Club Nursery programme for under age groups
 The Premier Plan can be viewed in full at

www.tipperary.gaa.ie. Copies have been provided to all clubs in book and CD format. Clubs have also been provided with a 'prompt sheet' to assist them in developing their own plans.



Strategic Plan Launch: Front l-r; Joe Carton, Munster Coaching and Games Development; Tim Floyd, County Secretary; Christy Cooney, President GAA; His Grace Most Rev Dr. Clifford, Patron GAA. Back l-r: Kieran Leddy, Croke Park; Ger Ryan, County PRO; Denis Floyd, Co-Ordinator of Strategic Plan Committee; Ed Donnelly PRO, Munster Council, Pat Fitzgerald, CEO Munster Council.

Loughmore/Castleiney welcomes Munster and All-Ireland minor football clubs

By Pat Healy P.R.O.

Just like many other years, the club has supplied players to the minor football County panel and this year was no exception with four players from the club starting off the glory trail against Limerick. Liam McGrath as captain, John Meagher, John McGrath and Darragh Butler were the players involved from the club. Victory there and an excellent comeback against Kerry opened the eyes of all football followers for the Munster final v Cork on July 3rd in Killarney.

At the end of an outstanding contest a first Munster minor final since 1984 was achieved. With Liam as captain a homecoming was hastily organised and with the good ladies and helpers refreshments were set up in the Community Centre. A large crowd assembled as the coach came to a halt and the mass of club and county flags reflected the huge and deserved welcome. All players and management and County board members were welcomed on stage by club PRO Pat Healy. All vowed that the All Ireland title was their aim.

Following the quarter final and semi final victories over Meath and Roscommon respectively it was raging favourites Dublin for the third Sunday in September.

Following a top drawer performance from one and all Liam McGrath took the steps of the Hogan Stand to accept the Tom Markham Cup from our Archbishop Dermot Clifford. On Monday night following their return to the Cathedral grounds one and all followed to our Community Centre where a huge crowd packed the building to welcome the team and salute our club heroes. The team was met at the four roads by pipers from the Templemore Pipe Band and paraded to the centre where top class music from the Nesbitt Group welcomed all.

This certainly was a night that we often dreamt off, but thought the big guns would be there to deprive, but not this bunch of players and management who excelled all year culminating in the highest honour in minor football championship being achieved.

On a sad note for the club and parishes a man who travelled



Tadhg Duggan, Arravale Rovers, a county minor football selector, is pictured here visiting Harry Greensmith. Harry played in the 1935 All-Ireland MFC final where Tipperary were beaten by Mayo. His brother Andy captained the 1934 Tipperary Minor football All Ireland champions

to all those historic occasions with his great friends Pat Cullen and Dan Egan, Joe O'Grady was called suddenly from us on Sunday morning October 2nd, having attended our minor football county semi final the day before. Joe gave great service to the club as a player, selector and official down the years and to his brother and sisters our deepest sympathy.



Liam MacCarthy visits Michael Hogan in Grangemockler. L-r; Joe Brennan, Sean Nugent, Dick Egan, Eoin Kelly, Barry Ó'Brien, Michael Hogan, Johnson Lyons, Club Chairperson, Debbie Murphy Secretary. Front: Jack Lyons.

David Power reflects . . .

By James Holohan

Sunday September 18th will long live in the minds of Tipperary Football aficionados when their Minor team annexed the Tom Markham Cup. Whenever titles are won, the successful Manager immediately becomes the focus of attention. For the youthful David Power he was unwittingly put into the limelight.

David is a Kilsheelan native. Coming from a football orientated home it was hardly surprising that he developed a love for the game. Michael, his father, was a major influence. When he was a selector with the Tipperary senior football team David travelled everywhere with him and was bitten by the bug. Way back in 1984 the Tipperary minors were beaten by Dublin. David was just one year old and got his first taste of Croke Park. If his father's motto was "get them young" he was certainly going the right way about it. Having attended Carrick-on-Suir CBS he got his first introduction to gaelic games. Like all young boys in the area he joined his local club Kilsheelan-Kilcash. His first success came in 1994 when he played in goal for the U/12side that brought off the South double. A few lean years followed but for David, playing the games he loved was more important. In 2003 Kilsheelan made an historic breakthrough, David played in an attacking role and helped the club to a County U/21 'B' football title. In due course he graduated to the Intermediate Football side where he lined out in goal. He lost two county finals with Kilsheelan to Mullinahone in 2006 and Clonmel Og in 2008.

Having a special interest in the fortunes of Tipperary football teams he began to take a keen interest in coaching. In 2007, Pete Savage invited him to coach the county U/15 team. This was a learning experience for him. In 2009 the managerial role for the minor football team became vacant and with no willing takers David accepted the position. If the powers that be were looking for a man of vision, one could not quibble with their choice. In his first year the team made great strides before losing to Kerry in the Munster Final and to Mayo at the All Ireland quarter final stage. In 2010 he continued in this role, but in a county where most interest is in the small ball, expectations were not high and for David it meant he was under no great pressure. In the Munster semi final they lost to Cork by three points. In that same year he managed the U/16 team that won the Munster title for the first time beating Cork after extra time and for good measure he was also to the fore when the U/17 team defeated Limerick in the final of the inaugural Daryl Darcy Tournament. He also found time to coach his club to victory in the County Minor Football "B" final and also the county Intermediate title.

When 2011 dawned the minor campaign looked to be another routine year for the ordinary supporter of football. For David, he realised that he had a quality panel to select from following the successes at U/16 and U/17 level.

David commented: "Having come back from being nine points down at half time against Kerry in the semi final the team showed great belief that the Munster title could be won which they duly accomplished. On reaching the All Ireland Final against Dublin one could have been pessimistic considering Tipperary's record against Dublin in minor finals. There was great attention to detail on how to get the best out of the team. Video analysis was done on each of the Dublin players. The team's exploits had already captured the imagination of the Tipperary public and there was an air of confidence that history was in the making. The coach journey from the hotel to Croke Park was nerve wrecking but the abundance of blue and gold favours gave me great pride. In all my visits to Croke Park, it was beyond my wildest dreams that I would be managing a team on the third Sunday of September. For the All Ireland semi final, in order to get focused I walked from goal to goal just to be



David Power Tipperary All-Ireland winning minor football manager.

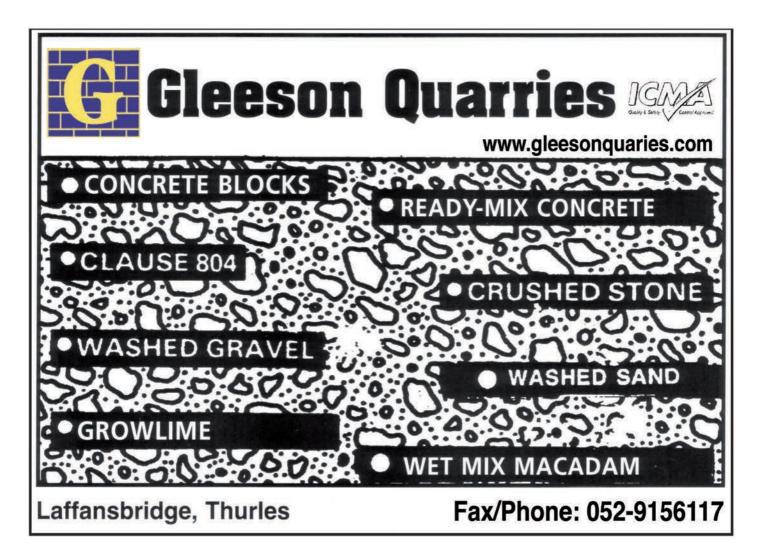
on my own. Liam McGrath's goal in the opening minutes had a settling effect on the team. We were four points down at half time and were quietly confident that we could turn things around. Having the experienced John Evans on the sideline was a major attribute. Selectors Fergal McDonnell, Pat Murphy, Tadgh Duggan and the rest of the backroom team did a fantastic job.

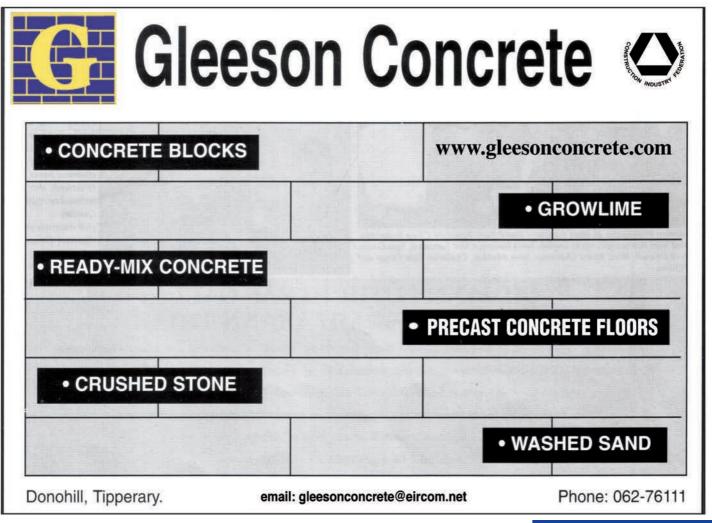
Having omitted Philip Quirke from the starting line up, we introduced him after the interval to give a new dimension to the attack and this paid off handsomely. Later on fresh legs were again needed and Colman Kennedy got the call. Tipperary people, wherever they were watching, will never forget his courage in shooting for goal and rattling the net at such a vital time in the game. The remaining four minutes were tense and nerve wrecking while awaiting the long whistle and when it came I will never forget the outpouring of emotion. Words can not express what this victory meant to all associated with Tipperary football.

Later that evening at a function organised by the Tipperary Association in Dublin, the magnitude of our achievement slowly began to sink in. It was a wonderful feeling to wake up on Monday morning and realise that this victory was no longer a dream. The homecoming to Thurles beckoned and on arrival it was another wonderful occasion. Later that night we travelled to Loughmore, home club of Liam McGrath, our captain. On Tuesday evening we were greeted by a large crowd in Clonmel and were accorded a mayoral reception. But the icing on the cake was when the whole party travelled out to Kilsheelan to be greeted, with a rapturous reception, by the large crowd. This was really special for Bill, Adrian, Conor and myself, as here were the people I grew up with, played with and not forgetting, the young children all decked out and enthusiastic as they start out their GAA careers".

When championship time comes around in 2012 there will be a greater interest in the progress of the team. David will be again at the helm. In the meantime we continue to reminisce with pleasure about that emotionally charged day last September.

Some time back County Chairman Barry O'Brien raised many eyebrows when he said Tipperary will be challenging for All Ireland senior football honours by 2020. However, one would have to say that with men of the calibre of David, together with the proper structures in place, Tipperary could be a force to be reckoned with.







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Tipperary County Board making a presentation to Eddie Lonergan, who retired as Football Secretary after twenty five years, at a function in Cahir. From left: Barry O'Brien, County Chairman, Eddie Lonergan, His Grace Dr. Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Michael Power, County Football Secretary and Noel Morris, County Football Chairman.

by Michael Power

Cahir House was the venue on Friday 6th May for a most enjoyable evening marking the retirement of Cahir man Eddie Lonergan as secretary of Tipperary Football Board. Eddie was secretary of Tipperary Football Board for 24 years and was stepping down due to 5-year rule change.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Archbishop Dermot Clifford patron of the GAA. The large attendance turned up from all corners of the county showing appreciation for all the work that Eddie has done and reflecting his standing in the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Those in attendance included Tipperary county board officers; Barry O'Brien (Chairman) Timmy Floyd (Secretary) Eamon Buckley (Treasurer) Tom Maher (Secretary of CCC) John Costigan (Central Council Delegate), Tipperary Football Board Officers Noel Morris (Chairman), Michael Power (Secretary), Hugh Coghlan (PRO).

Friends of Tipperary Football president Con Ryan, Dick Egan (South Chairman), Mick Quinn (South Treasurer), Sean Creamer (County Chairman Bord na nOg) and Neil Ryan (Secretary Bord na nOg). Tipp Football manager John Evans and former managers Colm O'Flathery, Pete Savage, Seamus McCarthy and John Mulvihill.

The Cahir club was very well represented and chairman, John O'Connor, spoke of Eddie's work on behalf of the club. Eddie has been secretary of Cahir club for 30 years and continues in that role.

Speakers on the night were Archbishop Clifford, Barry

O'Brien and Noel Morris. All were introduced by incoming football secretary, Michael Power, who was master of ceremonies for the occasion. All reflected on the work that Eddie has done on behalf of the GAA at club and county level.

Dedication, commitment, excellence, preparedness and determination were words used to define Eddie Lonergan's contribution to his work on behalf of the Association. He should be proud that the long hours he has spent as Football Board secretary has reflected in the strong health of the game of football in a county in what many regard as a hurling stronghold. A common theme of those in attendance was the respect that they had for Eddie Lonergan.

A highlight of the evening was a presentation to Eddie's mother, Margaret, to acknowledge her work for the association. All those associated with the Cahir club and those in contact with Eddie as football secretary were deeply appreciative of Margaret's willingness, friendliness and enthusiasm. When one realises that all jerseys of Cahir club are cleaned by Margaret, the qualities of the lady shine out.

In reply Eddie thanked all those who helped him carry out his secretary's role and appreciated the work of previous chairmen, football managers had done in developing the game of football.

Eddie was presented with a TV set as token of appreciation to his service as secretary. A presentation was also made to Margaret Lonergan to mark all the behind the scene work she has done on behalf of Gaelic Athletic Association.



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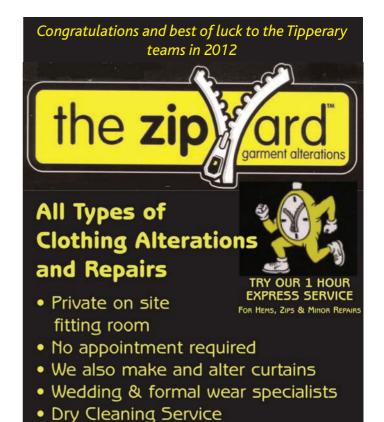
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Thurles Sarsfields International Hurling Thirteens Festival

"Brilliant", "What a week-end", "We'd love to come again next year", some of the reactions from the clubs which came from England, Northern Ireland and the United States to participate in the inaugural Thurles Sarsfields International Hurling Thirteens Festival which was held at Munster hurling final week-end in July.

The brain-child of Sarsfields vice-president, John Enright, who chaired the committee which brought the festival to fruition, and designed to jointly promote tourism to Thurles at Munster final time, and hurling among clubs which would not normally get the opportunity to play at Semple Stadium, the success of the event surpassed all expectations, so much so that arrangements are already being put in place for next year's event, again to be staged at Munster final week-end.

Kilburn Gaels of London became the first winners of the tournament and were presented with the Tom Semple Cup by Anne Gunning, daughter of the late GAA legend, Tom Semple, after a thrilling final against Dunboyne of Meath. Eight teams took part, the novelty attraction being "The Wild Geese", a group of U.S marines, based in England. The other clubs came from London, Armagh, Derry, Louth, Kildare and Meath. They were divided into two groups of four with games played at Morris Park and Sarfields own grounds, on a round-robin basis. The top two in each section qualified for the semi-finals and the final was at Semple Stadium.

A very popular additional extra was the Poc Fada competition held at half-time of the final and involving representatives of all the clubs. On the opening night of the tournament there was a concert featuring Comhaltas musicians and signers at Sarsfields Social Centre, followed later by entertainment by the Jim O' the Mill traditional group. Younger interests were catered for with a local live band on Saturday evening at the centre.

Looking ahead to next year, the organising committee are contemplating a twelve –team tournament, with A and B sections to facilitate the weaker teams . Already soundings have been made with potential participants with a view to broadening the international aspect of the event, and consideration is also being given to an expansion of activities, but as yet all these matters are under discussion.

Committee chairman John Enright said that Sarsfields were very pleased with how smoothly the event was run and he thanked the clubs, the managements for Morris Park and Semple Stadium, and Sarsfields own members, for their great help in getting the inaugural event off to such a successful start.

He said that the club was honoured that Anne Gunning and her husband Sean, were in attendance, and he hoped that the tournament would be a fitting commemoration of the late Tom Semple whose contribution to the GAA as a player, referee, and administrator, was immense.

John was particularly grateful to those who had come forward with sponsorship to assist in the running of the tournament. He stressed that they were all local people who, in their various enterprises, were doing so much for the community by providing employment and assisting ventures like the hurling festival which were designed to promote Thurles.



Back row - Dessie Kennedy Borrisoleigh, Mick Burke Clare, Ger Quinn Sligo, Tom Bergin, Team Manager, Moyne Templetuohy, Colm Forde, Clare, Robert Bourke, J K Brackens, Seamus Mackey, Holycross Ballycahill, Phil Fennessy Clare, Michael O'Dwyer. London, Jack Ryan. Upperchurch Drombane, Leo Quigley, Burgess, Jonathan Maher, Burgess, Tony Dunne, Burgess, Keith Kennedy, Killenaule, Tony Nolan, Dublin, Brendan O'Connor, selector, Clare, Front Row - Roy Darcy, Shannon Rovers, Aidan Treacy, Galway, John Joe Burke, Kilkenny, Brian Forde, Clare, Colm Quinn, Clare, Martin Linehan, Limerick, Niall Forde, Galway, Mick Joe O'Dwyer, Borrisoleigh.

The Silvermines Silver Cup – the oldest G.A.A. trophy?

by Seamus J. King

 ${f R}$ ecently Fr. Brendan Moloney, P.P., Silvermines presented a silver cup to Seamus J. King, chairman, Lár na Páirce. The cup, which is the property of the Parish of Silvermines, was given on loan to the Thurles museum until further notice.

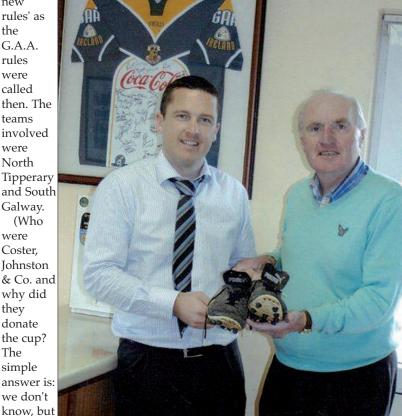
The cup has rested in the Parochial House, Silvermines since 1935 when it was handed over on St. Patrick's Day to the then Parish Priest, Fr. Enright with instructions that 'the trophy was to be kept as a souvenir by the parish and that future P.P.s would be the trophy's custodians.'

There's an interesting story behind this silver cup.

The tale starts on a February Tuesday in 1886, not much more than a year after the foundation of the G.A.A. and a year before the first All-Ireland was played. At this time a cup was donated by Coster, Johnston & Co., Dublin for a competition to be played

new rules' as the G.A.A. rules were called then. The teams involved were North **Tipperary** and South Galway. (Who were Coster. **Johnston** & Co. and why did they donate the cup? The simple answer is: we don't

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time all hurling rules were local and prevented the game

Fr. Brendan Moloney (right), P.P., Silvermines, presenting the Silver

being organised at a wider level.

The man responsible for organising the game was 'Mr. Hurling' himself, Michael Cusask and he was keen to spread the gospel of hurling. His contact in Tipperary was Frank Moloney, the secretary of Nenagh Hurling Club and he would have been familiar with the strength of the

Cup to Seamus J. King.

The game was fixed to be played in the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Tuesday, February 9. The two teams travelled by train to Dublin the previous day and met up at Broadstone station at 10 pm. They spent the night in the Clarence Hotel and received instructions on the rules of play. The players marched out to the field the following day.

The fifteen acres in the Phoenix Park was the venue for the game and it had been laid out and stewarded by members of the Dublin and Wicklow clubs. Cusack was the referee and the game lasted eighty minutes. There was a silver cup and twenty-one silver medals for the winners

To begin the match the arch of hurleys was formed by the teams facing each other. The Tipperary ball was used for the first half. For forty minutes the game waxed fast and furious during which the Tipperary men drove twenty-six wides and resisted

we can hypothesise's They company ost listed in Thom's Dublinents his foodball in Galway from his time teaching there. Street Directors of 88% page (1400. Thom entire states: '16 & 17 Played in the Phoenix Park Street Directorsyd \$87mpag Kil 400. Liha centuryestates: '16 & 17 (Ormond Quay, Lr.) Coster, Johnston & Co., Ormond Printing Works, wholesale paper and bag merchants, stationers, twine merchants, and account book manufacturers and London, S.E.' Overhead the premises a number of solicitors are listed as having their offices and they include Thomas W. Coster and Arthur Johnston. At the time Michael Cusack was principal of the Civil Service Academy, 4 Gardiners Place, some distance away from Ormond Quay. It is quite possible that Cusack was a customer of Coster, Johnston and Co. for printing, stationery and other requirements for his academy. Is it too fanciful to suggest that he had the company sponsor a cup (a fairly modest effort, I might add) for his great hurling challenge?)

This would be regarded as the first intercounty game and it reflected the advent of authoritative rules for hurling and that the games could now be organised at a wider level. Prior to this every attempt by Galway to transfer the sphere of operations to the other end. In the second half the Galway ball, which was smaller, was introduced. The play was less one-sided but the Galway team failed to make an impression on Tipperary. After about twenty minutes a great Tipperary attack, spearheaded by Charles McSorley of the Silvermines, resulted in a goal and deafening cheers from the crowd. During the remaining twenty minutes Galway made some brilliant dashes but without avail and the final whistle left Tipperary victorious by a solitary goal.

The cup and the medals were presented to the victorious side by Mrs. Fitzgerald, then Lady Mayoress of Dublin. The team were given a torchlight procession on their return to Nenagh and about four thousand people turned up in front of the Castle Hotel to listen to Frank Moloney's address.

Some embarrassments

There was also a fine turnout at Gort to greet the defeated Galwegians. The side had been selected from Gort, Kilmacduagh, Kiltartan, Peterswell, Kilbecanty and Tubber. The team had two major embarrassments during the event. The team had special knickerbockers made for the occasion to satisfy a request made by Cusack that they wear a distinctive dress. Dan Burke of Gort, to whom Cusack had written to get a team together, bought a roll of corduroy on special offer in Huban's drapery and had Pake Shaughnessy, a tailor in Church Street, make up the knickerbockers. His thread wasn't equal to the strain of the contest and many of the knickerbockers ripped, causing amusement and embarrassment!

Further embarrassment was caused when on Wednesday, February 17, 1886 the whole town of Gort with its Brass Band thronged to welcome their heroes home. Only four of the team arrived! The rest, unaware that there was a second station in Dublin, took the train from Kingsbridge and didn't discover their mistake until they reached Limerick Junction. They arrived home on Thursday!

A challenge was issued by the victorious North Tipperary side

to all counties to take on the winners of the 'Hurling Championship of Ireland' at a sports meeting at Castle Field, Nenagh on August 9. Ogonelloe Club from Clare was the only outside club to respond and North Tipperary defeated them on August 9 and later defeated Moycarkey Borris.

The success of North Tipperary may have been due to good preparation beforehand. Frank Moloney had organised a trial game at Ballincor, Lorrha on New Year's Day between a Nenagh 21 and the pick of the Lorrha clubs. This game gave Moloney an idea of the talent available. Practice sessions were held in Ardcroney on January 3 and at Borrisokane on January 21 as

When the team came to be picked eight clubs were represented. The team was as follows: John Walsh, James Hanly, Pat O'Meara, Nenagh, Martin Gleeson, Dan Gleeson, Pat McGrath, Martin Gleeson, Charles McSorley, Silvermines, Matt Costelloe, Pat Gleeson, Matt Hayes, Knigh, Patrick O'Meara, Pat O'Meara, Lorrha, John Ryan, Pat Guinane, Pat Buckley, Youghalarra, Mike Grace, Pat Reidy, Pat O'Brien, Carrigtoher, John Kennedy, James Clarke, Ardcroney, James Brooder, Kilbarron.

Silvermines win the Silver Cup

Silvermines had the biggest number of players of any of the clubs and the club was to feature strongly in the subsequent history of the Silver Cup.

Later in 1886 the cup was offered for competition amongst the North Tipperary teams and there was an entry of twenty. The games commenced in October and the final between Silvermines and Holycross was played in Nenagh Castle Field on St. Patrick's Day 1887. In a thrilling contest Silvermines carried the day on a scoreline of 1-5 to nil. The cup was presented to the captain, Dan Gleeson, who immediately gave it to Fr. Cunningham, C.C. for safe keeping as a token of appreciation for the work he had done for the club.

Later still Fr. Cunningham transferred as P.P. of Templederry



Hugh Kennedy Memorial Cup Presentation. At presentation of the Hugh Kennedy Memorial Cup for the County MFC 'B' competition, were l-r; Eamon Buckley, County Treasurer; Michael Power, Ger Ryan County PRO, Joan Fogarty representing the Kennedy family, Sean Nugent, County Vice Chairman; Tim Floyd, County Secretary; Noel Morris, Football Board Chairman, Liam Kennedy and Michael Power, Secretary Football Board.

Recent & Forthcoming G.A.A. Publication

By Seamus J. King

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at the game'.

Probably the most satisfactory thing to report in the area of publications during the year was the winning of a McNamee

Award for the best G.A.A. Programme. The Tipperary senior hurling final programme 'was chosen as the winning entry as it showed effective planning, design and layout on top of its excellent content which would have been of great interest to GAA patrons

Congratulations are due to Ger Corbett for this excellent production. While one is delighted with his achievement one has to ask why the honour has taken so long to come his way. He has been producing county final programmes of the



highest quality for a number of years. They are all exciting productions in content, colour and layout and, may I say, so much more exciting than the monotonous productions that we get when we attend All-Ireland finals, Keep up the good work, Gerl

And, of course, Ger did that with another super production for this year's senior hurling final. One of the things to note about this production was the glimpses into the past. For instance there were six pages devoted to the Kilruane-MacDonagh's team that won the 1985 final. There was also a piece on the fiftieth anniversary of the county senior hurling All-Ireland of 1961.

While on the subject of programmes it is important to mention the West senior football programme, which was produced for the final at Golden on September 25. This was a 32-page production masterminded by former secretary, Jerry Ring and the Golden-Kilfeacle club and it was the first time that a programme of such size was produced for the final.

Toomevara Abú

Pride of place among G.A.A. productions in the county must go

to Toomevara G.A.A. 25 Glorious Years 1986-2010, which continues the story begun in The Green and Golden Years of Toomevara G.A.A. 1995-1985, published in 1986. This is a more substantial volume than the original with 350 pages. It covers the great modern period of the club when they won 11 county senior hurling finals since 1992, as well as numerous other finals. Written on a year by year basis the information is very accessible. Each year starts with the officers elected for the year, then progresses



to senior hurling, followed by all the other grades, adult and juvenile and finishes with any ballads or poems composed during the year and obituaries. Program makers of the future will thank the history committee under the chairmanship of Paddy O'Brien, who did the work. The book was printed by the *Nenagh Guardian* and retails for €15.

The Rattler

One of the publishing events of the year was The Rattler Mickey Byrne Tipperary Hurling Legend by Michael Dundon and the

Byrne Family. This book attracted huge publicity and brought an overflow crowd to the Anner Hotel for the launch in May. The book does justice to Mickey because it's as much about the man as it is about his hurling. The earlier part is devoted to his litany of quips and stories and this drags the reader into the nittygritty of his hurling story.. It will be of interest to readers to learn that the name 'The Rattler' was not earned from the sound of ribcages rattling as a result of contact with Mickey on the hurling field but rather from the name of a contemporary baddy in cowboy films, that Mickey used to side with, when he was growing up. One of the strong features of this book are the pictures. People of Mickey's vintage were not well-served with cameras and photographs are few and far between. However, the editors must have scoured the highways and byways to come up with the large number of images that pepper this production. All of them may not be of the best quality but they make a big impact in the book and add to the larger than life subject. Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh, another larger than life character, was along to launch the book, many hurlers from the period also attended and all together made it a night to remember. The book is a fitting tribute to the hurling legend, who has a record of achievement that is unlikely to be ever equalled in having won 14 county senior hurling medals, as well as many All-Ireland, Railway Cup and others. The book retails for €20 and the proceeds of the sale went to charity.

I would like also to mention two annual publications, the Shannon Rovers publication on the year just past and the Roscrea production called The Year in Red. Both are important in recording the achievements of the club and continue to exhibit a high standard of production.

The Runaí

The sub-title of this book by Susan Max on Tommy Barrett is '50 Years of G.A.A. Memories'. It was launched to a full house in the Sarsfield's Social Centre, Thurles on November 11, coinciding with Ireland's play-off game with Estonia in the European Cup! The launch was done by the very eminent, past president of the association, Peter Quinn, who developed a good rapport with Tommy over the course of the years. The book emphasises Tommy's republican side from his birth in Killenaule in 1924 and his great love of the G.A.A., expressed in his close involvement with the association since he arrived in Thurles in the early fifties. This is a beautifully produced book, with an outstanding photograph of Tommy on the front cover, very readable print and well-told by Susan Max. If I have any complaint it is the shortage of photographs. There is a good representative sample but I thought there should be more. The proceeds of the book, after expenses, will go to the hospice movement. It retails for

Ardfinnan G.A.A. History

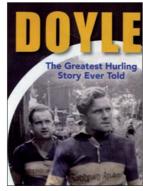
It's always the same around Christmas. Books come thick and fast and we had two in one week during the last week of November. The first of these was the Ardfinnan G.A.A. History 1910-2010 by Micheal O'Meara and it was launched by G.A.A. President, Christy Cooney in Ardfinnan Community Hall on November 23. The hurling side of the parish, Ballybacon-Grange, recorded its history in a slim volume in 1984. This is a much more substantial production of 360 pages. and it traces the football history of the parish over the century. It also recognises the achievements of the hurlers over the period because there is always a big overlap of players. The front cover of the book features the 1910 football team, the first photograph of any team from the club, and a good clear picture it is also. There are many great stories in this book and one of the greatest is the first county senior final in 1935. Like all clubs there are plenty of

famous families who had contributed down the decades and the two most prominent players to wear the jersey were Babs Keating and Brendan Cummins.

The Greatest Hurling Story Ever Told

This is the sub-title to the biography of John Doyle, written by

John Harrington and published by Irish Sports Publishing for €15.99. It contains about 300 pages. It was launched in the Anner Hotel, Thurles on November 24 by Michael Maher, the only one left of Hell's Kitchen without a biography. I heard of a Kilkenny man who saw the blurb on a poster about the launch in Phil Murray's pub in Upperchurch and exhaled in disdain at the arrogance of the claim! I suppose it does hurt black and amber followers to hear such claims from the natives of the



'Home of Hurling'. Incidentally Upperchurch is the home of the author, John Harrington, and he brought his professional training as a journalist to the writing of this book. It is all the more readable for that. It was a brave task to take on the writing of the biography of a hurler who strode the stage of Tipperary hurling like a colossus for over two decades. On the other hand it was most important that such a figure be written about and we must thank John Harrington for his fine achievement.

Outside Publications

One of the biggest books to come my way during the year is Clare G.A.A. - The Club Scene 1887-2010, a massive tome of close to 900 pages. Compiled by Seamus O'Reilly, a regular

photographer at matches in Semple Stdium and the owner/editor of the Clare County Express, it covers the Clare senior hurling and football championships from the beginning. A compact book it tells the number of teams that participated in each championship, the progress to the final and a detailed account of the final, including the names of the finalists. There are also pictures of the winners, where these exist, and other interesting club photographs. This is a great reference work, the product of many hours of research and a tribute to the author. The book is available for ≤ 50 .

The People's History

Last year saw the publication of one of the most stunning books on the G.A.A. entitled The People's History. It outlined how Gaelic games and the social world which revolves around the Association, has shaped the lives of generations of Irish people at home and abroad. If you didn't buy a copy at the time, do so before it goes out of print. It retails for €29.99.

This year there is a sequel to this book called *The G.A.A.* County by County. People and place, sport and identity lie at the heart of this book, telling the story of how the GAA has left a unique imprint on every Irish county and Irish communities overseas. Organised county by county, the highs and lows of onfield activity are charted and the various forces that have shaped the personality of the GAA across each county - social, economic, geographic and political - are examined. With a compelling mix of text, images (many previously unseen) and first-hand accounts from participants in the GAA Oral History project, this is a seamless blend of the scholarly and the popular, providing fascinating insights into why the GAA has developed as it has in different places. It contains 432 pages and retails for



Pictured at the launch of Tommy Barrett's book 'An Rúnal' by Peter Quinn former President GAA were; Front l-r; Tommy Barrett, Susan Max author, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Clifford, Patron GAA; Peter Quinn, former President GAA. Back 1-r. Muiche I Maher, Chairman Sarsfields, Barry O'Brien County Chairman, Tommy Barrett Junior, Aidan Barrett and Liam O'Donoghue, Fear an Tì.



Pictured at the launch of 'DOYLE---The Greatest Hurling Story Ever Told', were from left, John Harrington the author, Johnny Doyle, Tom O'Dwyer, Chairman Holycross Ballycahill, His Grace Most Rev. Dr Dermot Clifford, Patron GAA, and Liam Hayes from Irish Sport Publishing.



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County Senior Hurling Championship 2011

By Seamus J. King

new club was added to the list of county senior hurling champions when Drom & Inch won the 2011 championship following victory over Clonoulty-Rosmore at Semple Stadium, Thurles on October 16. It was fourth time lucky for the winners having lost in 2005 to Thurles Sarsfields by 1-17 to 0-15, in 2007 to Loughmore-Castleiney by 0-22 to 0-13 and in 2009 to Thurles Sarsfields by 0-14 to 0-5. The bookies made Drom & Inch favourites by the smallest of margins at 10/11 as against 6/5 on Clonoulty-Rossmore and the result confirmed their prediction with a two-point win for Drom on a scoreline of 1-19 to 2-14. They overcame a sluggish start to finish in fine style with their key player and captain, Seamus Callanan, giving a storming performance in the second-half.

Format

The format of the county senior hurling championship was changed in 2011. The number of teams participating remained at 32 with new intermediate champions, Borrisokane, replacing combination team, Galtee/Treacys

As in 2010 the 32 teams played in their respective divisional championships down to semi-final stage, The 16 teams who reached this stage automatically qualified for the Dan Breen Cup. Unlike 2010, when the remaining 16 went into the O'Riain Cup and the two finalists only were granted entry, all 16 teams who failed to make the divisional semi-finals, were given a crack at the Dan Breen in the 2011 championship,

The 16 teams went into the round 1 of the Dan Breen cup among themselves. The 8 losers went into the Seamus O'Riain cup and the 4 losers of the first round went into the relegation competition.

The 8 winners went into round 2 of the Dan Breen together

with the 8 losing divisional semi-finalists. This was an open draw with repeat games avoided.

The 8 winners from round 2 played off among themselves in round 3 and joined the four divisional final losers in round 4. The four winners played the four divisional final winners in round 5.

The virtue of these arrangements was that divisional achievement was recognised. Beaten divisional finalists came back in at round 4 while the winners came in at round 5.

Round 1

Round 1 of the Dan Breen Cup was played on the third and fourth weekends in July with Borris-Ileigh, Lorrha, Upperchurch-Drombane, Burgess, Roscrea, Thurles Sarsfields, Kilruane MacDonaghs and Portroe coming through. Significantly this represented 6 North and 2 Mid teams.

Round 2

The winners joined the 8 beaten divisional semi-finalists in an open draw. The teams that came through were Templederry, Burgess, Borris-Ileigh, Thurles Sarsfields, Eire Óg, Nenagh Eire Óg, Upperchurch-Drombane and J. K. Brackens. These games with one exception were played on the last weekend of July, when the championship went into recess because of divisional finals and Tipperary's involvement in the All-Ireland games. The exception was the J. K. Brackens game with Carrick Davins, which was held up because of fixture delays in the South. It was played on September 10.

Divisional Finals

The Mid final was the first to be played and it took place on July



Drom-Inch captain Seamus Callinan lifts the Dan Breen Cup presented by County Board chairman Barry O'Brien (left) and celebrated by Drom-Inch Chairman Austin Broderick (right) at Semple Stadium.



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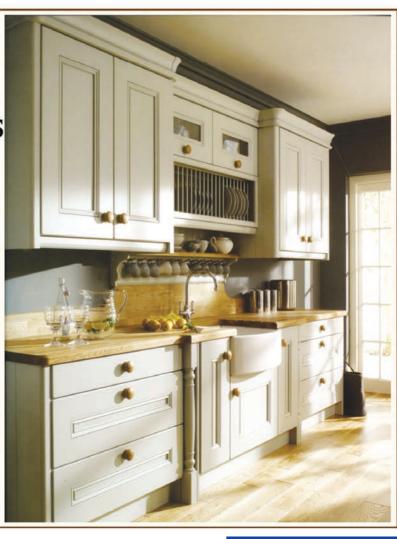
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Members of the Butler family who were members of Drom-Inch County SHC team that won the first ever county title (l to r) Padraig, Martin, Micheál, David, Seamus, Kevin, Macdara and Fiachra.

22 between Loughmore-Castleiney and Drom & Inch at Templetuohy. Drom led at halftime and went further ahead soon after the resumption but a hat-trick of goals by Micheál Webster put paid to their chances and set Loughmore on the road to their eleventh title by 3-15 to 2-14. It was the first time a senior hurling final was played at Templetuohy and a large crowd turned up.

The West and North finals took place on July 30. Toomevara claimed their 33rd title when they defeated Kildangan by 1-18 to

0-13 at Nenagh. Six points up after as many minutes Toomevara were never headed and deserved their eight-point victory in a disappointing final.

In the West final Clonoulty-Rossmore made it five-in-a-row when they enjoyed a 1-26 to 0-13 victory over Cappawhite. The winners led by 0-15 to 0-7 at the interval and were impressive all over the field.

Because of an objection and a dispute about fixtures the South final wasn't ready to take place and was eventually played on October 9. In a game that didn't matter both sides played intensively and it was a tight affair until the last quarter when Mullinahone pulled well clear to win by 2-20 to 0-11.

Round 3

Three of the four Round 3 games were played on September 11, with victories going to Nenagh Eire Óg, Thurles Sarsfields and Burgess. Borris-Ileigh and J. K. Brackens played on September 14 at Semple Stadium with victory going to the former.

Round 4

Meanwhile the divisional finals, with the exception of the South, who nominated Carrick Swans, had taken place and the beaten finalists joined the four winners of round 3 for the next round. Drom & Inch defeated Burgess by 2-16 to 1-18 at Templemore on September 17. On the same day and at the same venue, Thurles Sarsfields defeated Kildangan by 2-20 to 1-15. Also on the 17th Nenagh Eire Óg defeated Cappawhite by 1-16 to 0-14 at Newport. The final game was played at Semple Stadium on September 19, when Borris-Ileigh defeated Carraick Swans by 0-17 to 1-9.

Quarter-Finals

The quarter-finals were played at Semple Stadium on the weekend of September 24/25. In spite of a two-month lay off Clonoulty-Rossmore made light work of disposing of Nenagh Eire Óg. Clonoulty were ahead by 1-9 to 0-6 at the break but two goals in the 43rd and 49th minutes set them up for a comprehensive victory by 3-18 to 0-14.

The second game, between Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney was a most exciting affair in which Sarsfields gave

Co. Senior Hurling Championship 2011						
DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM SCORE		AWAY TEAM SCORE		REFEREE
Quarter						
Final						
24/09/2011	Semple Stadium	Clonoulty Rossmore	3.18	Nenagh Eire Óg	0.14	Michael Hassett
24/09/2011	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	3.17	Loughmore Castleiney	2.16	Fergal Horgan
25/09/2011	Semple Stadium	Mullinahone	2.21	Borris-ileigh	0.22	Ger Fitzpatrick
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25/09/2011	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch	1.23	Toomevara	1.13	Paddy Ivors
Semi Final						
02/10/2011	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch	1.20	Mullinahone	0.14	Fergal Horgan
02/10/2011	Semple Stadium	Clonoulty Rossmore	2.14	Thurles Sarsfields	0.15	John Cleary
Final						
16/10/2011	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch	1-19	Clonoulty-Rossmore	2-14	Pat Gibson

their best display of the year. The sides scored five goals in the first half and left Sarsfields two points up at the interval on a scoreline of 3-7 to 2-8. They extended their lead to six during the second half but at the end of an exciting game had to be content with a 3-17 to 2-16 victory.

On Sunday Toomevara made a shock exit from the race when they were well-beaten by Drom Inch for whom Seamus Callanan was on song and scored an impressive 1-12. The sides were level enough during the first half and Drom led by 1-9 to 0-12 at the interval. However, the sending off of David Young and the upping of the Drom & Inch performance gave the latter early control in the second-half and they won comfortably by 1-23 to 1-13

Mullinahone and Borris-Ileigh ended up level at 1-12 to 0-15, following a late penalty by Eoin Kelly for Mullinahone. The sides remained close during the first half of extra time but Mullinahone took over in the second half and were in front by 2-



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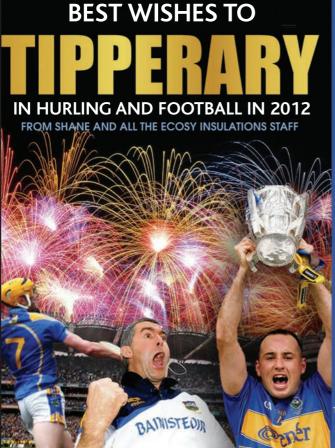
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21 to 0-21 at the final whistle. Kelly scored 2-13 of the winners total.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals were played as a double fixture at Semple Stadium on October 2. Drom & Inch looked impressive in defeating Mullinahone by 1-20 to 0-14. They led by 1-14 to 0-5 at the break. However, they let Mullinahone back into the game during the second-half by failing to score for nineteen minutes but they won comfortably in the end by a nine-point margin.

Clonoulty-Rossmore caused a shock in the second game when





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favourites Thurles Sarsfields by 2-14 to 0-15. The expectation that Sarsfields would win was increased by the knowledge that a number of key players on the Clonoulty team were out through injury. Clonoulty's victory was due to a tremendous workrate and close marking of their opponents. They started in a whirlwind and established a physical dominance on the field. They led by 2-5 to 0-8 at the break and they continued to dog Sarsfields in the secondhalf. The losers had one period of dominance during this period when they scored five points without reply and cut the gap between the sides to 0-3, 2-12 to 0-15 in the 55th minute, but it was Clonoulty's day and they deserved their unexpected, fivepoint victory.

Final

And so it was to the final at Semple Stadium on October 16, a good sunny day and an expectant crowd of 7,038. The teams had never met at this stage before. Drom & Inch were going for their first, having lost three times at this stage. Clonoulty-

Rossmore were going for their fourth having lost the previous year to Thurles Sarsfields. The game was preceded by the Seamus O Riain Cup final between Moycarkey-Borris and Kickhams and also by honouring the Kilruane-MacDonaghs victorious team of 1985.

Clonoulty, aided by the breeze, had the better of the opening exchanges and scored three points in the opening seven minutes, before David Butler registered Drom's first score. The game came alive in the tenth minute when a good movement involving Clonoulty's Padraig Heffernan, Ciaran Quirke and Sean Maher combined for the game's first goal. It wasn't long, however, before Woodlock, Collins and Lupton hit back with Drom's retort to leave the score 1-4 to 1-2 for Clonoulty. Points were exchanged during the remainder of the half as Drom edged more into contention and were only a point in arrears at half-time on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-8. Both sides had goal chances during this period and Clonoulty will probably rue the missed chances more..

Clonoulty resumed the stronger after the interval. Following a point by Hammersley, John O'Neill took advantage of some indecision among the Drom backs to rifle a goal in the thirty second minute and stretch Clonoulty's lead to five points. It was to be the high point of their performance and, significantly, they were to score only four more points in the game.

Drom moved Callanan into full-forward and they upped the ante. By the 45th minute they had drawn level at 1-15 to 2-12 and the momentum was now with them. Their forwards were increasingly dangerous. As well as Callanan, David Collins was playing a very influential role. At centrefield Johnny Ryan was lording it and had hit an inspirational, long-range point to bring the sides level,. As well the backs were stymying the best efforts of the Clonoulty forwards.

As the game progressed the result seemed more and more inevitable as Drom eased in front and Clonoulty failed to regain the initiative. Because there was so little between the sides there was always the possibility of the Clonoulty goal but it failed to come and at the end Drom were deserving winners of the 115th county senior hurling championship on a scoreline of 1-19 to 2-14.

Drom & Inch: Damien Young, Martin Butler, Micheal Butler, Mike Costello, Paul Stapleton, Eamon Buckley, James Ryan, Johnny Ryan (0-2), James Woodlock, Seamus Butler (0-2), Seamus Callanan (capt.) 0-6, David Collins (0-3), Pat Lupton (1-2), Declan Ryan, David Butler (0-4). Subs: Kevin Butler for Declan Ryan, Liam Ryan for Martin Butler, Matthew Ryan for Johnny Ryan. Also: Shane Hassett, Paddy Kennedy, Donncha

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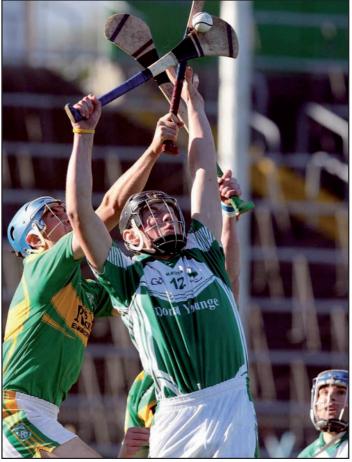
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Quarter						
Final						
29/07/2011	Templederry	Borrisokane	2.11	Knockavilla Kickhams	1.16	Johnny Ryan
31/07/2011	Cashel	Ballingarry	2.14	Moycarkey Borris	1.24	John Ryan Bob
06/08/2011	Holycross	Boherlahan Dualla	4.17	Cashel King Cormacs	3.19	Pat Gibson AET
10/09/2011	Cashel	Moneygall	1.14	Ballybacon Grange	0.12	Martin Ryan
Semi Final						
10/09/2011	Holycross	Moycarkey Borris	3.21	Boherlahan Dualla	1.09	Philip Kelly
24/09/2011	Templederry	Knockavilla Kickhams	3.17	Moneygall	3.15	David Grogan
Final						
16/10/2011	Semple Stadium	Moycarkey-Borris	1-18	Kickhams	0-13	Paddy Ivors

Senior Hurling Relegation 2011

DATE	VENUE	HOME TEAM SCORE		AWAY TEAM SO	ORE	REFEREE
Semi Final						
10/09/2011	Holycross	Ballingarry	3.13	Borrisokane	1.09	Johnny Ryan
25/09/2011	Cahir	Ballybacon Grange	3.19	Cashel KC	3.17	Johnny Ryan AET
Final						
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Kennedy, Joe Lupton, Mike Everard, Macdara Butler, Eddie Costello, Eric Woodlock, Paul Collins, John Kennedy, Shane Delaney, Enda Walshe, Jerome Ryan, Phillip Looby, Martin McGrath, Matthew Buckley, Jamie Moloney, Mike Purcell, Padraig Stapleton.

Clonoulty-Rossmore: Declan O'Dwyer, Kevin Horan, James Heffernan, Joey O'Keeffe, Padraig Heffernan, John O'Keeffe, John Devane (capt.), Sean O'Connor, Tom Butler (0-1), Sean Maher (1-2), Conor Ryan (0-2), Jamie Moloney (0-1), John O'Neill (1-1), Timmy Hammersley (0-6), Ciaran Quirke. Subs: Martin Sadlier of Kevin Horan, Andrew Kearney for Sean O'Connor,



Drom's David Collins in an aerial dual with Clonoulty's Padraig Heffernan during the county final.

County Senior Football Championship 2011

By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

Thomas MacDonaghs cause one of the upsets of the season

Teams from the northern end of the county have contributed little to the county senior football championship in recent times, other than making up the numbers. However Thomas MacDonaghs changed all that this year when a team with the happy knack of upsetting the odds caused one of the surprises of the season by winning one of the county's highestprofile championships.

A side with players from six clubs dispelled the notion of football teams from North Tipp being a soft touch when they became the first from the division to lift the senior football crown since Kilruane MacDonaghs in 1975.

Managed by former Laois star Chris Conway they beat seventimes champions Moyle Rovers, one of the county's superpowers, by 0-9 to 0-7 in the final at Cashel's Leahy Park on the first Sunday in November.

County star Philip Austin played a leading role in the success, converting five frees in a final that featured North Tipp representation for the first time since 1975.

As the scoreline might suggest, it was a closely-fought affair. Moyle Rovers were unlucky not to equalise deep into nine minutes of additional time when Brian Mulvihill's shot struck an upright, and MacDonaghs made the most of that missed opportunity. When they broke upfield and substitute Tommy Connors struck the insurance score the joy among their large contingent of supporters was unconfined.

Rovers held a slender lead at half time (0-5 to 0-4) but once MacDonaghs took the lead through Philip Austin's free in the 40th minute they never looked back. As well as Austin they also had stars in Stephen Murphy, Liam England and George Hannigan.

The win also confirmed that their shock semi-final defeat of Clonmel Commercials was no fluke.

The teams lined out as follows -

Thomas MacDonaghs - Jim McDonnell, Dan Hackett, David Buckley, Ray McLoughney, Kevin Maher, Niall O'Meara, Joseph Carroll, Stephen Murphy, Liam England (0-1), Padraic O'Meara, Alan Hannigan, Joe Gallagher (0-2), Brian O'Meara, Philip Austin (0-5 frees) and George Hannigan.

Subs - Darragh Egan for Brian O'Meara (half time), Fergal Hayes for Alan Hannigan (46 minutes), Tommy Connors (0-1) for Padraic O'Meara (58 minutes), Ruairi Gleeson for Kevin Maher (60 + 5 minutes) and Brian O'Meara for Darragh Egan (60 +7 minutes).

Moyle Rovers - Ian Browne, David Conway, Richard Power, Alan Campbell, Sean Keating, Niall Fitzgerald, Darragh Dwyer, Martin Dunne, Peter Acheson (0-1), Philip Quirke, Sean Carey (0-1 free), Paul Shanahan (0-1 free), Liam Boland (0-1), John Shanahan (0-1) and Brian Mulvihill (0-2).

Subs - Ronan Desmond for Paul Shanahan (32 minutes), David McGrath for Sean Keating (50 minutes), Shane Foley for Liam Boland (55 minutes) and Liam Cronin for David McGrath (59 minutes).

Referee, David Grogan (Aherlow).

First Outing of Champions

A divisional team in all but name, MacDonaghs had their first outing in the championship at the quarter-final stage on October 9th when they defeated JK Brackens by 1-9 to 0-8 after extra-time in Templederry. The north team had heroes at opposite ends of the pitch - Philip Austin, who scored 1-6, and full-back David Buckley. Darren Owens, Lorcan Egan and David Owens were prominent for Brackens, who led by 4 points early in the second



Thomas MacDonaghs joint captains Dan Hackett (with his son Ruairi) and Liam England lifting the County SFC Cup after their side defeated Moyle Rovers in the county final. Also present is County Board Chairman Barry O'Brien and County Football Board Chairman Noel Morris.

half, but they were caught by a resurgent Mac Donaghs and the Mid team completely faded from the picture in extra time, when they failed to score.

Movle Rovers, meanwhile, will reflect on their close call in the quarter-final when they were pushed all the way by Galtee Rovers in Cashel before emerging with a one-point win. Having failed to reach the West final the Bansha side turned in their best performance of the year with Andrew Morrissey, Declan Peters, Tony Egan, Colin Morrissey, Anthony Bowles and Christopher Higgins all working very well.

Had they taken all of their chances they could have caused an upset but instead were left cursing their luck as they slipped to a 0-10 to 0-9 defeat.

On that occasion Moyle Rovers were grateful for the contributions of David Conway, Peter Acheson and Martin Dunne, among others, while Liam Boland was immense when introduced as a substitute.

The semi-finals, played in a downpour on a filthy October afternoon in Holycross, proved as much a test of strength and stamina as skill.

The meeting of the Rovers, Moyle and Arravale, was a close affair at half-time, with the south team ahead by a point, until two quality goals from All-Ireland winning county minor Philip Quirke put daylight between the sides and helped the Powerstown/Lisronagh team to a 2-6 to 0-5 win. His first strike came just 12 seconds after the re-start and his second arrived nine minutes from the finish.

Arravale never gave up and with Brian Jones, Donagh Leahy, Timmy Dalton, Andy Lacey and Shane Leahy leading the charge they kept pressing until the very end. However their best efforts were repelled by a spirited Moyle Rovers defence that featured great performances from Richard Power, Sean Keating and Darragh Dwyer.

Elsewhere Peter Acheson was a commanding figure and he had willing accomplices in the Shanahan brothers, John and Paul.

		County Senior Fo	otball Champions	hip
Round 1	Venue	Teams and scores	•	Referee
July 2	in Cahir	Aherlow 2-12	Carrick Swans 0-9	Referee, Derek O'Mahoney
July 5	in Cloneen	Killenaule 1-14	Fethard 2-8	Referee, Michael Duffy
July 9	in Clonmel	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 2-15	Clonmel Óg 0-7	Referee, Paddy Russell
July 9	in Ardfinnan	Clonmel Commercials 1-15	Cahir 0-5	Referee, Keith O'Brien
July 17	in Holycross	Eire Og Annacarty 2-8	Loughmore Castleiney 1-7	Referee, Derek O'Mahoney
July 23	in Holycross	Arravale Rovers 1-13	Moyne Templetuohy 1-5	Referee, John Kelly
July 23	in Holycross	Galtee Rovers 1-9	JK Brackens 2-4	Referee, Brian Tyrrell
July 30	in Clonmel	Moyle Rovers 1-15	Ardfinnan 1-4	Referee, Paddy Russell
August 26	in Clonmel	Moyle Rovers 1-16	Kilsheelan Kilcash 0-10	Referee, David Grogan
August 27	in New Inn	Galtee Rovers 1-9	Killenaule 1-8	Referee, Paddy Russell
August 27	in New Inn	Clonmel Commercials 1-4	Eire Óg Annacarty 0-5	Referee, Derek O'Mahony
August 27	in Lattin	Arravale Rovers 2-9	Aherlow 0-11	Referee, Keith O'Brien
Quarter Fina	ls			
October 1	in Cashel	Moyle Rovers 0-10	Galtee Rovers 0-9	Referee, Paddy Russell
October 9	in Templederry	Thomas MacDonaghs 1-9	JK Brackens 0-8	Referee, Michael Duffy
Semi-Finals				
October 23	in Holycross	Thomas MacDonaghs 1-5	Clonmel Commercials 0-6	Referee, John Kelly
October 23	in Holycross	Moyle Rovers 2-6	Arravale Rovers 0-5	Referee, Keith O'Brien
Final				
November 6 i	n Cashel	Thomas MacDonaghs 0-9	Moyle Rovers 0-7	Referee, David Grogan

Arravale had opened their campaign with a 1-13 to 0-5 defeat of Moyle/Templetuohy in Holycross in July.

Clonmel Commercials went into their semi-final against Thomas MacDonaghs on the back of their South Final victory over Moyle Rovers the previous month. That win earned them their first divisional crown in seven years and raised hopes of bridging a nine-year gap since their last County senior title in 2002.

The margin may have only been two points at the final whistle but the Clonmel team (for whom Ian Barnes had a first half penalty saved by goalie Jim McDonnell) were well beaten by MacDonaghs, whose big and sturdy team adapted much better to the testing conditions. A penalty from man of the match Philip Austin gave MacDonaghs a half-time lead of 1-3 to 0-4, and when Ian Barnes' free and a great Aldo Matassa '45 brought Commercials level nine minutes into the second half the



Joe Gallagher has the ball firmly secured for Thomas MacDonaghs against Moyle Rovers with Alan Hannigan and Stephen Murphy supporting.

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combination side responded to the challenge by stepping up their performance a few gears.

They held their opponents scoreless for the remaining 21 minutes and while MacDonaghs were in danger of kicking the game away – they had eight wides in the second half and two in the first half - they found their shooting boots when it mattered, with Stephen Murphy and Philip Austin scoring the points that gave them a 1-5 to 0-6 victory.

This shock defeat shouldn't prove too detrimental to Commercials' prospects of success in the short to medium term, as the club's recent underage success suggests that far brighter days than that dark, wet and miserable afternoon in Holycross are on the horizon.

Commercials Impressive

They began their campaign in impressive style, crushing 2003 champions Cahir by 1-15 to 0-5 in Ardfinnan in July. Remarkably Cahir failed to score in the opening half, a period in which the Clonmel team found the net through Ian

Barnes and added two points from county minor Michael Quinlivan (from frees) as well as one apiece from Eamonn Hanrahan, John Harney and Stephen Buckley to give them a healthy eight-points half-time lead.

Cahir came more into the game on the turnover but there was to be no fairytale comeback.

Commercials made their next appearance when they took on Eire Og, who had earlier caused one of the surprises of the championship when they shocked 11-times winners Loughmore/Castleiney.

Eire Óg reached the end of the line against Commercials but only after they had given them a fright, as the Clonmel outfit emerged winners by 1-4 to 0-5 in a tie played on the last weekend in August.

Michael Quinlivan's goal nine minutes into the second half proved decisive, as the 14 men of Commercials held on in a hard-fought battle, after Kevin Harney received a second yellow card and was sent off with seven minutes remaining.

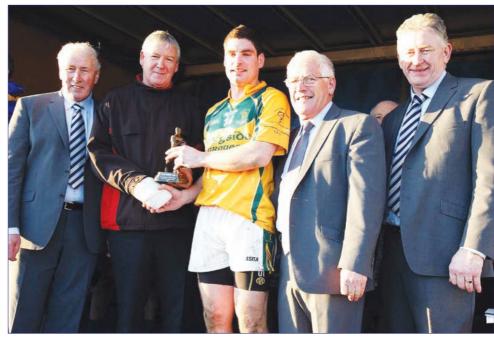
Despite losing to one of the county's traditional powers Eire Óg have that win over another footballing stronghold, Loughmore, to savour at the end of the year. The final scoreline (2-8 to 1-7) wasn't a true reflection of the hour's football, as Eire Og were the dominant force and Loughmore, beaten finalists the previous year, only made the scoreline respectable by scoring 1-3 in the last five minutes.

Goalscorers Richard Ryan and Ollie Kelly, as well as Damien O'Brien, Wesley Ryan and Conor O'Brien were all in fine form against a Loughmore team whose best were county hurler Noel McGrath, county minor football captain Liam McGrath and James Egan.

Aherlow Make Their Exit

Holders Aherlow made their exit at the end of August when they were second best in a full-blooded West derby against Arravale Rovers in Lattin. Aherlow, with Barry Grogan to the fore, got off to a great start and were three points ahead after five minutes. Arravale Rovers gradually clawed their way back into contention, however, but despite the Trojan efforts of Ciaran McDonald, Mark O'Brien, Laurence Coskeran and Derry Peters, Aherlow succumbed to a 2-9 to 0-11 defeat.

Aherlow had a comfortable 9-points win in the first round when they got the better of Carrick Swans by 2-12 to 0-9. Stephen Hahessy, who scored 7 of their 9 points; Alan Rockett and Paul Diffly showed plenty of fighting spirit for Swans but they



John Quirke Jewellers sponsored the Man of Match award at the County SFC Final. (L to r) Noel Morris (County Football Board Chairman), John Quirke (sponsor) presents the Man of the Match award to Thomas MacDonaghs full-forward Philip Austin, Sean Nugent (County Board Vice-Chairman) and Timmy Floyd (County Board Secretary).

eventually ran out of steam.

Fethard's fall from grace was underlined by a one-goal first round defeat at the hands of South neighbours Killenaule in Cloneen, a result that would have been unthinkable not so long ago. The Blues have 21 championships, the most that any club has accumulated, but they haven't won the championship since 2001 and that long wait will be extended for another year.

Killenaule's interest in the championship ended in their next outing, when Tony Egan's tally of 1-6 helped Galtee Rovers hold out for a single-point victory against the South team.

A goal by John O'Dwyer put Killenaule a point ahead midway through the second half. However despite sterling performances by county minor Greg Henry, who appeared as a substitute; Tony Doyle and Declan Fanning, they lost out in a grandstand finish.

Galtee Rovers had earlier beaten JK Brackens by 1-9 to 2-4 in a closely-fought contest at Holycross in July.

Eight-times winners Ardfinnan, who were last champions in 2005, saw their hopes dashed by Moyle Rovers at Clonmel Sportsfield at the end of July when they lost by 1-15 to 1-4. With 13 minutes remaining Ardfinnan substitute Aidan Savage scored to leave just a point between the sides. A minute later the same player was through on goal but Rovers goalie Ian Browne pulled off a super save to preserve his team's slender lead.

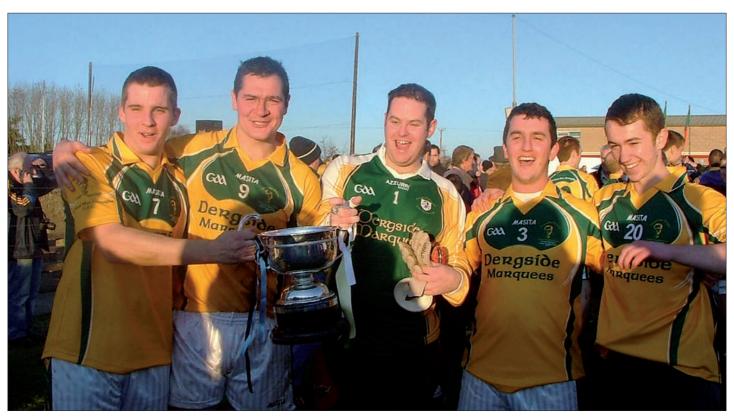
That miss seemed to knock the stuffing out of Ardfinnan, as Rovers scored 1-7 without reply in the closing stages to run out comfortable winners.

It was a cruel scoreline for Ardfinnan but they, like Commercials, have a young team that holds great promise for the future and next year they will build their challenge around players such as Jonathan Ryan, Billy Hewitt, Philip Murphy, Tony Ryan, David Lonergan and Alan Martin.

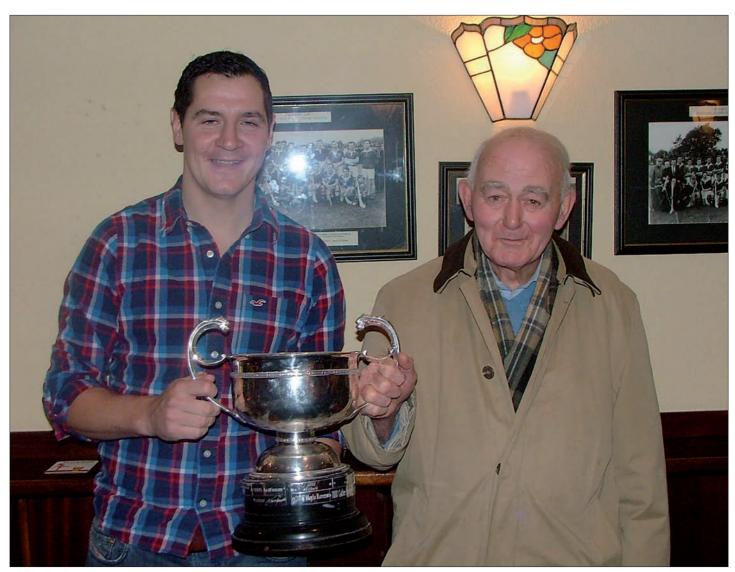
Kilsheelan, with county minors Bill Maher and Adrian McGuire in their line-up, opened their campaign in impressive fashion when they beat Clonmel Og by 2-15 to 0-7 at Clonmel Sportsfield. Kilsheelan had a four-points win when the sides met in the divisional championship but this time the margin was more clear-cut, thanks to two goals from Adrian Walsh, the second from a penalty.

Clonmel Og, who are continuing to struggle in their attempt to make an impression at senior level, had notable displays from Terry Kearns, Christy Aylward and Shane Kearney.

Kilsheelan's bid for their first county crown since 1972 ended with a 1-16 to 0-10 defeat by Moyle Rovers at Clonmel Sportsfield in August.



Inane Rovers players Joe Carroll, Liam England, Jim McDonnell, David Buckley and Jack Feeney celebrate following Thomas McDonaghs victory in the County Senior football final.



Liam England (Co-captain Thomas McDonaghs County Senior Football Champions) and Leo Dooley, last Roscrea man to captain County Senior Football winning side. Leo captained St. Flannans in 1959.

Honoured on County Final Day



The Kilruane MacDonaghs team that won the county senior hurling final in 1985 and went on to win the All-Ireland Club championship was honoured by the County Board/Tipperary Star on county final day, October 16, 2011 at Semple Stadium. Back row, left to right: Liam O'Shea, Jim Casey, Ned Darcy, George O'Leary (for Thomas Killackey), Philip Quinlan, David Quinlan, Eamonn O'Shea, Dinny O'Meara, Joe Banaghan, Enda Hogan, Jim Williams, Dinny Cahill, Sean Williams, Noel Mulcahy. Front row, left to right: Eamon Kirby, Len Gaynor, Michael Hogan, Seamus Hennessy, James Williams (for Paddy Williams), Jerry Williams, John Cahill, Tony Sheppard, Pat Quinlan, John Quinlan, Jim O'Meara, Seamus Gibson, Gilbert Williams, Jack Darcy.



The Fethard county senior football champion teams of 1978 and 1984, who were honoured by the County Board/The Nationalist/Park Hotel at the county final at Leahy Park, Cashel on November 6, 2011 Back row, left to right: James Hackett, Austin Godfrey (for Michael Downes), Richie Hayes, Pierce Dillon, Gus Fitzgerald (for Fr. A. B. Kennedy), Michael Healy, Maurice Harrington, Kevin Ryan, Davy Morrissey, Davy Fitzgerald, Tom Ryan, Joe Allen, Anthony Colville, Liam Connolly, Tommy Sheehan, Paschal Hanrahan, Michael Fitzgerald, Sean Aylward, Gerry Harrington, John Hackett, Tadgh Colville, Senan Keane (for Joe Keane), John Keane. Front row, left to right: Pat Burke, Brian Burke, Pakie Harrington, Mary Godfrey (for Noel Sharpe), Michael Kenrick, Walty Moloney, Paddy Kerwick, Gerry Fogarty, Dinny Burke, Davy Williams, Sean Hackett (for Dermot Hackett), Sean Moloney, Michael O'Riordan, Jimmy O'Shea.

Club Development in the County

Official Opening of the Lorrha GAA Centre

The Official Opening of the Lorrha & Dorrha GAA Centre took place at St. Ruadhan's Park, Lorrha on Sunday, 22 May last and was performed by GAA Hurling Goalkeeper of the Millennium, Tony Reddin.

The occasion was marked by an Under 21 challenge game between 2010 All Ireland champions Tipperary and Galway who used this game to begin their preparations for a successful All Ireland campaign later in the year.

The wonderful facilities at the clubs grounds at Moatfield have been hugely enhanced in recent times following investment of over €400,000 with the construction of an impressive Sports Hall, fully equipped Gymnasium along with two new full-sized Dressing Rooms have been added to the existing clubhouse providing a modern sporting facility which will cater for the needs of all club members which numbers almost 350 in 2011.

The current development completes an almost twenty year programme of work at the club grounds which are located just off the Birr-Portumna road at New Line Cross.

The ground was officially opened in 1993 following the completion of work on the main playing pitch, juvenile pitch and also the clubhouse. The clubhouse was later extended while further land was purchased across the road and developed into a third playing area, which caters for all sports as it is designated as a community field.

The initial planning for the current development began in 2005 and following the granting of planning permission and securing grant aid under the Sports Cultural Grants Scheme, construction

began in April 2010 and was completed in recent weeks.

The fully completed GAA Centre now contains four Dressing rooms, referee's room, sports hall, gymnasium, kitchen & meeting room, function room with bar facility as well as a carpark for up to 50 vehicles. The public toilet at the rear of the complex will be unlocked at all times as it will contain a defibrillator which will be available 24/7 to all the community in an emergency.

The function room also contains photographs of Lorrha and Tipperary teams since the club was formed in 1885 and it is hoped to gradually add to the collection of framed photographs in the coming years.

GAA, especially hurling and camogie is central to life in the parish of Lorrha & Dorrha, which contains the villages of Lorrha and Rathcabbin. It is the only sporting club located in the parish and in both the good times and bad on and off the field, parishioners still support the club in massive numbers.

The club fields teams in all grades and age groups of both hurling and football starting at Under 6. Our camogie club is also vibrant with the adult team having risen from Junior 'B' to Intermediate status in recent years.

Off the field, the popular Social Dancing nights continue every Friday evening in our spacious function room and have done so successfully for almost ten years.

The club lotto has been running for over fifteen years now and is central to our annual fundraising efforts with almost €100,000 in jackpot prizes alone having been presented to the lucky winners in that time.

This project, which began as a dream is now very much a reality in St Ruadhan's Park, thanks to the hard work and dedication of club members that oversaw the development which has provided our current and future generations of topclass facilities to prepare for competition.



Attending the official opening of the new extension to Lorrha GAA Clubhouse were Michael Sheedy (Chairman, North Tipperary GAA Board), Seamus Deely (Chairman, Lorrha GAA), Archdeacon Wayne Carney, Fr. Pat Mulcahy P.P., Tony Reddin, Michael O'Meara (The Hill) (President), Tom Maher (Assistant Secretary, Tipperary County Board).

Holycross Ballycahill celebrates the John Doyle Centre

By Noel Dundon

The parish of Holycross Ballycahill celebrated hugely this year with the opening, in St Michael's GAA Grounds, of the fantastic new John Doyle Centre and a second pitch, both of which significantly enhance the standing of the Association in the area.

The official opening was a real red letter day for the people of the parish, most of whom put their hands in their pockets in some shape or form to help finance the ambitious development which cost in the region of €1.4 million. And, the additional provision of the second pitch now means that the needs of all GAA and camogie teams in the parish can be catered for, in tandem with the up-graded facilities at Ballycahill GAA Grounds.

Uachtarain Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Christy Cooney was on hand to officially open the John Doyle Centre and he was joined by many special guests - teammates, opponents, colleagues and friends of the late John Doyle who was buried in Holycross Abbey Cemetery on New Year's Eve last after he had died having fallen into poor health. Also present were Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Patron of the GAA, former President Paddy Buggy who officially opened the grounds back in 1985, and Rev Fr Tom Breen who blessed the Centre.

Members of the Doyle family were also present at the special event including John's widow Ann, and his sons Johnny and

Michael, both of whom have worn the green and white of Holycross Ballycahill, and indeed the blue and gold of Tipperary, with great distinction. John Doyle's daughters, Margaret, Sandra, Elizabeth, Colette and Anne Marie, and the extended family shared in the great sense of pride The Legend had when informed that the state-of-the-art Centre would be named in his honour. It was a very special day for them all, even if tinged with a degree of sadness that John Doyle was not present himself to witness it. Johnny Doyle addressed patrons prior to the throw-in of the big

The John Doyle Centre has been completed with kitchen area, meetings rooms, second floor open space, viewing plaza and sauna, and has also been adorned with the inclusion of a 1km perimeter walking track which is being used extensively by the community at large.

The project was drawn up four years ago when, with Michael Hassett as Chairman, the go ahead was given to redevelop the grounds and progress towards modern, up-to-date facilities which would benefit the club and the community at large. Tom Comerford was on hand to drive the project forward along with this team and from the off, it was quite clear that the local community was as excited about it, as the club committee was. The vision was co-shared and with much voluntary input, the dream was realised on time and on budget, thanks to statutory and GAA grants, as well as a massive fundraising drive locally.

The current club committee, led by Chairman Tom Dwyer, Secretary Donal Ryan, and Treasurer Noel Ryan, has delivered on it's promise to the people of the parish, Mid Tipperary and County Tipperary. But, it has been the voluntary input of so many which has set this development apart - a fact acknowledged by Christy Cooney when he visited the Centre. Many people gave of their time, energies and talents to build on the foundations laid by the club and had a very active part in the creation of a dream.

The aptly named John Doyle centre stands tall and proud in St



GAA President Christy Cooney officially opens the John Doyle Centre in memory of the late John Doyle at Holycross/Ballycahill GAA Club in May 2011. Also present were Ann Doyle (wife of John Doyle) and Tom O'Dwyer (chairman, Holycross/Ballycahill GAA Club).

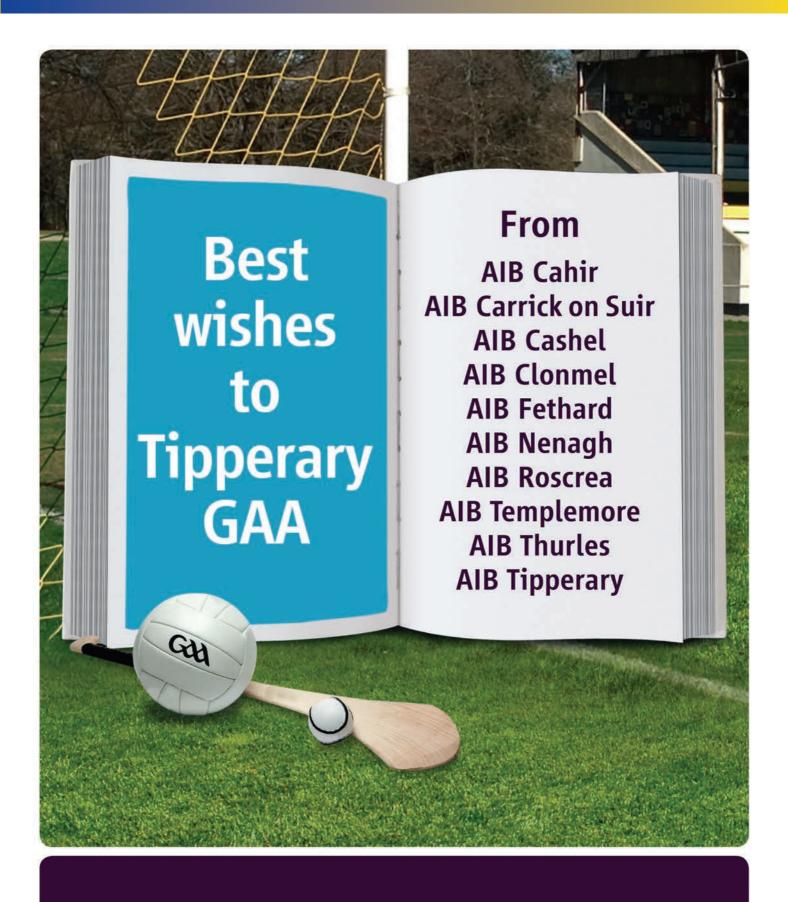
game and spoke at the family's sense of pride that the Centre had been named after their late father.

The fantastic facilities includes an indoor, multi purpose sports centre completed with dressing rooms, showers, toilets, sports hall, referees room, medical room, astro turf training area and hurl ball/handball alley. The building caters for the needs of the community at large and provides a focal point for leisure pursuits in the parishes of Holycross and Ballycahill. All of the facilities are wheelchair accessible / disability friendly and the recent addition of a privately run gymnasium - Health Quest, run by local man John Butler - significantly enhances the premises.

Michael's GAA grounds, Holycross, as a constant reminder of the greatness of the clubs finest exponent of the ancient game.

John Doyle, we were told, raised his shoulders and shoved out his chest with swelling pride, when informed that the club had major plans to develop a state-of-the-art sports centre - and to name it after him. Of all the honours he had achieved, on and off, the field of play, this magnificent gesture by his own club, was up there with the best of them. To be so honoured by your own is always special and the fact that John Doyle knew that he would be, made it extra special for The Legend.

We think The Legend would certainly approve of what has been developed.



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Drom Inch Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2011



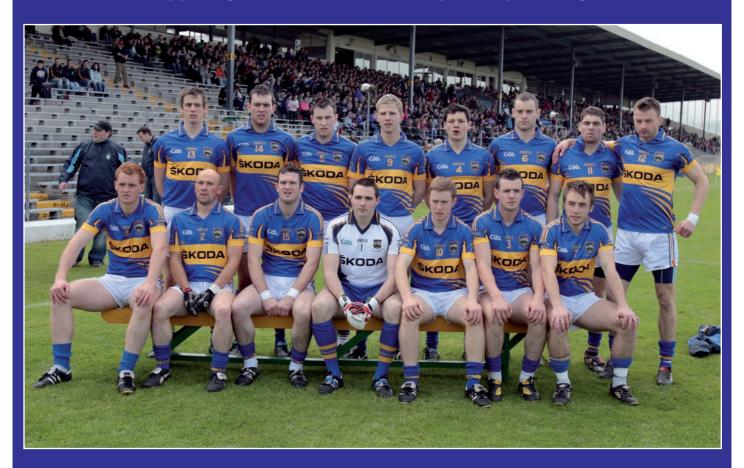
Sean Prendegast (Coach), Kevin Butler, Seamus Callanan (Captain), Michael Purcell, Liam Ryan, Jamie Moloney, Micheal Butler, David Collins, Johnny Back Row left to right: Paddy Kennedy, Eammon Buckley, Paul Collins, Helen Ryan, Paul Stapleton, Donnacha Kennedy, Shane Hassett, David Butler, Egan, Andy Bourke, Paul Kennedy, Helen Ryan, James Ryan, Edward Costello, Padraig Stapleton, Damien Young, Michael Costello, James Woodlock, Jerome Ryan, Martin Butler, Matthew Ryan, Shane Delaney, John Kennedy, Joe Lupton, Enda Walsh, Phillip Looby, Lorcan Looby (behind), Declan Ryan, Eric Woodlock, Pat Lupton, Seamus Butler, Michael Everard, Carina Daly MacDara Butler, Martin Butler (Selector). Front left to right: Pat Drom-Inch celebrate winning their first ever County SHC title in October at Semple Stadium.

Tipperary U-21 Football Championship v Waterford



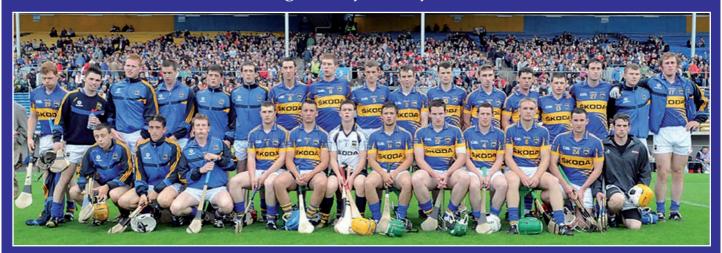
Front 1-r: Robbie Kiely, Donagh Leahy, Thomas Hanly, Mark Hanly, David McGrath, Billy Hewitt, John O'Callaghan, Gavin Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Liam Boland. Back 1-r; Rory Ryan, David Butler, Paul McEvoy, Aldo Matassa, Peter Acheson, Donagh Heffernan, Eddie Kendrick, Jack English, Aaron Wall, Jonathan Ryan, Conor Sweeney, Kevin O'Riordan, Sean O'Meara, Graham Quinn, Alan Hannigan, John O'Heney.

Tipperary Senior Football Championship v Kerry



Back: Conor Sweeney, Seamus Grogan, Cathal Dillon, Brian Jones, Ciarán McDonald, Lorcan Egan, Philip Austin, Hugh Coghlan. Front: George Hannigan, Andrew Morrissey, Barry Grogan, Matthew O'Donnell, Brian Fox, Paddy Codd, Christopher Aylward.

U-21 Hurling Championship versus Cork



Front l-r: John Moroney, Pat Molloy, Ian Ivers, Adrian Ryan, James Barry, Paul Ryan, John O'Neill, Brian O'Meara, Sean O'Brien, Noel McGrath Capt. Michael Sheedy, Willie Maher. Back l-r; Sean McCormack, Aidan McCormack, Denis Maher, Joe Gallagher, Aidan McGrath, Eanna Murray, Padraig Heffernan, Paddy Murphy, Brian Stapleton, Ciaran Haugh, Sean Curran, Kevin O'Gorman, John O'Dwyer, Kieran Morris, Ciaran Lorrigan, Stephen Maher, Thomas Butler.

Intermediate Hurling Championship versus Cork



Front 1-r: Alan Byrnes, Eoin Hogan, Timmy Dalton, Brian Fox, Paudie O'Dwyer, Johnny Ryan, Thomas Stapleton, Joey McLoughney, Darragh Hickey, Ronan Sherlock, Evan Sweeney, Richie Ruth. l-r; Matthew Ryan, George Hannigan, Martin Dunne, Liam Dwan, Damien O'Brien, Philip Ivors, Willie O'Dwyer, James Logue, Kevin Maher, Philip Austin, Ray McLoughney, Christy Coughlan, Niall Teehan.

Minor Hurling Championship versus Waterford



Front l-r: Tadgh Gallagher, Michael Cussen, Patrick Ryan, Bill Maher, Cathal Barrett, James Bourke, Liam McGrath, John Meagher, Pat Ralph, Cathal Horan, Conor Hammersley, Jimmy Maher, Shane Hassett. Back l-r: Oliver O'Donnell (kit man), David Corbett, John McGrath, Sean Maher, Kevin Slattery, Barry Heffernan, Jack Peters, Tomas Hamill, Michael Breen, Eoin Fennelly, Tom Kirwan, Dan McCormack, Seamus Kennedy, Jason Forde, John Ryan (Gerry), Stephen Cahill, Mark Tuite.

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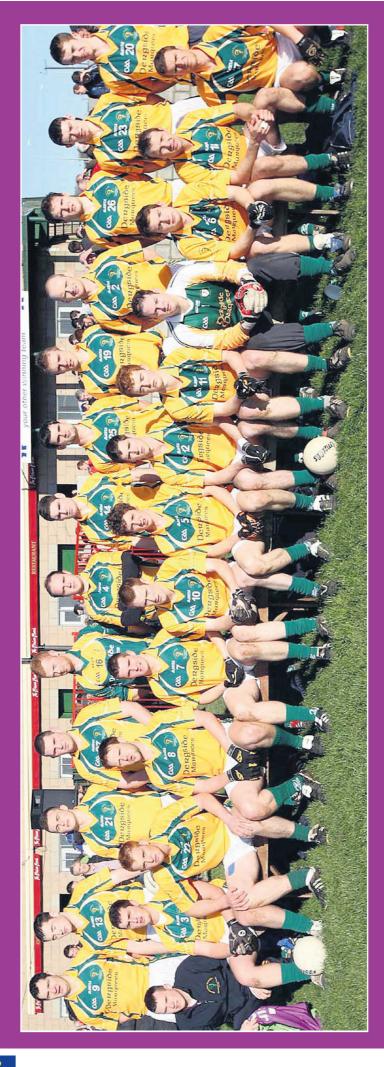


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Captain), Niall Murphy, Fergal Hayes, Jack Feeney. Front: Paddy Heenan, David Buckley, George Hannigan, Stephen Carroll, Padraic O'Meara, Kevin Maher, Joe Gallagher, Alan Hannigan, Jim McDonnell, Niall O'Meara, Tommy Connors, Joseph Thomas MacDonaghs - County Senior Football Champions. Bak row: (1 to r) Liam England (Joint Captain), Brian O'Meara, Ruairi Gleeson, Rory Whelan, Stephen Nevin, Freddie Williams, Philip Austin, Ray McLoughney, Shane Dooley, Dan Hackett (Joint

Cumann na Sean Ghael

Cumann na Sean Ghael awards from Patron of the GAA Archbishop Dermot Clifford at the Dome in Thurles

Mid Tipperary Sean Ghael



Mid Tipperary Sean Ghael recipients. Front l-r: Eamon O'Shea Guest of honour, Dick McGrath, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Jimmy Doyle, Pakie O'Phelan, Sean O'Dwyer. Back l-r: John Costigan, Paddy McLoughlin, Neddy Ryan, Paddy Crampton, Sean Fogarty (for Dan Taylor) and Ger Ryan.

North Tipperary Sean Ghael



North Tipperary Sean Ghael recipients. Front 1-r: Eamon O'Shea Guest of honour, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Peter Morris, Donie Nealon, Harry Ryan, John Joe McKeogh, Paddy O'Meara. Back l-r: Noel Morris, Ger Ryan, Connie Cleere, Matt Stapleton, Stephen Liffey, Mike Sheedy and Seamus King.

West Tipperary Sean Ghael



West Tipperary recipients of Sean Ghael awards 2011. Front l-r: Eamon O'Shea, guest of honour, Michasel Ryan, former West Board Chairman, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Philip Heaney Rockwell Rovers, Michael O'Dwyer Clonoulty Rossmore. Back 1-r: Seamus McCarthy, Arthur Landers Golden Kilfeacle, Billty Hayes Kickhams, Michael Cunningham Solohead, Mick Maguire former County Chairman and Roger Kennedy West Board Chairman.

South Tipperary Sean Ghael



South Tipperary recipients of Sean Ghael Awards. Front l-r: Eamon O'Shea Guest of honour, John Flynn, Eileen Boland, His Grace Most Rev Dr.Dermot Clifford Patron GAA, Bill Peters, Sean Moloney, Paddy Power. Back l-r: Michael Power, Ger Ryan, Dick Egan (for James Kelly), Tommy Hally, Maurice Hyland, Noel Byrne.

Strong Tipperary presence on Fitzgibbon Cup weekend

By Ed Donnelly

he 2010/2011 Fitzgibbon Cup 3rd Level Hurling competition took place in the spring of 2011, culminating in a successful weekend hosted by the Waterford Institute of Technology. The Fitzgibbon Cup has become fiercely competitive in recent years and is now seen as a very important competition to help identify inter-county stars of the future. The ultimate winners were the University of Limerick, defeating local rivals the Limerick Institute of Technology. In total, eight of the starting players in the Fitzgibbon Cup Final were Tipperary natives.

Following a competitive round-robin stage of the competition which saw the Waterford Institute of Technology getting knocked out, the Quarter-Finals took place on February 15th. The top billing went to Limerick Institute of Technology and NUI Galway, a repeat of the 2010 final. However, with NUIG losing some key players from 2010 and missing the injured Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), they proved no match for LIT with the 2010 finalists running out 25 point winners by 6-16 to 0-9. Sean McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) lined out at corner back for NUIG.

40 times winners of this competition UCC proved too strong for GMIT in the second Quarter-Final, winning by 0-16 to 0-8 with Donagh Maher (Burgess) at right half-back for GMIT. Cork Institute of Technology were expected to easily account for St. Patrick's Dublin in the third Quarter-Final and ran out to a 1-4 to 0-0 lead. However, St. Patrick's fought back and drew level with less than 10 minutes remaining. CIT managed to get the last 2 points of the game to run out 1-11 to 1-9 winners. Brendan Timmons (Silvermines) was introduced as a second half sub for St. Patrick's.

The best of the Quarter-Finals was played in Pitch 1 at the University of Limerick with the hosts UL defeating UCD by 0-15 to 0-12. Despite a forward line which included future Dublin All-Star Liam Rushe, UCD were too reliant on midfielder Noel

McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) who was the game's outstanding performer scoring 10 points.

And so to the Fitzgibbon Cup Final weekend in Waterford. The Cork Institute of Technology pushed the 14 man UL team all the way in the first semi-final. Offaly star Shane Dooley was sent off after 48 minutes with UL ahead by two points and despite reducing the deficit to a single point on three occasions in the closing stages, UL ran out winners by 0-15 to 0-13. There were no Tipperary players on the CIT team.

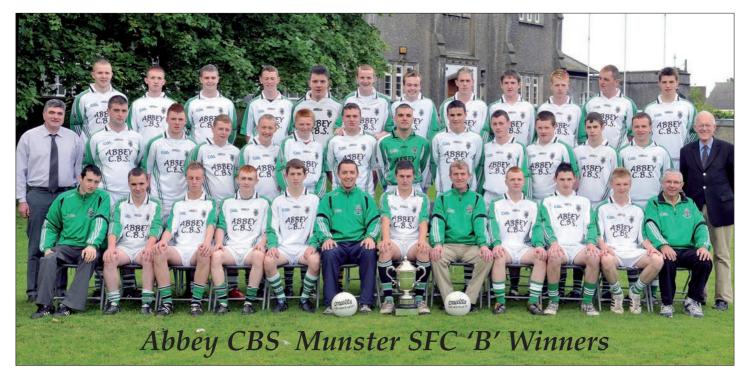
In the other semi-final, UCC were favourites to qualify for the final against LIT. The Limerick side raced in to a 0-11 to 0-6 interval lead but a UCC goal by Luke O'Farrell left the minimum between the teams. LIT finished the stronger though and qualified for the final on a scoreline of 0-18 to 1-13. Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) lined out at corner-back for UCC while wing-forward Shane Bourke (JK Brackens) scored three points from play.

And so to the showpiece, the 2011 Ulster Bank Fitzgibbon Cup Final between the University of Limerick and the Limerick Institute of Technology. Played on Saturday February 26th on a wild, blustery day in the Waterford Institute of Technology sports campus, LIT played with wind assistance in the opening half. LIT led by nine points after 25 minutes before three late points by UL left LIT in front by 2-7 to 0-7 at the interval. UL dominated the second half and drew level in the closing stages. The teams exchanged points as the match entered injury time and with extra time beckoning, UL snatched the title thanks to a goal by substitute Tommy O'Brien to ensure a 1-17 to 2-11 victory, UL's first title since 2003.

Gallant losers LIT included Matthew Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Ciaran Cowan (Borris-Ileigh) and John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty Rossmore) in their starting line-up. UL included Thomas Lowry (Holycross Ballycahill), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris), Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Éire Óg) and Paul Kelly (Mullinahone – scorer of 0-4 in the final) in their starting line-up while Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) played for UL in the Quarter-Final.



Football Board Officers 2011 after AGM last year; l-r: Eddie Lonergan, outgoing Secretary, Hugh Coghlan PRO, Michael Power incoming Secretary, Joe Hannigan and Noel Morris, Chairman.



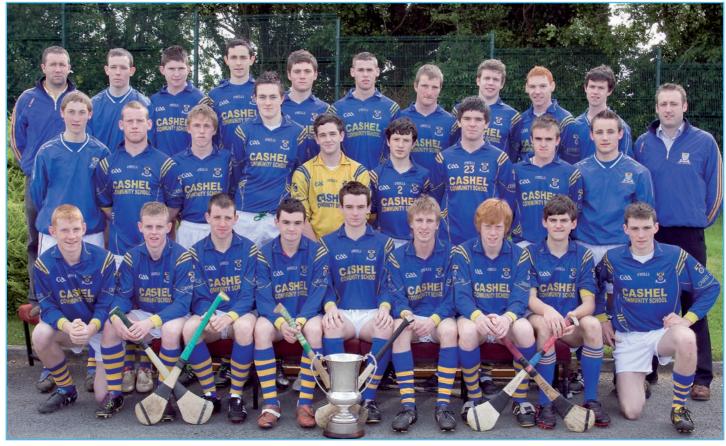
Front (l-r); Pat Hickey Selector, Brenton Dewick, Gary O'Callaghan, Ed O'Meara, Peter Mulhair, Damien O'Brien Manager, Fintan Ryan Captain, John Kiely Coach, Liam Nagle, Anthony Daly, Sean Cunningham, Paddy O'Kelly. Middle (1-r); Pat Donovan Deputy Principal, Diarmuid O'Donnell, James Carroll, David Finnane, Tom O'Donoghue, Christopher Ryan, Killian Ryan, Dean Kelly, Christopher Ryan, Oisín O'Meara, Patrick Kavanagh, Brendan McGrath, Micheál Ryan, John Heffernan Principal. Back (l-r); Leonard Vance, Kevin O'Donovan, Niall Daly, Johnny Lowry, David Power, Christopher O'Halloran, Eoin Riordan, Sean Kiely, Matthew Ryan, Brian Leahy, Joseph O'Connor and Liam O'Dea.

For the sixth time in 14 years the Abbey CBS, Tipperary won the Corn an Uachtaráin (Munster Colleges Senior 'B' Football) in April of this year. On their way to the final the Abbey accounted for Castletroy of Limerick in the opening round on a 0-8 to 0-5 scoreline. In the quarter-final the Abbey defeated Douglas C.S. 1-13 to 0-6 and it was another Cork school that the Abbey overcame in dramatic circumstances in the semi-final. Ballincollig Community School led the Abbey by three points as the game ticked into the last five minutes but a goal from Niall Daly, Galtee Rovers, and a point from Lattin/Cullen man Tomas O'Donoghue squeezed the Abbey through on a 1-6 to 0-8. In the Munster final

against Carrigaline Community school of Cork a goal from Diarmuid O'Donnell (Arravale Rovers) helped the Abbey overcome an early five point deficit but Carrigaline equalised with a last minute free to leave the final score at 1-9 each. In the replay the famous Abbey tenacity and never say die attitude came to the fore as with only a handful of minutes remaining the Abbey trailed but quick fire goals from Niall Daly and Eoin Riordan (Solohead) and a terrific match winning point from the boot of Kevin O'Donovan (Oola) led to Fintan Ryan (Arravale Rovers) lift the Corn an Uachtaráin on behalf of a jubilant Abbey school on a 2-8 to 1-10 score-line.



Fintan Ryan, Captain, Abbey CBS Munster SFC 'B' team receiving the Cup from Michael Forrestal, Munster Colleges Secretary.



Cashel Community School - Front l. to r.: Craig Condon, Patrick Ryan, Michael Killian O'Dwyer, Michael Fox, Jonathan Grogan (capt.), Conor Conneally, Joshua Keane, Kieran Carroll. Middle l. to r.: Thomas Fogarty, Niall Fitzgerald, Patrick Morrissey, Shane Fryday, Damien Hayes, James Ryan, Cathal Quigley, Dean Thompson, Owen Ryan. Front l. to r.: Mr. Trevor Galvin (coach), Jerry Ryan, Eoghan Ryan, Dylan Fitzell, Simon Delaney, Kevin O'Donnell, Aiden O'Connell, Kevin Moloney, Cathal Minogue, Padraig Slattery, Mr. Cathal Farrell (coach).

Cashel Community School

Cashel Community School enjoyed a most successful year in Gaelic games in 2010/11, winning two Munster competitions – An Corn Phádraig and Corn Iognáid Ris. The former was the school's first Munster senior hurling title. They qualified from a strong round-robin group to beat Hamilton High School, Bandon, in the quarter-final a.e.t., overcome Patrician College, Mallow, in the semi-final, and produced a powerful performance in the final to defeat Dungarvan C.B.S. by one point.

The key to this team's success – in addition to their huge spirited and work ethic both on the training ground and on the

The school hopes to build on this breakthrough and has put in place effective development structures with the aim of further progress. The teacher-coaches within the school itself, supported by the County Tipperary Games Development officers, have forged close working relationships with the feeder clubs to ensure the optimum development of the players to the benefit of all.

Success at Munster junior level – Corn Iognáid Ris – and the school's first ever win at County Tipperary First Year level – Sciath Ui Chatháin – augur well for the future.



Templemore Rice Cup

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 2011



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BY JOHN MANLEY, PRO (pro.cnmb.tipperary@gaa.ie)



2011 was another terrific year for all associated with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. Our hurling finals staged over two hugely enjoyable days in Semple Stadium on June 14th & 15th will live long in the memory. This year we staged twenty six hurling finals over two days. This year also saw us adopt the "Go Games" Model for our Under 11 Competitions. The GDA officers were of massive assistance to us in organising and implementing the necessary changes relevant to the "Go Games" Model. Our ultimate goal was greater participation across the board in our Under 11 Competitions. All schools have stated that they love the new system and have enjoyed it immensely. With an increase from seventeen to twenty six hurling finals, more schools than ever got an opportunity to play in the Cathedral of Hurling and that is what we wanted to achieve. Our football finals are scheduled to take place in Clonmel on November 18th and this promises to be a wonderful occasion for all involved. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol were also recognised at a National Level with awards for the County Cóiste and Dualla National School. In handball we had a huge increase in the number of schools participating. This increase led to a very enjoyable and competitive handball competition. Sincere thanks to Paddy Collins for helping to co-ordinate the handball competition.

Over 150 schools are currently affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol in County Tipperary with a large number of schools contributing to our website:

http://cumannnambunscol.tipperary.gaa.ie/. Photos, match reports, Reporter of the Week, Player of the week and Cumann na mBunscol events and fixtures can all be accessed on the site. Our new website was launched on Friday, 25th February 2011 and it has proven very popular among pupils and teachers throughout the county. At the time of writing, our website has received in excess of 18,000 hits. We now also have a Twitter Account: @TippCumanNamBun which we set up on July 9th, 2011. We feel with all the advances in technology and social media that this could be a very important tool in helping to get our message out quickly to all involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Sports Editors of the Tipperary Star, Nenagh Guardian, The Nationalist, South Tipp Today and The Premier People for all the coverage they allocated to Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol in 2011.

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



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Anacarty NS U13G Winners



Ballagh NS U11 E Winners

always remember: "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí".

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL NATIONAL AWARDS 2011

Many schools from around the county participated in the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards for 2011. The County Cóiste entered in the Categories of Public Relations of the Year and Publication of the Year. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol are

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.

delighted to announce that entries from our county have been successful at the National Awards. Anacarty National School are one of four schools in Ireland nominated in the Best Games Promotion Initiative Category and the County Cóiste have been nominated in the Public Relations of the Year and Publication of the Year Categories. The National Awards Ceremony will take place in the Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park, Dublin, on Friday, November 18th, 2011. Congratulations to all involved! Details of this year's awards can be downloaded from http://cumannnambunscol.tipperary.gaa.ie/

MORE NATIONAL AWARDS SUCCESS FOR TIPPERARY **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL IN CROKE PARK!**

By Aodan Wrenn.

Friday, November 19th 2010 proved to be another successful day for Tipperary in Croke Park. The venue was the Mezzanine Suite in the Hogan Stand and the occasion was the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol P.R.O. John Manley was nominated for the Public Relations of the Year award. Dualla N.S, where John is the Principal Teacher, were nominated in the School of the Year category. This was a fantastic achievement. To be nominated in a category means you are in the top four in the entire country in that particular category. It was an extremely enjoyable night in Croke Park. Delegates from all over the country got to meet with colleagues and friends from different counties. That is what is unique about the GAA. It enables us to form friendships with people from all over the country. M.C. was Tipperary's own Paul Collins from Today FM. Many very important people were present on the night to celebrate another very successful year for Cumann na mBunscol. Unfortunately Christy Cooney, Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael, couldn't be present, due to overseas engagements. However he was replaced quite capably by Leas Uachtarán Padraig Naughton. Margaret Cunningham, Chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta was present on the night as were the last three Presidents of the INTO. We were also privileged to have iconic Dublin footballer Ciarán Whelan on board to present awards. This tiny school in West Tipperary stood toe to toe with the heavyweights of the GAA World and won a National Award in the School of the Year category. It was an incredible achievement. Dualla sent in an excellent application. All their hard work over the past twelve months paid off when they achieved this award. It was a proud moment for the school, parents, school community and for Tipperary. A very proud School Secretary and SNA Ann Marie Devane accepted the award on behalf of Dualla National School. Special thanks must also go to Dualla NS Teacher Ms. Mary McElligott for all she does to promote GAA within the school.

GOOD LUCK TO FORMER CHAIRMAN BRIAN BOYLE

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol would like to wish our 2010/2011 Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Acting Chairman Brian Boyle the very best of luck in his new post as Teaching Principal of Scoil Mhichil Naofa NS, Galmoy Co. Kilkenny. Brian has been involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol for several years. He was Vice-Chairman from 2009 to 2010 and deputised superbly for Chairman Paddy Kelly during the 2010/2011 school year. Brian also served as a Primary Game Football and Hurling selector from 2008 to 2010. Brian departs Tipperary with the best wishes of all associated with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol.

Well Done To The Tipperary Minor Footballers

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol extends our heartiest congratulations to Tipperary's All Ireland Minor Football Winning Team. It is Tipperary's first title since 1934. Many of this year's winning team got their first taste of county action when playing for the Tipperary Primary Game football team as recently as 2007. Comhghairdeas.



Boherlahan NS U11 D HurlingWinners



Carrig Nenagh NS U13 D Camogie



St. Colmcilles NS U11 B Winners

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals

Young Stars Illuminate Outstanding Tipperary Cumann Na mBunscol Finals

By John Manley, PRO Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol & Aodan Wrenn Secretary 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 Tuesday, 14th June and Wednesday, 15th June. Played in perfect conditions, these finals showcased all the great talent and potential our future stars possess. 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. With 26 finals taking place, spectators were treated to some wonderful hurling over the two days. The Under 13 C Final between Loughmore and Kilruane will live long in the memory. Thanks are due to Semple custodian Philly Butler for the warm welcome he showed to all the schools and to Jimmy Purcell and Andy O'

Gorman for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. A special thank you is due to our referees Christy McLoughlin, Fergal Horgan, John Bob Ryan and Mark Generry plus our very capable second year students and Transition Year students for their enthusiasm, initiative and energy over the two days. Special praise is also due to Cumann na mBunscol Secretary Aodán Wrenn and Acting Chairman Brian Boyle for organising such a successful two days. The Cumann na mBunscol Officers were assisted greatly in coordinating and organising everything by GDA Officers Dinny Maher, Andy Ryan, Johnny Cummins, Tadhg O'Connor and Kevin Halley. The input of the GDA Officers was instrumental in the successful implementation of the Go Games Model in the Under 11 competitions. It was also fitting that our outstanding Treasurer Jerry McDonnell presented some of the winning teams with their trophies at the end of their matches. Jerry's knowledge and expertise are invaluable in managing the finances for an event such as this. 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 2011 Hurling Finals are still 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 have been posted on the Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol website http://cumannnambunscol.tipperary.gaa.ie/. For further information on all matters relating to Cumann na mBunscol please email Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol PRO John Manley of Dualla NS at pro.cnmb.tipperary@gaa.ie. Acting Chairman, Brian Boyle 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.

Under 13A Camogie:

St. Marys Nenagh 8-04 Ballina 1-00

Referee: Mark Gennerry.

St. Mary's Nenagh: Aileen Byrne, Rita Bourke, Kate O'Connor, Anna Dillon, Ruth Hassett, Maeve Coffey, Hazel Coffey, Emma Leo, Alicia Hallinan, Clodagh Ryan, Sarah Kennedy, Olivia Cusack, Aoife Harty, Katie Moore, Patrice Cleary, Chloe Cottrell, Niamh Dolan, Lauren Crowe, Aishling Kennedy, Roisín Moore, Emma Cahill, Caoimhe Costelloe, Ciara Phelan, Yvonne Spillane, Kristen Howard, Aoife Duignan. Principal: Peadar Dwyer, Coaches: Suzanne Kelly & Tommy Mulcahy.

Ballina: 1. Julie Bigot, 2. Aoife O Grady, 3. Claire Maguire, 4. Sophie McGrattan, 5. Mary Power, 6. Ellen Lane, 7. Moya Conway, 8. Laura Storan, 9. Michelle Lotter, 10. Isobel Reynolds, 11. Emma Moloney, 12. Anna Conway, 13. Lara Smith, 14. Shauna O'Sullivan, 15. Eva McCarthy, 16. Isobel Power, 17. Criona Cleary, 18. Sarah O'Donnell, 19. Sarah Devereux, 20. Aiden O'Hagan, 21. Rebecca Power, 22. Siofra Thornton, 23. Kelly Fogarty.

Under 11A Iomáint

Scoil Ailbhe 2-06 Holycross 2-00.

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S. Team 1: 1. Kevin Bracken, 2. Donal Fitzpatrick, 3. Adam Derby, 4. Darren Fahey, 5. Conor Stapleton, 6. Kieran Moloney, 7. Anthony Cooney, 8. Jack Lanigan, 9. Frank McKevitt ,10. Philip Ryan, 11. Eoin Purcell, 12. Fred Crowley, 13. Liam Power, 14. Raymond Ryan, 15. Kieran Costello. Principal: Mrs. Miriam Butler. Coaches: Fergal O'Reilly, Claire Grogan, Denis McCullagh, Barbara Ryan, John Anderson, Norma Harrington, Ger Kerrigan, Pádraig Fahey.

St. Michael's N.S. Holycross Team 1: 1. Cormac O Connor, 2. Colin Nolan, 3. David Manning, 4. Jack Ryan, 5. Séamus



Holycross U13 A Hurling Winners



Inch NS U13 E Camogie Winners



Loughmore NS U13 C Hurling Winners

Stakelum, 6. Jack Dwan, 7. Éanna Ryan, 8. Patrick O' Gorman, 9. Ben Slattery, 10. Mikey Nally, 11. Eoin Morris, 12. Aaron Delaney, 13. Eoin Ryan, 14. Danann O' Dwyer, 15. Tomás Caffrey. Principal: Ger Corbett. Coach: Tomás McGrath.

Under 11 A1 Iomáint Scoil Ailbhe 6-07 Holycross 2-00

Referee: Fergal Horgan.

Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S. Team 2: 1. Cillian Donaghy, 2. Evan Moore, 3. Alan Heaney, 4. Sam Rapaport, 5. Ben Murphy, 6. Seán Butler, 7. Dylan Costello, 8. Dylan O'Shaughnessy, 9. Ciarán Murphy, 10. Joe Dwan, 11. Jordan Fahey, 12. Cian Quirke, 13. Brian O'Halloran, 14. Thomas Grimes, 15. Luke Beresford. Principal: Mrs. Miriam Butler. Coaches: Fergal O'Reilly, Claire Grogan, Denis McCullagh, Barbara Ryan, John Anderson, Norma Harrington, Ger Kerrigan, Pádraig Fahey. St. Michael's N.S. Holycross Team 2: 1. Liam Ryan, 2. Jack Hehir, 3. Aaron Delaney, 4. Danann O' Dwyer, 5. Adam O' Donohoe, 6. Luke O' Shea, 7. Luke Scally, 8. Tomás Caffrey, 9. Eamon Ryan, 10. Denis Caesar, 11. Eoin Ryan, 12. Tom Hynes, 13. Tom McGrath, 14. Jamie Lee Dwan, 15. Gary Delaney, 16. Ben O' Sullivan, 17. Séan O' Dwyer. Principal: Ger Corbett. Coach: Tomás McGrath.

Under 13 G Iomáint

Anacarty NS 6-14 Rearcross 3-05.

Referee: Mark Generry.

Anacarty NS: 1. Arnold O'Dwyer 2. Eoghan Loughman 3. Paul Burke 4. Stephen O'Brien 5. Conor Bradshaw 6. Jordan Hayes 7. Liam Óg O'Dwyer 8. Jean Kelly 9. Dion Breen 10. Jayson Morrissey 11. Tommy Moore 12. Thomas Furlong 13. Katelyn Fleming 14. Eibhlís McDonald 15. Artie O'Brien 16. Courtney Quinn. Acting Principal: Marian Anderson. Teachers/Coaches: Marian Anderson and Mairéad Ryan.

Rearcross NS: 1. Adam Hurley, 2. Conor Nolan, 3. Pat Carroll, 4.Trudie Hurley, 5. Pat O Toole, 6. Patrick Carey, 7. Philip Deegan, 9. James Rochford, 10. Thomas Butler, 11. Chloe Lenihan, 13. Grace O'Toole, 14. Niamh Sheldon. Principal: Michael Corcoran. Coaches: John Carey and John Sheldon

Under 13 D Camogie Carrig Nenagh 8-04 New Inn 0-02

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Carrig N.S. Ballycommon: 1. Róisín Taplin 2. Kathy Ann Reddan 3. Aisling Byrne 4. Jade Mitchell 5. Kaitlin O Halloran 6. Sinéad Meagher 7. Jane Seymour 8. Katie Spillane 9. Niamh Byrne 10. Eimear Meagher 11. Jane Minehan 12. Lauren Tucker 13 Jillian Clarke 14 Aoife Taplin 15 Aoife Cleary 16 Lauren Moylan. Teachers/Coaches Mairéad O Halloran, Darragh Egan, Bertie Sherlock.

New Inn Girls National School: 1. Rebecca Carroll, 2. Ciara Parker, 3. Shannon O' Dwyer, 4. Briana Crosse, 5 Karin Blair, 6. Jessica McNamara, 7. Gráinne Moloney, 8. Shannon Flanagan, 9. Aoife O' Donnell, 10. Clodagh McGivern. 11. Orla Peters, 12. Rachel Murphy, 13. Caoimhe Crosse, 14. Yvonne Walmsley. Principal: Fiona Ryan. Teachers/Coaches: Teresa Harrington, Mary Barlow, Annette Carroll & Michael Shanahan.

Under 13 B Iomáint

St. Colmcilles 3-11 Cashel BNS 3-04

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

St. Colmcille's N.S Templemore: 1. Andrew Ormond, 2. Shane Doran, 3. David O'Shea, 4. Eanna McBride, 5. Tom Murphy, 6. Ciarán Byrne, Lyndon Fairbrother, 8. Conor Sheedy, 9. Bodien Fogarty, 10. Radek Nathkaniec, 11. Paddy Cadell, 13. Jamie Morrissey, 14. Hugh Maher, 15. Lorcan Roche, 16. Ned Kinnane, 17. Jimmy Tierney, 18. Michael Marnell, 19. Aaron Fogarty, 20. Michael Fogarty. 21. Ciarán Hoctor, 22. Jack Prout, 23. Bill Purcell, 24. Ruairí Mockler, 25. Nick Keane, 26. Michael Fogarty. Principal: Kieran Healy, Coaches: Denis Kelly, Conor Doyle, Michael Delaney.

Cashel BNS: 1. Adam Skeffington, 2. Lee Barry, 3. Brandon Duffy, 4. Brian Fitzpatrick, 5. Colin Ryan, 6. Ciarán Quinn, 7. Eoghan Connolly, 8. Conn Bonnar, 9. Patrick Fahy, 10. Ross Bonnar, 11. Daniel Wade, 12. Jack Price, 13. Alex Marshall, 14. Brían Davern, 15. Ciarán Davern, 16. Jamie O' Keeffe, 17. John Tadhg Murphy, 18. Murragh McDermott, 19. Rodrigo Cavavesi Goncalves, 20. Paul Shortt, 21. Gavin Aherne, 22. Scott Scanlan, 23. Michael O' Meara, 24.Luke Quinlan, 25. Seán Ryan, 26. Jack Browne Corbett.

Under 11 E Iomáint

Ballagh NS 5-07 Ballinaclough NS 3-05

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Ballagh N. S.: 11. Jack Ryan 10., Anthony McCarthy, 13. Jack Moriarty, 9. Oisín Fryday, 2. Kellie Quirke, 6. Jake O Donnell, 1. Aaron Kearns, 14. Tommie Ryan, 3. Matthew Cullen, 15. Robert Doyle, 4. Christian Cullen.

Ballinaclough NS: 1. Cathal Delaney, 2. Rebecca Forde, 3. Darragh Nolan, 4. Bill Maher, 5. Shane Mitchell, 6. Diarmuid Fitzpatrick, 7. Ethan O' Meara, 19. Cein Fitzpatrick, 20. Kevin Hayden.

Under 11 B1 Iomáint



Poulacapple NS U13 D Camogie Winners



Scoil Ailbhe U11A Winners



Scoil Ailbhe U11A1 Winners

Cashel BNS 3-03 Two Mile Borris 1-01

Referee: Mark Generry.

Cashel BNS: 1. Kevin Gayson Molloy, 2. Jack Ryan (Con), 3. Mickey Delaney, 4. Tomás Bourke, 5. Gabrielle Pereira Saldanha, 6. Seán Ryan, 7. Aaron Moloney, 8. Thomas Delaney, 9. Jack Ryan (Camas), 10. Daniel Moloney, 11. Eoghan Murphy, 12. Jack Hayes, 13. Dean Quinlan.

Two-Mile-Borris N.S.: 1. Liam McDonagh, 2. Brian Long, 3. Sean Mockler, 4. David Ryan, 5. Michael O'Donnell, 6. Sean O'Meara Capt, 7. Kevin Hayes, 8. Andrew Alexander O'Shea, 9. Shane Bourke, 10. Maria Lanigan, 11. Evan Coughlan, 12. Eimear Ryan, 13. Declan Ryan, 14. Sean Tunstall. Principal: Joan Doherty. Coaches: Liam McCullagh & Billy Lanigan & Paddy Moore.

Under 13 F Iomáint Ayle 9-05 Kilbarron 4-04

Referee: John Bob Ryan

Ayle N.S.: 1.David Kennedy, 2.Bob Purcell, 3.Eoghan Ryan, 4.James Dee, 5.William Barry, 6.Robert Quirke, 7.Rían Doody, 8.Christopher Irwin, 9.Cian Moloney, 10.Sinéad White, 11.William Armshaw, 12.Orla Maher, 13.Ciarán Doody, 14.Kaasim Alam Baloch, 15.Cian Ryan, 29.Diarmaid Duggan.

Principal: Seán Ó h-Aonghusa. Coaches: Pat Buckley and Seanie O Neill.

Kilbarron N.S.: 1. Michael Slattery, 2. James O'Sullivan, 3. Andrew Lennox, 4. Jack Dunne, 5. Stephen Burke (C), 6. Conal Moran, 7. John O'Meara, 8. Bethany Slattery, 9. Cathal O'Meara, 10. Sam Warren, 11. Ciara Boyle, 12. Adam Slattery, 13. Michael Carroll, 14. Marcus Esmonde, 15. Ray O'Meara, 16. Kevin Boyle. Principal & Coach: Kevin Connolly.

Under 13 D Iomáint Dunkerrin NS 1-10 Mullinahone 0-03

Referee: John Bob Ryan

Scoil Muire, Dún Chairn: 1. Bob Kenny, 2. Brian Doughan, 3. Jack Kirwan, 4. Daniel O'Meara, 5. Adam Hogan(v. capt), 6. Joseph Fogarty, 7. James Doughan, 8. Eoin W. Whyte (capt), 9. Gearóid Murphy, 10. Dylan Maher, 11. Gearóid Larkin, subs, 12. Roddy Teehan, 13. Neil Maher, 14. Liam Gleeson, 15. Peter Maher, 16. Cian Duane, 17. Feargal Ryan, 18. Jack Bolger. Trainer/coach Mr. Kevin McCormack. Teacher P. Jennings.

Mullinahone N.S.: 1. Cathal Cavanagh, 2. Shauna Kennedy, 3. Conor Croke, 4. Stephen Reilly, 5. Michael Cody, 6. Eoghan Brett, 7. Oisín Drennan, 8. Seán Fitzgerald, 9. Oisín McNamara, 10. Baylea Grace, 11. Colin Shelly (Captain), 12. David Whelan, 13. Jordan Shortt, 14. Michael O'Shea, 15. Jack Lonergan, 16. Dylan St John, 17. Paul Houlihan, 18. Jordan Denn, 19. Jack Walsh. Teacher: James Cahill.

Under 13 D Camogie Poulacapple 2-0 Ayle 0-01

Referee: Mark Generry

Poulacapple N.S.: 2.Laura Foley, 3.Kate Gleeson, 4.Ciara Hogan, 5. Margaret Foley, 6. Bríd Roantree, 7. Maggie Welland, 8. Grace Hogan, 9. Clodagh Burke. Coach Ann-Marie Manogue.

Ayle N.S.: 1. Katie Kent Francis, 2. Sorcha White, 3. Ciara Niu Murray, 4.Sarah Armshaw, 5.Amy Purcell, 6.Ciara Southon 7.Jill-Anne Quirke, 8.Bláthnaid Cummins, 9.Órnaith Hennessy, 10. Rachel Fahey, 11. Eva Moloney, 12. Áine Dargan, 13. Róisín Dee, 14. Mairead Horan, 15. Sarah Ryan. Principal: Seán Ó h-Aonghusa. Coaches: Pat Buckley and Seanie O Neill.

Under 13 C Camogie Drom NS 4-03 Youghalarra 0-02.

Referee: Fergal Horgan.

Drom N.S.: 1. Jane Ryan, 2. Clodagh Kinane, 3. Rachel Maher, 4. Siobhan Ryan, 5. Grace Glasheen, 6. Courtney Shields, 7. Paige Heap, 8.Mary Grace, 9.Noeleen Brereton, 10.Gemma Kennedy, 11. Valerie Bergin, 12. Kirsty Cunningham, 13. Emer Delargy. Principal: Kieran Grace. Coach: Matthew McGrath.

Youghalarra: 1. Rebecca Ryan, 2. Maria Maxwell, 3. Vanessa Tynan, 4. Nicole Comerford, 5. Katie O'Flaherty, 6. Ellen Merry, 7. April Ryan-McGough, 8. Chloe Creamer, 9. Danielle Nealon, 10. Katie O'Brien, 11. Jennifer Sheils, 12. Charlotte Gill, 13. Ahana Maharaj, 14. Jane Lehane, 15. Ríona Gillespie, 16. Rachel Collins, 17. Sarah Creamer, 18. Lauren Hogan, 19. Katie O'Keeffe, 20. Shauna Cooney, 21. Siobhán Cope, 22. Áine Hough, 23. Dara McCormack, 24. Alana Duffy. Mentors: Caroline Murray (Teacher), John Hogan & Martin Ryan (Trainers).

Under 11 D Iomáint Boherlahan 2-02 Ballytarsna 0-04

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Boherlahan: 1. Luke Kevin, 2. John Ryan, 3. Jack Riordan, 4. Patrick O' Dwyer, 5. James Kirby, 6. Cian Bargary, 7. Casey Hennessy, 8. Martin Paul O' Dwyer, 9. Joshua O'Dwyer. Principal: Mary O' Donnell, Coaches: Sharon Clancy & John O'Dwyer.

Little Flower N.S. Ballytarsna: 1. Ciarán Lonergan, 2. Niall O'Dwyer, 3. Stephen Walsh, 4. Mark Downey, 5. Ryan O'Sullivan, 6. Kevin O'Connor, 7. Tom Clarke, 8. Peter Melbourne, 9. Lorcan Tuohy, 10. Jack Maher. Principal: Siobhán McGrath Byrne. Coach. Fr. Peter Brennan.



Scoil Eoin Naofa U11 C Winners



Gurtagarry NS U13 H Winners



Holycross NS U13 B Camogie Winners

Under 11 A Camogie

St. Mary's Nenagh 4-0 Presentation Thurles 1-0 Referee: Fergal Horgan

St. Mary's Nenagh: Leah Kelly, Niamh Sheridan, Lara Keith-Crosse, Rachel Browne, Rachel O'Connor, Brid McKenna, Grace Flaherty, Laura White, Criona Cantwell, Alannah Deering, Eva Duggan, Lily Purcell, Ellen Sheehy, Caroline Browne, Claire Walsh, Lucy Spain, Saoirse Shanahan, Aishling Moran, Eva McKeogh, Katie Manicle, Clara McGrath, Megan Elebert. Principal: Peadar O'Dwyer. Coaches: Suzanne Kelly and Tommy Mulcahy.

Presentation Thurles: Zoe Lanphier, Lillian Loughnane, Shauna Jordan, Sinead Campion, Anna Dunne, Katie Hanafin, Sarah Hayden, Jennifer O'Mara, Aoife Gleeson, Tara Layden, Mariah McCarthy, Ciara Bracken, Sinead Leahy, Patrycja Goryczko. Principal Anne Lanigan. Coaches: Louise Healy & Eimear Curley.

Under 11 C Camogie

Carrig N.S, Birr 3-4 Cashel G.N.S 3-3

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Carrig N.S., Birr: 1. Michelle Maher, 2. Orla Killeen, 3. Cathy

Fogarty, 4. Aoife Cogavin, 5. Ciara Brennan, 6. Sarah Pingree, 7. Laura Sampson, 8. Aoife Hoctor, 9. Aoife Bond, 10. Claire Hogan, 11. Saoirse Moran, 12. Michelle Fogarty, 13. Caoimhe Molloy.

Cashel G.N.S.: 1. Abi Muldoon, 2. Nora Quinlan, 3. Eimear Allison, 4. Janeanne Fitzgerald (captain), 5. Kate Gayson Molloy, 6. Caoimhe Perdue, 7. Jessica Fitzelle, 8. Sorcha Ryan, 9. Ciara Moloney, 10. Rebecca Delahunty, 11. Megan White.

Under 13 E Camogie Inch 13-7 Thomastown 3-3

Referee: Mark Generry

Inch National School: 1. Laoise McGrath, 2. Ciara Dempsey, 3. Megan Long, 4. Caoimhe Bourke, 5. Katie Morris-Moloney, 6. Emma Larkin, 7. Niamh Ryan, 8. Aoife Shanahan, 9. Niamh Long, 10. Leanne Ryan, 11. Eimear McLoughlin. Principal: Martina Blake. Coaches Paddy Guilfoyle & Matthew McGrath.

Thomastown: 1. Cleo Ashford, 2. Aisling Maguire, 3. Aoife Crosse, 4. Katie Rafferty, 5. Stacey Farrell, 6. Adelaide Keane, 7. Julia Crowe, 8. Megan O'Meara, 9. Megan Crowe, 10. Leah O'Meara, 11. Amy Ryan, 12. Sarah McCarthy, 13. Stephanie Ryan, 14. Ciara Coman, 15. Isobel O'Dwyer, 16. Shauna O'Connell. Manager: Brian Cahill.

Under 11 B Iomáint

St. Colmcille's N.S Templemore 2-2 Two Mile Borris 0-6 Referee: Fergal Horgan

St. Colmcille's P.S Templemore: 1. Nick Keane, 2. Ben Collins, 3. Noel Morrissey, 4. Paddy Cadell, 5. Ciarán Byrne, 6. Eanna McBride, 7. Brandon Morrissey, 8. Andrew Ormond, 9. Hugh Maher, 10. Lorcan Roche, 11.Bill Purcell, 13. Ciarán Hoctor, 14. Jack Prout, 15. Kuba Beban. Principal: Kieran Healy, Coaches: Denis Kelly, Conor Doyle, Michael Delaney.

Two-Mile-Borris: 1. PJ Tunstall, 2. Pat Hackett, 3. Michael Murphy Capt, 4. Michael Maher, 15. James Dillon, 6. Jack Fallon, 7. Rory Darmody, 8. Diarmuid Maher, 9. Max Hackett, 10. David O'Donnell, 11. Bill Hackett, 12. Conor Cummins, 13. Darred Flood, 14. Jack Morrissey. Principal: Joan Doherty. Coaches: Liam McCullagh & Billy Lanigan & Paddy Moore.

Under 11 C Iomáint

Scoil Eoin Naofa 2-5 Powerstown 1-4

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Scoil Eoin Naofa: 1. Dean Pyne 2. Darragh Doyle 3. Jack Ryan 4. Owen Tynan 5. Jamie Ryan 6. Darragh Tynan 7. Fionn Ryan 8. Conor Donovan 9. Stephen Doheny 10. Killian Guilfoyle 11. Vladislav Bodrovs Principal: Mark McLoughlin Coaches: John Coghlan Rory McGrath.

Powerstown NS: 1.David Bourke, 2. Jack Holohan, 3. Kieran Quirke, 4. T.J. Quigley, 5. Conor McGrath, 6. Brian Quirke, 7. Brian Lacey, 8. Seamas O'Brien, 9. Thomas Hickey, 10. Anthony Phelan.

Under 11 C1 Iomáint St. Joseph's Corville 2-4 Borrisoleigh 0-3

Referee: Mark Generry

Scoil Iosef Naofa Corville: 1. Kenny Lee, 2. Nathan Carroll, 3. Calin Byrne, 4. Conor Shanahan, 5. Tré Loughnane, 6. Dylan Hogan, 7. Owen Wynne Young, 8. Michael Walsh, 9. Jack Flynn, 10. Dylan Carey, Principal: John Slattery. Coach: Colm Darcy.

Borrisoleigh Boys' School: 1. George Stapleton, 2. Ewan Young, 3. Dan Ryan, 4. Daniel Fahey, 5. Dirk Leimlehner, 6. Patrick Foley, 7. Eddie Ryan, 8. Cathal Hogan, 9. James Ryan, 10. Hugh Hurley, 11. Cian Stapleton, 12. Luke Cooney, 13. David Delaney. Principal: Mrs Kay Ryan. Coaches: Michael Small & Michael Ryan.

Under 11 B Camogie Upperchurch 3-0 Boherlahan 1-1

Referee: Mark Generry

Upperchurch N.S.: 1. Katie Condon, 2. Jane-Ann Ryan, 3. Katie Ryan, 4. Mary Burke, 5. Kate Harty, 6. Zara Bourke, 7. Catriona



St. Colmcilles NS U13 B Winners



St. Mary's Nenagh U13A Camogie Winners



St. Mary's Nenagh U11 A Camogie Winners

Carey, 8. Emma Purcell, 9. Niamh Ryan, 10. Niamh Fitzpatrick. Principal: Alma Quinn. Coaches: Mary Corcoran, Michael Corcoran & Tom Kennedy.

Boherlahan N.S.: 1. Orlagh Lacey, 2. Sarah Kate Delaney, 3. Niamh O' Dwyer, 4. Ciara Mulcaire, 5. Casey Hennessy, 6. Ellie Ryan, 7. Ciara Dwan, 8. Aoife Linehan, 9. Sarah Jane O' Connor, 10. Kerri Fitzgerald, 11. Claire Delaney, 12. Sophie O' Shea. Principal: Mary O' Donnell, Coaches: Sharon Clancy & John O' Dwyer.

Under 13 B Camogie Holycross 6-1 Portroe 3-3

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

St. Michael's N.S. Holycross: 1. Roisín Lowry, 2. Cara O' Connor, 3. Roisín Meehan, 4. Susie Doyle, 6. Naomi – Molly O' Shea, 7. Claire Stakelum, 9. Kate Brennan, 10. Katie Ryan, 11. Anna Gavin, 12. Bridín Ryan, 13. Ellemai Ferncombe, 17. Andrea O' Rourke, 18. Elaine Brennan, 19. Ruth Fogarty, 20. Jessica Crosse, 21. Áine Dunne. Principal: Ger Corbett. Coaches: Eileen McCullagh, Siobhán Doran, Deirdre Corcoran.

Scoil Mhuire Port Rua: 1 Yasmin Fatnassi, 2 Maria Maloney, 3 Aisling Sheedy, 4 Emma Sheedy, 5 Ciara Byrne, 6 Megan O'Mahoney, 7 Searlait Quinn, 8 Shannon Creamer, 9 Claire O'Brien, 10 Daron Creamer, 11 Saoirse O'Shea, 12 Jade Kennedy, 13 Natalie Harris, 14 Kayleigh Searson, 15 Toni Spaight Delaney, 16 Sophie O'Mahony, 17 Kerrie Tickner, 18 Rosie Day, 19 Amy Staunton, 20 Laoise Robinson, 21 Roisín Raedler-Shinnors.

Under 13 E Iomáint

Drom 1-13 Carrig N.S, Nenagh 3-4

Referee: Mark Generry

Drom N.S.: 1. Fintan Purcell, 2. Lorcan Campion, 3. Pauric Campion, 4.John Ryan, 5.Mary Grace, 6.Paul Bergin, 7.Niall Fogarty, 8.Stephen Nolan, 9.Andy Purcell, 10.Rory O'Dwyer, 11. Robert Kennedy, 12. Jason Heskin. Principal: Kieran Grace. Coach: Matthew McGrath.

Carrig N.S. Ballycommon, Nenagh: 1. Cormac Dunne 2.Mark O Farrell 3.Darragh Molloy 4.Declan McGrath (Capt.) 5.Sinéad Meagher 6.Matthew Cleary 7.Billy Seymour 8.Shane Harrington 9.Brian McLoughney 10.Eoin McGrath 11.Katie Spillane 12.Kelum Harrington 13.Luke Fahey 14.Billy McGrath 15. Jonathan Noonan 16. Jason Garland Coaches Darragh Egan, Bertie Sherlock. Principal Mairéad O Halloran.

Under 13 H Iomáint Gurtagarry 5-10 Killea 2-3

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Gurtagarry NS: 1.Seamus O' Farrell, 2.Kevin Cleary, 3.Thomas O' Farrell, 4. Calvin O'Rourke, 5. Jack Ryan, 6. Alan Ryan, 7. Jack Cullen, 8. Rachel Darcy, 9. Niamh Bourke, 10. Stephen Frend, 11. Brian Troy, 12. Grainne Ryan, 13. Conor O' Farrell, 14. Aine Frend, 15.Eva Dunne, 16.Megan Tierney, 17. Thomas Martin, 18. Joanne O' Farrell. Principal: Margaret Harty. Coaches Eddie Ryan & D.J. Cleary.

Killea NS: 1. Denis Russell, 2. Dáire Kavanagh, 3. Sarah Buckley, 4. Jack O'Meara, 5. Aidan Coffey, 6. Neil Quinlan, 7. Raymond Coonan, 8. Mark Egan, 9. Kieran McElligott, 10. Donnchadh Gleeson. Manager: Eileen Curtin.

Under 13 C Iomáint Loughmore 5-7 Kilruane 3-7

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Loughmore N.S.: 1. Conor Ryan, 2. Darragh Sweeney, 3. Jamie Doyle, 4. Jack Ryan, 5. Eoghan Ryan, 6. Martin O'Connell, 7. Brian McGrath, 8. Dermot Leahy, 9. Stefan Maher, 10. Leanne Gleeson, 11. Michael O'Connell, 12. Ciara Manton, 13. Martin Manton, 14. Jack Guidera, 15. Paudie Spillane, 16. Darren Hayden, 17. Loughlin Campion, 18. Joseph McGrath, 19. Pádraic McCormack, 20. Jack Cullen, 21. Ciarán McCormack, 22. Gearóid Treacy. Coach/Principal Stephen Maher.

Kilruane N.S.: 1.Mark O Neill, 2.Arran Conroy 3.Sean Quinlan, 4.Oisin O Meara, 5.Jake Morris, 6.Shane O Meara, 7.Ben Healy, 8. Tommy Dooley, 9. Christopher Moyles, 10. Conor Lillis, 11. Cormac Mannion, 12. Craig Morgan (Capt), 13. Dylan Moran 14. Conor Quinlan, 15. Seamus O Meara, 16. Jack Dunne, 17. Jack Dwan 18. Roy Clarke 19. Sam Darcy, 20. Louis Kennedy, 21. Eoin Farrell, 22. Matthew Moyles, 23. Cormac Doheny, 25. Shane McAteer, 26. Sean Maher, 27. Daniel Clarke, 28. Sean Clarke, 29. Ben Cahalan, 30. Kieran Spain, 31. Robert Moyles 32. Alan Spain. Principal: Gilbert Williams Coach: Gilbert Williams.

Under 13 A Iomáint Holycross 1-10 Scoil Ailbhe 1-8

Referee: Fergal Horgan

St. Michael's N.S. Holycross: 1. Cormac O' Connor, 2. Colin Nolan, 3. David Croke, 4. David Manning, 5. Edward O' Gorman, 6. Bryan O' Mara, 7. Jack Ryan, 8. James Ryan, 9. Ewan Bourke, 10. Darragh Woods, 11. Jerry Kelly, 12. Seán Spillane, 13. Éanna Ryan, 14. Mikey Nally, 15. Jack Dwan, 16. Patrick O' Gorman, 17. Séamus Stakelum, 18. Eoin Morris, 19. Ben Slattery, 20. Luke Ryan, 21. Eoin Ryan, 22. Tomás Caffrey, 23. Liam Ryan, 24. William O' Donohoe, 25. Danann O' Dwyer, 26. Luke O' Shea, 27. Jack Hehir. Principal: Ger Corbett. Coach: Tomás

Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S.: 1. Matt O'Brien, 2. Patrick O'Connell, 3. Eoin Ryan, 4. Seán Barrett, 5. Jason Jordan, 6. Michael Purcell, 7. Anthony Cooney, 8. Endijs Mikelsons, 9. Donal Fitzpatrick, 10. Pádraig Blake, 11. Edward Cullen, 12. Kieran Moloney, 13. Jack



Dunkerrin NS U13D Hurling Winners



Corville NS U11C1 Co. Champions 2011



Drom NS U13 E Hurling Winners

Lanigan, 14. Adam Derby, 15. Darren Fahey, 16. Colin O'Shaughnessy, 17. Darren O'Sullivan, 18. Eoin Kerrane, 19. Loughlin Russell, 20. Kevin McLoughlin, 21. Darragh Byrne, 22. Shane O'Sullivan, 23. Darragh Fitzpatrick, 24. Fintan Stokes, 25. Shane Dunne, 26. Aidan Butler, 27. Brian Curran, 28. Connor Murphy, 29. Daniel Byrne, 30. Jack Croke, 31. David Shorley, 32. Ryan McDonnell, 33. Darragh McKinley, 34. Eoin Gleeson, 35. Seamie Doyle, 36. Philip Ryan, 37. Shane Fitzpatrick, 38. Christopher Carew, 39. Frank McKevitt, 40. Eoin Purcell. Principal: Mrs. Miriam Butler. Coaches: Fergal O'Reilly, Claire Grogan, Denis McCullagh, Barbara Ryan, John Anderson, Norma Harrington, Ger Kerrigan, Pádraig Fahey. Principal: Mrs. Miriam Butler. Coaches: Fergal O'Reilly, Claire Grogan, Denis McCullagh, Barbara Ryan, John Anderson, Norma Harrington, Ger Kerrigan, Pádraig Fahey.

INTO Sevens Football: Loughmore INTO Sevens Ladies Football: St. Josephs Templemore.

Football Final Results UNDER 13 FOOTBALL

A: St. Marys CBS Clonmel beat Templemore

B: Ballyporeen beat Gaelscoil Durlas

C: Cashel beat Loughmore

D: Clerihan beat Two Mile Borris

E: Drom beat Rathkeevin

F: Mullinahone beat Tankerstown

G: Moyglass beat Ayle

G1: Slieveardagh beat Ballyneale

H: Kilcash beat Kilvemnon

UNDER 13 LADIES FOOTBALL

A: Sisters of Charity Clonmel beat St. Josephs Templemore

B: Ballylooby beat Grange

C: Upperchurch beat Rathkeevin

D: Kilross beat Rosegreen

UNDER 11 FOOTBALL

A: Scoil Ailbhe beat St. Peter and Pauls Clonmel

B: Two Mile Borris beat Cahir BNS

C: Moyglass beat Ballyporeen

D: Ballytarsna beat Ballylooby

UNDER 11 LADIES FOOTBALL

A: Mount Bruis beat Sisters of Charity

B: Ballyporeen beat Our Lady's Cahir

C: Gael. Durlas beat Ballylooby

D: Boherlahan beat Clerihan

2011 TIPPERARY PRIMARY GO GAMES

WELL DONE TO TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME FOOTBALLERS

Well done to the boys and girls who represented the Tipperary Primary Game Football Teams in Killarney this year with such distinction. We look forward to seeing these outstanding talents wear the Blue & Gold for Tipperary Footballers in years to come. Well done to the mentors involved with both teams.

The teams were as follows:

PRIMARY GAME BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM 2011: 1. Mark Kelly, Ardfinnan 2. John Lyons, Grangemockler 3. Declan McGrath, Carrig Nenagh 4. Adrian English, Ballyporeen 5. Eoghan Ryan, Ayle 6. Colin English, Burncourt 7. Andrew Vance, Emly 8. Stephen Nolan, Drom 9. Adam O'hEili, Gaelscoil Nenagh 10. Gerard Mockler, Clonoulty 11. Luke Kiely, St. Olivers Clonmel. SELECTORS: John Walsh, Clerihan Liam O'Sullivan, Ardfinnan Kieran Healy, Templemore Aodan Wrenn, Clerihan. PRIMARY GAME GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM 2011: 1. Niamh Ní Mhórdha, Gaelscoil Durlas Éile 2. Clíona Collins, Lisronagh N.S. 3. Deirbhle Nic Gearailt, Gaelscoil Chluain Meala 4. Valentena Kavanagh, Poulacapple N.S. 5. Shauna Kennedy, Mullinahone N.S. 6. Shonagh Cleary, Glengoole N.S. 7. Shania Dowling, Sisters of Charity, Clonmel 8. Rachel O Brien, Cloneen N.S. 9. Sarah Buckley, Killea N S.10. Niamh Ryan, Inch N.S. 11. Ciara Ryan, Birdhill N.S. Selectors: Ann Marie Landers Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Deirdre O'Connell, Clerihan, Katie Sweeney Ardfinnan, Labhaoise Ní Chuinneagáin Gaelscoil Durlas Éile.

Tipperary Primary Game Teams versus Cork in Semple Stadium on Sunday, May 29th: Camogie Team 1. Caoimhe Bourke, Inch Ns, 2. May Power, Ballina Ns, 3. Hazel Mcauliffe, Nenagh Ns, 4. Orla O'Dwyer, Rosegreen Ns, 5. Maureen Ryan, Upperchurch Ns, 6. Emer Murphy, Templederry Ns, 7. Sarah Mckevitt, Presentation Thurles, 8. Roisín Meagher, Ballytarsna Ns, 9. Mary Grace, Drom Ns, 10. Sinéad Meagher Carrig Ns, 11. Claire Stakelum Holycross NS. Roghnóirí: Donall McCarthy Ballylooby NS, Michael Corcoran Upperchurch NS, Tammy Cullen New Inn NS.

HURLING TEAM 1. Jerry Kelly Holycross NS, 2. Adam Hogan Dunkerrin NS, 3. Jake Morris Kilruane NS, 4. Jerome



Drom NS U13C Camogie Winners



Tipp Primary Game Boys Team v Clare 2011



Tipp Primary Game Camogie Team Munster Final 2011

Cahill Ardcroney NS, 5. Cian Darcy Cloughjordan NS, 6. Brian McGrath Loughmore NS, 7. Scott Murphy Carrick CBS, 8. Shane Neville Mount Bruis, 9. Bill Darcy Gaelscoil Durlas, 10. Michael Purcell Scoil Ailbhe, 11. Aiden o Meara Barnane NS. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Pat Buckley Ayle NS & Denis Kelly St. Colmcilles NS Templemore.

The following players represented Tipperary in the Primary Game versus Clare in the Gaelic Grounds Limerick on Sunday, 19th June 2011. Camogie Primary Game Team v Clare 2011: 1.Kirsty Crotty Ryan, Grange N.S., 2. Ciara Manton, Loughmore N.S., 3. Hayley Doyle, Clonoulty N.S., 4. Katie Norris, Gaelscoil

CarrignaSuire, 5. Aisling Deely, Sisters of Charity, Clonmel, 6. Elise O' Connor, Knockavilla N.S., 7. Jean Kelly, Anacarty N.S., 8. Orla Cahill, Barnane N.S., 9. Maeve Coffey, St. Mary's, Nenagh, 10. Christine Coffey, Ballinree N.S., 11. Sara Earley, Dunkerrin N.S. Roghnóirí: Tammy Cullen New Inn NS, Donall McCarthy Ballylooby NS, Michael Corcoran Upperchurch NS. Tipp Hurling Primary Game Team v Clare 2011: 1. Anthony McKelvey Two Mile Borris NS, 2. Michael Feehan Hollyford NS, 3. Sean Flaherty Toomevara NS, 4. Conor O'Sullivan St. Peter & Pauls NS, 5. Cathal D'Arcy Dualla NS, 6. Paul Bergin Drom NS, 7. Michael Barlow Ardfinnan NS, 8. Aaron Condon Clerihan NS, 9. Patrick Fahy Cashel BNS, 10. Eoin Barry Killenaule NS, 11. Rian Doody Ayle NS. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Pat Buckley Ayle NS & Denis Kelly St. Colmcilles NS Templemore.

Well done to the Tipperary Primary Game Teams who played Waterford during the Munster Hurling Final in Cork on Sunday, 10th July. Comhghairdeas to all the boys and girls. Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team: 1. Ronan Tucker Youghalarra NS, 2. Eoin Hayes Moycarkey NS, 3. Ciaran Kelly Kildangan NS, 4. Tom Murphy St. Colmcilles NS Templemore, 5. Dominic Ó Briain Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan, 6. Josh McCarthy Ballinree NS, 7. Stephen Burke Kilbarron NS, 8. Damien Cantwell Moyne NS, 9. Cathal Burke Clonoulty NS, 10. Alan Ryan Gurtagarry NS, 11. Liam Maher CBS Nenagh. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Pat Buckley Ayle NS & Denis Kelly St. Colmcilles NS Templemore. Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team: 1. Elizabeth Floyd, Burgess NS, 2. Emily Walsh, Moyne NS, 3. Sarah Stakelum, Scoil Angela, 4. Eileen Flannery, Clerihan NS, 5. Moira Kinnane, Rossmore NS, 6. Sinéad O' Leary, Boher NS, 7. Aoife O' Donnell, New Inn GNS, 8. Orla Ryan, Borrisoleigh GNS, 9. Laura Spencer, Scoil Eoin Naofa, 10. Clodagh Horgan, Boherlahan NS, 11. Leah Price, Golden NS. Roghnóirí: Tammy Cullen New Inn BNS, Donall McCarthy Ballylooby NS, Michael Corcoran Upperchurch NS.

2011 HANDBALL RESULTS

Cumann na mBunscol Handball County Finals 2011

The Cumann na mBunscoil County Handball Finals were hosted by Ballinahinch & Silvermines Handball Clubs. With a total of 14 Schools, 63 entries & a total of 34 games it proved to be a hectic day of Handball but it all ran off without a hitch. Throughout the day we had some great games of Handball and some of the clear favourites had to be at their very best to come through the various rounds. The Standard is at an all time high in the

County Results:

Finals: Dolla

- · GU11S: Eleanor Percy (Kilruane N.S.) Bt Katie Gould (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/8, 11/6 (22-14)
- · GU11D: Laura Shinnors & Orla Molloy (Ardcroney N.S.)
- · BU11S: Sean Mc Adams (Ardcroney N.S.) Bt Conor Bourke (Ballina N.S.) 11/7, 11/2 (22-9)
- · BU11D: Sean Hayes & John McGrath (Kildangan N.S.) Bt Matthew Spain & Delvin Courtney (Ardcroney) N.S.) 11/6, 11/4 (22-10)
- · GU13S: Sinéad Meagher (Carrig N.S.) Bt Gráinne Molloy (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/7, 11/10 (22-17)
- · GU13D: Síle Spain & Caroline Hill (Ardcroney N.S.) Bt Sarah Dunne & Sarah Slattery (Burgess N.S.)
- · BU13S: Jason English (Ballyporeen N.S.) Bt Colm Ryan (St John the Baptist Cashel) 11/7, 10/11 (21-18)
- · BU13D: Jerome Cahill & Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney N.S.) Bt Tommy Breedy & Adrian English (Ballyporeen N.S.) 9/11, 11/7 (20-18)

Munster Cumann na mBunscol Finals 2011

GU11D: Laura Shinnors/Orla Molloy (Ardcroney N.S. Tipp) Bt Laura Hayes/Aoife Murphy Conna N.S. Cork) 11/8, 9/11. BU11D: Sean Hayes / John Mc Grath (Kildangan N.S. Tipp) Bt Cian O Driscoll/Conor Walsh (St Pats Mallow Cork) 10/11,11/8.



Tipperary Primary Game Team V Cork Munster C'Chip 2011



Tipperary Primary Game Team Camogie v Cork Munster C'Chip 2011



Tipp Primary Game Hurling Team Munster Final 2011

BU13S: Jason English (Ballyporeen N.S. Tipp) Bt Kevin O Connell (Ballydesmond N.S. Cork) 11/2, 11/9. BU13D: Jerome Cahill/Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney N.S. Tipp) Bt Richard Duggan/Evan Murphy Scoil Mhuire Broadford Limk) 11/10, 11/3.

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



Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team V Offaly National League 2011



Tipperary Primary Game Composite Photo Munster Hurling Final 2011



Tipperary Primary Game Composite Photo Munster Hurling Final 2011



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Offaly National League 2011



2011 Tipperary Primary Game Football Squads v Kerry



National Cumann na mBunscol Awards 2010: (L-r): Paddy Kelly, Chairman Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol, Michelle Skehan Scoil Angela NS, Special Guest Ciarán Whelan, Niamh Manley, John Manley Dualla NS and Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol PRO, Margaret Cunningham, Chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta, Pat McGivern, Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta, Ann Marie Devane, Dualla NS, Lar Devane, Padraig Naughton, Leas Uachtarán Cumann Luthcleas Gael, Aodan Wrenn, Secretary Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol.



Tipperary Ladies' Football

Tipperary - All-Ireland U-14 Ladies Football Champions 2011

2011 in Tipperary will be remembered for historic visits of Monarchs and Presidents but for Tipp ladies football it will be remembered as the year that Tipp won their 1st ever All Ireland u14 football title. Having been beaten in the 2008 and 2010 finals, 2011 dawned with optimism as Tipp began the process of selecting a panel and with this achieved the Tipp panel had players drawn from 13 clubs.

Challenge matches were arranged against Laois, Dublin and Kerry in preparation for their opening clash in the Munster championship. First up were Limerick with the game been played in Bruff on the 5/3/11 and Tipp got their campaign of to a flying start with a 7-10 to 2-03 victory over Limerick. Round 2 saw the girls travel to Clashmore Co. Waterford to take on the Deise girls under lights and following a titanic struggle Tipp scraped home with a one point win on the score line of Tipp 1-07 Waterford 2-03. Round 3 saw Tipp head to Shannon on the 19/3/11 to take on Clare. Following another tough game Tipp saw off the opposition, pulling away in the final 10 minutes to win on the score line of 4-13 to 4-03.

Tipp were now back in the Munster final with Waterford standing between them and back to back Munster titles. Played in Cahir on Sunday May the 8th Tipp faced Waterford with the knowledge of their tough battle in Clashmore still fresh in their minds. With a stiff wind blowing Tipp captain Roisin Howard elected to play with the wind and at half-time Tipp led 2-12 to 0-04. Could Tipp hold the opposition against the wind in the 2nd half, was the question on many supporters minds, but their fears were allayed as Tipp put in a sterling second half performance to emerge victorious on the score line of Tipp 3-15 Waterford 2-09. So back to back Munster titles were achieved and Captain Roisin Howard received the Munster trophy from Michael Ryan with

the player of the match awarded to Aisling Moloney. Tipp had many fine performances on the day and could now look forward to the All-Ireland semi-final.

With a break from championship football Tipp u14 girls headed to Kinnegad Co. Westmeath on the 14/5/11 to compete in the All Ireland u14 intercounty blitz. Played in blustery conditions Tipp played Limerick in their 1st game and won on the score line of 3-08 to 0-04. Round 2 saw Tipp take on Monaghan and secured victory with a 5-06 to 0-01 win over the Ulster girls. Next up saw Tipp play Down and another impressive performance saw Tipp notch up their 3rd win of the day on the score line of 2-09 to 0-02. The final game of the group stage saw Tipp take on Laois and with Tipp firing on all cylinders victory was theirs with a 5-01 to 0-01 win. Tipp now went on to play Leitrim, who had qualified from group 1 in the final and there was no stopping the premier ladies and secured the win on the score-line of Tipp 5-11 Leitrim 0-03. Tipp captain Roisin Howard accepted the trophy on behalf of the Tipp girls who had now earned the title of All Ireland intercounty u14 blitz champions. Tipp also entered a second team in the blitz which was made up of girls who had not made the original u14 panel and despite only being put together on the day; they gave some great displays and were unlucky not to have made the knockout stage of Division 3. Sincere thanks also to mentors Biddy Ryan, Andrew Meaney, Tom McCarthy and Maureen McCarthy (First Aid) who looked after both teams on the day.

Attention now switched to the All-Ireland semi-final and following the blitz training was stepped up again and Tipp girls headed to Fingallians Gaa grounds in Dublin on the 29th May to take on Ulster champions Cavan. Tipp went into the game not knowing too much of their opponents, but settled early into the



Tipperary - Munster and All-Ireland Under 14 Champions. Back l-r: Megan Burke, Ciara Tillyer, Aine Lyons, Zoe Farrell Alyward, Louise Cadell, Kate Cashman. Ann Connolly, Mary B Stuart, Lorna Ní Ceallaig, Saoirse McKeever, Katie Butler, Laura Nagle, Rachael Moloney, Katie Quirke, Aoife Nugent, Caoimhe Meaney. Front l-r: Aoife Corcoran, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Caoimhe Condon, Siobhan Murchan, Courtney Lonergan, Roisin Howard (capt), Aisling Moloney, Sinead Buckley, Niamh Treacy, Jessie McCarthy, Megan Shanahan, Karen Fox, Aoife Power, Maria Curley

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Best wishes to Tipperary GAA teams in 2012



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Cappawhite Senior Club Champions 2011. Front l-r: Ciara Coughlan, Mary O'Neil, Ena Meagher, Claire Mullins, Laura Mullins, Jayne Clancy (capt), Mary O'Dwyer, Siobhan Costello, Mairead Crowe, Clodagh Cummins, Sheelagh Carew. Back l-r: Thomas Peters (selectors), Michelle O'Mahony, Angie McDermott, Deirbhle Hennessy, Elaine Renehan, Anne O'Dwyer, Siobhan O'Neil, Tracy Maguire, Helen Kennedy, Marie O'Neil, Joanne O'Doherty, Shauna Quirke, Jane Ann O'Neil, Aoife Ryan, Derry Peters (manager). Absent from photo: Sinead Buckley and Rebecca Cummins.

game and despite missing a 1st half penalty Tipp led at half-time 2-09 to 0-01. Tipp continued their dominance in the 2nd half and despite some good football from Cavan, Tipp pulled away to leave the final score Tipp 4-13 Cavan 1-04. Tipp were now back in the final for the 2nd year in a row but could they go one step further in 2011.Roscommon stood between Tipp and that 1st All Ireland title, but would the girls from the West cause more heart break again as Wexford had done in 2010. Banagher Co. Offaly on the 11th of June would decide it all as Tipp travelled to the Offaly venue confident they would not leave empty handed. Roscommon were first to settle and had 1-01 on the scoreboard before Tipp found their feet and 2 goals from Roisin Howard sent Tipp in at half-time leading 2-05 to 1-02. Tipp started the second half brightly and a third goal from Saoirse McGeever looked to have sent Tipp on their way, but Roscommon to their credit battled hard to the final whistle but Tipp were not to be denied and as the final whistle blew there was great scenes of joy as Tipp had won their first All-Ireland u14 title on the final score line of Tipp 3-07 Roscommon 1-05 and in doing so erased the memories of 2008 and 2010. Tipp captain Roisin Howard

received the All Ireland trophy from Ladies President Pat Quill who also presented Roisin with the player of the match award. There were great scenes on the pitch with memories being captured by proud parents and supporters.

To the management team of : Manager: Biddy Ryan Selectors: Andrew Meaney, Gary Hallinan, Tom McCarthy and Caroline Cadell and team doctor Mischa Murchan, well done for your commitment and dedication to securing that 1st All Ireland u14 title. We are also deeply grateful to all who sponsored the team as without your help it would be impossible to achieve our success. Also to the parents for your dedication and the county board for all your support and to all the clubs for providing pitches for training during the year we cannot thank you enough.

So 2011 in Tipperary will be remembered by many as the year Queen Elizabeth visited Cashel and President Obama came to Moneygall but for all of us involved in Tipp ladies football across the county it will be remembered as the year That Tipp u14 ladies won the All Ireland title for the first time and to broaden President Obama's famous statement of yes we can -"Yes We Did".



Clonmel Commercials Junior 'D' League.

TIPPERARY U14 PANEL 2011:

Lorna Ni Ceallagh, Zoe Farrell Aylward, Siobhan Murchan, Courtney Lonergan, Saoirse McGeever (Clonmel Commercials), Aoife Corcoran, Aisling Moloney, Megan Burke, Roisin Howard (Cahir), Louise Cadell, Maria Curley, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Niamh Treacy, Kate Cashman (Templemore), Aoife Power, Megan Shanahan (Moyle Rovers), Sinead Buckley, Karen Fox (Cappawhite), Caoimhe Condon (Brian Boru's), Ciara Tillyer, Jessie McCarthy, Katie Butler (Fethard), Ann Connolly (Movcarkey), Grainne Blackburn (Aherlow), Katie Ouirke, Rachel



Sliabh na mBan Junior D Champions.

Moloney, Aoife Nugent (Galtee Rovers), Laura Nagle(Ardfinnan). Mary B Stuart, Aine Lyons, Caoimhe Meaney(Slievenamon),

The Tipp u16 ladies made it 4 in a row of Munster titles when they defeated Limerick in the Munster u16 final played in Ballyagran Co. Limerick. The game was nip and tuck all the way with great scores on both sides and at half time Tipp led by 2-06 to 0-07. The second half continued much in the same way as the first with Tipp getting the all important goals to seal victory on the final scoreline of Tipp 3-11 Limerick 1-10. The game could have been a lot closer but for the heroics of Tipp goalie Jackie O Gorman (Brian Borus) who made some wonderful second half saves, which earned her the player of the match award. Tipp captain Kirsty Downey accepted the trophy on behalf of the Tipp team.

The Tipp U16's went in search of their 2nd All Ireland title in 3

years when they crossed swords with Longford in Banagher, Co Offaly. Despite being able to call on six of the squad who were defeated by Mayo in last years semi final, this was a very young Tipperary team who have surprised many on their road to the final. Jackie O Gorman, Emma Corcoran, Aoife Meaney, Brid Condon, Kirsty Downey and Aisling McCarthy supported by the U14 squad who reached the All Ireland Final last year have worked hard to make up for the disappointments of 2010. Victories over Limerick and Waterford in the round robin in Munster followed by a Munster Final victory over Limerick saw them face Cavan in the All Ireland. A comprehensive victory in Templetouhy left them only one hour away from the Holy Grail of a second All Ireland title this year.

Despite travelling in confidence it was not to be our day with Longford stronger in most departments and dominated for long periods the Tipp girls refused to accept defeat and fought to the bitter end. This group of girls like all representatives of the



Ballyporeen Ladies Football team. Back (1-r): Jacinta McCarthy, Anne Marie Noonan, Joanne Meaney, Lisa Carey, Kathleen Martin, Gemma O'Brien, Danielle Hackett, Eileen Quinlan, Catherine Meaney, Annette Dinen. Front (l-r): Annette Meaney, Siobhan Crotty, Mary-Anne McCarthy, Shauna Maher, Mary Meaney, Breda Feeney, Jenny Hickey, Chloe Lyons, Amy Sweeney.

county were a credit to themselves, their families and clubs. The County Board would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of this team by Phelans Shoes.

Well done to the management team of manager: Andrew Meaney, selectors: Tony Fox, Carl McCarthy, Thos Condon and Siobhan O Donnell. Together with the u14s winning the All Ireland final this shows the amount of work been done at underage development and how important it is for the future of Tipp Ladies Football.

Senior Championship 2011

In 2009 when Tipperary Club Brian Borus won the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship, Tipperary as a county going forward from 2010 are graded as a Senior County for Inter-club competition.

In 2010 Brian Borus represented Tipperary in the Munster Club Championship (the first team to do so since the late Eighties) and were beaten by Ballymacarbury by 2 points after extra time.

In 2011 we had our first senior championship for a long number of years. Cappawhite moved up to Senior after winning Intermediate Championship in 2010.

In our Senior League final played in May Brian Borus had a

Tipperary Ladies Football Results

Juvenile Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Under 12 'A'	Moyle Rovers	Lattin- Cullen
Under 12 'B'	Brian Boru's	Mullinahone
Under 12 'C'	Fethard	Boherlahan
Under 12 'D'	St. Patrick's	Ballyporeen
Under 12 'A' Shield	Cahir	
		Templemore
Under 12 'B'	Cappawhite	Galtee Rovers
Under 12 'C'	Arravale Rovers	Sliabh Na mBan
Under 12 Novice 'A'	Thurles Sarsfields	Clerihan
Under 12 Novice 'B'	Killenaule	Clonmel Og
Feile Peil	Cahir	Templemore
Under 14 'A'	Cahir	Templemore
Under 14 'B'	Galtee Rovers	Fethard
Under 14 C'	Moycarkey	Ardfinnan
Under 14 'D'	Arravale Rovers	Ballyporeen
Under 14 'B' Shield	Cappawhite	Mullinahone
Under 16 'A'	Cahir	Moyle Rovers
Under 16 'B'	Aherlow	Fethard
	Final not played	
Under 16 'C'	Arravale Rovers	Boherlahan
Under 16 'D'	Sliabh Na mBan	Ballyporeen
Under 18 'A'	Not Finished	battyporcen
Under 18 'B'	Thurles Sarsfields	Killenaule
Under 18 'C'	Not finished	Killeriaule
Under 18 'D'	Not finished	
Adult Championships	Winner	Runner Up
Senior	Cappawhite	Brian Borus
Intermediate	Moyle Rovers	Cahir
Junior 'A'	Aherlow	Upperchurch
Junior 'B'	Templemore	Templetouhy
Junior 'C'	Ballyporeen	Gortnahoe
Junior 'D'	Sliabh na mBan	St. Patrick's
Juliioi D	Stidon na mban	(Drangan)
Junior D Shiold	Galtee Rovers	St. Ailbe's (Emly)
Junior D Shield	Gallee Rovers	St. Alibe's (Effity)
Adult Leagues	Winner	Runner Up
Senior	Brian Borus	Cappawhite
Intermediate	Moycarkey	Cahir
Junior 'A'	Aherlow	Upperchurch
Junior 'B'	Fethard	Mullinahone
Junior 'C'	Gortnahoe	Ballyporeen
Junior 'D'	Clonmel	St Patricks
,	Commercials	(Drangan)
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Mary Donovan presents a cup to Enda McDonnell, Chairman Tipperary Ladies Football Board in memory of her late brother John who was trainer of the Tipperary All Ireland Ladies winning team in 1974. Biddy Ryan, Assistant Treasurer of Tipperary Ladies Football Board is also included in photo.

fifteen point win over Cappawhite. However in the senior championship final Cappawhite turned the table on Brian Borus and ran out winners by 2 points.

Cappawhite are the first club to receive the Joe McGrath perpetual cup which was presented to Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football County Board by the McGrath family and the Moyle Rovers club to honour Joe's lifelong work for Ladies football.

Cappawhite in the first round of the Munster Club championship lost to The Banner Club from Clare by a point after extra time.

As Intermediate champions in 2011 Moyle Rovers will move up to Senior for 2012.

Intermediate Championship 2011

Three teams Moycarkey, Cahir and Moyle Rovers contested our league and championship. Moycarkey were the form team early in the year and beat Cahir in the League final. By championship time Moyle Rovers and Cahir had found their form and qualified for the championship final. Moyle Rovers were victors on the day and qualified to represent Tipperary in the Munster Intermediate championship. Bride Rovers from Rathcormack in Co. Cork proved too strong for Moyle Rovers in the Munster Semi-final. 2012 will be a historical year for the Moyle Rovers club as they will have senior status for the first time.

Junior 'A' Championship 2011

Ardfinnan, Aherlow and Thurles Sarsfields were joined by Upperchurch who were regraded from Intermediate for our Junior A League and Championship.

Aherlow proved to be the strongest winning League and Championship. This started a fairy tale for Aherlow which is still continuing as we go to press. First up in the Munster Junior Club championship were Mungret St Pauls from Limerick City who were well beaten by Aherlow in Sean Treacy Park Tipperary Town. Next up in the Munster final were Dromina the Cork County champions. Down 3 points at half time and falling 8 point adrift in the first 10 minutes of the second half it looked like Aherlow's goose was cooked. Aherlow's renowned fighting spirit soon kicked in and with just 8 minutes left Aherlow had

taken the lead which they held on to until the final whistle - Final score Aherlow 4-7 Dromina 2-11

It was back to Sean Treacy Park on the 6th Nov for the All-Ireland Semi-final against St Sylvester's from Malahide in Dublin. Half time score Aherlow 2-6 St Sylvester's 1-7. Final score Aherlow 2-11 St Sylvester's 1-11. Sixteen year old Kate Crowe at full forward scored 2 great goals in the first half, Edel Hanley at corner forward scored 9 points, 5 from play and 4 from frees. However player of the match must go to Rachel Kennelly who moved from centre half back to full back to mark Dublin All Star player Sinead Aherne holding her to one point from play.

November 20th was a red letter day for Aherlow as they took on Sperrin Og from Tyrone in the All-Ireland final. Sadly, despite an heroic performance, Aherlow lost out narrowly by 2-9 to 1-10.

Junior 'B' Championship 2011

Boherlahan, Fethard, Mullinahone Templetouhy and

Templemore Cappawhite B were all graded Junior B.

Fethard accounted for Mullinahone in the League final. Templetouhy won their Semi-final against Mullinahone in the championship. Templemore had a very big win over Fethard in the other semi-final. Templemore 4-14 Templetouhy 3-4 was the score in the final.

Junior C/D Championship 2011

This grade breaks into three different competitions after a league section is complete. Twelve teams started out. Aherlow B, Cahir B, Sliabh Na mBan, St Patrick's, St Ailbes, Galtee Rovers, Ballyporeen, Gurtnahue, Clonmel Og, Clonmel Commercials, Lattin-Cullen, Moyle Rovers B

Junior C: Ballyporeen winner, Gurtnahue runners up Junior D: Sliabh Na mBan winner, St Patrick's runners up Junior D: Shield Galtee Rovers winner, St Ailbe's Emly runners up.



Front (l-r); Cáit O'Leary, Catherine Moloney, Catriona Mullins, Niamh Blackburn, Julie O'Meara, Máire Condon, Laura Ivory, Danni Nevin, Brid Condon, Roisin McGrath, Rachel Kenneally, Maeve O'Gorman, Siobhan Richardson, Grainne Wade. Back (l-r) Gráinne Blackburn, Eilish Hennessey, Edel Hanly, Claire Mullins, Siobhan Condon, Louise Grogan, Anne Marie Fahey, Donna Crowe, Aine Staunton, Katie Crowe, Alice Quirke, Amy Nevin, Aisling Donovan, Laura Callanan, Rachel Carey, Edwena O'Connell Murphy, Eleanor Ryan, Libby Grogan Murphy.

Munster champions, an All Ireland final to look forward to and our younger girls playing in Croke Park. What a year for Aherlow Ladies Football Club!

The club was founded in March 1993 starting with three underage teams, in an initiative led by local school principal Tom O'Shea. The Club experienced great success at Underage level in the nineties winning a number of County titles successively at under 12 , 14 ,16 levels with a group of players, culminating in 3 Junior A County titles, 1999 to 2001. Following a period of amalgamation with Ardfinnan, Aherlow fielded a Junior team again in 2008, and two teams at the Junior grade in subsequent years.

The team lost the Junior A County Final in 2010, and was determined to go one better in 2011. Following games against Upperchurch Drombane, Ardfinnan and Thurles, Aherlow won both the Junior A League and Championship titles, and qualified for the Munster series for the first time in ten years. Some of the senior players on the current team including Donna Crowe, Libby Grogan, Louise Grogan, Aine Staunton, Edel Hanly, and Grainne Wade had been part of that team 10 years ago, and also, indeed had been part of the first Aherlow squads in 1993/4.

In the Munster semi final we met Mungret St Pauls of Limerick, defeating them 6-7 to 1.9 at Sean Treacy Park. This secured Aherlow a spot in the Munster Junior A Club Final against Dromina of Cork played in Ballyagran. This has to have been the most nail biting match of the year. With two very evenly matched teams in terms of ability and fitness, it was

going to come down to the wire. In the end, Aherlow proved the stronger and were crowned Munster Junior Club Champions as the score board read 4.7 to 2.11. This is the first time that any Aherlow club (boys, girls, football or hurling) has achieved this provincial honour, and it was a proud team that returned to the Glen that night.

Entering the All Ireland Series, we were happy to have a home draw against St Sylvester's of Dublin for the semifinal which was again played in Sean Tracey Park (our lucky ground). The Aherlow team and management were prepared for a fight to secure their spot in the All Ireland Final. Edel Hanly despite an early injury put over nine points demonstrating an All Star performance, and Katie Crowe got two superb goals. It was an outstanding team performance from everyone on the pitch with goalie Louise Grogan pulling off some amazing saves and a solid back line closing down attacking options. The final score read 2.11 to 1.11; Aherlow had made it through to the All Ireland Final.

At the time of writing, we are preparing to take on Sperrin Óg of Tyrone on November 20th in Dublin. Huge congratulations to the whole panel, and to the management team of Lar Ivory, Eamonn Mullins, Pat Moroney and team doctor Dr Kathleen O'Sullivan.

Galtee Rovers U14 B Ladies Football

On Sunday the 11th September 2011, all roads led to Cahir GAA grounds where Galtee Rovers Girls U 14 Team was playing Fethard in the County 'B' Final. This was going to be a tough match as the Girls had played Fethard earlier on in the championship and lost on home turf by 4 pts. Four days previously the girls played Aherlow in a county Semi-Final, which will definitely go down as a classic, the girls were trailing by seven points with only thirteen minutes left to play but they never lost the heads, and fought their way back point by point to win by a single score 3 - 02 to 0 - 12 pts. This win really gave the Galtee Girls great confidence heading into a County Final against a strong Fethard side.

The Final started off at a fast pace with the Galtee Girls really putting pressure on Fethard with a good reward, scoring two goals and a point in the first five minutes but Fethard began to settle and found their form and also scored two goals. The Galtee girls kept driving on and contested for every ball from one to fifteen and especially Katie Quirke at centre back Aoife Nugent and Rachel Moloney in centre field worked tirelessly and really showed their class. The Rovers made a positional change after about twenty minutes, putting the hard working Jane Moylan in to full forward to silence a very strong Fethard fullback and moved the talented Rosin Finnane to right half back from centre forward where she had a fantastic game, winning a lot of ball and laying off great passes to the forwards. When the half time whistle blew Galtee Rovers were winning by 4 - 02 to 2 - 02. The very large crowd was definitely getting value for money with some great football being played and great talent on show from both sides.

The Galtee girls started the second half by winning the throw in and attacked the Fethard backline and were rewarded with a fine goal by Rachel Moloney this gave a great boost to the team and you could see by them they were not going to let this game slip. The forward line of Laura Peters and Ruth Ronan and Jane Moylan who scores two goals, played some great football but sharp forward Kate White was a thorn in the Fethard side all day and was rewarded by scoring 2 - 01, Corner forwards Leah O'Meara and Bronagh Kelly were busy and worked tirelessly for the team. Fullback Maria Magner had a busy day marking Fethard's full forward who was a fine footballer but Maria never gave up and is a cool customer and played a fine game and protected the young Goalie Saoirse Fanning and was ably assisted by corner backs Caoimhe Ryan and Katie Hayes. The Galtee Girls half back line who are the engine room of this team had a super game with the very hard working Laura Keeley, fighting for every ball and always seems to be where the ball is and the very quiet but smart centre back Katie Quirke and the talented Rosin Finnane kept driving forward and you could sense the trophy was going back to Bansha. The Girls never wavered from their task and kept attacking every chance they got, but following a bad hand injury to Rachel Moloney with about ten minutes to go things could have changed, but there was no way Moloney was being taken off she wanted this trophy and would have played with two injured hands, from here on it was all one way traffic the Fethard heads were down and the Galtee Supporters were getting even louder. When the final whistle blew the Girls had ran out strong winners on a score line 8 -04 to 4 - 04. There was great scenes of joy and the Red and White flags were held high, this was some achievement for this team as two years previously and in the same venue they won the County U-12 Final and they made a pledge they would be back to win a county U-14 final. Eventually after all the supporters made their way onto the pitch the County Shield was presented to joint captains Rachel Moloney and Katie Quirke to rapturous applause. A special mention has to go to Hannah Dowdall who was injured in the Aherlow game four days previously and could not play in the final, this must have been very disappointing for her but she worked tirelessly on the side line supporting her team mates and showed what this group of girls are all about a "REAL TEAM".

It was straight back to the McGrath centre in Bansha where a party organised by the Ladies Football Club was laid on, Lots of Fizzy drinks and Pizza, Chips, Buns and Cakes were enjoyed by

A special thanks has to be given to Mairéad Morrissey who has given special training sessions to this team for the last year and who is a great inspiration to them.

PANEL: Saoirse Fanning, Caoimhe Ryan, Maria Magner, Katie Hayes, Jane Moylan, Katie Quirke, Laura Keeley, Aoife Nugent, Rachel Moloney, Ruth Ronan, Rosin Finnane, Laura Peters, Bronagh Kelly, Kate White, Leah O'Meara, Zoe Morrissey, Hannah Dowdall, Aisling McGuire, Niamh Peters, Ciara Halpin.



Galtee Rovers U16 County Winners 2011: Front (l-r): Hannah Dowdall, Laura Peters, Ruth Ronan, Kate White, Laura Keeley, Roisín Finnane, Saoirse Fanning, Zoe Morrissey. Back (l-r): Seamus Morrissey, Katie Hayes, Rachel Moloney, Darielle Ronan, Eimear Ryan, Rachel Bourke, Nicole O'Dwyer, Maria Magner, Katie Quirke, Jane Moylan, Aoife Nugent, Lauren Maguire

MANAGEMENT: Seamie Morrissey, Mairéad Morrissey SELECTORS: Lucy Keeley, Lar Roche, Trish Healy

Galtee Rovers Ladies Football County D Shield Final

What a weekend it was for the Galtee Rovers Ladies Football Club, the Senior Ladies and the U 14 Girls Team won the County Finals.

On Saturday 10th of September in Solohead the Senior girls lined out against Emly in a County D Shield Final, this was some achievement as this was our first year in existence with a Senior team representing our club. There was a great crowd at the game and good support for both sides.

The Galtee girls started off brightly and were first to raise the white flag but their dominance did not last to long as a gritty Emly side got to grips with the game and put over five unanswered points. The Galtee Girls could not seem to win their own kick outs but they stuck at it and began to breakdown the Emly defence. The Galtee Girls were starting to take hold of the middle third with some great work being done by Claire Carroll and Aoife Magner and Denise Ryan at centre back .Up front Alison Lonergan and Edith Carroll were beginning to show their class scoring a number of goals and points between them and were ably assisted by Rachel Burke and Nicole O'Dwyer creating space and great inter play. As the game was closing out the Galtee girls were very dominant and scored some wonderful points, at this stage the management emptied the bench to give the subs a chance to play in this historic game for the club. When the Final whistle blew the Galtee Girls had won by a strong margin and there were some amazing scenes of joy. Great credit has to be given to Philly Quirke and Lar Roche for all the hard work put into this team and the great commitment they have shown all year to get this team up and running. The Shield was presented to a very happy captain Claire Carroll and a trophy for player of the match was presented to Alison Lonergan which was well deserved. It was straight back to Bansha and into Nellies where a great party was held and a good night had by all. The final score was Galtee Rovers 3 -16 Emly 2 - 10

PANEL: Carmel Lonergan, Ciara Eldridge, Louise Carroll,

Michele Hayes, Denise Ryan (Bansha) Sinead Magner, Denise Ryan (Dromline), Aoife Magner, Claire Carroll (Capt), Rachel Burke, Alison Lonergan, Nicole O'Dwyer, Sharon O'Brien Scanlon, Edith Carroll, Andrea O'Connell, Tara O'Brien, Deirdre Crowe, Caron McGuire, Siobhán McCarthy, Eimer Crowe ,Sharon O'Brien, Catherine Hogan, Rosin Magner, Eimer Ryan,

Galtee Rovers Girls Under 16 C County Champions 2011

It was another great weekend on October 9th.for the Galtee Rovers Ladies Football Club as the Under 16 team won the County 'C' final against Boherlahan in wet and windy Annacarty. Conditions were not favorable for good open football but the girls dealt with it well and dealt with a very strong Boherlahan side also. The Galtee Girls started this championship back in April and overcame some good teams on route, Ballyporeen, Slivenamon, Piltown, Emly, and Arravale Rovers.

There are some great footballers on this team and it was they who were the difference in the final, physical size is no match for class and it was those who could play football got their hands on the silverware. It has been a very successful year for the club with the U14 girls winning the County B Final and the Senior Ladies winning their County Final back in September, there is great work being done by the committee and by the coaches. It was great also to see great support at the game and this really drove the girls on, well done to the girls and management team the whole parish is very proud of you and what ye have achieved. Final score: Galtee Rovers 4 - 09 Boherlahan 4 - 02.

Panel: Saoirse Fanning, Maria Magner, Nicole O'Dwyer, Lauren McGuire, Laura Keeley, Katie Quirke, Aoife Nugent, Dariel Ronan, Rachel Burke (capt), Jane Moylan, Rachel Moloney, Rosin Finnane, Laura Peters, Eimer Ryan, Kate White, Ruth Ronan, Zoe Morrissey, Katie Hayes, Hannah Dowdall, Gallina Kennedy.

Manager: Seamie Morrissey. Selectors: Lar Roche, Lucy Keeley Coach: Mairéad Morrissey.

Galtee Rovers Junior Team 2011 Front l-r: Tara O'Brien, Aoife Magner, Nicole O'Dwyer, Edith Carroll, Denise Ryan, Ciara Eldridge, Michelle Hayes, Alison Lonergan, Eimear Crowe. Back l-r: Carmel Lonergan , Karen

Maguire, Denise Ryan, Andrea O'Connell, Sinead Magner, Rachel Bourke, Siobhan McCarthy, Deirdre Crowe, Louise Carroll, Claire Carroll, Sharon O'Brien, Sandra O'Brien





Aherlow U13 Girls in Croke Park

Proudly representing Aherlow in Croke Park were Back Pat Frewen (mentor), Chloe Frewen, Megan Ryan, Sarah Morrissey, Gráinne Ryan, Emer Hennessey, Dr Kathleen O'Sullivan (mentor). Front: Olivia Bourke, Aisling O'Gorman, Emer McCarthy, Kate O'Meara and Ceileidh Hennessey.

We cannot leave all the glory to the older girls. This year our U13 team played on the hallowed turf of Croke Park on Ladies All Ireland Day. Based on a competition with 80 teams, Aherlow were one of six clubs chosen to contest the half time exhibition games. It was a wonderful day out for parents, friends, supporters mentors and players. Hopefully these young girls will represent Tipperary in the All Ireland finals in years to come.

This year, one of the clubs activities has been to support the Aherlow community effort to promote the Irish language through our involvement in the TG4 G-Day competition. Here again we have reached the All Ireland final and will be asking all Tipp Gaels to support us when the time comes for text voting. Look out for us on TG4 in the New Year.

Is Féidir Linn.



Galtee Rovers U 14 County Winners 2011

Front l-r: Niamh Peters, Brona Kelly, Katie Quirke, Maria Magner, Rachel Moloney, Aoife Nugent, Laura Keeley, Kate White, Ruth Ronan, Roisín Finnane. Back l-r: Seamus Morrissey, Aisling Maguire, Zoe Morrissey, Gráinne Hayes, Leah O'Mara, Caoimhe Ryan, Katie Hayes, Laura Peters, Jane Moylan, Saoirse Fanning, Hannah Dowdall, Mairéad Morrissey, Lucy Keeley



Tipperary Under 18 All Ireland winning captain, Brid Quinn and Player of the Match, Anne Eviston.



Tipperary Under 16 players celebrate after their All Ireland victory.



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All-Ireland Camogie double for Tipperary

2011 was a memorable year for underage camogie in Tipperary with both the Under 16 and Under 18 teams winning All Ireland titles.

Under 16s

An 18 year gap was brought to a successful end by Tipperary U16 camogie squad in May of this year. After narrowly losing the previous two finals, Tipp finally clenched the U16A All Ireland camogie title with a victory over Kilkenny in the Gaelic Grounds limerick and to cap this also claimed the Munster U16A title for a second year in a row beating Clare.

In their All Ireland campaign in early March the girls were first up against Kilkenny who pipped them by a point (to be avenged later in the year) in a hard fought contest Tipp 1-8 Kilkenny 1-9. Next up was Derry, where the Premier girls had an easy victory, putting them back on track for their next outing Tipp 8-17 to Derry 0-3. In the third round of this championship Tipp took on Galway reigning All Ireland champions in early April. Galway had beaten Tipp in the previous two finals so Tipp pulled out a strong performance to seal a victory and booked themselves a place in the All Ireland semi final. Tipp 3-6 Galway 1-9

In the semi final Tipp took on Cork and it took two attempts to gain that much wanted All Ireland final place. The first day Tipp pulled out a tremendous last 10 minutes display to earn a replay in a game that looked well gone from them for most of the match, Tipp 3-9 Cork 3-9. The second bite at the cherry was to be completely different with the Premier girls firing on all cylinders and stunned Cork scoring 4-4 in the first half. Tipp continued to play strongly and win out easily in the end finishing Tipp 5-6 Cork 1-6

So it was back to the Gaelic Grounds to face Kilkenny in the All Ireland final on Saturday 7th May.

This was a mighty game of Camogie and could have gone either way being down five points at half time Tipp put in a sterling second half performance to get past the post first and avenge their first round defeat to the same opposition on a score line of Tipp 2-8 Kilkenny 0-13

To complete this victory these committed bunch of young ladies claimed a Munster Under 16 'A' title beating Clare in that final on a score line of Tipp 2-15 Clare 3-3

One must praise the commitment, work and support shown by this bunch of young ladies who brought great pride and honour to their county this year. Also a big congrats to Manager Tim Maher, Coach Andy Ryan, selector Maureen Connolly and Physio Fiona Connolly and all the backroom team for the tremendous effort put in. Well worth it in the end!

Under 18s

If the Under 16s can win an All Ireland title so can the Under 18s and it was the never say die attitude again of this bunch of young ladies that helped them gain their just reward at the end of July this year.

Always a difficult age group to organise because of State Examinations, senior, intermediate and Under 16's commitment, this group really didn't get going until the end of June. A disappointing defeat in the Munster series earlier in the year, gave them a determination to do more, which they did.

Their All Ireland campaign started off at the end of June with a comfortable win over Dublin. Tipp 2-10 Dublin 1-4

With improvements to be seen every week next up was Cork, who Tipp disposed of by 6 points in the second round of this series booking themselves a place in the All Ireland semi final on a score line of Tipp 2-10 Cork 1-7

Down to Kilmallock for the semi final to play Clare , who had earlier in the year beaten Tipp in the Munster Championship , refusing to allow this to reoccur , Tipp fought gallantly against a very strong Clare side to emerge victorious and book themselves into their first All Ireland Under 18 final . Tipp 3-9 Clare 1-14

This final again saw Tipp and Kilkenny go head to head for a second time in 2011 for an All Ireland title , with the Cats quest ending in heart –break as a fine second half performance from these Tipp young guns overcame a nine point deficit to earn them the spoils.

Although Tipp got the best of starts a goal in the fourth minute, Kilkenny kept them quiet for the remainder of the first half, going in at half time nine points the better team. However a different Tipp side hit Semple Stadium in the second half with two goals and a point in ten minutes had them back in the match with all to play for with a fine display of camogie from both sides, a late point by Tipp the eventual winner sealing a marvellous year on a final scoreline of 4-4 to 2-9. Well done to one and all. Congrats again to the management team of Tim Maher Manager, Andy Ryan Coach ,Selectors Maureen Connolly and Clodagh Loughnane and Physio Fiona Connolly who prepared this team so well for what has been a tremendous year for Tipperary under age camogie.



Tipperary – All Ireland Under 16 champions: Back (l-r): Sarah Coonan (Kilruane), Amy Crosse (New Inn), Cora Kerrane (Thurles), Ciannah Walsh (New Inn), Shauna Tooher (Kilruane), Alana Morris (Nenagh), Cliodhna Ryan (Toomevara), Laura Loughnane (Thurles), Louise Delaney (Drom/Inch), Amanda Egan (Burgess/Duharra), Niamh Gallagher (Silvermines), Claire Ryan (Toomevara), Anne Eviston (Drom/Inch), Megan Ryan (St. Cronans), Tara Kennedy (Burgess/Duharra), Rosemary Hanafin (Thurles), Caoimhe Maher (Burgess/Duharra), Aileen Duggan (Nenagh), Aideen Hogan (Toomevara).

Front (l-r): Edel O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Mairead Eviston (Drom/Inch), Julie Ann Burke (Toomevara), Eaimear Cahill (Drom/Inch), Cara Cottam (Burgess/Duharra), Leah McKeogh (Portroe), Roisin Ryan (Moneygall), Niamh Treacy (Drom/Inch), Jenny Logue (Ballingarry), Mairead Teehan (Moneygall), Gillian McKenna (Toomevara), Shauna Curtin (Newport), Claire Kearns (Burgess/Duharra), Jenny Grace (Burgess/Duharra), Elaine Murphy (Silvermines).

Portroe Camogie 2011

Portroe Camogie Club will look back on 2011 with pride after a truly successful year that seen the club go from strength to strength. Almost 80 registered players took to the field throughout the year and this is a real measure of our success. Indeed on numerous summer evenings in excess of 50 girls from oldest to youngest were in the field training.

The year got off to a flying start at County level as we had 5 players represent the club. Lisa Reidy and Ciara O'Halloran enjoyed a very successful season with the Tipperary u14 team, Toni Kennedy and Aoibhe Ryan likewise on the U15 development squad. Anthony Freeman was a selector on this team. Leah McKeogh was a standout performer for the Tipperary u16 team that won Munster and All Ireland honours in 2011. Who will forget her last gasp equalising point to send the All Ireland Semi Final to a replay? All Ireland Final day in the Gaelic Grounds was a special moment for the club as a busload travelled to witness Leah and Tipperary dispose of Kilkenny in an epic final.

The club decided to mark the 25th anniversary of Portroe's Senior Camogie 3 in a row in 1983, '84 and '85 with a celebration night which we held in July. A sub committee was formed and 4 months organising and planning resulted in a full house and a social evening that was talked about for months afterwards. Portroe Hall was resplendent with decorations and floral displays. The victorious 3 in a row team were guests of honour in an All Star awards format. The 3 teams were captained by Margaret Madden, Mary Sheedy and Susan Gill. Missing County medals were presented to our U16 team of 1984 captained by Tina Madden. Old photos and newspaper articles were on display and big screen montages brought back memories of that trophy laden era. The families of the late Maura Hackett, Breda



Claire O'Callaghan receiving a piece of Killoran Slate from Leah McKeogh.

Kennedy and John O'Connell were honoured in their absence. No doubt they would have looked down with pride.

Also on the night the club took the opportunity to honour a true sporting legend. Claire O'Callaghan (Madden), a 7 time All Ireland winner, multiple Munster and Interprovincial title winner and current player on the Portroe junior team, was presented with a piece of Killoran slate by Leah Mckeogh on behalf of the club. Claire was greeted with a standing ovation and addressed the crowd. She reluctantly spoke of her own success but did speak of her pride in representing her club and having Dad Jim on the sideline in Croke Park. She offered her advice to the younger players and Jim reflected on the success Claire and Tipperary had enjoyed. The club also took the opportunity to present a token to our most recent All Ireland winner Leah McKeogh, who highlighted her pride in going back to Portroe NS as an All Ireland champion.

On the club scene all teams performed admirably throughout the year. From U8 to U12, go games were held throughout the summer encouraging participation of all players. The highlight of the year for this group however were the entertaining games played against the boys teams! Our U14's came good after a slow start to progress to a County league Semi Final where we were defeated by Ballingarry in a highly entertaining game in The Ragg. The U16 team were very unlucky not to make the breakthrough this year. Impressive wins early in the championship took the girls all the way to a county final where Clonoulty were the opposition. A cracking game ebbed and flowed but the girls were beaten by a stronger team on the day.

Our junior team encapsulated everything that a club should stand for. Full participation of young and not so young striving for a common goal. And how close they came to a breakthrough. Steady progress was made throughout the league. The championship culminated in a showdown with eventual county champions Newport in the quarter final, both teams served up a cracking game in difficult conditions with Newport scraping through by 2 points. The disappointment in the group showed how hard they had worked all year, but there was no doubting the fact that they went out in the proper fashion, giving their all for each other. For this they can be very proud.

As the year drew to a close it looked as if silverware was to elude us once again. The U15 team was one last throw of the dice. Wins over Shannon Rovers and Roscrea set up a county semi final against Annacarty. Cappawhite pitch was the venue for a classic showdown. Both teams were a credit to their clubs and the standard was extremely high. A strong second half finish saw Port qualify for the County Final. So after 9 months training the last game of the juvenile Camogie calendar was a County Final against Holycross. As always when Port go to play a huge crowd came to cheer the girls along. They were to be rewarded in fine style as Laura Moroney captained the side to a convincing win. The scenes that followed were fantastic and the journey up the hill was an emotional one as a group of girls who started playing Camogie when the club had one registered team came home as county champions.

It was a victorious end to a very successful year for Portroe Camogie, where all players at every level can be proud of their progress. Our clubs identity has been enhanced with club gear and good performances on the pitch. We would like to thank the sponsors of the club tops and hoodies. We would also like to thank Roy and Denise Breen for sponsoring the U16 teams' tops and for their hospitality post games. We would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraisers throughout the year as we work to develop the club. This support is greatly appreciated in these tough times. Thanks also to Portroe GAA for their help throughout the year. The club would also like to thank the organising committee of our celebration night which was a great success. We are very lucky to have a hard working top table and committee that have helped to make the year a huge success. As we look to 2012 we encourage all girls to come along next year and we will do it all again!



Portroe County U15 'C' Camogie Winners 2011.



Munster and All Ireland U16 winner Leah McKeogh receiving a token from Dolores McKenna.

Camogie in Presentation Thurles 2011 / 2012

When it comes to camogie in the Presentation, one must think of PROGRESS and this school year has seen a continuation in the school's recent and extraordinary success, setting the school up as one of the most successful in Munster in the last three years and definitely paving a way for future glory in the years to

To understand this progress we must first look back at the previous couple of years:

Before 2009 the school had rarely threatened on the trophy front and, although camogie was a regular and popular sport in the school, Presentation never managed to compete on the level to which their abundance of talent perhaps merited. A single 1st Year C Munster title was the sole honour the school had amassed for camogie in it's long tradition of provincial and national successes in numerous other fields.

The 2009/2010 season saw a change and the beginning of the extraordinary progression which was about to unfold. Presentation Thurles swept everything before them in the C grade, capturing Munster and All Ireland titles at both Junior and Senior levels and the school also captured the Intermediate B Munster title.

The school were due to compete in the B grade for all competitions for the 2010/2011 season but a decision was made to move the seniors into the A grade, such was the talent at the team's disposal. The rest, as they say, is history.

2010/2011 The Junior Journey: The juniors competed in the Munster and All Ireland Colleges B competitions. From the onset it was clear that the squad contained more than enough ability to challenge on all fronts. Having defeated local rivals Ursuline Thurles and neighbours from Borrisokane in the early stages of the Munster competition (both by a single point and in the last minute of play), the girls advanced to the Munster final and faced Coachford Community College from Cork. Unfortunately the girls were beaten on a cold and frosty day in Mallow by a single point; it seemed the luck they had ridden up to now had run out. However, for the first year ever, the 2010/2011 season saw a back door system and Presentation were still alive on the All Ireland front. The girls regrouped, changes were made and a new injection of life was given. The girls would give it one more huge effort.

Next the girls travelled to Dublin to play St. Colm's High School of Draperstown on an all-weather pitch. This was a new experience for the girls but they triumphed and advanced to the All Ireland semi. The semi final saw the girls pitted against St. Brendan's Community School of Birr, played in Birr. After a tough contest the girls once again showed their steel and advanced to the All Ireland final where they were given the chance to avenge their Munster final defeat. Coachford would be the opposition once again. Like every game before, Presentation travelled, this time to Fermoy for the final. The timing of this game was perfect as the girls had continuously improved since the Munster final loss. On March 12th 2011 there was only ever going to be one winner and the stronger team won out on the day. The Presentation had completed a journey which started in September. Presentation were all Ireland champions again, the second year running, and now the highest grade in junior camogie looms large. Presentation looks forward to it with eager anticipation.

2010/2011 The Senior Journey: For the first time ever the Senior A Munster trophy now rests in Thurles town, proudly on display as you walk through the front doors of the Presentation Secondary School Thurles. The trophy has never seen this town before and has not been in Tipperary in over 10 years, when Nenagh managed to capture it in 2000. This, as you can imagine, is a massive deal and such huge achievement.

At the beginning of the year the seniors used games in the league to adjust to the level of play in the higher grade. In the championship, it all started against Borrisoleigh in Dr. Morris

Park way back in October. This game was very high scoring and resulted in a draw, 5-13 to 7-7. Presentation trained extremely hard and in the replay came out as the winners on a score line of 4-8 to 3-6, the teams really only separated in the last six minutes of play when Andrea Loughnane and Sarah Fryday turned the screw. This win set the girls up for a semi final clash with the Munster winners and All Ireland runners-up of 2009 / 2010 – Blackwater Community School of Lismore. The squad trained over the Christmas break and played a challenge match against Callan of Kilkenny who were in the Leinster Senior A final. This proved a huge help and probably made the difference on the day against BCS Lismore. On a score line of 1-10 to 2-4 the amazing girls in red saw off the experienced and talented opposition and found themselves in the Senior A Munster final.

On January 29th 2011 in Mallow the girls made history when they defeated Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig on a scoreline of 1-12 to 2-8. Everything that the girls put into the year had paid off and now they were Munster champions at the highest lever of school's camogie. Nobody can ever take that away from them. The sight of Cáit Devane rising aloft the trophy as the light was fading will remain a picture etched into the minds of everyone who witnessed the game that day.

Unfortunately the journey ended when the girls lost out by a single point to St. Patrick's of Maghera in the All Ireland semi played in Trim. The girls, although disappointed in falling at the second last hurdle, can be more than happy with themselves in what they achieved this year. It was never done before, not only in the school but in Thurles and only Cashel and Nenagh have achieved the same success in Tipperary down through the years.

Camogie is alive and well in Presentation Thurles and the reality of All Ireland success at the highest level of school's camogie is firmly in their sights.

Clochar na Toirbhirte Dúrlas Éile Abú!!

SENIOR A CAMOGIE PANEL 2011/2012

No	Name	Club
1	Elaine Devane	Boherlahen
2	Kora Kerrane	Thurles
3	Áine McCarthy	Thurles
4	Niamh Sweeney	St. Anne's, Kilkenny
5	Laura Loughnane	Thurles
6	Clodagh Quirke	Clonoulty
7	Rosemarie Hanafin	Thurles
8	Emer Kennedy	Thurles
9	Courtney Ryan	Clonoulty
10	Megan Ryan	Roscrea
11	Andrea Loughnane	Thurles
12	Sarah Fryday	Clonoulty
13	Edel O' Dwyer	Boherlahen
14	Michaela Graham (C)	Moycarkey
15	Marianne Murphy	Moycarkey
16	Siobhan Barnaville	Glengoole / Gortnahoe
17	Bernie Bergin	Moycarkey
18	Karen Bohan	Thurles
19	Karen Kennedy	Thurles
20	Eva Ryan	Clonoulty
21	Catherine Mockler	Clonoulty
22	Bernadette Coffey	Toomevarra
23	Caroline Harrington	Pres' Thurles
24	Niamh Cullinane	St. Anne's, Kilkenny
25	Aine Devane	Boherlahen
26	Laura Hession	Thurles
27	Jane Anne McKevitt	Thurles
28	Aimee Quinn	Clonoulty
29	Nicole Kerrigan	Thurles
30	Mags Mockler	Clonoulty



Thurles camogie players on the victorious Tipperary U18 All Ireland panel: Left to right: Alice Fogarty, Rosemary Hanafin, Andrea Loughnane, Eimer Kennedy and Siobhan Hennessey.



Thurles players on the victorious Tipperary All Ireland Under 16 panel. Left to right: Kora Kerrane, Rosemarie Hanafin, Laura Loughnane.

Clonoulty Rossmore Camogie Club

Clonoulty Rossmore Camogie Club has had a very successful year on several fronts during 2011. Our county representatives from the club included: Clodagh Quirke and Sarah Fryday, who won both Munster and All Ireland Minor Medals. U14 we were represented by Niamh Hayes, Shannon Quirke, Emma Ryan and Courtney Ryan, U15 Julie Murphy. In the Intermediate panel we had Noirin Ryan our, Tipperary Rose and the senior county panel Cora Hennessey, Cait Devane with Clodagh Quirke and Sarah Fryday.

Clonoulty Rosmore U12 completed in the Go Game Blitz against Holycross and Thurles in our group. They were coached by Noirin Ryan and Mary Jane Maher. These were very enjoyable games. Later in the year they took part in an U12 Leauge.

U14 had a very successful year winning the U14C Championship and U14B League.

Clonoulty played Cashel in the U14C final. This was a real cracker of a game, absolutely nothing between the teams. Clonoulty Rossmore winning narrowly by 2 pts. In the league final we played Newport and won by 2-03 to 0-03.

U16 team played Portroe in the Championship Final. This was a very good competitive game, we were loosing at half time but in the second half the girls played extremely well to win 3-05 to 3-01. Under 14 and 16 teams were trained by Neil Ryan and Laurence Loughman. First aid Anne Hayes and Siobhan Murphy.

The 2010 U18 final was played on 28th August 2011 against Thurles. This game was postponed as Presentation Thurles were in the All Ireland Schools and they had great success winning both Munster and All Ireland tiltes. This was a hard fought game. It was a wonderful victory over a very good Thurles side. The result was Clonoulty Rossmore 3-08 to Thurles 1-11

Six girls took part in the U15 Lifestyle Player Development Programme in the Ragg from 22nd to 24th August. They were Aisling Ryan, Emma Ryan, Julie Murphy, Niamh Hayes, Hayley Doyle and Sinead Kennedy. They had a really enjoyable week and learned many new valuable camogie skills.

Our Intermediate team have had a very successful year to date. We opened the year in the first round of the Junior A/Intermediate league on the 26th March. In the group stages we played against Drom, Kickhams and Annacarty. In the semi final we played Burgess Duharra winning 3-11 to 4-04. The final was played on 22nd May and the opposition was Drom- Inch. This was a great performance against Drom who played many of their senior team. Clonoulty Rossmore won 3-11 to Drom 4-06. We had a very long wait to the Intermediate final in September against Lorrha. We were too strong on the day winning 6-14 to 0-07pts. This put us in a Munster semi final against the Cork champions Fr. O'Neill's. We were delighted to have a home venue and lots of supporters on the day. This match was played on 15th October. Clonoulty Rossmore were in the driving seat coasting to victory when the Cork champions came to within a point. It was with great relief when we heard the final whistle. Result Clonoulty Rossmore 0-19 to Fr. O'Neill's 4-06. We now play Lismore from Waterford in the Munster Final Saturday 26th November. This team is coached by John Devane. Selectors Jason Forrestal, Seamus Hennessy. First Aid Ann Maher.

During the year we ran a very successful Golf Classic with the GAA. We also ran other fundraising events to help with the running costs of the club. We would like to thank our sponsors and supporters for their help it was greatly appreciated in these difficult times. We would also like to thank our officers: Chairperson Helena Ryan, Secretary Helen Forrestal, Registrar Siobhan Murphy, Treasurer Ann Loughman and PRO Brema Horan.

Many thanks Michael Slattery who represented Clonoulty Rossmore on the County Board. And also to the Chairman and officers of Clonoulty Rossmore GAA for their invaluable support during the year.



Clonoulty U16 Team county champions: Back row (l-r): Ailsling Ryan, Niamh Hayes, Julie Murphy, Shannon Quirke, Anne Marie O'Connor, Sinead Kennedy, Aoife Kinane, Kate Ryan, Grainne Kinane, Margaret Mockler, Front: Hayley Doyle, Eimear Loughman, Ellen Dunne, Eva Ryan, Emma Ryan, Sarah Ryan, Courtney



Clonoulty Intermediates county champions. Back row. Elaine O'Dwyer, Fiona Hayes, Aofie Ryan, Maria Moloney, Sarah Fryday, Cait Devane, Cora Hennessy, Mary Jane Maher, Aimee Quinn, Bernadette Ryan, Laura O'Dwyer, Teresa Burke, Emily O'Brien, Kate Ryan, Mary Kate Maher, Noelle Ryan, Cait Ryan. Front row: Catherine Mockler, Cait Hennessy, Michelle Horan, Becky O'Brien, Clodagh Quirke, Tracey Forrestal, Noirin Ryan, Louise Shanahan, Eva Ryan, Aisling Corcoran, Jennifer O'Brien, Laura Ryan, Rachel Clegg.



Clonoulty U18 County Champions: Back row: Trainer Jason Forrestal, Catherine Mockler, Anne Marie O'Connor, Kate Ryan, Niamh Hayes, Laura Ryan, Aimee Quinn, Laura O'Dwyer, Emily O'Brien, Shannon Quirke, Julie Murphy. Front row Aoife Ryan, Aisling Ryan, Eva Ryan, Clodagh Quirke, Captain Cait Devane, Sarah Fryday, Sarah Ryan, Aoife Kinane, Courtney Ryan

Clonoulty U14 County winners. Back row: Trainer Laurence Loughman, Ciara Quirke, Megan Ryan, Grainne Kinane,Emma Ryan, Shannon Quirke, Courtney Ryan, Sinead Kennedy, Ellen Dunne, Kellie Quirke, Neil Ryan Trainer. Front row: Avril Quirke, Moira Kinane, Rachel Ryan, Hayley Doyle, Eimear Loughman, Caoimhe Quirke and Katie Murphy. Missing from photo Niamh Hayes.



Burgess-Duharra Camogie Club

This was a very good year for our club, particularly on the juvenile scene with teams playing in all age groups from u.8s all the way to Senior. Our u.16 and u.18 teams won both the 2010 and 2011 championships this year which is a great achievement for them and the club. We also had several players on the Tipperary u.16 and u18 teams that went on to win their respective All Irelands, as well as having players on the Tipperary u.14, u.15, Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams. Our u.8s and u.10s participated in many blitz tournaments throughout the year and did very well. Our u.12 team continues to improve and will have gained much from this years outings. While our u.14 team reached the semi-final of the championship, as did our u.15s in the newly formed league competition, where both teams continued to show great improvement and it bodes well for the future.

Seniors/Juniors:

After the success of 2010, this was always going to be a difficult year for our senior team and a spate of injuries and retirements proved to be a major factor in them not being able to defend their county title. Younger players were brought in to assist the remaining panel from 2010 and these girls proved to be up to the task as we remained very competitive in most games.

Our Seniors competed in both the County League and the Munster Super League and the Championship. The League was good to introduce the younger players to this level and in the Munster Super league we recorded three wins in the group stages, to progress to the final where we met our neighbours, Toomevara, who were to prevail by a single point after a very entertaining match. In the Championship, we won our opening

game against Cashel, but lost our next two, both by a point and this set us up for a quarter final against Silvermines, where we were successful. Cashel awaited us in the semi-final and unfortunately this game proved to be a bridge too far for our girls as they were defeated by seven points.

Our Juniors produced three victories in the Junior/Intermediate League before losing out to the eventual winners, Clonoulty in the semi-final. In the Championship, a very weakened squad managed to reach another semi-final but unfortunately once again tasted defeat, this time to Eire Og Anacarty. We would like to thank both teams for their efforts throughout the year.

Under 16s:

2011 saw Burgess-Duharra having to play two under 16 county finals due to an inability by some to finish the 2010 season but within a three month period, our girls had won both the 2010 and 2011 under16 A titles. Their opponents in the 2010 decider were our old rivals, Toomevara who always put up a strong challenge and this time was no different. At the end of a very entertaining match, played with great skill by both sides, it was three first-half goals for us that ultimately decided this game and resulted in a 3-7 to 0-10 win for this very determined and committed group of girls.

Later in the summer, we contested the 2011 final and this time our opponents were Drom/Inch, and several of our 2010 team lined out again. In what was a epic game of camogie, with the momentum shifting from one team to the other throughout the match, a last minute goal for us was to decide the issue and separate two evenly matched teams. With the title reclaimed we



Burgess/Duharra Under 18 'A' 2011 Champions. Back l-r: Clara Bourke, Aisling O'Halloran, Isabel Ryan, Sorcha Holohan, Jenny Grace, Tara Kennedy, Aisling Gregan, Amanda Egan, Claire Kearns, Sinead Quigley, Triona Cleary, Eimear O'Carroll. Front l-r: Aisling Cremin, Claire Murphy, Caoimhe Maher, Ciara Holohan, Christine Madden, Niamh O'Donoghue, Aideen Nealon, Danielle Curtin and Lisa Mulqueen with trophy.



Burgess/Duharra Under 16 'A' 2011 Champions: Back l-r: Francis O'Brien, Sarah Dunne, Amy Seymour, Caoimhe Maher, Cara Cottom, Aoife Deering, Tara O'Brien, Claire Kearns, Jenny Grace, Amanda Egan, Noel Egan, Aisling O'Halloran, Orlagh Deering, Sarah Slattery, Triona Cleary, Sinead Quigley, Peter Curtin. Front l-r: Timmy Maher, Grace Dunne, Una Quigley, Aideen Nealon, Gráinne Gleeson, Sorcha Holohan, Danielle Curtin, Tara O'Brien, Aisling Gregan, Ciardha Maher, Aine Gillespie, Eimear O'Carroll, Clara Bourke, Isobel Ryan, Eimear Byrne.

must pay tribute to both under 16 panels of players who brought so much entertainment and success to the club this summer.

Under 18s:

As with the under 16s, our under 18 team had to contest two A finals in a short space of time and they did so superbly. Firstly they took on neighbours, Silvermines in the delayed 2010 final. The previous week had seen several of these girls from both clubs win an All Ireland title together for Tipperary but friendships were put aside for an hour as they did battle for the county glory. Two goals and eight points in the first-half put us firmly in control and despite a good Mines showing in the second-half, they were unable to peg us back and we emerged 2-15 to 0-6 victors. Toomevara were the opposition in the 2011 final as we tried to hold onto the trophy we had won only two months previously. Played in atrocious conditions, where wind and rain nullified the game, both teams deserve great praise for the display of camogie that they put on. This was a huge team effort by our girls where they chased and harried every ball,

with every score vital and two goals in quick succession at the start of the second-half proved to be the winning of this game for us. Our backs were heroic, clearing ball after ball and there were jubilant scenes at the final whistle when the scoreline read, Burgess-Duharra 2-6 Toomevara 0-8. Full credit to this great bunch of girls and their mentors for their attitude and commitment all year long.

Many thanks to all our supporters and to those who helped out in any way throughout the year.

The club can now look forward to 2012 with great hope as we strive to continually improve at all levels.



Burgess/Duharra Under 18 A 2010 Champions: Back l-r: Sorcha Holohan, Aine O'Halloran, Ciara Holohan, Amy Kennedy, Jenny Grace, Aisling Gregan, Tara Kennedy, Christine Madden, Amanda Egan, Amy Seymour. Front l-r: Louise Hayes, Ciara McKeogh, Aisling O'Halloran, Niamh O'Donoghue, Gemma Grace, Lisa Mulqueen, Caoimhe Maher, Claire Kearns, Aisling Cremin.



Burgess/Duharra Under 16 A 2010 Champions. Back l-r: Aisling O'Halloran, Clara Bourke, Amanda Egan, Katriona Kenny, Aideen Nealon, Gráinne Gleeson, Amy Seymour, Tara Kennedy, Caoimhe Maher, Aisling Cremin, Christine Madden, Jenny Grace, Aisling Gregan, Claire Murphy. Front l-r: Eimear Byrne, Sinead Quigley, Cara Cottom, Claire Kearns, Shona O Donoghue, Ciardha Maher, Orlagh Deering, Tara O'Brien, Eimear O'Carroll, Danielle Curtin, Lisa Mulqueen.

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Tipperary hurlers, from left, Michael Cahill, Paul Curran, Padraic Maher and Lar Corbett with their GAA GPA All-Star Hurling awards at the GAA GPA All-Star Awards 2011 sponsored by Opel in the National Convention Centre, Dublin.

GPA Hurling All-Star Awards



Dave Sheeran, left, Managing Director of Opel Ireland presents Tipperary's Padraic Maher with his Player of the Month Award for June at the nominee announcements for the 2011 GAA GPA All-Stars sponsored by Opel.



Dave Sheeran, left, Managing Director of Opel Ireland presents Tipperary's Lar Corbett with his Player of the Month Award for July at the nominee announcements for the 2011 GAA GPA All-Stars sponsored by Opel.

Tipperary hurling year in numbers

By Liam Hogan

Tipperary v Cork in Munster Championship

Tipp and Cork have met four years in a row. Tipp has won the four and lead the aggregate score of 5-74 to 4-70, a seven point

Last three years- three quarter final meetings - Tipp lead by a point 4-55 to 3-57.

Tipp's 3-22 to 0-23 was Tipp's biggest winning margin against Cork since the start of the millennium.

Tipp v Clare Munster Championship 2011

Tipp scored three goals in four minutes against Clare who led for eighteen minutes before Lar Corbett made it 3-3 to 1-7 for Tipp. Tipp outscored Clare 1-16 to 0-9 for the remainder.

Munster Final Tipperary v Waterford

Tipp's seven goals in the final brought their Munster campaign to fourteen. They scored four goals in six minutes. The magic seven was witnessed by President Mary McAleese, her last Munster final in the role as President.

Tipp's Munster final win was the fourth success for Brendan Cummins, Lar Corbett and Eoin Kelly

All-Ireland Senior Hurling Semi final

Just one goal scored in the 1961 Final when Tipp beat Dublin at Croke Park 0-16 to 1-12. One goal scored when Tipp beat Dublin in 2011 semi final at Croke Park - Tipp 1-19 Dublin 0-18.

1961 All-Ireland Final: Tipp 0-16 Dublin 1-12 after full time or sixty minutes. 2011 All-Ireland semi final Tipp 1-13 Dublin 0-15 after 49 minutes. Modern game more scores.

The semi final against Dublin brought to eight the number of teams Tipperary has clashed with in All-Ireland semi finals. The list reads Galway (14), Kilkenny (5), Antrim (4), Wexford (2), Waterford (2), Roscommon (1), Limerick (1) and Dublin (1). ... Bring on more teams

Brendan Cummins clean sheet in the semi final was is his third out of four in this year's championship. The semi final against Dublin was his ninth semi-final, including a replay

against Wexford in 2001, and his third clean sheet at that level - Wexford (1997), Wexford (2001) replay, and Dublin 2011.

Lar Corbett's goal helped him reach 7-9 in the championship. He scored a goal in each of his four championship games prior to that day. Very consistent

The Tipperary v Dublin semi final result was the lowest in the penultimate round since the 2005 clash, Cork 0-16 Clare 0-15.

The Saturday prior to the semi final was officially left handers day. Tipp had five on their starting fifteen against the Dubs, Brendan Cummins, Padraic Maher, Patrick Maher, John O'Brien and Lar Corbett. Benny Dunne and John O'Neill

featured in the subs bench.

The semi final win over Dublin was Tipperary's 25th win against Dublin They have played 32 championship games in all and drew once. It's a 79.6% record.

Scoring 1-19 in the semi final was Tipp's lowest championship score since striking 0-21 in the win over Offaly in the qualifiers last year.

All-Ireland Final Numbers

It was sixteen minutes before Tipp opened their account in the final. A slow start

They won the remainder of the game though 1-16 to 2-12. Between the start of the second half and the 52nd minute, Kilkenny won 1-5 to 0-6. The third quarter is known as Championship quarter in the AFL.

Tipp's score of 1-16 against Kilkenny would have won eight finals in the last twenty -one years 1991 to 2011. It matched Tipp's total of 1-16 in 1991; Kilkenny's 3-10 in 1992; Clare's 1-13 in'95; Wexford's 1-13 in '96; Cork's 0-13 in '99; Kilkenny's 1-14 in '03; Kilkenny's 0-17 in '04 and Kilkenny's 1-16 in 2006.

In the same period only three teams bettered the 1-16 – Galway in 2001 with 2-15; Tipp scored 0-23 in 2009 and Kilkenny produced 1-18 in 2010.

Tipp conceded 0-18 or more points in their five championship games, three Munster and two All-Ireland.

One point separates Tipp and Kilkenny after the last three All-Ireland finals. Tipp have 5-56 Kilkenny has 5-57. Its very tight at the top.

Brendan Cummins created a new record when playing for the 67th time in championship hurling for his county, beating Christy Ring's record by two. A fantastic record

After last September's defeat, Tipp has lost 12 out of 38 all-Ireland final appearances. Kilkenny has reached 58 finals losing 25 and Cork has reached 48 losing 18.

John Doyle's record 8 All-Ireland medals was equaled by Henry Shefflin and Eddie Brennan. Doyle's record under threat.

Its 46 years since Tipp retained the Liam MacCarthy Cup. It is becoming more difficult.



The Sports Executive and the Hurling awards in the Annerville Awards went to the Tipperary senior hurling team. Left to right: Michael Ryan, Liam Sheedy, Lar Corbett and Eamon O'Shea.



Uachtarán CLG Criostóir Ó Cuana, left, and Ard Stiúrthoir Paraic Duffy, right, present Ger Corbett, on behalf of the Tipperary County Hurling Final Programme, with the 2010 GAA McNamee Best Programme Award.



Tipperary's Jill Horan is presented with her 2011 Camogie All-Star award by Joan O' Flynn, President of the Camogie Association, and Brian Cody, Kilkenny hurling manager, at the 2011 Camogie All-Stars in association with O'Neills. Citywest Hotel, Co. Dublin.



Ballad Section



The Tipp Minor's ABC

(By Paul Ryan, Knock, Roscrea)

Let's go on a journey from A to Z, Its not to a Hurling but Football instead, The place we are going is a place called Croke Park, There was a time we'd find our way there in the dark.

- A. Those minors from Tipp were Awesome they said,
- And have coped very well with the Big Ball instead
- C. The class of eleven from Comerford out,
- Deserved all the praise that has been dished out,
- Is for Engines that never say "no",
- For Fitzelle, a star of the show, F.
- G. Is for Greg who played a fine game, and
- H. Is for Henry for the rest of his name,
- Is for Ian mid-fielder supreme,
- Stands for John, full-back on our team,
- K. For the Kennedys, who "silenced" the hill, and
- Is for Lonergan his dream to fulfill,
- M. Is for Maher, Martin, Maguire; and the gallant McGrath's went down to the wire,
- N. Is for "No", they never stopped trying
- O. I mean the O'Sullivans, O'Riordans, O'Briens,
- Is for Premier and also for Power cometh the man and cometh the hour,
- Q. Is for Quirke who starred with Quinlivan
- **R.** For Ryan nothing asked nothing given
- Are the Scores that won many a test, and,
- T. Is for Tipp – the greatest and best,
- The Utopia we'll never forget, and,
- Is for Victory achieved at the death,
- W. Welcomes these gallant young men, and,
- Means a Kiss but to Romans meant ten,
- Is for "Yes", we can do it again, and,
- Says to Zip it Is Feidir Linn.

In the year of Obama and that of the Queen, The headlines belonged to a grand football team, Power was the man that ignited the spark, He would have been perfect for the job in the Park!



C. J. Kickhams's Mullinahone Co. Minor champions

(By Joe Tobin)

From the North division for Co. Tipp Came a team from Nenagh Town They had but one objective To win the minor crown But another bunch of all star guys Had ideas of their own They were known as C. J. Kickhams And they hailed from Mullinahone

In Templetuohy's Gaelic Field These two great teams did clash No quarter asked or given boys As ash it clashed with ash But Mullinahone were fired up more And would not be suppressed When crunch time came they raised their game And truly showed their class

Between the sticks was Richie Walsh To George Browning we say thanks While James Phelan and Niall Kennedy Were the lads who manned the flanks Gary Cronin was our captain Eoin Fennelly was a rock While Diarmuid O'Halloran and the Walzer twins Their standards did not drop.

Half forward Luke Mullally And Denis Connolly too And the dynamo Jack Shelly Did all they had to do Jack McCarthy and Cathal Horan Plus the lively Michael Dunne And super sub Ger Horan All made sure the job was done.

I must pay tribute to one man Who managed this young team He's nurtured them for many years His talents are unreal His name is Johnny Kennedy From the wrong side of the border Though not to give him thanks and praise Would be surely out of order.

This county minor hurling cup Is the first one that we've won Let's hope that in the years to come All the work that has been done Will benefit these fine young men As they strive for more and more To represent our club with pride And keep Kickhams to the fore.



Tipperary County Board PRO Ger Ryan, left, is presented with a momento by Peter Sweeney, Secretary of the Gaelic Writers' Association, after being honoured at the Cadbury Gaelic Writers' Association Awards 2011 at Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Clondalkin, Dublin.



Tipperary's Brendan Cummins celebrates with the cup after winning the Poc Fada na hÉireann on the Annaverna Mountains, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Cill Beag Gaels - How it all began

By James Holohan

n last year's book we told you about Cill Beag Gaels state of the art facilities. Like all great oak trees they take a long time to reach fruition and one could say the same about the acorns which were planted in Cill Beag all those years ago.

This writer knew very little about the playing of our games in the parish when the association was in its infancy. All was to change when he met up with Tom O'Donovan whose father Jim was a founder member of the club. Tom is a sprightly 82 years old and one could say that a hip operation some years ago has given him a new lease of life. Tom went on to say that in his youth his father regularly reminisced about those early years in the club. Like many others in the parish he had fierce Nationalistic ideas and the playing of our National Games instilled in him a deep patriotic spirit. I availed of the opportunity recently to jog his memory as we chatted in Tony Nagle's Bar. One could sense that he was very proud of the Club and with his razor sharp memory he made me feel as if these events happened just yesterday.

A team was formed around 1890 and they were nearly all members of the farming community, big strong fellows and what they lacked in style they made for with their strength. Getting a pitch was easy as the land was owned by a local farmer who had a close affinity with the game. Goal posts were very much of the makeshift variety. They were picked up in the local forest, while they may have left a lot to be desired they were state of the art

for the times that were in it.

In those days there was little organisation. Communication was a problem. Matches often started much later than the appointed time. Teams failing to turn up, matches were irregular and they often developed into arguments with many an unfinished game and objections were the order of the day. As a result of this teams came and went with equal irregularity. Sometimes they played with another club under assumed names and of course this had further ramifications at County Board level.

In the mid '20s a team at the other end of the parish called Young Irelands was affiliated. In 1927 they were making great strides in the Junior Football championship. At that time the club were lucky to even own a football. They were playing Kiltubrid in the championship. The ball was very much the worse for wear and contained many patches and during the course of the game it burst. The opposition provided a ball but it was very soft. An argument developed as to whether the match should continue. It was eventually abandoned and fixed for some weeks later. The parish was hit by a flu epidemic and the championship dragged on, players lost interest and they eventually folded. A more concerted attempt was made in the 1930s when things were better organised. This time the country was in economic turmoil and money was a scarce commodity which forced many able bodied lads to emigrate to find work. The neighbouring clubs were often seen as the enemy but those interested enough often had to swallow their pride and line out with them. In the





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following years the club continued to affiliate on an irregular basis

When 1944 dawned nothing seemed to be on the horizon. Behind the scenes a wind of change was about to take place. Unwittingly the Department of Education had a major role to play when they appointed Dan O'Donoghue as school master in Cill Beag to commence on the September 1st.

Dan was 30 years old and coming near the end of his playing career. Being a native of Kerry, football was very much in his blood. Following his arrival Dan used playtime to train his pupils and show them the skills and also instil in them an interest in the game which was to be of great benefit to the Cill Beag Gaels Club in years to come. When he came to the village he was disappointed to find no club in the parish and after a few weeks in his new post he got to know the people and was hell bent on having the club revived. The first person he got to know was Jim O'Donovan (Tom's father) and not surprisingly the topic of conversation quickly turned to football. He came into contact with a number of former players and also local Garda Pat Healy and from his initial conversations he felt that there was sufficient interest and potential talent in the area to revive the club. A meeting was arranged at Jim's house and eight persons (some say it was 10) were invited to take part. Tom can vividly recall that evening. "I was sent out to play football with my friends. The road adjacent to our house was often turned into a playing area where we practised our skills. There were very few cars around so there was no traffic to interrupt us. Pat Healy of course turned a blind eye.

When I came in dad and his friends were in deep discussion while enjoying my mother's homemade brown bread and a cup of tea. With the night moving on Fr John Kelly was elected chairman. Jim Kennedy's clerical skills were well known and he was duly elected secretary while Creamery Manager Jack Burke took on the role of treasurer. For these "three wise men" this was unchartered territory but their natural instincts would soon win them many friends. Jack Burke's first thoughts were to raise some funds. In order to enter a team a sum of money had to be paid and some ingenious methods of fundraising were carried out. It is often said that an ill wind blows good for some. Following a storm many trees were blown down, volunteers got together with crosscuts and axes. Firewood was then available for sale with the club the beneficiary of all proceeds.

Dan took on the role of organising training. What was known as Murphy's field was once again put into service. With little else to do on a Sunday afternoon he got a great response from 22 players to play for him and there was general agreement that they would affiliate a team the following year.

With the prevailing westerly winds the existing goalposts were leaning very much to one side. Attempts to straighten them proved to be futile as they were rotten and had to be replaced. One of the players was forester Jim O'Keeffe (another Kerryman) and he agreed to provide the poles. When Jack went to pay for them Jim said ask no questions and politely told him take them away as quickly as possible. The bark was removed from them and they were left to season. Nets were not a priority as there were more pressing matters to be dealt with. A local handyman made up a marker for lining the field. Flags were made with bits of timber from the local mill and pieces of cloth attached in a variety of colours. The grass was kept under control by sheep owned by the Murphys and their droppings were of no concern to the participants. A growing optimism that those acorns that had fallen by the wayside so many times were about to land on fertile ground became apparent. There was an air of expectancy as championship time was getting closer. A set of jerseys was needed but there was no money in the kitty. A set used in the past and already worst for wear had to make do. A number of challenge matches were played and the team were ready for their first competitive game. This caused a new wave of interest in the parish and a big crowd travelled to the match. They were in arrears at half time but a rousing speech by Dan O'Donoghue, who was playing a blinder at full back, worked the oracle and

they ran out winners.

With expectations growing this inexperienced side came up against the holders in the semi-final and lost out narrowly. Despite this setback the future looked promising. The club continued to grow on a solid base and the 2nd October 1950 was an historic occasion when they reached their first ever county final

Tom recalls the occasion with great fondness. Flags were not displayed like they are today but the final was the topic of the day in Tony Nagle's Bar, the local creamery and indeed any place where supporters met. There was an air of confidence that Cill Beag would bring home the honours. The goodwill factor was very evident when a set of jerseys was needed and a church gate collection was taken up which yielded much more than the sum required. In school Dan encouraged his pupils to get their dad's to bring them to the final and promised them if they won they would get no homework on Monday night.

Most of the team cycled to the match in Kiltubrid a mere six miles away. This was our first time playing the Geraldines and we knew nothing about them. Nerves were put aside as we enjoyed the fun filled journey. We togged out in the local National School. I remember Dad and Fr Kelly coming in and giving us a few words of encouragement. As we ran on to the field, Dad's rousing words were "Do it for the little village". This brought cheers of encouragement from our large following who could sense that history was in the making. I felt very proud to don the jersey. Dan was captain once again and he was a major motivating factor.

We led all the way but with five minutes to go our lead was reduced to a point. I will never forget that moment when I spotted my anxious Dad on the sideline which inspired me further. Seconds later I gathered the ball about forty yards out, aimed for a point and the ball sailed over the crossbar. A few minutes later the final whistle blew and the pitch was invaded by hoards of well wishers. Dan was cheered to the echo when he received the cup. He was carried shoulder high from the pitch by ecstatic supporters. Having changed our clothes we headed back to the village. While most of the team were pioneers Tony Nagle's was the place to be for the celebrations and for some it went on for several days.

The following year we had to play in the senior grade and this was a big step up for us. In the next few years a number of Divisional titles came our way but the big one did not arrive until, the never to be forgotten, year of 2004. There were plenty players available and competition for places on the team was often fierce. Naturally some of the players were not going to achieve this grade so a Junior "B" team was also entered to facilitate them. Dan's arrival in the parish was now paying off and a Juvenile Club was formed thus ensuring a continuous supply of players to adult teams.

In that intervening period hurling also came into vogue. We were lucky to have a very hard working committee and received a major boost when the Murphy family gifted the field to the club which gave us great scope to upgrade our facilities".

After a number of hours talking to Jim it was time to call a halt. He could not let the occasion go without saying how delighted he was to see the club on a footing beyond his wildest dreams. He said that Cill Beag was a typical village which included a church, two pubs, shop, post office and a national school and added that no village would be complete without a GAA pitch and he was immensely proud of it. He added "that it gives him great pleasure to walk down the road and see the hive of activity there on Saturday mornings. Watching the 8 to 12 year olds being coached gives him great satisfaction and more so as his great grandchildren are now taking part. He hoped one day they would make their mark for "The Gaels" and maybe even don the county jersey".

Saying goodbye to Tom gave me a new enlightment on the exploits of Cill Beag Gaels and their predecessors. It left me with one abiding thought would'nt it be an ideal time for "The Gaels" to write their club history - over to the powers that be.

Countless tributes to 'The Legend' John Doyle

By John Guiton

he news dominated the sporting headlines in the final days of 2010 and the early days of the new year. 'Death of a Legend' proclaimed one banner headline. 'Passing of an Icon' read another. Although our very own hurling genius John Doyle had been in failing health for some time, and his death was not entirely unexpected, it was still almost impossible to credit that the eight times All-Ireland senior hurling medalist had departed this world.

His passing following an illness borne with trademark courage and determination led to a plethora of the most fitting tributes to the Holycross maestro. Thousands from the world of GAA, and many representing other categories of Irish life, gathered in his native Holycross to pay their final respects to the man affectionately known to his friends as 'The Legend.'

Thousands of words have been spoken and written about the career of John Doyle down through the decades, and since his death, many eloquent tributes have adorned GAA magazines and newspapers. But, perhaps, the most poignant and vivid picture of John Doyle the hurling warrior was painted by his lifelong friend and one of the country's longest-serving GAA administrators Tomas Ó Baroid. In an emotional graveside oration for his "best friend" he aptly described John as "the indestructible colossus." The former Tipperary GAA Board secretary who knew Doyle better than most recalled the legend's glory days to the hundreds of mourners who had gathered around John's grave in the shadow of the famous Holycross Abbey on a calm pleasant New Year's Eve.

Tomas quoted from William Shakespeare- "some people are born great, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them." Barrett added- 'I am not sure if it has been conclusively proven whether hurlers are born or made, but there can be no denying that John Doyle achieved greatness during a distinguished hurling career. So, he must have been born with some innate ability which drove him to achieve this greatness. John Doyle stands apart in the hurling world with a list of honours which mark him as a hurling legend in the golden era of Tipperary hurling."

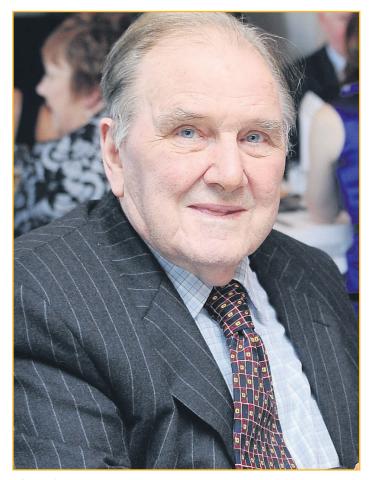
John Doyle's list of honours as a player are well known and have been well-documented, but repeating them here serves to underline once again the enormity of his achievements- All-Ireland senior medals (1949, '50, '51, '58, '61, '62, '64, 65); Munster senior medals (1949, '50, '51, '58, '60, 61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '67); national league medals (1949, '50, '52, '54, '55, '57, '59, '60, '61, '64, '65); Railway Cup medals-(1951, '52, '53, '55, '60, '63); Oireachtas medals (1949, '60, '61, '63, '64, '65).

Added to that magnificent haul were: All-Ireland minor hurling medal (1947); Munster minor hurling medals (1946, '47); county senior medals with Holycross-Ballycahill (1948, '51, '54); Mid Tipp senior medals (1947, '48, '51 and '54).

John Doyle received almost every hurling award in recognition of his prowess. He was named on the 'Team of the Century' in 1984, and on 'The Team of the Millenium' in 2000. He captured the 'Texaco Hurler of the Year' in 1964, and 'Texaco Hall of Fame' award in 1992. In 1999 he was named on the 'Tipperary Team of the Millennium.'

Doyle first wore the Blue and Gold jersey of Tipperary in 1946. Tomas Ó Baroid says that John was "fired by a burning ambition to play with Tipperary." Ó Baroid added-"this ambition, this will to succeed and win, saw him make his mark, and ensured that he remained in the top flight of hurling for over two decades. His singular dedication allied to a fearless determination and harsh style of play earned the respect of friend and foe alike."

At the age of nineteen John Doyle played his first senior final, and his presence, thereafter, in a famous Blue and Gold defence christened 'Hells Kitchen' contributed immeasurably to Tipp's glorious period of supremacy in the sixties. Again, Tomas Ó



John Doyle

Baroid captured in his address the 'real' John Doyle-" we have lasting memories of John bringing the ball out of defence, leaving opponents sprawling in his wake and making a mighty clearance to lift the crowd and inspire his team. John epitomised Tipperary - immovable like Slievenamon, displaying power and raw courage, a veritable Matt the Thrasher in whom Kickham's Knocknagow took immense pride. He was one of the few intercounty hurlers who also served the GAA as a Central Council representative, a County Board representative, County selector, and club chairperson. Any man that had as many articles penned about him, a song (Our Hero John Doyle), a GAA Centre called after him (John Doyle Centre, Holycross), has to be someone very special."

GAA writer Paddy Downey of The Irish Times wrote on the occasion of John Doyle winning his eighth All-Ireland medal: "if anyone in hurling deserved to join Christy Ring on the magical pinnacle of fame, that man is John Doyle of Holycross. Not only for the splendid service he has given to the game and to his county for so long, but because in hurling he typifies our concept of the archetypal Tipperary hurler. The advertising men, if they had anything to do with it would call it 'brand image'. Hurling men might not recognise it by that name, yet it conveys rather neatly the quality that is part of Tipperary's hurling tradition. It is a quality of style that is intrinsically a part of the man; the rugged power, the sweeping stroke, the touch of daredevilry, and the cold courage. The image was fathered by Kickham's mythical Matt The Thresher. Tipperary has always had someone - many times more than one-to fill the role. For seventeen years, and to this day, they have had John Doyle, who more than any other player of this generation, personifies that traditional image of Tipperary hurling and hurling men."

John Doyle's special place in the annals of Ireland's sporting

history was borne in the huge crowds at his funeral ceremonies. GAA writer Noel Dundon in his coverage of the ceremonies in Tipperary Star said that John's funeral proved to be a veritable "who's who" of the GAA world. From the son of another legend of the game the late and great Christy Ring, to the hordes of many stars of yesteryear and today as well as a host of public figures including then Taoiseach Brian Cowen, they congregated to pay their last respects. Chief celebrant of the funeral Mass was John's brother-in-law Fr Ray Reidy, himself an accomplished Tipperary hurler in his day who told the congregation-"you could write many books about John Doyle. He spent all his life in Holycross, and was hugely passionate about his parish. He always played his heart out for his parish, and the club has acknowledged that with the magnificent John Doyle Centre - a monument to him forever." The fabulous ultramodern multi-functional complex, a real credit to the club and parish was officially opened at a very fitting ceremony on Sunday May 8th last by GAA President Christy Cooney.

Speaking on behalf of the Doyle family at the funeral Mass, Johnny Doyle said his late father was "always very gracious about his achievements and always maintained that it was the Tipperary teams who won the All-Ireland medals for him." Johnny, who, like his brother Michael, followed in their father's footsteps, by playing with distinction for Tipperary, told the congregation that for all his father's achievements his real pride and joy were his family and the parish of Holycross-Ballycahill.

John Doyle will be remembered whenever and wherever people gather to reminisce on our hurling heroes. His name is revered in music, song, and poetry. After entering journalism over thirty years ago this writer quickly came to know John Doyle, his wife Ann, and their family very well. My friendship with John and his family has been my great privilege. Tomas Ó Baroid stated in his graveside oration- "You can rest comfortably in the company of the Doyle family on any occasion, and in any location." I readily concur with his sentiments. The reaper has claimed the legend, but, the Doyle family can take more than a dollop of comfort, consolation, and pride in the legacy of wonderful memories he has left them.

May the green sward of his native place rest lightly on him. Peace to his soul.

50 years of Dual Players

By James Holohan

Over the last 50 years, (1961 -2011), Tipperary produced many great players who excelled in both hurling and football. The purpose of this article is to select a team 1-15. The criteria being that they must have played in the championship in both codes. Some positions were easy enough to fill, others not so and compromise was required. Several of them showed great versatility and were slotted into positions where competition was not as keen.

Starting with the goalkeeper, John O'Donoghue had an eight year tenure for the hurling team while he also played football in attack. Seamus Shinners also occupied this position, however, the choice is the long serving Brendan Cummins. The No 2 position had no obvious candidates and selected here is Ian Conroy. Declan Fanning had a brief flirtation with football and he wins the full back position. Next to him was Michael Ryan who had similar qualifications. Going on to the half back line, the play anywhere Pat Mc Grath, gets the right half back slot. Declan Fanning was also considered for centre back but Cormac Bonner won out here. On his left Colin Morrissey, who could

play in defence or attack, completes this line.

Jim Kehoe could have been easily seen in the attack but often hurled at centre field and is picked here. We have to go back to the '60s to find a partner for him namely Paddy Doyle. When playing outfield in football John O'Donoghue's best position was right half forward.

No time was lost in selecting the versatile Michael "Babs" Keating to lead the attack. To complete this line Jim Williams, who did most of his hurling in defence, but lined out in attack for football gets the nod. Moving to the full forward line, there are very few contenders left. Anthony Crosse wins the No 13 position. Michael Webster could not be left out and he gets the full forward nomination. The final position will be occupied by Liam Stokes who represented the county in this line in both codes.

Length of career had an influence in putting this team together. Seamus Shinners had a brief career in football and had to settle for a place on the "bench". John Leahy, who had a glittering hurling career played only one football match in which he had to retire injured and joining him is Shane Maher who had a brief career with the big ball and he completes the squad .

Brendan Cummins *Ballybacon-Grange/Ardfinnan*

lan Conroy
Borrisokane

Declan Fanning
Killenaule

Michael Ryan Upperchurch/Drombane

Pat McGrath
Loughmore/Castleiney

Cormac Bonner
Cashel King Cormacs

Colin Morrissey

Lattin/Cullen

Jim Kehoe Kilsheelan-Kilcash Paddy Doyle
Thurles Sarsfields/ Thurles Crokes

John O'Donoghue

Arravale Rovers

Michael Keating
Ballybacon-Grange/Ardfinnan

Jim Williams Kilruane MacDonaghs

Anthony Crosse
Eire Og/Annacarty

Michael Webster
Loughmore/Castleiney

Liam Stokes *Kilsheelan-Kilcash*

SUBS: Seamus Shinners (Newport), John Leahy (Mullinahone) and Shane Maher (Burgess).

North Tipperary Review

Senior Hurling Championship (Frank McGrath Cup)

Toomevara 1 - 18 Kildangan 0 - 13 in Nenagh Referee Ger Fitzpatrick Roscrea; Winning Captain John O'Brien

Intermediate Hurling Championship (Fr Hewitt Cup)

Silvermines 2 – 19 Newport 0 – 9 in Nenagh Referee John Cleary Knockshegowna; Winning Captain Maurice Leamy

Junior 'A' Hurling Championship (O'Keeffe Cup)

Moneygall 2 – 12 Knockshegowna 1 – 14 in Cloughjordan Referee Tommy Ryan Kildangan; Winning Captain Donie Guilfoyle

Junior 'B' Hurling Championship (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Newport 0 - 7 Toomevara 0 - 5 in Templederry Referee Anthony Sherlock Kildangan; Winning Captain Darragh Ryan

Minor 'A' Hurling Championship (Hamilton Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 0 – 13 Toomevara 1 – 8 in Moneygall Referee Philip Kelly Ballinahinch; Winning Captain Kevin Gubbins

Minor 'B' Hurling Championship (Nealon Trophy)

Burgess 1 – 12 Portroe 2 – 7 in Dolla Referee Kieran Delaney Toomevara; Winning Captain John O'Dwyer

Intermediate Football Championship (O'Reilly Cup)

Shannon Rovers 2 – 11 Newport 1 – 11 in Nenagh Ref Christy McLoughlin, Nenagh Éire Óg Winning Captain Pat O'Meara

Junior 'A' Football Championship (Gilmartin Cup)

Kildangan 1 – 11 Inane Rovers 1 – 4 in Ballingarry Referee Michael Cahill Kilruane MacDonaghs; Winning Captain Eddie Fogarty

Under 21 'A' Football Championship (North Board Cup)

Kildangan 0 – 11 Burgess 2 – 5 in Nenagh Referee John Cleary Knockshegowna Replay: Kildangan 2 – 9 Burgess 1 – 9 in Portroe Referee Noel Coffey Nenagh Éire Óg; Winning Captain Padraic Kelly

Under 21 'B' Football Championship (North Board

Portroe 1 – 6 Shannon Rovers 1 – 4 in Puckane Referee John Kissane Nenagh Éire Óg; Winning Captain John Sheedy

Minor 'A' Football Championship (Gunnell Cup)

Ballina 1 – 9 Lorrha Dorrha 2 – 6 in Ballingarry Referee Pat Gibson Burgess;

Replay: Ballina 3 – 9 Lorrha Dorrha 0 – 3 in Nenagh Referee Ger Fitzpatrick Roscrea;

Winning Captain Niall Sheehy

Minor 'B' Football Championship (Burke Cup)

Kildangan 1 – 12 Borrisokane 1 – 11 in Cloughjordan Referee Michael Hayes Ballina; Winning Captain Kieran Holland

Intermediate Hurling Cup (Minihan Cup)

Ballina 1 – 7 Ballinahinch 0 – 8 in Dolla Referee Martin Griffin Silvermines; Winning Captain Thomas Collins

Junior 'A' Hurling League (North Board Shield)

Nenagh Éire Óg 1 – 17 Kildangan 1 – 12 in Portroe Referee Ciaran Timmons Silvermines; Winning Captain Paddy Harrington

Junior 'B' Hurling League (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 0 – 12 Silvermines 0 – 10 in Toomevara Referee Seamus Tynan Borris-Ileigh; Winning Captain David Sherlock

Junior 'C' Hurling League (North Board Shield)

Burgess 3 – 14 Knockshegowna 2 – 15 in Cloughjordan Referee Jimmy Cahill Kilruane McDonaghs; Winning Captain Sean Flynn

The following competitions not complete:

Under 21 'A' Hurling Championship. Finalists: Nenagh Éire Óg v Burgess; Under 21 'B' Hurling Championship Final Portroe 2-19 v Borrisokane 3-13 (AET) in Nenagh Referee: Dan Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) Winning Captain: Michael Sheedy. Junior 'C' Hurling Championship (Final Burgess v Kildangan)

Hogan Cup (Senior Hurling) Final: Lorrha v Borris-Ileigh. Deferred to New Year.

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Toomevara Senior Hurlers - North Champions 2011. Back row: (I to r) David Kennedy, Bryan Shanahan, Conor O'Meara, Denis Kelly, John Delaney, Andrew Ryan, Brian McCormack, Francis Devaney, Darren Delaney, Barry Dunne, James McGrath, Ken Dunne, Eoin Brislane, Brian Delaney, Thomas McCarthy, Ciaran McGrath, Jamie Quigley, Tony Delaney, John Boland. Kneeling: Andrew Ryan (B), Colm Canning, David Young, Benny Dunne, Paddy Grace, Joey McLoughney, John O'Brien (Captain), Terry Dunne, Willie Ryan, David Nolan, Bob Duff, Darren Cuddihy, Niall McCormack, Conor Delaney.



Nenagh Eire Og Junior 'B' panel that defeated Silvermines in the North League Final at Toomevara. Back row: Damien Ely, Mark Long, Niall Kennedy, John Donnellan, Daire Gleeson, Kevin Flynn, Eamonn Hodgins, David Sherlock (Captain), Peter Egan, Derek Lillis, David Cleary, Noel Tomlinson, Adam Gratton, Brian Duffy, Enda O'Sullivan, Lenny Ryan. Kneeling: (1 to r) Bob O'Brien, Jimmy Reddan, Kieran O'Donoghue, Darragh Walsh, Jamie Gallagher, Kieran Duffy, Shane O'Carroll, David Hickey, Michael Hynes, Paddy Flynn, Niall Madden.



Nenagh Eire Og Junior 'A' panel & mentors that defeated Kildangan in the North League Final at Portroe. Back row: (I to r) Eimear Ryan, Conor Ryan (Selector), Noreen Ryan (Medic), Billy Heffernan, Brian Quinn, Mark Grace, Donnacha Heffernan, Stephen Ryan, David Hackett, John Flannery, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Willie Bolger, Sean Healy, Martin Morris (Manager), Michael Ryan (selector). Kneeling: Eddie Tucker, Eoghan Slattery, Shane O'Carroll, Cliff Moloney, Niall Madden, Alan Kelly, Paddy Harrington (Captain), Mark Flannery, Eddie Darcy.



Kildangan - North Junior 'A' Football Champions 2011. Back row: Matthew Harty, Tommy Connors, Ruairi Gleeson, Liam Kelly, Joe Gallagher, Eanna Gleeson, Jack Loughnane, Tadhg Gallagher, Shane Seymour, Donnacha Mulcahy, Darragh Egan, Jim Ryan (Selector), Michael 'Scart' Ryan, Paddy Lynch, James Flannery, Seanie Hackett, Marcus O'Connell (Physio), Kian Hayes, Johnny Horan, Paul Flynn. Front row: Vincent Molloy (selector), Martin Nolan (selector), Dan Hackett, Tom McLoughlin, Paddy Gallagher, Rory Whelan, Eoin Gleeson, Jack Minehan (mascot), Eddie Fogarty (captain), Fergal Hayes, Seanie Kelly, Paraic Kelly, Martin Minehan, Michael Quigley, Alan Flynn.



Portroe - North U-21 'B' Football Champions. Back Row: Nicky Ryan (selector), Barry O'Sullivan, Ivor Dillon, Brian Molamphy, Michael O'Donnell, Cathal O'Brien, Christoper O'Riordan, Mark Gennery, Conor Leo, Ian O'Donnell, Andrew McCloskey, Shane O'Brien, Michael Sheedy and Damien Ryan (manager). Front Row: Dinny Hogan (selector), Niall Gleeson, Ciaran Quilligan, Stephen Kennedy, Kevin O'Halloran, John Sheedy (captain), James Ryan, Conor Byrne, Jack Keating, Nigel Flood and Pat Sexton (selector).



Kildangan - North U-21 'A' Football Champions 2011. Back row: Gerry Slattery (selector), Jack Loughnane, Matthew Harty, James Mulqueen, Stephen James Gleeson, Eanna Gleeson, Fergal Hayes, Joe Gallagher, Kian Hayes, Michael Geaney, Seanie Hackett (holding Ruairi Hackett), Shane Seymour, David Fitzpatrick, Martin McLoughney (selector). Front row: Paul Flynn, Tom McLoughlin, Alan Flynn, Ruairi Gleeson, Rory Whelan, Kieran Holland, Paraic Kelly (captain), James Holland, Paddy Gallagher, Eamonn Kelly (manager).



Silvermines, North Intermediate Hurling Champions 2011. Back row (l-r): Brendan Timmons, Damien Boland, Gary Toohey, Paudie Fogarty, Cathal Gleeson, Cathal Sherlock, Sean O'Brien, Donal Keogh, Maurice Leamy, Willie Forde, Owen Lillis, David Boland, Peter Kennedy, Orrie Quirke, Sean Quirke, Anthony McGrath. Front (l-r): Damien Egan, Sean Quinlan, Paul Sherlock, Daniel Keogh, Declan Mulqueen, David Keogh, Jason Forde, Ronan Sherlock, Noel Quirke, Kieran Fogarty, Willie Keogh, Alan Ryan.



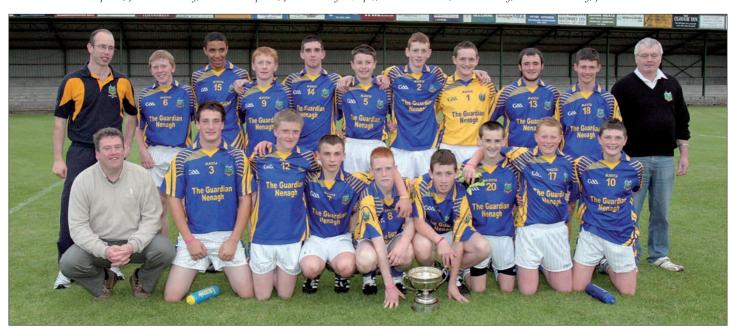
Burgess - North Junior 'C' League Champions 2011. Back row (l-r): Tadgh O'Halloran, John O'Dwyer, Michael Hogan, Kevin Seymour, Cian Comerford, Kevin O'Flaherty, Tony Hogan, Kieran Ryan, Peter Carroll, Brian Sherlock, William Ryan, Mick Dunne, Robbie Reidy, Denis Darcy (selector), Denis Ryan (selector). Front row (l-r): Mike O'Dwyer (selector), James Coady, Brian McGarry, David Seymour, Sean Flynn (capt), Paul Seymour, Jack O'Flaherty, John Barry, Daniel Ryan, Robbie Mulqueen, Vincent Kearns.



Lorrha - Co Senior Hurling League Division 2 Winners. Back: Philip Hogan, Ronan King, Ciaran Haugh, Willie Maher, Donal Kennedy, Cian Hogan, Daniel Smith, Graham Houlihan, James Dunne, Michael Cleary, Niall O'Meara, Kevin Hough. Front: Willie Hough, David Fogarty, Brendan Fogarty, Kevin Maher, Trevor Hogan, Tadhg Nevin (Captain), Ronan O'Meara, Noel Hogan, Jack Maher



Burgess - North Minor 'B' Hurling Champions 2011. Back row (l-r), Kevin Seymour, Bill O'Flaherty, Cian Comerford, Tadgh O'Halloran, Thomas Coughlan, Jamie Maxwell, Tony Hogan, Kevin O'Flaherty, Alan Coady, Robbie Reidy, Eoin Fogarty, William Ryan. Front row (1-r): Daniel Ryan, Vincent Kearns, Derek Mulqueen, Jack O'Flaherty, Robbie Mulqueen, John O'Dwyer (capt), Andrew Dunne, Adam Coady, Shane McCarthy, John O'Brien.



Kildangan - North Minor 'B' Football Champions 2011. Back row: Liam Karl Flannery, Jack Loughnane, Sean Webb, Paul Flynn, Tadhg Gallagher, Alan Flynn, Jim Minehan, Kieran Holland (captain), Brian McGahey, Ben Banaghan, Jim Gallagher. Front row: Eamonn Kelly, Matthew Harty, Cathal Hayes, Tom McLoughlin, David Sweeney, Johnny Horan, Eoin Meagher, Darren Moran, Willie Connors.



Ballina - North Minor 'A' Football 2011. Back row (l-r): Eamon Healy, Eamon Hayes, Padraic McGrath, Christopher O'Hagan, Brian Hurley, Bill Molly, Aidan Hamley, Niall Kierse, Jack Brady, Darren Slevin, Rossa Taylor, Shane O'Leary, Ben Kilkenny, John Floyd, Shane McMorack, Brendan Ryan (coach and selector), William Carroll, Christy Ryan. Front: Paudie Sheehy (selector), Dan Finnerty, Jamie Collins, Christy Collins, Connor Gilmore, Phelim O'Hagan, Michael Collins, Niall Sheehy, Stephen O'Brien (captain), Mike Breen, Adrian Hurley, George O'Brien (selector).



Moneygall - North Junior 'A' Champions. Back row: (l to r) Paddy White (manager), Eoin Troy, Seamus Treacy, Damien Martin, Cathal Kennedy, Tadhg Kennedy, John Doughan, Sean Kennedy, Eoin Greene, Diarmuid Kennedy, Paddy Devereux, Michael Coonan, Joe Treacy, Damien Hogan, John O'Meara (S), Willie Jones (S). Kneeling: Tom Toohey, Eamonn Troy, Donal Doughan, Conor Troy, Barry Ryan, Brian Teehan, Michael Hogan, Alan Maher, Donal Guilfoyle (captain), Jody Troy, Christopher Doughan, David Gleeson.



Newport Junior 'B' panel. Back row: (l to r) Eoin Bonfield, Patrick Hickey, Kevin O'Brien, Aidan Ryan, Kieran McCabe, Michael Coffey (Shower), Joseph Connelly, Darragh Ryan, Kieran Doheny, Michael Coffey (Red). Kneeling: Damien Coffey, Keran O'Sullivan, Tom Small, PJ O'Rourke, Michael Healy, Brian O'Sullivan, Paddy Ryan, Kevin O'Brien, Richie Ryan.



Nenagh Éire Óg Minor 'A' hurlers that won 5 in-a-row of North MHC honours. Back row (l-r): Jack Nolan, Gerard O'Gorman, John Cahalan, Barry O'Connor, Daryl McCormack, Andrew Coffey, Killian Gleeson, James Mackey, Stephen Nagle, Darragh Walsh, Kevin Flynn, Paul Slattery, Joe Geaney, Sean Geaney, Darragh Gleeson, John O'Brien, Michael Collins, Garry Howard, Donnacha Heffernan, John Heffernan (manager), John Kennedy (selector), Eddie Hynes (physio). Front row: Martin Morris (selector), Christy McLoughlin (selector), Patrick Sheahan, Paul O'Leary, Donnacha Quinn, Adam Gratton, Niall Kennedy, Dean Ray, Kevin Gubbins, Mark Higginbottom, Mark Tuite, Barry Heffernan. Sitting in front: Bob O'Brien.

Congratulations to Tipperary teams in 2011 and best wishes in 2012



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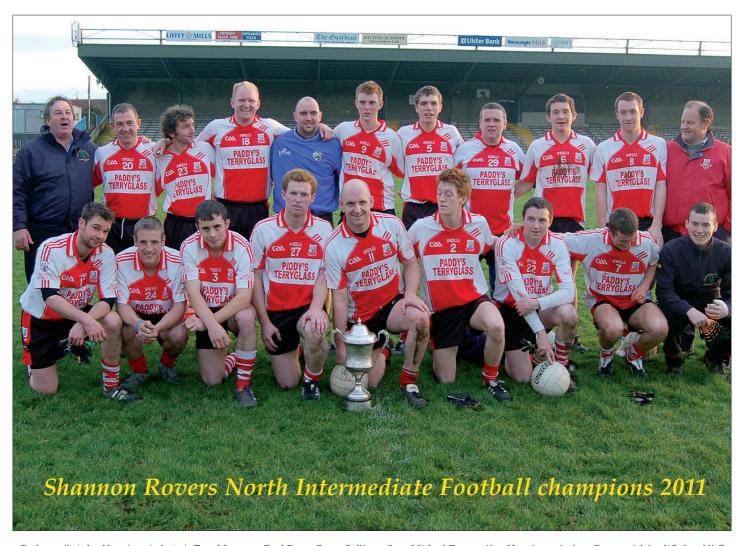


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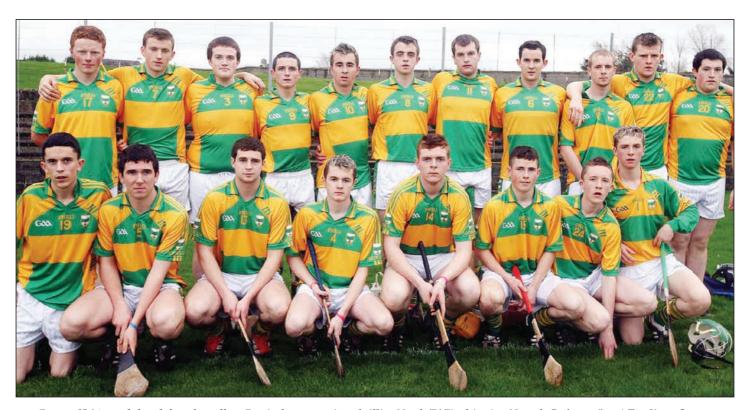


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Back row (I-r): Joe Hannigan (selector), Donal Leenane, Paul Egan, Conor Sullivan, Sean Michael Dwyer, Alan Hannigan, Andrew Byrnes, Adrian Whelan, Niall O'Meara, Paraic O'Meara, Ollie Darcy (selector). Front: James Stack, Danny Burke, Paul Burke, John Costelloe, Pat O'Meara, Stephen Stack, Stephen Darcy, Barry Cahalan, Paddy Heenan. Absent from photo: Brian O'Meara and Philip Austin.



Portroe U-21 panel that defeated a gallant Borrisokane team in a thrilling North 'B' Final (aet) at Nenagh. Back row: (I to r) Tom Knox, Cormac Shouldice, Andrew McCluskey, Stephen Kennedy, James Ryan, Cathal O'Brien, Mark Gennery, Michael Sheedy (Captain), Shane O'Brien, Conor Leo, Brian Molamphy. Kneeling: Iver Dillon, Niall Gleeson, John Sheedy, Jack Keating, Ian O'Donnell, Kevin O'Halloran, Conor Byrne, Ciaran Quilligan.

Ballinahinch - County Under-21 double

2011 was a year to remember for the Ballinahinch Under 21s. They completed a county 'C' double winning both the hurling and football championships. It all started on the 27th of February this year where they kicked off the football campaign with a win over Ballyneale/Grangemockler in Cashel. It proved to be a close encounter finishing with a 4-05 to 3-05. This victory qualified us for the county semi-final, where we had to await the qualifiers from the Loser's Group.

Ballyneale/Grangemockler came through to met Ballinahinch again on the 2nd April, and another tight game was expected. This proved to be the case, with Ballinahinch pulling through to win on a score of 3-09 to 2-07.

They had now progressed to the county final against Emly on 17th April in Annacarty. In the final the team put in a very strong performance, winning out by 3-08 to 0-11. Leading at halftime 2-02 to 0-04, with goals coming from Frank Troy and David Ryan. The second half was very competitive, a great save from RJ Ryan kept Emly at bay, while inspirational points for Paddy Kelly and John Ryan kept the scoreboard ticking over for us. Then Brendan Ryan's goal near the end proved vital in finally seeing off Emly.

The first round of the hurling campaign took place on the 8th April in Cappawhite against Fr. Sheehy's. It proved to be a easier than anticipated victory, with the final score 2-19 to 0-04. There was a big break before we competed again in the county semifinal. On the 1st August we played Clonakenny in what turned out to be a great match with both teams pushing strong for the win. Ballinahinch held out in the end to win 3-12 to 3-11.

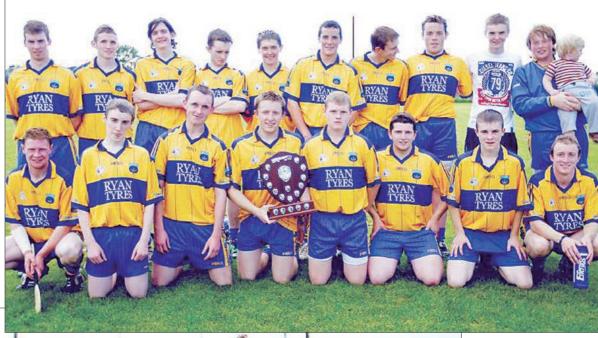
The county final was played in Cashel on the 20th August against Carrick Davins. Having finished as runners-up in the county final 2010, the team was eager to go a step further this year. In a very open game Ballinahinch had too much firepower and won out on a score of 5-23 to 2-10. This completed the double and congratulations to the panel of players that won both pieces of silverware.

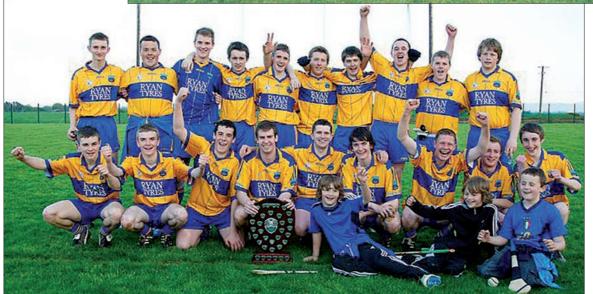
Panel: Cormac McGrath (hurling captain), Colin Hogan (football captain), Sean Finn, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ger Grace, James Healy, Sean Hickey, Paddy Kelly, Thomas Kennedy, Colm Lees, James O'Connor, Andrew Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Cathal Ryan, David Ryan, Edward Ryan, John Ryan, RJ Ryan and Frank Troy.

Over the football team was William Lynch, Marcus Ryan and John Troy and in charge of the hurlers was Marcus Ryan, Padraig Berkery, Stephen Ryan, and Michael Clifford.

Well done again to all the players, both management teams and all the numerous people who also helped out with the U21 teams throughout the year.

Ballinahinch - County Under 21 'C' Hurling Champions: Back row (lr): Colin Hogan; Colm Lees, James O'Connor, Andrew Ryan, Sean Finn, Paddy Kelly, Cathal Ryan, Cormac McGrath, Aaron McGrath. Front row (l-r): John Ryan, Sean Hickey, Edward Ryan, David Ryan, Brendan Ryan, James Healy, Frank Troy, Ger





Ballinahinch - County Under 21 'C' Football Champions: Back row (lr): Kevin Fitzpatrick, Thomas Kennedy, RJ Ryan, Andrew Ryan, Colm Lees, David Ryan, Sean Finn, Edward Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Cormac McGrath. Front row (l-r): Frank Troy, Cathal Ryan, Paddy Kelly, Colin Hogan (captain), James Healy, James O'Connor, John Ryan, Ger Grace, Sean Hickey.

Kildangan claim maiden sevens title

By Eoghan Ryan.

While the opening weekend of September may not have been the joyous occasion that all of Tipperary's hurling fraternity had hoped for, the weekend did begin on a very positive note as Kildangan further enhanced Tipperary's impressive record in the Kilmacud sevens senior hurling championship as they became the eight different Tipperary club to be crowned champions.

The group stages saw 27 teams divided into 9 groups of 3 and Kildangan, who were competing in the tournament for the first time were drawn in group 8 which was held in UCD's grounds in Belfield, and the North Tipp side were joined in group 8 by Cratloe (Clare) and Bishopstown (Cork).

In their opening group game Kildangan were pitted against 2009 Clare champions Cratloe and in a very free flowing and high scoring game Kildangan emerged victorious on a score line of 11-08 to 2-12 with Ruairi Gleeson top scoring with a personal tally of 4-04. Kildangan's second and final group game saw them up against Cork kingpins and 2010 sevens semi-finalist Bishopstown in a winner take all contest as both teams had defeated Cratloe in their opening encounters. The game started very evenly but was rather spoiled as a contest with the early dismissal of the Bishopstown keeper, Kildangan eventually running out comfortable winners, the final score line Kildangan 6-22 Bishopstown 2-04, with Ruairi Gleeson, Tadhg Gallagher and Fergal Hayes being the scorers in chief.

As winners of group 8, Kildangan were now drawn to play the winners of group 9 in a play-off for a place in the quarterfinals, the game, which also took place in UCD, saw Kildangan up against near neighbours and perennial sevens contenders Portroe. Again Kildangan started strongly and ran out comprehensive winners on a score line of Kildangan 5-17 Portroe 2-03, with goalkeeper Darragh Egan sharing top scoring honours with Ruairi Gleeson.

Kildangan were now through to the knockout stages, which were all held in the host clubs home ground in Glenalbyn, and they were drawn against Antrim side O'Donovan Rossa in their quarter final. The game was hard fought and very evenly

contested in the first half but Kildangan eventually pulled away in the latter stages to record a 5-10 to 1-07 victory and ensure their passage to the semi-final. Their semi final opponents were 2010 runners-up Mullagh from Galway and while not as free scoring as they had been in previous rounds Kildangan still emerged nine point victors in a high quality game, the final score Kildangan 4-09 Mullagh 3-03.

So after 5 gruelling matches for both players and supporters alike Kildangan were through to the final where they would face the host club Kilmacud Crokes. Kildangan got off to a dream start with goalkeeper Darragh Egan smashing a first minute goal from a 21-metre free, in a closely fought first half Tipperary native Ryan O'Dwyer kept Kilmacud in touch with four first half points, leaving the halftime score Kildangan 1-05 Kilmacud 0-07.Kildangan scored their second goal courtesy of Tadhg Gallagher in the sixth minute of the second half and this was followed by a flurry of points for the north Tipperary side to leave them looking certainties for victory as they led by eight points with just five minutes remaining, however two late goals from the heroic O'Dwyer forced extra-time.

All the momentum was now with Kilmacud and they started extra time the brighter, however a crucial goal from Gerry Slattery on the stroke of half time kept Kildangan in touch. With the score 3-13 to 3-12 in Crokes favour entering the final five minutes Kildangan pushed on again with one final onslaught and goals from Fergal Hayes and Tadhg Gallagher, and a late point from captain Tommy Connors gave Kildangan a deserved and historic victory.

Kildangan had many outstanding performers throughout the day and this fact was acknowledged by the rewarding of player of the tournament to Kildangan net minder Darragh Egan who apart from giving a very assured performance between the sticks also contributed a vital 4-08 on the scoreboard.

Kildangans panel on the day consisted of Darragh Egan, Joe Gallagher, Martin Minehan, Gerry Slattery, Tommy Connors (Capt), Fergal Hayes, Ruairi Gleeson, Eanna Gleeson, Jack Loughnane and Tadhg Gallagher. A special word of thanks also to the management team of Eamonn Kelly and Brian Lawlor without whom the success would not have been possible.



Kildangan captain Tommy Connors lifts the cup as his team-mates celebrate winning the All Ireland Hurling Sevens sponsored by Copper Face Jacks at Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club, Stillorgan, Dublin. Kildangan players visible: Jack Loughnane, Ruairi Gleeson, Gerry Slattery, Tommy Connors, Darragh Egan, Fergal Hayes, Tadhg Gallagher.

Mid Tipperary Review

Mid Tipperary Finals 2011

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Teams and Scorers Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 1-13 Moycarkey-Borris 1-2	Date 16/3/2011	Code U 21 A F Final	Venue Templetuohy	Referee Kevin Butler
Thurles Gaels 2-17 Moycarkey-Borris 1-6	27/5/2011	JHL Div 2 Final	Kickham Park	John Butler (M)
Killea 3-12 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 1-15	27/5/2011	JHL Div 3 Final	Littleton	John Kelly
Na Sáirséalaigh-Dúrlas Éile/ Thurles Sarsfields 1-18 Moycarkey-Borris 1-6	3/6/2011	JHL Div 1 Final	Littleton	James Sweeney
Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 3-15 Druim agus Inse 2-14	24/7/2011	Mid SHC Final	Templetuohy	Johnny Ryan
Druim agus Inse 2-16 Upperchurch-Drombane 2-9	19/8/2011	Cahill Cup Final	Kickham Park	Denis Curtis
Druim agus Inse 2-6 Moyne/Templetuohy 0-5	24/8/2011	M F B Final	Templemore	John Kelly
Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 2-12 JK Brackens 0-9	25/8/2011	M F A Final	Templetuohy	Denis Curtis
JK Brackens 2-7 Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 1-9	30/8/2011	SFC Final	The Ragg	Michael Hassett
Holycross/Ballycahill 2-6 Moycarkey-Borris 0-5	21/9/2011	I F C Final	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
Druim agus Inse 3-12 Moyne/Templetuohy 1-8	24/9/2011	Mid MH B Final	Templemore	Denis Curtis
Druim agus Inse 1-11 Killea 0-6	1/10/2011	Mid J.H.B Final	Templemore	Andy Murray
Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 1-9 Druim agus Inse 0-10	5/10/2011	J F A Final	Templetuohy	John Kelly
Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 0-19 Na Sáirséalaigh-Dúrlas Éile/ Thurles Sarsfields 2-12	15/10/2011	MHC A Final	The Ragg	Martin Ryan
Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 1-17 Na Sáirséalaigh-Dúrlas Éile/ Thurles Sarsfields 2-12	16/10/2011	Mid J H A Final	Templetuohy	Johnny Ryan
Gortnahoe-Glengoole 4-7 Moycarkey-Borris 1-3	28/10/2011	J F B Final	Littleton	Donal Leahy
Moyne/Templetuohy 1-18 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 2-11	5/11/2011	Mid U 21B H Final	Templemore	John Butler (M)
Luach Máigh-Caislean Laighnigh 2-16 Moycarkey-Borris 2-14	6/11/2011	Mid U 21A H Final	The Ragg	Kevin Butler

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Loughmore/Castleiney – Mid Under 21 'A' Hurling Champions. Back row (l-r): Joseph Nyland, John Meagher, Thomas Quinn, Craig Cleary, Liam Treacy, Paddy Moynihan, Dara Butler, Eamonn Connolly, Padraic Egan, Henry Maher, Denis Brereton, Tommy Maher, Martin Meagher, Brian McGrath, Lorcan Egan, Joseph Hennessy. Front row (l-r): Eamonn McGrath, Padraic Hennessy, Kevin O'Connell, Cian Hennessy, Sean Hennessy (Mascot), Aidan McGrath, Noel McGrath (Capt), John McGrath, Liam McGrath, Willie Eviston, Tomas McGrath, Richie Maher, Joseph McGrath.



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final. Back l-r: Keith Kennedy, David Keating, Darren Owens, David Owens, Paraic Keady, Mervyn Pradish, Kevin Mulryan, Kevin O'Riordan John Dunne, Johnny Mevin, Tommy Kennedy, Owen Kennedy, Alan O'Riordan, Dean McEnroe, Cathal Leahy. Front l-r: Brendan Guidera, Killian O'Neill, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Lorcan Egan, Cathal Scully, Paidi Bourke, David Ryan, Gavin Bohan, Shane Scully James Farrelly, Mel McBride.



The Drom/Inch panel that defeated Upperchurch/Drombane in the Cahill Cup final. Back l-r: Joe Lupton, Enda Walsh, Declan Ryan, Phillip Looby, Paul Collins, Jerome Ryan, Paul Stapleton, Micheal Butler, Johnny Ryan, Eammon Buckley, David Butler, Paddy Kennedy, Pat Lupton, Liam Ryan, Donnacha Kennedy, Kevin Butler, John Kennedy. Front I-r: Michael Purcell, Shane Delaney, Padraig Stapleton, Matthew Buckley, Martin Butler, Matthew Ryan, Michael Costello, James Ryan, David Collins, Seamus Butler, Michael Everard, Damien Young.



The victorious Drom Inch panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Thurles Credit Union sponsored Mid Tipp Minor 'B' Hurling Final. Back l-r: Padraig Stapleton, Michael Campion, Jamie Moloney, Shane Hassett, James Butler, Brian Everard, Michael Purcell, Oisin Jordan, Martin Dooley, Damien Larkin, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Aherne, Joseph Gerathy. Front l-r: Brian Hennessy, Robbie Longe, Joey Maher, Brendan Larklin, Thomas O Halloran, Kieran Ryan, Cathal Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Robert Ryan.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Killea in the Donal and Rose Younge sponsored Mid Tipp Junior 'B' Hurling Final. Back 1-r: Stephen Bourke, Thomas Ryan, Eamon Kelly Capt, Michael Cahill, Monty Sheridan, Jonathon O'Connor, Brian Everard, Lorcan Looby, Eddie Kinnane, James Butler, Robert Hicks, Ian Shelly, Damien Larkin, Martin Dooley, Benny Kennedy. Front l-r: Michael Cahill, Paul Kennedy, Brian Costello, Kieran Younge, Mick Brett, Thomas Ryan, Trevor Hassett, Benny Kennedy, Cathal Ryan, Michael Kiely.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid Tipp U21 A Football Final. Back l-r: Noel O'Connell, Martin Meagher, Padraig Egan, Joseph Hennessy, Craig Cleary, Joseph Nyland, Richard Maher, John Meagher, Daragh Butler, Kevin Johnson, Paddy Moynihan, Brian McGrath, Padraig Hennessy. Front l-r: Lorcan Egan, Denis Brereton, Tomas Maher, Willie Eviston, Kevin O'Connell, Tomas Quinn, Tomas McGrath, Noel McGrath, Liam McGrath, Aidan McGRath, John McGrath, Cian Hennessy



The Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated Drom Inch in the Jim and Anne Kennedy sponsored Mid Tipp Junior A Football Final. Back l-r: Brendan Healy, Denis Brerton, Craig Clery, Shane Hennessy, Johnny Campion, Shane Nolan, Kieran Kiely, Darragh Butler, Lorcan Egan, Paraic Egan, Martin Maher, Tommy Maher, Paraic Hennessy, Tomas Quinn, Michael Brennan. Front l-r: Seamus Bohan, Martin Gleeson Capt, Gary Sweeney, John Paul Fox, Dominic Brennan, Murtagh Brennan, Henry Maher, Brian McGrath, Darren Danagher, Eamon McGrath, Kevin O'Connell, Joseph Nyland, Alvy Stapleton.



The Victorious Loughmore Castleiney Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Mid Tipp Minor A Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Mark Butler, John Meagher, David Ryan, Lorcan Egan, Kieran Maher, Martin Maher, Richard Maher, Darragh Butler, Charlie Cawley, Padraig Hennessy, John Connolly, Evan Egan. Front Row L to R Bill O Connell, Tommy Maher, Denis Brereton, Joseph Hennessy, Craig Cleary, Noel O Connell, Brian McGrath, Liam McGrath, Kevin O Connell Capt, John McGrath, Kevin Maher.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Roskeen Construction sponsored Mid Tipp Junior A Hurling final. Back 1-r: Tom Maher, Padraig Hennessy, Lorcan Egan, Darragh Butler, Paddy Moynahan, Shane Nolan, Eoin Ryan, Craig Cleary, David McGrath, Gary Sweeney, Alvy Stapleton, Brendan Healy, Shane Hennessy, Ciaran Kiely, John Paul Foy, Joseph Hennessy, Joseph Nyland. Front l-r: Richard Maher, Seamus Boohan, James Connolly, Darren Danagher Capt, Martin Gleeson, Brian McGrath, Henry Maher, Tomas McGrath, Ger Morris, Eamon McGrath, Thomas Quinn, Padraig Egan, Denis Brereton, Tommy Maher



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Thurles Credit Union sponsored Mid Tipp Minor A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Lorcan Egan, Tommy Maher, Padraig Hennessy, Craig Cleary, Richard Maher, Darragh Butler, Henry Meagher, Brian McGrath, John Connolly, Kevin Maher, Kieran Maher, David Ryan, Evan Egan, Robert O'Connell. Front Row L to R Joseph Nyland, Joseph Hennessy, Kevin O'Connell, Bill O'Connell, Denis Brereton, Charlie Cawley, John Meagher (Capt), Liam McGrath, John McGrath, Noel O'Connell, Mark Butler.



The Thurles Gaels panel and selectors that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipperary Division 2 Junior Hurling League Final.



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Ballina in the County Intermediate Hurling League Final. Back l-r: John Fogarty, Donal Duggan, Shane Moloney, Gary Byrne, Liam McCullagh, James Dunne, Eoghan Moloney, Aidan Stakelum, Dara Duggan, Donncha Duggan, Conor Doyle. Front l-r: Seanie Comerford, Michael Horty, Brendan Ryan (capt.), Tony Leahy, Toss Hayes, Seanie Nally, Pa O'Dwyer, John Ferncombe, Paudie McGrath, John Dunne, Liam Judge.



The Holycross Ballycahill that defeated Kilruane McDonaghs in the County Junior A Hurling Final Replay. Back l-r: Phil Lowry, John Dunne, Paddy Byrne, Philip Ryan, Paudie McGrath, Donal Duggan, Conor Doyle, Toss Hayes, Kevin O'Dwyer, Martin Bourke, Ciaran Barrett, Conor Hayes, Michael Hayes, Liam Judge, Michael Harty, Eoin Bourke, John O'Brien, Pat Stakelum, Eamon Cornally. Front l-r: Adrian O'Keeffe, Noel Dundon, Denis Ferncombe, Tony Leahy, John Fogarty, Gary Byrne (capt.), Seanie Comerford, Ger Kennedy, Alan Joyce, Seamus Harty, Stephen Ryan, David English.



The Killea panel and selectors that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Mid Tipperary Division 3 Junior Hurling League Final. Back l-r: Philly Ryan, Christy Nolan, Jamie Hamill, Bob Donnelly, Brian Giles, Colm Russell, Thomas Hamill, kevin Larkin, Ray Greed, Mark Duff, Conor Quinlan, James Kavanagh, Eamonn Walsh, Danny Bourke, Sean Sullivan, John Coffey, Seamus Bohan, Jim Moynihan. Front l-r: Mick Duff, TJ Carey, Christy Moore, Willie Buckley, Matthew Maher, Ricky Buckley, Matt Corcoran, PJ Nolan, Kevin Nolan, Sean Coss, Paddy Duff, Tommy Buckley, Tim Quinlan.



The victorious Thurles Sarsfields panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipp Junior Hurling League Div 1 Final. Back l-r: Conor Molony, Kevin Smith, Tommy Doyle, Ian Maher, David Shannon, Peter Maher, T.J. Dwyer, David Kearns, Myles Fitzgerald, Jim Mackey, Philly Dwyer, John Shortt. Front lr: John Connors, Jamie Stapleton, Cian Treacy, David O'Dwyer, Stephen Fewer, Jim Corbett, Michael O'Dwyer, Padraic Crone, Mark Lanigan, Philly Purcell.



The Upperchurch Drombane panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Cahill Cup Final. Back l-r: Tommy Tierney, John Ryan(Gerry), Padraig Greene, Paul Ryan, Padraig Stapleton, Matt Ryan, Jody Brennan, Joe Maguire, Colm Stapleton, LJ Ryan, John Quinn, Tom Kennedy. Front l-r: Lenny Purcell, Sean Harty, Colm Ryan, James Barry, Andy Kinnane Capt, Eoin Shortt, Gerry Quinn, Michael Ryan, David Carey, John Carey



The victorious Drom Inch panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Mid Tipp Minor 'B' Football Final. Back l-r: Brian Everard, Robbie Long, Joe Geraghty, Richie Kennedy, Thomas Ryan, Michael Purcell, Oisin Jordan, Shane Hassett, James Butler, Michael Campion, Padraig Stapleton, Jamie Moloney Capt, Thomas O'Meara, Paul Kennedy. Front l-r: Brendan Larkin, Ciaran Ryan, Robert Ryan, Damien Larkin, Tommy O'Halloran, Martin Dooley, Cathal Ryan, Kevin Aherne, Joey Maher, Rory O'Dwyer.



The Drom and Inch panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid U21 B Football Final. Back l-r: David Collins, Pat Lupton, Michael Everard, Eddie Long, Thomas Ryan, Shane Delaney, David Butler Capt, James Butler, Philip Looby, Ciaran Ryan, Ian Shelly, Jamie Moloney, Eamon Butler. Front l-r: Tomas Ryan, Damien Larkin, Martin Dooley, Shane Hassett, Oisin Jordan, Michael Purcell, Padraig Stapleton, Tommy O'Halloran, Philip Brett, Cathal Ryan.



The Gortnahoe Glengoole panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipperary Junior B Football Final. Back l-r: Johnny Guilfoyle, T J Mockler, David Slattery, Adrian Maher, Sean Lahert, John Macmonogle, P J Campion, Micheal Holohan, Michael Heffernan, Vincent Ryan, Kieran Tobin, Michael Cleary, Kevin Slattery. Front l-r: Stephen Holohan, Liam Tracy, Enda McCarthy, David Skehan, John Coleman, Shay Butler, Stuart Hanrahan, Shane Hanrahan, Jim Rafter, Michael Rafter, Michael Heffernan



The Holycross Ballycahill panel after they defeated Moycarkey Borris in the AIB Thurles sponsored Mid Tipp Intermediate Football Final. Back l-r: Mickey Joe Doyle, Seanie Nally, Dinny Ferncombe, James Dunne, Liam McCullagh Capt, Denis McCullagh, Tossy Comerford, John Fogarty, Dannacha Duggan, John Ferncombe, Gary Byrne, Donal Duggan. Front: Aidan Stakelum, Malachy Gavin, Pierce Stakelum, Dara Duggan, Liam Dwan, Sean Comerford, Tossy Lowry, Tony Leahy, Brendan Ryan.

South Tipperary Review

Cumann Luthchleas Gael Thiobrad Arann Theas 2011

South Board Roll Of Honour 2011

Grade	Date	Teams & Scores	Venue	Referee
Senior Hurling	Oct 9th	C J Kichams 2-10 Carrick Davins 0-11	Clonmel	Noel Cosgrove
Clonmel Oil Senior Football	Sept 25th	Commercials 2-6 Moyle Rovers 1-3	Kilsheelan	D O'Mahony
Clonmel Credit Union Inter Football	Oct 9th	CJ Kickhams 1-12 Fr. Sheehy 0-12	Clonmel	
Martins Fruit & Veg Intermediate Hurling	15th Oct	St Marys 0-16 Moyle Rovers 1-12	Davin Pk	Paddy Ivors
John Quirke Junior Hurling A	Oct 2nd	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 1-14 St Patricks 0-13	Monroe	K Delahunty
Garrabridge Lighting Junior Football A	Oct 1st	Ballylooby/Castlegrace 0-9 Ballingarry 1-2	Nedhpark	B Tyrell
Europlan Junor Hurling B	Sept 17th	Carrick Davins 1-12 Cahir 1-4	Monroe	K Delahunty
Mulcahy Construction Junior Football B	Sept 25th	Commercials 1-8 Ballyporeen 1-6	Kilsheelan	Martin Doyle
O'Donoghues Motor Factors U21 Football A	March 6th	Moyle Rovers 1-11 Ardfinnan 1-8	Clonmel	Donie Cahill
Hall Alarms U21 Football B	March 13th	Ballyporeen 2-10 CJ Kichams 0-8	Ned Hall Park	Martin Doyle
Bob Fitzgerald Hardware U21h	a Nov	•		·
Pat Cleere U21 Hurling B	Nov 20th	Carrick Swan 3-13 St Patrick's 014	Kilsheelan	Paddy Ivors
Pat Cleere U21 Hurling C	Oct 23rd	Fr Sheehys 2-12 Carrick Davins 0-4	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche
Sureprint Minor Football A	Aug 29th	Commercials 3-13 Kilsheelan Gaels 2-8	Ardfinnan	D Cahill
Kentz Minor Football B	July 22nd	Ballyporeen 2-13 Ardfinnan 0-5	Ballylooby	Seanie Lonergan
Minor Football C	April 24th	Ballylooby/Castlegrace 3-10 Clerihan4-7	Ardfinnan	M Doyle
	May 6th	Clerihan 2-4 Ballylooby/Castlegrace	Goatenbridge	M McCormack
Chadwicks Minor Hurling A	Oct 15th	CJ Kichams 2-20 Kilsheelan Gaels 0-6	Davin Park	Andy Moloney
Minor Hurling B	Oct 9th	Skeenarince 1-18 Cahir 1-7	Clonmel	Pa Shelley
Minor Hurling C	Aug 13th	Ballylooby/Castlegrace1-15 Davins 3-5	Clonmel	M O'Donnell

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Kilsheelan/Kilcash – South Junior 'A' Hurling Champions: Back row (l-r): Bill Maher, John Roche, Alex Harte, Keith Robinson, Jimmy Ryan, Paul Kennedy, Niall Walsh, Senan O'Halloran, Donnacha Lonergan, Tommy Ryan, William Larkin, Eoin Ryan, Kevin O'Donovan, Shane Prendergast, David Corcoran, Noel Ryan, Kevin Larkin, Adrian Walsh and Dan O'Connor. Front row (l-r): Adrian Mc Guire, Colin Gleeson, Robert Hennebry, Edward Sweeney, Pakie Larkin, Ian Coughlan, Willie Ryan, Naoise O'Cuinneagain, Conor Davin Murphy, Shane Columby, Fintan O'Shea, John Kehoe, Colm Sweeney, Niall Cloona and Johnny Cahill.



Mullinahone - South Minor 'A' Hurling Champions. Back row l-r: Andrew Cashmam (selector), Denis Connolly, Conor Vaughan, Shane Egan, James Phelan, Diarmud O'Halloran, Eoin Fennelly, Jack Shelly, Jack Mc Carty, Keith Guiry, George Browning, Niell Kennedy, Chris O'Brien, Stephen Quirke, Johnny Kennedy (manager). Front row l-r: Jackie Bolger (selector), Richard Walsh, Robert Reilly, Graham Horan, Cathal Horan, Gary Cronin (capt), Sean Walzer, Michael Dunne, Luke Mullally, Paul Gayson, Joe Hogan, David Walzer, Gerard Horan.



St Mary's – South Intermediate Hurling Champions: Back row (l-r): Ciaran O'Connell, Seamus Kennedy, Jason Lonergan, Alan Lonergan, Geardoid Buckley, Stephen Buckley, Conor Walsh, Gavin Power, Keith Browne, Brendan Costelloe, Brian McDonnell, Eddie Kennedy, Darragh Ryan, Darren Cass, Conor O'Keeffe, Jamie Peters, Jim Halpin, Shane Power. Front row (l-r): Fergal Condon, Luke More, Barry Guibbons, Liam Glendon, Noel O'Mahony, Mark Tobin, John Trehy, Ger Cororan, Colm Nolan, Sammy Ryan, Dealga Roche, Pauk Nolan, Sean Kennedy (mascot).



Carrick Davins - South Junior 'B' Hurling Champions

Back (1-r): Stephen Wall, Michael Walsh, Christy Corcoran, Michael Coady, Michael Whealan, Alan Redmond, Derek Tobin, Shane Waters, Ger Crowe, James Power, Martin Duggan, Mark Roche, Seamus Harris, Pa Harris, Jim Walsh. Front (l-r): Aaron Moroney, Aiden Ryan, Alan Hackett, John Keyes, Gary Russell, John Murphy, Jimmy Kelly, Jack Kelly, Brendan Butler.

Carrick Davins GAA Club 2011

As we look back in what has been a long year of activities on the playing fields we continue to make progress and provide facilities to promote the GAA in Carrick.

Our senior hurlers reached the South Final after a successful run in the league system, where we played and lost out to a very strong Mullinahone team. Emigration and the long delay in playing the final this year was not in our favour. Our Junior hurlers won the South final, a just reward for all their dedication to training. It has been a few years since we competed in this grade and it has encouraged a number players and supporters back to our club. We also reached the South Finals in Under 21 and Minor 'C' hurling championships, though not winning any silverware we thank our players for their efforts and wish them

better luck in the future!

The development of a Floodlit Astro-Turf facility at the Davin Park, which was supported by grants from the Munster Council, South Tipperary County Council, Carrick on Suir Town Council and supporter Michael Lynch was and continues to be of enormous benefit to us. This facility not only provides facilities to our hurling and football teams but is also used by our recently formed Ladies Football and Camogie sections.

Our juvenile section has had an active year competing in Under 14 and Under 16 hurling and football championships and Under 12 competing in a number of blitzes. Well done to our Under 16 footballers on winning the South and County Championships this year.

Finally we congratulate Paddy Arrigan on receiving a Sean Gael Award and Ralph O'Callaghan on receiving the Hall of Fame Award from the South Board this year.



Clerihan - South Minor 'C' Football Champions. Back (l-r) Paddy Murphy, Shane Murphy, Eoin Walsh, Adrian Conway, Leo Curtin, Michael O'Rourke, Andrew O'Regan, Colm Purcell. Front (l-r): Dan Walshe, Conor McCarthy, Mark Duggan, Shane Power, Kieran English, Andrew O'Donnell, Jake Hickey, James Butler, Brian Mangan



The victorious Skeheenarinky Minor hurling team which won the South Tipperary Minor 'B' Final . Back l-r, Seamus O'Callaghan, Mikey Sweeney, John Martin, Shane Lynch, Neil Barrett, Bobby Breedy, Patrick Cole, Fionnan O'Sullivan, John Carey, Mikey Sweeney, Kevin Slattery, Noel Vaughan. Front l-r: Tommy Sweeney, Ben Macken, Eoin Morrissey, Jason Cahill, Riane O'Callaghan, David Russell, Arron Macken, Ciaran Cahill, Anthony Crotty and Aidan O Connor.



Skeheenarinky's Neil Barrett accepting the South Tipperary Minor 'B' cup from South Board Chairman Dick Egan after Skeheenarinky's victory over Cahir in Clonmel last Sunday. Also in photo is South Board secretary Noel Byrnes.



John Martin of Skeheenarinky receiving his man of the match award from South Board secretary Noel Byrnes after defeating Cahir in the South Tipperary Minor 'B' final in Clonmel.



Carrick Swan - South Under 21 'B' hurling champions. Back Row (l-r): Sean Boland, Damien McCarthy, James Dunleavy, James Waters, Jack Walsh, Jamie Kennedy (capt), Stephen Kerwick, John Joe Ryan, Colin Loughman, Jamie Long, James Barrett, M J Walsh, Bill Walsh. Front (l-r): Martin Griffin, Declan White, Mickey Loughman, Aaron Walsh, Dean Murphy, Evan Hogan, Craig Walsh, Kieran Lonergan, Jamie Torpey.

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Congrats to the Tipp teams and Wishing all Tipperary teams every success in 2012

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Ballylooby South Junior A Football Champions 2011

Back 1-r; Seamus Roche, Pat O'Brien, Eamon Ryan, Ger Beary, Mark Fitzgerald, Brendan Walsh, Michael Murphy, David Fox, John F Whelan, Ciaran O'Donnell, Paul Darcy, Johnny Lonergan, Rodie Doyle, Front l-r: Brian Beary, Pat Morrissey, Stephen Phelan, Martin Burke, Bryan Fitzgerald, Ronan Dwyer, Jamie Myles, Colm Flynn, Danny Morgan, Stephen Morgan, Luke Murphy.





Moyle Rovers - South Under 21 'A' football champions. Back (l-r): Tony Smith, Darragh Dwyer, Brian Smith, Liam Mangan, Eoin O'Connor, Craig Condon, Robert Ryan, Robbie Boland, Shane Heffernan, Sean Boland, Alan Campbell, Ciaran Lorigan, Liam Carey, Charlie Purcell, David Mulcahy, James Cahil, Daniel Long, Tom Acheson. Front (l-r): Kate Moore, Sarah O'Connor, Michael Delahunty, Cathal Quigley, Jack Lonergan, Liam Boland, Peter Acheson, Shane Foley, Thomas Hill, David McGrath, Shane McCormack, Denis McGrath, Gerard McGrath, Rian O'Connor

Ballylooby County Minor C Hurling Champions 2011

Back l-r; Alan Kennedy, Tomas Sampson, Patrick Fitzgerald, John Fennessey, Ruari Joyce, Eamonn Gleeson, Sean Tobin, Mikie Burke, Seamus Burke, Danny Morgan, Sean Lonergan ,Robert Fitzgerald, Eamonn Ryan.

Front l-r; David O'Halloran, James Morgan, Brendan Walsh, Barry Cooney, Paddy Kenneally, Pierce Murphy, William Dunne, John Hynes, Stephen Morgan, Andrew Burke, Christopher Burke, Shane Flannery, Tommy Doyle.



Ballylooby County Minor 'C' Football Champions 2011

Back l-r; Stephen Morgan, Brendan Walsh, John Fennessey, Seamus Burke, Sean Tobin, Danny Morgan, Eamonn Gleeson, Kyle Buckley, Ruari Joyce, Sean Lonergan Front l-r; James Morgan, David O'Halloran, Pierce Murphy, Barry Cooney, Mark Doyle, Paddy Kenneally, Patrick Fitzgerald, Mikie Burke, Tomas Sampson.

'The Work Must Go On'

A resume of 25 years of hurling in Mullinahone



by Ricky Sheehan

nigmatically I sometimes quote the lines from Thomas Davis "On far foreign fields from Dunkirk to Belgrade → lie the soldiers and chiefs of the Irish Brigade" when requested for an opinion on the hurling deeds of a man away from his own place. I myself am a total believer in the concept of the hero at home. This season, 2011, marked 25 years of hurling progress in the little village. The time is opportune to mark that progress. Firstly some highlights of 2011 in Mullinahone. Others could place these highlights in a much different order. These were my six highlights and in my order. (1) Mullinahone C.J.K. won their second ever and their first South Tipp minor A hurling title in 15 years. (2) C. J. Kickhams won their 10th South Tipp S H title in 20 years of senior hurling. (3) Cathal Horan (2nd year) and Eoin Fennelly (1st year) played minor hurling championship for Tipp while Sean Curran played -21 hurling. (4) Eoin Kelly led Tipp to a Munster senior hurling title with Paul Curran as full back on the team. (5) Paul Curran won his 2nd and the club's 13th All Star. (6) Kyran Vaughan at the age of 35 won his 10th South Tipp SH medal. Contrast these highlights with 25 years ago when Mullinahone's best side was beaten by Ballingarry's second string in the first round of the South Tipp junior hurling championship. No junior B in those days. We now exist on a different hurling plane but the work must still continue.

The GAA year 1987 dawned without incident in Mullinahone, a small rural football parish in South Tipperary. By and large it lived in a comfort zone fed by the memories of its glorious football past, then, gradually receding into history. Tipperary was celebrating the centenary of its first All Ireland hurling win in 1887 but we believed (wrongly, as it turned out) that we had never troubled the county hurling selectors during all those years .The previous year 1986 our best team had failed to retain the South Tipp junior hurling title, losing a replayed final to Ballingarry. Young John Leahy had failed to win a place in the Tipp MH championship panel. Some said that he had lost the last place because he was from Mullinahone. However also in 1986 we had won our first ever South Tipp underage hurling title. In the Commons in the -14 rural hurling final ,clad in the colours of St.Patrick's ,we defeated the favourites Killenaule. Five members of that panel were to go on to play minor hurling for Tipp in the 1990s. The quintet were the Skehan twins Michael and Philip, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke and Kyran Vaughan.

We decided to field a minor hurling team of our own in the 1987"B" championship. In junior our best lost to Ballingarry's second string. This wasn't good in probably the weakest hurling division in the county at that time. John Leahy made the county minor hurling team and towards the end of the season our minors failed in a replayed final to Fethard. We were led by John Leahy and Eric Holland who afterwards informed us that "he had made his final debut" Early in 1988 Tipp were badly mauled by the Cats in the NHL in Nowlan Park and John Leahy was called into the Tipp senior panel. Our juniors got to the South final but lost to Moyle Rovers. The famine was over and John Leahy got to play in the All

Ireland hurling final. Tipp lost but carnivals in the street became the order of the day in Mullinahone, as Leahy built up a cult following. We had entered on our own the U21B hurling championship and late in the Autumn we began our campaign. We beat Killenaule to win the South final and then in Dec. we pulled off the county U21 B hurling and football double defeating Loughmore in both finals the hurling after a replay. A forgotten fact is that the teams we defeated in the divisional and county finals were the reigning divisional and county senior champions. It was our first ever county hurling title after 103 years. Do you remember some of those hurlers? Eddie Duggan (Killaghy St.), Pat Egan (Ballydonnell), John Brett (Poulacapple W.) and Eamon O'Keeffe (Mullinoly) spring to mind.

1989 was a wonderful year as Mullinahone's support grew and grew. John Leahy established himself on the Tipp S H team and won nine championship medals that year including Mullinahone's first All Ireland SH medal. We won the South Tipp junior hurling final and then in a never to be forgotten county final we beat Lattin Cullen and Nicky English. A week later we were back to win U21A county glory against Declan Ryan and Clonoulty. We graduated into intermediate ranks. The next two years brought two divisional titles but a county title proved elusive. A narrow loss to Portroe in 1990 and injuries ruined our chances in 1991. Of course, 1990 gave us an All-Ireland junior 7's title in St Judes. The two intermediate divisional titles saw us promoted to senior hurling status and that almost forgotten day in 1992 (20 seasons since) when we first lined out in senior hurling in Anner Park, Cloneen against Killenaule and won. The following year 1993 saw our first South Tipp senior hurling title at the expense of Carrick Swan who were seeking their 21st title. At under age level we were really going places.1993 saw our U-14's under Paul Kelly win the county rural title against Toomevara and narrowly fail in the urban/rural final to Roscrea. 1994 saw the greatest under age achievement of them all, the U12A county hurling and football double with wins in the finals against Toomevara and Galtee Rovers.

The sky was now the limit. South senior titles followed in 1995 and 1997. In the latter year we reached the county final but lost to Clonoulty who had beaten us in the county minor A final the previous year. In the run up to the county final of 1997 we defeated Knockavilla (Q/F) and Holycross (S/F). Favourites for the final we were surprised narrowly by Clonoulty. The return to another county final didn't come as quickly as many expected. In 1999 we won the south but were blitzed by Nenagh in the early stages of the county semi-final. 1999 was a good year for the club as we won the south senior and U21A. We drew the -18A final with Killenaule or rather Eoin Kelly did scoring 5-7 out of 5-10. We lost the title in the board room because our opponents went back on an agreement. We eventually lost the U-2l final to Cappawhite after a long wait. We lost out in South Tipp in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Our nemesis was usually Ballingarry.

In 2002 everything jelled together. We again reached the county semi-final this time against Toome and a late Paul Kelly point saw us take out the favourites. In the final Leahy Heroes faced Sarsfields. On day one we let them off the hook after losing Paul Kelly early in the game. In the replay we started slowly but a scoring burst before half time brought us back into the game. In the early second half we went into the lead and with most of the county and all of South Tipp behind us we kept our heads and took Dan Breen. The abiding memory must be Leahy's leap like a stag as he soared into the Semple sky and hung between Heaven and earth as he caught and cut out that final Sarsfields attack. We won and South Tipp celebrated a first Dan Breen in 35 years. Battered with injuries we put up a great show against Mount Sion in Munster, but lost narrowly. The panel which was eventually presented with county medals was Vincent Doheny, Dermot Hackett, Paul Curran, Tony Dalton, Kyran Vaughan (Capt), Edward O'Brien, Philip O'Shea, Eddie Carey, Niall Curran, Pat Croke, Brian O'Meara, Conor Arrigan, Eoin Kelly, John Leahy, Noel Leahy, Paul Kelly, Joey Maher, Edwin O'Meara, Martin Costello, Alan Curran, Stephen O'Brien, James Connolly, Bill Tobin, James Comerford, Danny Morrissey, Mark O'Brien, Niall Doheny, Dan Croke, Aidan Hall, Damian Maher, Adrian Maher and Jackie Bolger.

Success is often harder to handle than failure. Too many wanted to jump on the bus to Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day. That bus never arrived. Too many of our younger players had been carried to county final medals. We had a large number of superb hurlers who served Tipp well but within the club senior hurling alone became the focus. Four south titles in five years 2002 – 2006 cast a false glow. The success of our players with Tipp also gave us a false picture of club success during the last decade. In 2001 five of our players were part of the Tipp squad which won the NH league. In 2003 Brian O'Meara became Tipperary senior hurling captain, a role Eoin Kelly was to follow later in the decade. Jackie Bolger (-21) and John Leahy (senior) became part of Tipp management teams. However in the years 1999-2008 no new Mullinahone player appeared in a Tipp minor hurling squad and our club wins at minor and under 21 were generally in B grade. We did win All Ireland senior 7s in 2002 and 2005 but while we could have a top class 7 in certain circumstances the other half of the team presented problems. After 2006 our star appeared to be declining with a burst of hope in late 2006 when Paddy O'Brien stole the county semi-final from us. We lost out in the South in 2007 and 2008 as the Killenaule star waxed. We came back in 2009 and again this year. The 2011 win in the South

was the more satisfactory as this time our younger players appeared to be stepping up to the mark. For only the second time in 25 seasons we won the South Tipp minor hurling A title. For the last three years we have again been represented on the Tipp minor hurling team. Perhaps the green shoots are ready to sprout again.

During the quarter of a century our contribution to Tipp hurling has been enormous. Six of our players Eoin Kelly (53), Paul Curran (39), John Leahy (36) Paul Kelly (36) Brian O'Meara (31) and Denis Byrne (3) have made 198 senior championship appearances for Tipp. This is a figure in excess of that of any other club in the county even Toomevara. Two of our players John Leahy and Vincent Doheny have played intermediate grade while two more Sean Brett and Brian O'Meara have played junior. At under 21 level John Leahy, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke, Eddie Carey, Paul Kelly, Eoin Kelly, Niall Curran, Paul Curran, Vincent Doheny, A.J. Cronin and Sean Curran have represented us. At minor level we can field a team of our own if we include Mick Cahill R.I.P.(MH 1941). The others since 1987 have been John Leahy, Michael Skehan, Philip Skehan, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke, Kyran Vaughan, Eddie Carey, Paul Kelly, Eoin Kelly, Paul Curran, Niall Curran, Sean Curran, Cathal Horan and Eoin Fennelly. Every year from 1990 to 2000 apart from 1995 we had at least one representative on the Tipp minor hurling team. From 2001 to 2008 we had none. Perhaps the wheel has again turned. Perhaps the picture of Eoin Kelly accepting the McCarthy cup in 2010 best illustrates the rise of Mullinahone C.J.Kickhams as a hurling power during the last 25 seasons. Either way the work in the club must still go on. C.J. Kickhams Abú.

P S The green shoots already spoken of definitely became a green branch in Templetuohy on Saturday Nov. 5th when Mullinahone C J Kickhams won the county minor A hurling title defeating Nenagh Eire Óg in the final by 1-18 to 0-18. They thus wiped out the memories of the early sixties when a Ballingarry-Mullinahone combination lost after a replay to Roscrea in 1960 and lost again in 1963. In 1996 Mullinahone lost the final by a point 1-12 to 2-08 to Clonoulty. Twenty five seasons after John Leahy made the Tipp minor hurling team, Gary Cronin's lads became only the third South Tipp club and the first rural club on its own, to win the Tipperary minor 'A' hurling championship.



Mullinahone – South Senior Hurling Champions. Back row (l-r): Pat Croke [selector], Liam Cronin, Philip O'Shea, Alan Curran, Sean Curran, Alan Walsh, Adrian Dohenny, Denis Connelly, Donal Cody, Sean Foxe, Luke Mullally, Joey O'Meara, Edwin O'Meara, Liam Cronin (Snr), Brian O'Meara (selector). Front row (l-r): Graham O'Regan, Paul Kelly, Niall Curran, Martin Costello, Kevin Walzer, Garry Cronin, Ky Vaughan, A.J. Cronin, Cathal Horan, Eoin Fennelly, Eoin Kelly, Paul Curran, James Connelly. Mascots: Charlie Vaughan, Cormac Foxe. Missing from photo: Niall Cronin, Vinny Doheny and Sean O'Regan (manager).

Unveiling of Paddy Boland Memorial Plaque

Cumann na hEalai, Carrick Swan Hurling Football and Camogie Club was pleased to welcome the President of the GAA, Christy Cooney, to our clubrooms on Saturday 8th October last to unveil plaque in memory of the late Paddy Boland. Paddy had given a lifetime of service to the Carrick Swan club, and to the GAA, up to his untimely passing last year. He had served as Secretary of the club for over 40 years and also served in a number of other positions. His passion for Gaelic Games, for Tipperary and for his beloved club knew no bounds and the President and invited guests spoke glowingly of Paddy in their tributes.



Paddy Boland Memorial Plaque



John Lonergan, Chairman Carrick Swan, Joan Boland, wife of the late Paddy Boland and Christy Cooney, GAA President.



Back row: (l-r) Eddie O'Gorman, Eoin Morrissey, Ben Macken, Mikey Kearney, John Carey, Shane Lynch, Neill Barrett, Bobby Breedy, Riain O'Callaghan, Anthony Crotty, Tommy Sweeney, Tom Macken, John O'Callaghan. Front: (1-r) Maurice O'Callaghan, Seamus O'Callaghan, Noel Vaughan, Mikey Sweeney, Paddy Cole (captain), John Martin, William English, Fionan O'Sullivan, Jason Cahill, Aaron Macken, Billy Macken (manager).

West Tipperary Review

West Tipperary Officers and Committees 2011

Chairman Roger Kennedy (Cumann Ciocaim)
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Brendan Cussen (Cumann Ciocaim).
His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford.

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Jerry Ring (Arravale Rovers).

Bord na nÓg Rep.; Richard O'Connor (Fánaithe Gleann Árann)

C.C.C. (5); Four to be elected Billy Ryan (Cumann Ciocaim), Tom English (Éire Óg), Michael Long.(Golden/K)

Sean Bradshaw (Cumann Ciocaim), Roger Kennedy (Cumann Ciocaim)

Referees Co-Ordinator Stevie O'Donnell

Hon. President;

Finance Committee (9); Four to be elected; Roger Kennedy (Cumann Ciocaim.),

Joe Power (Fánaithe Gleann Árann), Michael Long (Gabhailín Cill Fiacla),

Sean Bradshaw (Cumann Ciocaim), Willie O'Grady (Faiche Ró), Tom English (Éire Óg),

Billy Ryan (Cumann Ciocaim), Jimmy Hennessy (Cumann Ciocaim),

Noel O'Brien (Fánaithe Gleann Árann).

Coaching; Joe Power (Fánaithe Gleann Árann), Pat Moroney (Eatharlach), Tom O'Donnell

(Gabhailin/Cill Fiacail), Kevin Hally (Fánaithe Carraig an Tobair),

Roger Ryan (Caiseal R.C.)



Roger Kennedy West Board Chairman receiving sponsorship from Matt Quinlan Chairman Tipperary Co-Op. Also in picture are West Board Treasurer
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West Tipperary Finals 2011

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Eire Óg/Cashel v Cappawhite/Golden

West U21HC C

20.11.11, In Lattin, Aherlow v Emly

Dundrum House Hotel West MHC A

21.09.11, In Golden, Clonoulty/Rossmore 3-13 Cashel KC 0-04

Bewleys West MHC B

22.10.11, In Lattin, Galtee Rovers 2-06 Arravale Rovers 2-24

Ballinalard Transport West SFC

25.09.11, In Golden, Éire Óg 0-07 Arravale Rovers 1-07

Matt Kavanagh Coaches West IFC

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Rea Clarke Hennessy West JFC A

05.11.11, In Cappawhite, Sean Treacys 2-08 Rosegreen 2-0

AIB West JFC B

28.10.11, In Cappawhite, Rockwell Rovers 5-12 Eire Óg 0-02

McGrath Oil West U21FC A

27.03.11, In Bansha, Arravale Rovers 1-11 Rockwell Rovers 1-06

McGrath Oil West U21FC B

02.04.11, In New Inn, Kickhams 1-14 Golden/K 0-13

Bridge House Golden West MFC A

10.08.11, In Dundrum, Golden/K 1-07 Arravale Rovers 1-05

Pa Sheehy Butchers West MFC B

07.08.11, In Golden, Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-07 Lattin/Aherlow 0-09

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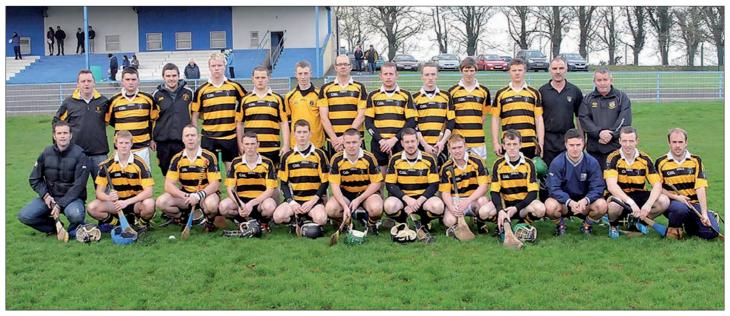
Front l-r; Aaron Ryan, Fiachra O Keeffe, John Devane, Sean O'Connor, Timmy Hammersley, Joey O'Keeffe, James Heffernan, John O'Neill, John O Keeffe, Kevin Horan, Conor Ryan, Kieran Hammersley, Martin Sadlier, Kieran Carroll. Back l-r; Liam Devane, Andrew Quirke, Michael Coen, Aidan White, Paudie White, Jason Forrestal, Padraig Heffernan, Tom Butler, Seamus Carew, Ciaran Quirke, Declan O'Dwyer, Richard Martin, Sean Maher, Jamie Moloney, Anthony Kearney, Diarmuid Cullen, Kevin Maher, Jimmy Maher, Niall Shanahan, Michael Heffernan, Thomas Butler, Conor Hammersley.



Galtee Rovers IHC 2010: Front (l-r): Marnane, Emmet Ryan, Pa Morrissey, David Morrissey, Anthony Boles (capt), Conor O'Sullivan, Andrew Morrissey, Maurice Crowe, Eoin White, Shane Egan. Back l-r; Christopher Doyle, Tony O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, David Byron, Eamonn O'Connell, Billy Quinn, Seamus Moloney, Vinny Murphy, Denis Peters, Ian O'Brien, Peter Carroll, Dallan Browne, Aidan Fitzgerald.



Aherlow County Champions, IHC: Front (l-r): John Moloney, Sean Mullins, Paddy Hennessy, Mark Hanley, Conor O'Shea, Cathal O'Shea, Thomas Hanley, Mark O'Shea, Laurence Coskeran, William Og O'Brien, Ed O'Mara, Georgie Kiely: Back (l-r): Gordon Peters, Barry Grogan, Eddie Moroney, Billy Reardon, Seamus Grogan, Sean Dillon, Brian Moroney, Cathal Dillon, John Hennessy, Peter Moloney, Danny Noonan, Steve Chapman, James Noonan, James Carroll, Cooper Fahey.



West JHC 'B' Arravale Rovers. Front 1-r: Paddy Delaney, Peter Hayes, Donie Ryan, Johnny Lowry, Peter Mulhair, Micheal Ryan, Paddy Maher, Ned Lowry, Richie Lohan Capt, Fintan Ryan, Stephen Quinn, Michael Crowe. Back I-r. Jimmy Lowry, Morgan O'Brien, Sean Kilcoyne, Niall Donovan, Sean Spillane, Emmett Fitzpatrick, Declan Carew, Bernard O'Callaghan, Ian Richardson, Dylan Nugent, David Power, Eamon O'Dwyer, Damien Kiely. Missing from the photo: Mark Crowe and Francis Coughlan.



JFC 'B' 2010 County Champions Golden Kilfeacle

Front I-r Gavin Ryan, Daniel Ryan, Jack Currivan, Matthew Ryan, John Colohan, Aaron Colohan, Sean Walsh, Cian Ryan P, Malachy Scott, Christopher Ryan, Kieran Butler Hallissey, Kevin Moloney, Brian Fogarty, Harry Joe Fogarty, Ella O'Donnell, Ger Fogarty, Patrick O'Dwyer. Ger Luby. Back l-r. John Currivan, Diarmuid Carr, Thomas Burns, Cathal Hayes Capt. Michael. Carr, Declan Donnelly, Seamus Carr, Sean Hayes, Fergal Hickey, Liam Burns, Daithe Ivers, John Currivan, Jamie Currivan, Michael Doyle, John Ryan P.



Co. JHC 'A' County Champions - Rockwell Rovers. A historic first County Adult Hurling title for Rockwell Rovers1-14 to Thurles Sarsfields 0-13 in Golden on Sunday 20 November 2011. Front l-r: John Heaney, Kevin Riordan, Kevin Heaney, Eoin Shine, Stephen Quirke, Liam Lonergan (0-1), Brian Riordan, James Heffernan, Colm Heaney, Aidan Barron, Eoin Byrne, Willie Flynn, Gavin Ryan (0-1), Michael O'Loughlin (trainer), Michael King. Back l-r: Donal McCarthy, Michael O'Donnell (goalie), Robert O'Donnell, J J Cooney, Mickey Fahey (1-0), Tommy Flynn (capt), James O'Halloran, Paul Halley (0-3), Pat Halley, Stephen Boland (0-1), Alan Moloney (0-6), David Byrne, Barry Shortall (0-2), David Halley, Kevin Halley (manager), Donal Moloney (selector), Gerry Ryan (selector)



Clonoulty Rossmore MHC 'A': Front (l-r): Gary Donnelly, Sean Coffey, James Coffey, Jamie Kearns, Ronan Heffernan, James Ryan (w), Ciaran Quirke, Darren Corcoran, Patrick Hennessy, David Egan, James Horan, Conor Hammersley. Back (l-r): Adam Fryday, Paul Ryan (L), Paul Hayes, Fintan Kearney, David Dunne, Shane Kinane, Sean Maher, Jerry Ryan, Andrew Purcell, Nickey Cullen, Jimmy Maher, Cathal Ryan, Jerry Kennedy, Denis Murphy, T.J Heffernan.

Clonoulty Rossmore MFC 'B': Front (l-r); Darren Corcoran, Patrick Hennessy, Jimmy Maher, James Ryan (w), Conor Hammersley, Nickey Cullen, Jamie Kearns, Sean Coffey, Ronan Heffernan, Gary Donnelly, David Egan, Denis Murphy, Adam Fryday. Back (l-r); Ciaran Quirke, Cathal Ryan, Sean Maher, Andrew Purcell, Shane Kinane, Paul Hayes, Jerry Ryan, James Horan, Fintan Kearney, James Coffey, David Dunne, Jerry Kennedy, T.J Heffernan, Paul Ryan.





Éire Óg – SFL County Winners: Front (l-r): Damian O'Brien, Michael McGrath, Philip Mc Grath, Diarmaid Ryan, Tom Crowe, Ronan O'Brien, Oisin O' Dwyer, Brian Fox, Dan Hogan, Kevin Fox, Wesley Ryan. Back (l-r): Michael O'Dwyer, Padraic O'Dwyer, Sandra Molloy, Finian Waters, John Quinn, Patrick Horan, Vinny Ryan, Donal O' Dwyer, Ollie Kelly, Richard Ryan, Liam Mooney, Michael Ryan, Conor O'Brien, Jeremy Furlong, Paul Downey, Patrick Aherne, Sean Breen, Eoin Kennedy, Philly Keaty, Eileen Ryan, Liam O'Brien, (Rachel O'Dwyer, Courtney Quinn) Extreme Front: Darragh Kelly, Aaron Quinn, Cian Ryan, Aine O'Dwyer, Gemma Fox, David Ryan.

Arravale Rovers MHC 'B'

Front (l-r): John Paul Lohan, Richie Lohan,
Damien Kiely, Dylan Nugent, Ted Lowry, Darragh
Crowe, Tony Byrnes, Pierse Richardson, Eoghan
Lonergan, Eamonn Ryan, Killian Ryan. Back (l-r) Jamesie
Hogan, Darren Lowry, Peter Hayes, Paul O'Connor,
James Hogan, Emmett Fitzpatrick, Gary O'Callaghan, Joe
Power Vice Chairman of West Board, David Power Capt,
Paul Jones, Ciaran Lowry, Fintan Ryan, Peter Mulhair,
Johnny Lowry, Darragh Coughlan, Seamus Kinane, Ian
Richardson.



Arravale Rovers U21 FC 'A' - County Champions. Front (l-r); Gerard Mulhair, Donough Leahy, Niall Donovan, Sean O'Meara, Michael O' Dwyer, David Heffernan, Killian Ryan, Robbie Kiely, Darren Lowry Capt, Micheal Ryan, Shane Leahy, Fergal O'Reilly, Aaron O' Donoghue. Back (l-r): Denis Kenneally, Tadhg Duggan, Michael Frawley, Nicky Cummins, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Brian Glasheen, Johnny Lowry, Peter Mulhair, Alan O'Connor, Mark Crowe, Morgan O'Brien, Fintan Ryan, Bryan Lowry, Paddy Dalton, Gerard O'Dwyer, Matty O'Doherty, Pat Kelly.





MFC 'A' Golden Kilfeacle. Front lr: James Casey, Shane O'Connell, Ciaran Butler Hallissey, Sean O'Halloran, JJ Byrnes, Conor Ryan (S) Matthew Ryan, Darren Moloney, Neil Morrissey. Back lr: Sean O'Keeffe, Alan Wade, Paddy Ryan, Joshua Keane, Daniel Currivan, Kevin Moloney, Brian Roche, Killian Farrell, Ian Collins, Gerard Barlow

Rockwell Rovers West Junior 'B' Football Champions. Back (l-r): Willie Coleman, Kevin Riordan, Kieran Durkin, Brian Riordan, David Brennan, Stephen Boland, Robert O'Donnell, Stephen Byrnes, James Quigley, James Dudley (goalie), Brendan Lonergan. Front (l-r) Aidan Barron, Eoin Sheehy, J.J. Cooney, Ml Fahey, Willie Flynn (Capt), Robbie O'Halloran, Colm Heaney, Dermot O'Brian, Kevin Moloney, Ml Barron. Missing from photo; David Halley, Jack Moloney and Kevin Halley. Manager: Donal Moloney, Selectors: Joe Blair and Jerry Ryan.

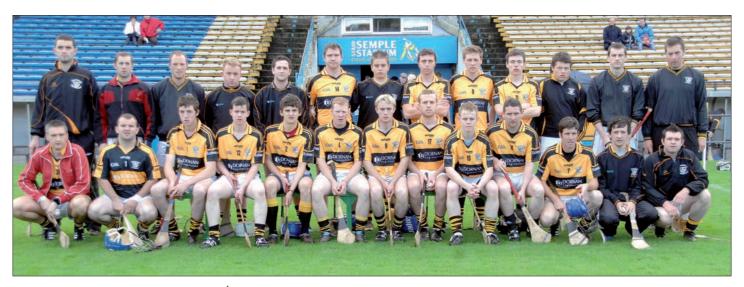




Galtee Rovers 2010 West U 21 C Hurling Champions. Front 1-r; Christopher O'Halloran, Colin Power, Owen White, Billy Quinn (capt), Liam Kavanagh, Shane Egan, Thomas Peters. Back l-r: David Byron, Dallan Browne, Pat Kavanagh, Peter Carroll, Ian O'Brien, Pat Quirke, Emmet Ryan, Christopher Doyle, Niall Daly, Pat Marnane.



Arravale Rovers SFC: Front (l-r); Denis Kenneally, Damien Kiely, Darren Lowry, Andy Lacey, Michael O' Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Niall Sheehan, Fintan Ryan, Timmy Dalton Capt, Robbie Kiely, Killian Ryan, Shane Leahy, Fergal O'Reilly, Aaron O' Donoghue, Alan O'Connor, Amy O'Connor, Grace O'Connor. Back (l-r): Pat Kelly, Matty O'Doherty, Bryan Lowry, James Mulhair, John Hayes, Sean O' Meara, Stephen Quinn, Johnny Lowry, Stephen Spillane, Eric Higgins, Michael O'Sullivan, Brian Glasheen, Philip Ryan, Donough Leahy, Niall Donovan, Roger O'Connor. Tadhg Duggan, Brian Jones.



Kickhams County Runners Up Seamus Ó Riain Cup: Front (l-r): Aidan Heney, Paddy Ryan, Eoin Carew, Padraig Slattery, Cathal Morrissey, Michael Shanahan (capt), David Butler, Tommy Comerford, Patrick Ryan, Fergal Horgan, Brian Horgan, Niall O'Brien, Noel O'Brien, Back (l-r): Nigel Hayes, James Shanahan, David Shanahan, Gary Heelan, Damian Hayes, Dan Breen, Conor Butler, Damian Mc Grath, Patrick O'Brien, Johnny Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Brendan Farrell, Daragh Browne. Missing from photo Peter Comerford played wing forward on the day.



Kickhams U21FC 'B' County Finalists: Front (l-r): Dean Thompson, Rory Heffernan, Gary Heelan, Patrick Ryan, Kenneth Horgan, Kevin Griffey (Capt), David Butler, Danny Carberry, Padraig Slattery, David Heelan selector, Back (l-r): Niall Griffey selector, Thomas Ryan, Noel Ryan, Jamie Quinn, Shane Heelan, Niall O Brien, Oisin Slattery, Conor Butler, Gerry Horgan, Cathal Morrissey, Johnny Ryan, Dean Kelly, John Griffey, Daniel Kennedy, Damian Hayes, Eoin Carew, Patrick O Brien, Michael Butler and John Ryan, selectors.

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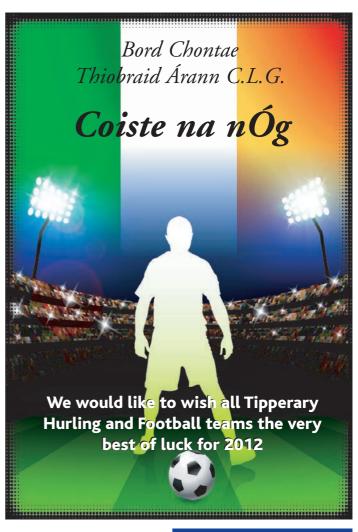
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A Promising Year for Grangemockler-Ballyneale

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT 2011

Our under 14 and under 12 teams completed the double by winning South and county titles in both hurling and football in the C grade.

The under 12 footballers took part in the 1st series of Premier Games. Our campaign got off to a slow start losing away to Commercials. The following 2 weeks saw us have 2 home wins against Ardfinnan B and Ballylooby. We won our next away game v Cahir B and then lost at home to Fr Sheehys. Our last game of the group saw us play Moyle Rovers and a win put us through to the South semi final where we came up against Moyle Rovers again after a hard battle we won through to the Premier End Games finals in Semple Stadium.

In Semple Stadium we had wins over Cappawhite, Durlas Og, and a final win over Shannon Rovers in extra time. We then had the South Final v Ballylooby in Clogheen and after another hard battle we came out on top.

Our players took to the hurling Premier Games with great expectations after winning the football. First up our close rivals Ballylooby after a very exciting contenst we ran out one point winners. Next up we beat St Marys B at home followed by a close encounter at home with a win over Clonmel Og. We then had an away victory v Moyle Rovers and we suffered our first loss with a home defeat against Mullihahone. We were through to the South semi finals where we faced up to the challenge of Ballylooby. We ran out winners and a South final awaited with Mullinahone. The Premier End Games finals were played in Semple Stadium on All Ireland Weekend. There was great excitement as we won our group matches against Rockwell and Burgess. This seemed to be déjà vu when we faced Shannon Rovers in the final,. This was a very exciting game which went to extra time and sudden death and ended in heartbreak for Shannon Rovers and a wonderful victory for Ballyneale. This was the first under 12 county hurling championship for the club.

We contested the South Final v Mullinahone in Clogheen, the first half was a very close affair but we pulled clear in the second half to run out winners.

To end our season as double champions – South and County under-12 football and hurling – was a wonderful achievement for a small club great credit must go to the team metors, Hurling Carmel Hanrahan, Water Power, Tom Needham and Football Cornelius MaFadden, Carmel Hanrahan, Michael Houlian.

UN14 FOOTBALL

Our UN 14 Footballers defeated Clonmel Og in the South final after having lost to them earlier in the championship. We faced West Champions Rosegreen in the county semi final in Golden.

The county final was played in Dundrum against a gallant Moyne Templetouthy side where we came out winners of a very entertaining game.

UN 14 HURLING:

In the South Hurling Final we defeated Clerihan which put us through to the county semi final where we played the West champions Rosegreen and after a very close and entertaining game we came out on top to reach the county final. It was back to Dundrum for the county final against Durlas Og B on a wet Saturday September 17th where we won our first un 14 county hurling final under the guide of team mentors Gerry Shelly, Eamon Phelan, John Ger Hahessy.



U-14 Hurling Team: back row l-r: D Needham, M Meany, A Hennebry, A Sheehan, C Hahessy, J Power, L Magorrian, D Houlihan. Front Row: P O'Connell (capt), D Foley, C O'Shea, Jack Lyons, C Shelly, D Shelly, D Hanrahan, John Lyons. Missing from photo C Crowley, D Power.



U-14 Football team: Back row l-r, R Lyons (Trainer), V Keady, L Magorrian, D Houlihan, A. Hennebry, M Meany, J Power, A Sheehan (Capt), C Hahessy, D Power, C Shelly, D Hanrahan, K O'Shea (selector). Front row l-r: J Ellis, C Crowley, P O'Connell, D. Foley, D Shelly, D Needham, Co Shea, Jack Lyons, John Lyons.

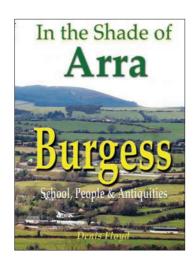


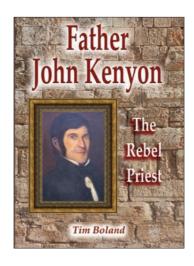
U-12 Football team: Back l-r: M Houlihan, M Meany, D Needham, J Fleming, D. Power, D. Hanrahan, Jack Lyons, J. Ellis, L. Magorrigan (capt), J. Pender, C. Hanrahan. Front L-R J. Henebry, C.J Houlihan, Joey Lyons, J. Woodside, A. MaGuigan, C. Gerasch, H. Power, M. McFadden, T. Parle, C. McFadden.

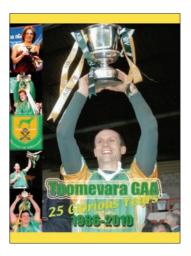


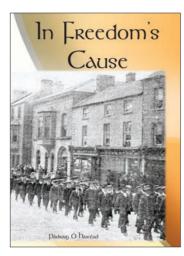
U-12 Hurling: Back l-r, K Crowley, J Hennebry, M o Toole, J Ellis, M Meany, D Power, L Magorrian, J Fleming, J Woodside. Front l-r, D Hanrahan, C Gerasch, K Dunne, D Needham, J Lyons, C.J Houlihan, A Maguigan, M McFadden, H Power, I Brett.

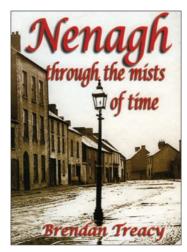
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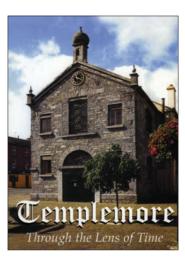












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Tuarascáil Chontae Thiobraid Bórd na nOg

Le Rúnaí Neil Ó Riain

his is the time of the year when all Gaels go into reflective mode on what has occurred during the past summer months. Some expectations will have been fulfilled while more will leave a bitter taste for not going the desired way.

Bórd na nÓg activities this year experienced some change to the running of activities for our youngest age group. The championships which had been in existence for nearly two decades has come to and end. They are replaced with the Premier 12's which is meant to be less stressful. Time will see how it pans out. Change can be difficult as players, mentors and parents are entering the unknown. The Bórd encouraged all involved to embrace the new format and to give things a chance to settle. We owe it to our youngest participants to encourage and offer our assistance for their future betterment.

2011 AT A GLANCE

Our County U/14 hurlers and footballers did the county proud by winning both the Tony Forristal hurling and Jim Power football competitions.

We staged the inaugural Premier 12's in both codes culminating with thirty two teams appearing in Semple Stadium.

Colin O'Riordan (J.K.Brackens) still eligible to participate in our Bórd na nÓg games was an outstanding member of the All Ireland Minor Football winning team. A tremendous feat for an U/16 player.

It was also another inaugural event for our Bórd regarding the hosting a second U/16 Inter county hurling competition.

The Mid division hosted U/16 All Ireland A Hurling games, our thanks to the following clubs Drom/Inch, J.K.Brackens,

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The North did likewise for the corresponding B competition and our thanks to the following clubs Burgess, Portroe, Templederry Kenyons and Silvermines.

Drom/Inch wins their first ever U/14 football title and achieved the double, as they also were crowned hurling champions later on in the season.

Durlas Og remain U/ 16 Hurling kingpins winning seven out of their last ten appearances, a marvelous achievement.

Premiers 12's

Football: This year it was the Mid v North and South v West at semi final stage. Due to the new format in place regarding our youngest grade we had no U/12 championships. The new system consisted of mini league games consisting of thirteen aside with every player guaranteed a minimum of a half game involvement Each Division ran this competition in four different groupings with both finalists of each group appearing in the County series



Officers and guests at the County Bord na nOg Convention in Hayes Hotel. Back l-r: Nicholas Moroney Coaching and Games Development Officer, Frank Morris Outgoing Treasurer, Barry O'Brien County Chairman, John Smith Youth Officer. Front l-r:Neil Ryan Acting Secretary, Anne McGrath PRO, Sean Creamer Chairman. Absent from photo: Catherine Gleeson Incoming Treasurer and Richard O'Connor Senior Board Rep.



Back (I-r): Paudie Carey (Sean Treacys), Martin Walsh (Carrick Swan), Conor Floyd (Newport), Chris McCullagh (Moycarkey/Borris), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan), Paul Sammon (Durlas Og), Eric Walsh (St. Mary's), Andrew Coffey (Nenagh Eire Og), Willie Coffey (Toomevara), Gavin Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane), Brian Hogan (Lorrha/Dorrah), Conor McGuire (Ballina), James Morgan (Ballylooby), Dylan Casey (Templederry), Conor Ryan (Nenagh Eire Og), Martin Maher (Borris/Ileigh), Greg Browne (Nenagh Eire Og). Front (l-r) Tom McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Michael Dunne (Mullinahone), James Casey (Golden Kilfeacle), Shane Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Padraig Hogan (Templederry), Willie Connors (Kildangan), Ronan Heffernan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Thomas Skehan (Durlas Og), Pa Ryan (Newport), Niall Heffernan (Moycarkey/Borris), John Cahalane (Nenagh Eire Og). Dr. John Browne. Missing from photo Paul Ryan (Toomevara).

finals day in Semple Stadium. In June thirty two teams participated in the football .The action commenced at 10 a.m. and concluded at 6 p.m.

Hurling: When it came to the hurling in September the Bórd sought the Stadium for a Friday evening and half of the following Saturday. Both events went off extremely well with medals presented to every participant on the day. For an inaugural event proceedings went off reasonably well. Both participants and adults had a good time. Any shortcomings that occurred will be addressed for 2012.

County Championship Scene Football:

U/14A: The contestants in the semi finals were Drom/Inch and Nenagh Eire Og which took place in Borrisleigh with the Mid champions being in impressive form winning on a score of 4-14 to 1-05. The other semi final was between Moyle Rovers and Arravale Rovers with the south champions qualifying for the final spot.

Dundrum was the venue for all the finals in this age group. Drom got on the scoring format first, clocking up two unanswered points. After the opening five minutes Rovers then followed suit getting two points. Three minutes later the only goal of the game courtesy of Emmet Bergin for Drom. Rovers responded with another point which was quickly followed by three more from Drom to finish the play at the interval leading 1-05 to 0-03. Upon the resumption Drom while only adding two more points to their tally did enough to win their first title in this grade 1-07 to 0-07.It was a sweet victory for the new champions as it was a reversal of the result in their Féile Peil final.

U/14 B: Borrisokane proved much too strong for the Mid champions Holycross/Ballycahill qualifying for the final on a 5-11 to 0-02 score line. In the other semi final in a game of goals galore Ardfinnan clocked up 6-09 towards 1-03 from Knockavilla Donaskeigh to enter the final.

The final had the makings of a thriller as both Ardfinnan and Borrisokane had in their respective semifinals scored 11-20 while conceding 1-05 between them. The North champions were on the score sheet after two minutes with a well taken point. On the fifth minute Ardfinnan struck the Borris net. The northern boys added two more points to their tally to put matters on an even keel .Ardfinnan came again with their second goal. Again Borris responded with two more points to put the half time score board

reading 2-00 to 0-05 in favour of Ardfinnan. After the restart the Borris defence stood their ground succeeding to keep the opposition at bay. On the eleventh minute the North representatives registered another point which was quickly responded by a converted free adding a point for Ardfinnan. Borris were enjoying the upper hand in the contest and were smelling victory when a late goal by Ardfinnan brought the sides level in injury time Borrisokane 1-09 Ardfinnan 3-03.

In extra time it was Borrisokane that produced two points without reply to become champions on a final score of 1-11 to 3-

U/14 C: In the semi final Grangemockler proved far superior against Rosegreen gaining their passage to the final on score 5-13 to 0-01. As the North division had no contestants in this grade the Mid champions Moyne/Templetuohy went straight to the final pairing.

Moyne enjoyed the vast share of possession in the opening ten minutes and had registered three points but had many more opportunities which failed. .It was twelve minutes before Grange got on the score sheet after which both sides traded points. Just before the halftime whistle Grange produced the games first goal to lead at the interval 1-04 0-05. Midway in the second half Moyne scored a goal which leveled the game at 1-06 apiece. The Mid boys added two points which was to be their last time registering on the scoreboard.

Grangemockler added two points to make it all square and then got into a goal scoring frenzy clocking up three in the final ten minutes of the game to become champions.. The final score of 4-18 to 1-08 did not reflect the true picture of events.

U/16 A: In the first semi final J.K.Brackens representing the Mid had a single point victory over North contenders Ballina. In the other decider which was a repeat of last years final Clonmel Commercials were in impressive form against Golden Kilfeackle on a score of 4-16 to 0-05.

The final which took place in Pairc na nÓg under wet conditions produced a very close encounter. In a low scoring first half the defending champions Clonmel Commercials had a three point credit balance 0-05 to 0-02. On the resumption the game came alive when county minor football star Colin O'Riordan put the Brackens on level terms with a goal. From this point on the game scores were evenly shared. The defending champions were down a player after the referee issued a red card. However the

numerical disadvantage did not deter the Clonmel boys who persisted through the game. The sides were on level terms as the game entered the final moments of normal time and it was then that one saw what champions are made of as Commercials got into action scoring a goal and a few points to clinch the title on a finishing score of 1-13 to 1-06

U/16 B: In the first semi final the West combination of Sean Treacy/Emly were outclassed by South champions Fethard on a score of 5-12 to 0-08. In the other contest a renowned hurling club Toomevara produced a victory over Mid champions Drom/Inch.

In their first football final of this grade Toomevara put on a credible performance against a football stronghold club Fethard. The south champions were able to register points on numerous occasions and concluded the game scoring 2-17 while conceding 3-07 to be crowned champions.

U/16C: Due to small number of participants in the North, Mid and West in this grade a league system was agreed. The Mid and North played in one group while the West and South did likewise. At semi final stage the South had three participants with Fr.Sheehys taking on Clonmel Og. Fr. Sheehys reversed their fortunes of the league encounter with their opponents and qualified for the final on a score of 3-08 to 2-03. In the other semi final Eire Óg Anacarty representing the West were suppressed by the strength of Carrick Davins on a score of 6-10 to 3-03.

The final took place in Monroe. This was an all South contest with Carrick Davins taking on Fr. Sheehys. Once again the conditions were not favourable to either contestants or spectators as both wind and rain were in ample supply. From the outset the Carrick boys showed their superiority, converting a '45' into a poin.t Two minutes later the games first goal came for Carrick. It became obvious to all observers which pattern was developing. At the interval the score was 3-05 to 0-01 in favour of Carrick Davins. Full credit to the entire Fr. Sheehys team for their dedication to a sporting game and even though proceedings were always against them they kept battling to the end. Carrick Davins became champions with a final score of 5-10 to 0-07.

Hurling

U/14A: Eventual dual champions Drom/Inch took on Nenagh Eire Óg in Templemore and qualified for the final with some ease on a score of 3-13 to 0-07. In the other pairing which took place in Ballylooby Moyle Rovers had a three point victory over West champions Clonoulty/Rossmore on a score of 1-10 to 2-03.

Dundrum was the venue for the final, but the weather was not giving any favours. This contest was eagerly awaited as both had good records coming with them and all the previous deciders between were hard fought. Drom got the dream start in the opening minutes when half back Jamie Bergin's free dropped into the hands of Thomas Nolan and put the Rovers net shaking. Within the next five minutes Nolan repeated the exercise to put Drom two goals in front. Even though Rovers were awarded a penalty it failed to raise the green flag .It was not going to be Rovers day as Thomas Nolan had scored a hat trick by the stroke of half time to put the scoreboard reading 3-02 to 0-03 in Droms favour. On the resumption the weather improved a little and Rovers commenced in a determined fashion, but it was Droms day as Stevie Nolan received a brilliant pass from his hat trick brother to score Droms fourth goal. As the game went into its final stages Moyle Rovers battled hard but had to give way to the Mid team who clinched the title on a final score of 5-07 to 3-03 and win their first double in this grade.

U/14 B: North champions Borrisokane proved to be far superior for the challenge of Moyne/Templetuohy and qualified for the final 8-07 to 1-02. The other decider was also an uneven contest as West champions Sean Treacys overcame Ballybacon/Grange from the South on a finishing score of 3-09 to 0-05.

The final took place in Dolla .After an encouraging start for the Treacys they had to give way to the might of Borrisokane with the title going northwards on a score of 2-12 to 1-02.

U/14 C: In the only semi final Grangemockle/ Ballyneale edged out Rosegreen by three points on a score of 3-10 to 3-07. As there was no competition in the North the Mid champions Durlas Óg 'B' got a direct passage to the final

The final acted as a curtain raiser for the 'A' contest in Dundrum. However the weather was not the only problem for



County Bord na nOg making a presentation to Frank Morris to mark his retirement as Treasurer of County Bord na nOg, a post which he held for many years. Also a presentation was made to his wife Mrs Mary Morris. L-r: Mrs Mary Morris, Ann McGrath County Bord na nOg Secretary, Neil Ryan County Bord na nOg Assistant Secretary, Frank Morris, Sean Creamer County Bord na nOg Chairman, Catherine Gleeson County Bord na nOg Treasurer.

Tiobraid Arann Bórd na nOg Results 2011

Football Championship	s			
Grade	Team & Scores		Venue	Referee
U 14 A	Drom/Inch 4-12	Moyle Rovers 1-05	Dundrum	Tom Dawson
U 14 B	Borrisokane 1-11	Ardfinnan 3-03	Dundrum	David Grogan
U 14 C	Grangrmockler 4-08	Moyne/Templetuohy 1-08	Dundrum	Willie Kennedy
U 16 A	Clonmel Commercials 1-13	J.K.Brackens 1-06	Pairc na Nog	David Grogan
U 16 B	Fethard 2-17	Toomevara 3-07	Littleton	Tom Dawson
U16 C	Carrick Davins 5-10	Fr.Sheehys 0-07	Monroe	Sean Lonergan
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Hurling Championships	S			
U 14A	Drom /Inch 5-07	Moyle Rovers 3-03	Dundrum	Fergal Hickey
U 14 B	Borrisokane 2-12	Sean Treacys 0-02	Dolla	Anthony Sherlock
U 14 C	Ballyneale 3-09	Durlas Og 0-01	Dundrum	John McCormack
U 16 A	Durlas Og 4-24	Carrick Swan 0-04	Clonmel	Philip Kelly
U 16 B	Kildangan 0-09	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 0-08	Templetuohy	Fergal Horgan
U 16C	Eire Og Anacarty 2-14	Cleirhan 1-00	Dundrum	John Ryan Bob
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Inter Divisional Hurling				
U 14 Peadar Cummins	South Tipp 4-08	North Tipp 0-10	Borrisleigh	P.J.Nolan
U 15 Roger Ryan	North Tipp 2-10	Mid Tipp 1-06	Toomevara	Fergal Horgan
U 16 Garda Cup	North Tipp 3-15	West Tipp 0-04	Holycross	John Butler

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U 15 Roger Ryan	North Tipp 2-10	Mid Tipp 1-06	Toomevara	Fergal Horgan
U 16 Garda Cup	North Tipp 3-15	West Tipp 0-04	Holycross	John Butler

Football

U 14 Friends of Tipp	Mid Tipp 2-10	South Tipp 1-06	Ballylooby	Johnny Cummins
U 15 Nagle Cup	Mid Tipp 1-08	South Tipp 0-05	Bansha	Paddy Russell
U 16 Friends of Tipp	South Tipp 5-11	West Tipp 1-04	Garda Pitch	Donal Leahy

Inter County Hurling

Tony Forristal U 14 A	Tipperary 0-11	Cork 0-06	Waterford
Sonny Walsh U 14 B	Cork 2-08	Tipperary 0-02	Waterford
Munster			
Munster U 16 A	North Tipp 1-09	Mid Tipp 1-07	Dr. Morris Park

Football -Munster

U 14 Jim Power Cup Final	Tipperary 5-17	South Kerry 0-05	Dungarvan
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U 15 Humphrey Kelleher	Limerick 3-08	Tipperary 0-06	Millstreet
Shield Final			
U 16 Munster Cup Final	Cork 1-09	Tipperary 0-05	Gaelic Grounds

Durlas Óg. In Grangemockler they came up against a very strong outfit who totally dominated every section of the pitch. The score at the interval was 3-05 to 0-01. Upon the resumption it was a repeat exercise as Grangemockler continue their dominance but eased off on the scoring to win the title on a final score of 3-09 to 0-01. Full credit to Durlas Óg who despite having a torrid time always played in a sporting fashion.

U/16 A; Durlas Óg and Nenagh Eire Óg played the first semi final on October 1st and produced a cracking contest. The Mid champions had to come from the rear in the closing minutes to clinch a final spot on a final score 1-16 to 1-14.

However the Bórd could never envisage that the other semi final would be a month later. With consistent problems in the South division proceedings were at a stalemate. Finally on October 31st in the Sportsfield Clonmel West champions Arravale Rovers played South champions Carrick Swan. This was a very one sided affair with victory going to the South boys on a score of 5-17 to 0-03.

The Sportsfield was the venue for the final on November 11th. Despite the time of year the conditions were quite good and full compliments to the host club for having everything in top order. Durlas Óg were first on the scoreboard after five minutes. On the sixteenth minute it was 0-02 to 0-01 in favour of the defending champions from the Mid. The Swan defence had encountered a torrid opening session and their backline has to be highly commended. However Durlas Óg sharpshooter Conor Lanigan was moved in nearer to the Swan goal and it really paid dividends for the Thurles boys as Lanigan had registered 2-05 of Durlas Óg halftime tally of 2-10 to 0-03.

The second period of the game produced more heartache for the Carrick Swan team as Durlas Óg continued with their firing power up front. Very few chances came to the Swan outfit and when they did they were powerless as the quality and strength of the Durlas Óg boys prevailed. When a back man gets on the scoring it displays the strength in depth and captain Ronan Maher was in superb form scoring point's from '65' and frees. Despite the strong opposition Carrick Swan had to contend with they produced a very sporting display. At the full time whistle Durlas Óg had captured their seventh title out of their last ten appearances. This is a marvelous achievement.

U/16 B: Kildangan representing the North accounted for Mid champions Upperchurch/Drombane by three points on a score of 2-07 to 0-08 to advance to the final. In the second semi final South

champions Kilsheelan/Kilcash proved too difficult for West champions Knockavilla/Donaskeigh qualifying on a score of 3-13 to 2-09.

The final took place in Templetuohy on a very wet Saturday morning on October 22nd. Kilsheelan/Kilcash were first on the scoring, a point from a fifth minute free by Eoin Kehoe. The sides were level three minutes later courtesy of Willie Connors and he added another one minute later to put Kildangan in front.

Kilsheelan controlled the game for the next ten minutes and should have been more productive on the scoreboard. They were in front at the interval 0-03 0-02. The second half was close and exciting and at the final whistle Kildangan were champions on a final score of Kildangan 0-9 Kilsheelan/Kilcash 0-8.

U/16 C: With a small number of participants in this grade from the divisions it was agreed at a Bórd meeting to let this competition be run on a league basis. The top teams in the final were Eire Óg Anacarty from the West division and Clerihan from the South.. On a wet Saturday morning in Dundrum on October 1st the West boys got the ideal start with a goal from Jamie English in the opening minute. Six minutes later Clerihan raised a green flag but it proved to be their only contribution on the score board. Anacarty went in at the interval 2-04 to 1-00. In the second period they added a further ten points to become champions.

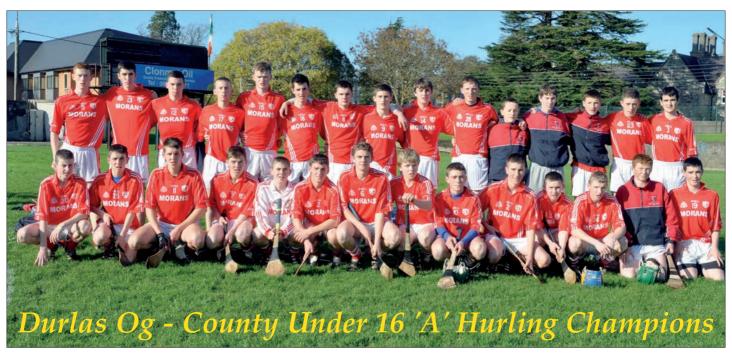
INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Peadar Cummins U/14 Hurling tournament. On May 28th this tournament which is hosted annually by Borris-Ileigh Bórd na nÓg in honour of their famous club Gael of yesteryear Peadar Cummins who passed to his eternal reward in 1983. The Borrisleigh Juvenile Club has to be highly commended for running this tournament for the past twenty seven years.

The North played the Mid in the semi final in Borrisleigh and proved to be a force as they came out on top by 2-09 to 0-07. The other semi final took place in The Ragg and here the South was in devastating form overcoming the West on a score of 3-15 to 0-06.

Both shield and cup final took place in Borrisleigh. First on the agenda was the shield final with the Mid and West doing battle. The West led by a point at the interval. On the resumption the Mid made some alterations to their team and had the upper hand for most of the remainder of the game winning by a single goal 3-06 to 2-06.

In the cup final defending champions from the North had the South to contend with .The North had registered two points



Back row (l-r): Paul Sammon, Tom Meehan, David Fogarty, Paddy Carroll, Luke Kelly,

Seamie Hanafin, Kevin Dunne, Faolain Linnane, Brian Hanrahan, Jack O Dwyer, Colin Doyle, Mark Conway, Billy McCarthy, Tony O Brien, Jack Lineen. Front row (l-r): Jack O'Connell, Aaron McCormack, Graham Maher, Thomas Skehan, Willie Tierney, David Russell, Ronan Maher (Capt), Caley Maher, Conor Lanigan, Tom Tierney, Adam Garrett, Brendan O'Loughlin, Matthew Fogarty, Sean Butler



Clonoulty Primary School Winners of the County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r John Smith County Youth Officer, Barry O'Brien County Chairman, Connie Costigan Chairman Thurles Centenary Coop Sponsor, Joe Hammersly Clonoulty Chairman West Bord na nOg. Front l-r: Paddy Kennedy, Cathal Burke, Sean Ryan, James Ryan.



Lismackin Primary School who were 2nd in the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz and 3rd in the County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Tim Shanahan Secretary Clonakenny Juvenile, John Smith County Youth Officer, Barry O'Brien County Chairman, Connie Costigan Thurles Centenary Co-op Sponsor, John Ryan Chairman Clonakenny Juvenile Club. Front l-r: Diarmuid Ryan, Matthew O'Sullivan, Conor Shanahan, Delacy Byrne



The Inch Primary School Team that were fourth in the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back: Willie Clohessy. Front l-r: Caoimhe Bourke, Michael Clohessy, Jamie Ryan, Eimer McLoughlin.



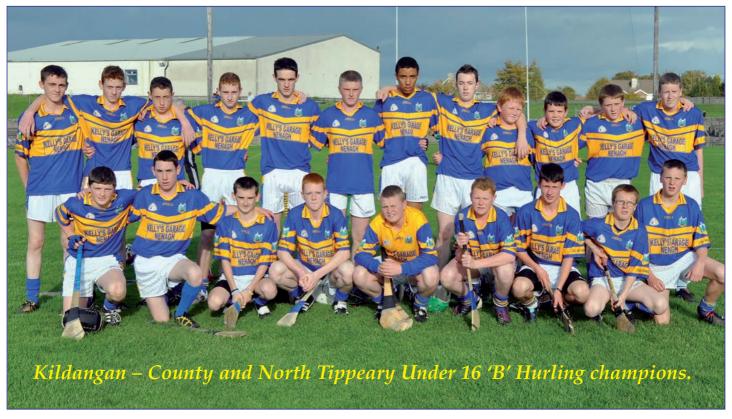
The St Colmcille Templemore Primary School Team that were 3rd in the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. At back: Conor Doyle. Front lr: Andrew Ormonde, Paddy Cadell, Eanna McBride, Tommy Murphy.



Two Mile Borris Primaray School who were 5th in the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back row Michael Heffernan. Front l-r: James Dillon, Mark Heffernan, Michael Murphy, Rory Darmody



Scoil Iosagain Upperchurch Winners of the Mid Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Aine Heffernan, Mary Corcoran Teachers. Front l-r: Callum Murray, Darragh Ryan, TJ Butler, Conor Ryan



Back Row (l-r): Pauraic Hayes, Jim Minehan (Capt) Paul McGrath, Hugh Geaney, John Hayes, Cathal Hayes, Sean Webb, Daniel Hogan, James Quigley, Barry Hogan, Kieran Kelly, Paul Lawless. Front Row (l-r): Willie Connors, David Cawley, Eoin Meagher, David Sweeney, Tommy Mulqueen, Darren Moran, Ben Bannaghan, Kevin Foley, Andy Loughane.

without reply, but then things changed dramatically as the South clocked up 1-04. At half time the South had a commanding lead of 3-04 to 0-07. In the second period it was the North that had the assistance of the breeze but despite numerous attempts at the South last line of defence, failed to penetrate to produce a goal. At full time it was victory for the South team who had bridged a nine year gap winning the title on a score of 4-08 to 0-10.

Roger Ryan Memorial Cup U/15 Hurling tournament. This was the second year of this tournament in memory of the late great Roger Ryan hosted by Toomevara Club. This year the West did not participate so with only three participants it was decided to run the tournament on a round robin basis.

The North defeated the Mid in the opening match by 1-10 to 1-6. Next up was the North v South.. The North commenced the more aggressive side and at the interval were 1-04 to 0-06. Upon the restart the North only conceded a single point while adding a further 1-06 to put the final score reading 2-10 to 0-07 and in the process retaining their title. The Mid v South contested the shield final with the Mid boys having full control winning 1-16 to 2-05.

Garda Cup U/16 Hurling tournament. Holycross/Ballycahill club hosted this tournament in Holycross having the newly opened John Doyle Centre facilities available. The semi final between defending champions from the Mid v North proved to be a cracker of a contest. Scores were in ample supply from both teams and at the interval the challengers from the North were leading 3-06 to 1-11. The second half provided the same intensity as the first and at full time the sides were level - North 4-12 Mid 2-18.

However in extra time the North got the upper hand and qualified for the final on a finishing score line of 5-14 to 2-20. In the other semi final in a game that produced two goals and a similar number disallowed it was the West that enjoyed the supremacy. They qualified for the final by 2-07 to 0-08.

The cup final was an anti climax as the West found themselves in a different league. The North had complete control and was victorious on a score of 3-15 to 0-04.

U/14 Football: The games of this tournament were played within the South division kindly hosted by

Ballylooby / Castlegrace club. In the opening game the Mid took on the North. Aided by a strong breeze the Mid took total command of the encounter and at the interval were 2-07 conceding no score. On the resumption they continued their dominance to qualify for the final 3-13 to 1-02.

In the other semi final the South were up against the West and came out in front on a score of 4-04 to 3-00.

The Mid as defending champions were first to score in the final and at half time were two points ahead on a score of 0-05 to 1-00. In the second period it was a more intense affair and at the stroke of full time was all square at 1-06 apiece. However in extra time the Mid team added 1-04 without conceding to win the title on a final score of 2-10 to 1-06.

U/15 Football: These games took place within the West division with the Galtee Rovers club providing the facilities in Bansha. Similar to the U/14 the Mid were defending champions. The faced the North in the semi final and won by 0-12 to 0-08. South defeated West in the other semi final. The final produced some great football and at the final whistle Mid had retained their title on a final score of Mid 1-8 South 0-5.

U/16 Football: The Mid division hosted this tournament with the games taking place in the Garda College Pitches in Templemore. This tournament differed from the other two competitions as the North division was unable to provide a team. This resulted in the tournament being played on a round robin system, with two points being awarded to the winner and on score difference if teams finished on equal points.

In the opening game the West took on the Mid who had the advantage of a first half wind and finished at the half way mark 1-02 to 1-00 ahead. In the second period it was the West who dominated proceedings finishing ahead on a score of 3-07 to 1-05. In the second game the Mid were up against the South who were always more at ease but at the interval were only one point ahead with the breeze 0-05 to 1-01. In the second half the South held their opponents scoreless while adding 1-03 to progress on a score of 1-08 to 1-01.

The last game was a must for both the West and the South. Starting with the advantage of the now strong wind in their backs the West came off the pitch at half time on level terms 1-03 to 0-06. In the second half the South boys were in rampant form clocking up a further 3-08 to their tally to win the title on a final score of 5-11 to 1-07.

INTER COUNTY COMPETITIONS

Tipp crowned U 14 Hurling champions

Tony Forristal U/14 Hurling . Our U/14 hurlers captured the Tony Forristal Cup they last won in 2009. They head the role of honour with eleven titles.

In final Cork provided the opposition and although playing the first half against the wind Tipp managed to take control of proceedings finishing the half with a two point advantage 0-05 to 0-03. In the second period of the game they put their stamp on matters and only conceded three points while adding a further six to their tally to win on a final score of Tipperary 0-11 Cork 0-06.

The winning panel: Darragh Carey (Templederry), Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Emmett Moloney (Drom/Inch), Jamie Bergin (Drom/Inch), Eric Fanning (Moycarkey/Borris), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Kyle Peters (St. Marys), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers), Liam MacCutcheon (Templederry Kenyons), Alan Tynan (Roscrea), Shane Hennessy (Nenagh Eire Óg), Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Thomas Nolan (Drom/Inch), Dean Fitzgerald (Carrick Swan), Michael Connors (Drom/Inch), Michael Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Jack Skehan (Holcross/Ballycahill), Michael Gohery (Borrisokane), Mike Hogan (Ballybacon/Grange), Conor Clancy (St.Patricks), Brian Carey (Sean Treacys) Jack Delaney (Toomevara), David Roberts (Moyle Rovers)

Coach Kevin Butler (Drom/Inch). Selectors Eoin Shortt (Upperchurch/Drombane), Tom O'Donnell (Golden Kilfeacle), Seamus Doran (Roscrea), Tony Hogan (Carrick Swan)

U/14 B Hurling

Tipperary also had a second team which played in the Sonny Walsh final against Cork. At half time they were one point in arrears. However with the assistance of the wind in their favour and fielding a strong physical team Cork took control keeping their opponents scoreless. At full time Cork had won the title on a score of Cork 2-08 Tipperary 0-02.

U/15 A Hurling: This competition is hosted annually by Carrigaline, Cork called the Carrigdhoun Tournament. In their opening game Tipp lost out to Waterford and had better fortune in their next encounter against Clare. However in their next two games they came out on the wrong side against Cork and Limerick.

They then contested the Plate final losing out to Limerick by a single point on a finishing score of Limerick 0-12 Tipperary 2-05.

U/15 B; In this competition which was hosted by Galway ,Tipperary accounted for Kerry and Waterford, but lost the final against the Rebels of Cork

U/16 A Hurling: Tipperary Bórd na nÓg hosted the U/16 Hurling Inter County tournament for the 24th year on Saturday August 27th and Sunday August 28th . There was an added dimension with the staging of a second competition .i.e. a 'B' competition..

In the 'A' competition Tipp were chasing a three –in –row and were drawn in Group 2 against Clare and Dublin. The games took place in Holycross. They topped the group with ease and played Cork in the semi final of what is now known as the John Doyle Perpetual Cup. This contest was to be a very difficult engagement and at half way stage was in deficit on a score 1-05 to 0-02. During the second period Cork continued their dominance and qualified for the final by 2-08 to 0-04.

Cork contested the final in the Stadium the following day and once again proved to be a dominant outfit against an unbeaten Waterford side and captured their very first title in this grade on a final score of 1-18 to 1-10.

U/16 B Hurling: In the "B competition Tipperary defeated Galway but as a result of a draw in their clash with the Banner

men of Clare lost out in qualification for the semi final.

Football

Tipp capture U 14 Jim Power Title

In the Jim Power tournament Tipperary were in top gear throughout all their games. In a total of four games they amassed a total of fifteen goals and forty points, while conceding only fourteen points as they got their grip on the Cup.

Having done serious preparations in training and playing a number of challenge matches leading up to the tournament, it paid dividends. Captain Danny Owens from Moyle Rovers truly fulfilled his role, as did Emmet Moloney, Adam Fitzgerald, Michael Morrissey, Liam Fahy, Stephen Quirke, Conor Clancy and Caolan Hennessey all very fruitful in finding the target. With convincing victories against Clare, both Cork teams and South Kerry in the final Tipperary were deserving winners of the Jim Power tournament.

Results were 1st game Tipp 6-05 Clare 0-04, Quarter Final Tipp 3-10 Cork (1) 0-00, Semi Final Tipp 1-08 Cork(2) 0-05. Final Tipp 5-17 South Kerry 0-05.

Victorious panel: Charlie Manton (Fethard), Ross Peters (Clonmel Com), Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers),

Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), Bill Johnston (Moyle Rovers), Joedy Sheehan (Fethard), Jamie Moriarty (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Cathal Mahoney (St. Patricks), Jack Skehan (Holycross/Ballycahill), Emmett Moloney (Drom/Inch), Jamie Bergin (Drom/Inch), Bill Floyd (Ballina), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers), Conor Clancy (St. Patricks), Liam Powell (Clonmel Commercials), Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rvs), Jordan Moloney (J.K.Brackens), Sean Moloney (Moyne/Templetuohy), Adam Fitzgerald (Fethard), Michael Morrissey (Clonmel Commercials), Mike Hogan (Ardfinnan), Caolan Hennessy (Cappawhite), Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Craig O'Connell (Rockwell Rovers)

Mentors Tommy Sheehan (Fethard), Sean Hennessy (Cappawhite), Kieran Healy (Moyne/Templetuohy), Tommy Morrissey (Clonmel Commercials), Tommy Ryan (Kildangan)

Tipp also fielded a second team in this competition who clocked up a victory over eventual finalists South Kerry.

U/15 Football Humphrey Kelleher tournament .Tipperary were defending champions in this Memorial tournament which took place in Millstreet, Cork. Tipperary came up against some very tough opposition on the way and had to finally settle for the runners up position to Limerick in the shield final.

In their opening game in terrible weather conditions Tipp had Kerry under serious pressure in the second half, but for poor decision making in front of goal and good saves by the Kerry keeper were unable to press home their advantage. Kerry won the encounter 0-08 to 0-04.

In the shield competition Tipp defeated Waterford on a score of 0-09 to 1-05. The Deice men getting a last minute goal to leave a single point difference.

This result put Tipp in the final against Limerick who proved to be a very formidable panel and went on to win the contest on a final score line of Limerick 3-08 Tipperary 0-06.

U/16 Munster Football. This competition was hosted by Limerick. In this tournament Tipperary began the defence of their Munster title in Knocklong in an opening game against Cork. Despite a poor start they got to grips with proceedings and finished on top on a score of Tipp 0-11 Cork 0-07. Next opposition came from South Kerry in the semi final. Tipp showed they were serious from the throw in with the midfielder of Colin O'Riordan and Joshua Keane in command. At the final whistle Tipp had qualified for their second final in –a –row on a score Tipp 0-10 South Kerry 0-06. In the Munster final which took place in the Gaelic Ground on Sunday July 17th Tipp were up against Cork (2). Unfortunately Tipp failed to produce consistent quality football and had to give way to a more finished Cork team who won the contest on a final score Cork 1-09 Tipperary 0-05.



Drom/Inch – County Under 14 'A' Hurling Champions Feile na nGael Champions: Back row (left to right): Liam Dempsey, Kevin Hassett, Paul Hennessy, Pauric Campion, Stephen Nolan, Thomas Nolan, Emmett Maloney, Michael Connors, Jamie Bergin, Colm Kinane, Shane Ryan, Conor O'Meara. Front row (left to right): Ben Ahern, Robert Kennedy, Glynn Stewart, Aidan O'Meara, Eoin Collins, Ciaran Thorpe, Paul Bergin, Michael Clohessy, Andy Purcell, Mark O'Brien.



Carrick Davins U16 'B' South & County Football Champions 2011: Back (l-r) Robert Butler, Liam Butler, Daryl Walsh, James Croke, John Ryan, Josh Moroney, Aaron Moroney, Adam Foran, David Walsh, Curtis Walsh, Mark O'Dwyer, Luke Fennessey, Scott Murphy, Andrew Norris, Joe Crowe, Niall Ryan, Raymond Waters. Middle (l-r) Jodie Butler, Jim Walsh, Conor Mackey, Liam Butler, Darragh Foley, Stephen Moroney, Danny O'Regan (capt), Dean Foley, Trevor Murphy, Cian Murphy, Raymond Cooke, Billy Roche, Luke Faulkner, Michael Whelan. Front (l-r) Stephen Waters and Kevin Butler.



South Tipperary – Under 16 Inter Divisional Football Champions.

Back row (l-r): Brian Healy, Arron Macken, Robert Lyons, Luke Boland, Fionan O Sullivan, David Hayes, Dominic Walsh, Ross Mulcahy, Michael Meagher, Ger Gorey, Gerry Cronin, Sean Negle, Andrew Hill. Front row (l-r): Jason Cahill, David Collins, Jimmy Feehan, Danny O'Mahony, Adam O Connell, Shane Crowley, Michael Connolly, Tadgh Lonergan, William English, Michael Boland, Conor Arrigan, Dion Butler.



The Tipperary U16 A Hurling panel that took part in the Tipperary Supporters' Club U16 A Hurling Tournament. Back l-r: Austin Tierney Shannon Rovers, Joshua Keane Golden Kilfeacle, Tom Kirwin Ballybacon Grange, Darryl Ryan Roscrea, Jason Ryan Toomevara, Jack Shelly Mullinahone, Killian Gleeson Nenagh Éire Óg, Ronan Maher Durlas Og, Ciaran Flannigan Moycarkey Borris, Fionan O'Sullivan Skeheenarinky, Eoin O'Kehoe Kilsheelan Kilcash, Mark McCarthy Toomevara. Front l-r: Barry Heffernan Nenagh Éire Óg, Robert Larkin Durlas Og, Colm O'Riordan JK Brackens, Kieran O'Dwyer Holycross Ballycahill, James Mackey Nenagh Éire Óg, Tom Fox Eire Og Annacarty, David Sweeney Kildangan, Conor Lannigan Durlas Og, Sean Ryan Sean Treacys, Rory O'Regan Moycarkey Borris, Jack Lineen Durlas Og.



The Tipperary U16 B Hurling panel that took part in the Tipperary Supporters Club U16 B Hurling Tourmanment. Back l-r: Shane Ryan Holycross Ballycahill, Brian Kennedy JK Brackens, Jory Knight Portroe, Walter Carroll Knockavilla Kickhams, Donnacha Quinn Nenagh Eire Og, John Joe Ryan Clonakenny, Stephen Moroney Carrig Davins, Dale O'Hanlon Carrig Swans, Gerard Barlow Golden Kilfeackle, Noel Vaughan Skeheenarinky, Mark Gleeson Templederry Kenyons, Jamie Woods Holycross Ballycahill, Kevin Mulcahy Ballinahinch. Front l-r: Kevin Dunne Durlas Og, Ray Nally Holycross Ballycahill, Graham Maher Durlas Og, Caley Maher Durlas Og, Padraig Russell Thurles Gaels, Sam Conlon Roscrea, Eanna McLoughney Shannon Rovers, Cian Rigney Roscrea, Jason Cahill Skeheenarinky, Stephen Cleary Kilruane McDonaghs, David Russell Durlas Og.



The Borrisokane panel that defeated Ardfinnan in the County U14 B Football Final.



The Drom Inch Panel that defeated Moyle Rovers in the County U/14 A Football Final. Back l-r: Conor O'Meara, Kevin Hassett, Emmett Moloney, Jamie Moloney, Mark O'Meara, Gary Carey, Stevie Nolan, Michael Connors Capt, Liam Dempsey, Thomas Nolan, Colm Kinnane, Ciaran Thorpe. Front l-r: Andy Purcell, Paul Hennessy, Ben Ahearne, Paul Bergin, Pauric Campion, Aidan O'Meara, Eoin Collins, Robert Kennedy, Michael Clohessy, Glynn Stewart, Shane Ryan.



Clonmel Commercials – County Under 12 Group 1 football winners. Back (l-r): Garry Hallinan (manager/coach), Adam Peters, Aaron Phelan, James Corbett, Aidain Tobin, Conal Kennedy, Daniel Traas, Oisin Napier, Tom O'Ceallaigh (selector/coach). Front (l-r): Jamie McGuire, James Brophy, Lee Devine, Ryan Lambe(Captain), Patrick Murchan, Sean Kennedy, Niall Hoctor, Joe Gunne.

	North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Results 2011							
Date	Date Venue Grade Team Team Referee Captain							Captain
HURLING	HURLING							
23.09.11	Toomevara	U-13 Plate	Newport/B-Hinch	2-03	Moneygall	1-04	Noel Coffey	Jack Delahunty
03.10.11	Puckane	U-13 Plate	Kildangan	1-07	Borrisokane	1-05	Stephen Kenny	Darragh Molloy
29.09.11	Puckane	U-13 Plate	Shannon Rovers	1-08	Silvermines	1-02	Michael Murphy	Stephen Burke
26.09.11	Portroe	U-15 Plate	Burgess	2-08	Ballina	0-12	Ciaran Timmons	Jamie Maxwell
13.08.11	Puckane	U-14 'A'	Nenagh Éire Óg	1-11	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-4	Philip Kelly	Gavin O'Connor
06.09.11	Cloughjordan	U-14 'B'	Borrisokane	2-08	Borris-Ileigh	1-03	Dan Darcy	Michael Gohery
17.09.11	Cloughjordan	U-16 'A'	Nenagh Éire Óg	2-19	Toomevara	1-11	Pat Gibson	James Mackey
18.09.11	Nenagh	U-16 'B'	Kildangan	4-10	Templederry Kenyons	0-12	Kieran Delaney	Jim Minehan
FOOTBAL	L							
23.05.11	Ballina	U-14 'A'	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-09	Newport Gaels	1-02	Ciaran Timmons	lan Mc Namara
16.05.11	Ballinderry	U-14 'B'	Borrisokane	4-14	Burgess	2-01	Anthony Sherlock	Michael Gavin
11.05.11	Kilcolman	U-16 'A'	Ballina	1-10	Nenagh Éire Óg	0-10	Pat Gibson	Adrian Hanley
25.04.11	Nenagh	U-16 'B'	Toomevara	4-10	Borrisokane	0-14	Jim Lees	Michael Tierney
16.05.11	Puckane	U-16 'C'	Lorrha & Dorrha	6-12	Ballina 'B'	0-02	Tommy Ryan	Christopher Fogarty

North Tipperary Bord na nOg Review

Peader Cummins Tournament was held in Borris-Ileigh on Saturday May 25th.

Semi Finals

North Tipp 2-09 Mid Tipp 0-07

South Tipp 4-08 North Tipp 0-10

North Tipp Panel Anthony Walsh Éire Óg Nenagh, Gavin O'Connor Éire Og Nenagh, Eoin Stapleton Borris-Ileigh, Stephen Ryan Silvermines, James Cleary Kilruane MacDonaghs, Alan Tynan Roscrea, Liam MacCutcheon Templederry, Micheal Gohery Borrisokane, Jack Delaney Toomevara, David Gleeson Ballinahinch, Shane Hennessey Éire Óg Nenagh (capt), Paul Kennedy Knockshegowna, Micheal Carey Borris-Ileigh, Darragh

Carey Templederry, Keith Nealon Burgess, Cormack Keating Portroe, Sean Hogan Shannon Rovers, Conor Gill Burgess, Connie O Reilly Éire Óg Nenagh, Michael Brislane Toomevara, Ross Healy Ballinahinch, Robert Byrne Portroe, Terry O Halloran Ballina, Darragh Peters Kilurane MacDonaghs.

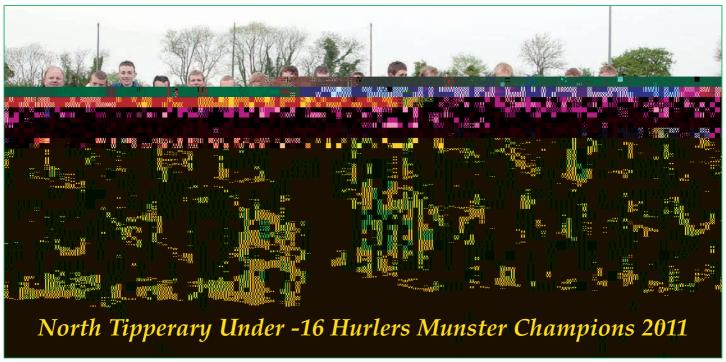
Mentors: Seamus Doran Roscrea, John Manley Éire Óg Nenagh, Mark Gennery Portroe.

The Roger Ryan Memorial Tournament.

The U-15 Inter-Divisional Hurling Tournament was held on Saturday 16th April 2011.

Rd 1 North Tipp 1-10 Mid Tipp 1-06

Rd 2 North Tipp 2-10 South Tipp 0-07



Back I-r: Liam Flannery (selector), Aidan Moloney, Darragh McGrath, Donnacha Quinn, Mark McCarthy, Mark Gleeson, Cian Rigney, Cathal Kennedy, Daryl Ryan, Austin Tierney, Barry Heffernan, Jason Ryan, Joey Knight, Aidan Hanley, Ryan Tuohy, Jim Minehan, Kevin Mulcahy, Eddie Hynes (physio). Front 1-r: John Cahalan, Stephen Cleary, James Mackey, David Sweeney, Cillian Gleeson, Aidan Boyle, Sam Conlon, Jamie Lewis, Conor Floyd, Christopher Fogarty, Eanna McLoughney, Liam Kelly (selector).

North Tipp Panel Enda Moloney Roscrea, Kieran Maher Borris-Ileigh, Mark Grace Toomevara, Robert Houlihan Newport, Padraig Hogan Templederry, Conor Floyd Newport, Andrew Coffey Éire Óg Nenagh (Capt), Dylan Carey Templederry, John Cahalan Éire Óg Nenagh, Willie Coffey

Toomevara, Paul Ryan Toomevara, Conor Maguire Ballina, Pa Ryan Newport, Brian Hogan Lorrha, Paul McGrath Kildangan, Conor Ryan Éire Óg Nenagh, Lee Cashin Roscrea, Thomas Conway Ballina, Andrew Duggan Portroe. Kieran Flaherty Toomevara, Jamie Maxwell Burgess, Evan Fitzpatrick Roscrea, Shane Kenny Borris-Ileigh, Aobhan Geaney Éire Óg Nenagh, Ronan Bourke Ballina, Andy Dunne Burgess, Philip Hickey Éire Óg Nenagh, Shane McCarthy Burgess, Willie Connors Kildangan (injured)

Mentors: Greg Browne Éire Óg Nenagh, Tommy Ryan Kildangan, Peter Carroll Burgess.

Garda Cup Inter – Divisional Under 16 Hurling Tournament Semi Final North Tipp 5-16 Mid Tipp 2-20 (AET) Final North Tipp 3-14 West Tipp 0-04

North Tipp Panel Daryl Ryan Roscrea, Donnacha Quinn Éire Óg Nenagh, Cathal Kennedy Toomevara, David Sweeney Kildangan, Austin Tierney Shannon Rovers, Jason Ryan Toomevara, Jamie Lewis Lorrha, Aidan Moloney Newport, Cillian Gleeson Éire Óg Nenagh(capt), Joey Knight Portroe, Mark McCarthy Toomevara, Kevin Mulcahy Ballinahinch, Sam Conlan Roscrea, Barry Heffernan Éire Óg Nenagh, James Mackey Éire Óg Nenagh, Enna McLoughney Shannon Rovers, Cain Rigney Roscrea, Christopher Fogarty Lorrha, Stephen Cleary Kilruane MacDonaghs, Aidan Hanley Ballina, Conor Cleary Kilruane MacDonaghs, Aidan Boyle Kilruane MacDonaghs, Liam Carrol Moneygall, Mark Gleeson Templederry, Jim Minehan Kildangan, Darragh McGrath Ballinahinch, Michael Collins Éire Óg Nenagh, Ryan Toohey Silvermines.

Mentors: Liam Flannery Éire Óg Nenagh, Liam Kelly Kildangan, Len Gaynor Kilruane MacDonaghs.

North Tipp took part in the Munster Under 16 Hurling Tournament in Knocklong on April 30th

Rd 1 North Tipp 2-06 East Limerick 2-06

Rd 2 North Tipp 3-14 Seandon Cork 1-04

Rd 3 North Tipp 6-09 Waterford 2-04

The Semi Finals and Final were held in Mallow on Monday 02/05/11

Semi Finals

North Tipp 2-07 Imokilly 1-07 Mid Tipp 2-06 Mid Clare 1-07 Final was an all Tipp affair North Tipp -09 Mid Tipp 1-07

Tipperary Supporters' Club U-16 Hurling Tournaments

Tipperary Bórd na nÓg hosted the U- North Tipp members 16 Inter-County Tournament on Saturday August 28th . This year was the staging of two teams from each County.

North Tipp members of the A panel: Darryl Ryan Roscrea, Jason Ryan Toomevara, Austin Tierney Shannon Rovers. Cillian Gleeson Éire Óg Nenagh, Barry Heffernan Éire Óg Nenagh, Mark McCarthy Toomevara, David Sweeney Kildangan, James Mackey Éire Óg Nenagh. North Tipp Selector; Liam Kelly Kildangan.

North Tipp members of the B panel Eanna McLoughney Shannon Rovers, Donnacha Quinn Éire Óg Nenagh, Cian Rigney Roscrea, Stephen Cleary Kilruane MacDonaghs, Joey Knight Portroe, Mark Gleeson Templederry, Kevin Mulcahy Ballinahinch.

North Tipp selector; Brendan McKeogh Ballina, John Sheedy Portroe.

U-14 Divisional Football



Burgess U15 B Plate



Kildangan U16 'B'. Under 16. Back: Liam Minehan (selector), Paul Lawless, Daniel Hogan, Ciaran Kelly, John Hayes, Hugh Geaney, Podge Hayes, Sean Webb, Paul McGrath, David Sweeney, Darren Moran, Cathal Hayes, Darragh Hassey, Denis Flannery, Fergal Hayes (selector), Christy Meagher (selector). Front: Micheal Ryan (manager), Jody McGrath, David Cawley, Willie Connors, Jim Minehan, Eoin Meagher, Andy Loughnane, Tommy Mulqueen, Kevin Foley, James Quigley, Ben Banaghan, Barry Hogan, Colm Cawley, Danny Sweeney.



Nenagh U16 'A' H. Back l-r - Mickey MacNamara, Oisin Ryan, Conor Ryan, Paul Browne, Gerard O'Gorman, John Cahalan, Andrew Coffey, Anthony Walsh, Christopher Ryan, Jack O'Brien, Barry Hogan, Killian Gleeson, James Mackey (capt), Michael Collins, Paul O'Leary, Keelin Higgiston, Niall O'Gorman, Donnacha Quinn, Brian Flynn, Brian Gubbins, Con Morris, Greg Browne. Front l-r - Darragh MacGrath, Luke Kennedy, Gary Howard, Barry Heffernan, Connie O'Reilly, Shane Hennessy, Gavin O'Connor, Brian Slattery, Aidan Healy, Philip Hickey, Michael Hallinan, Aodhan Geaney, Jack Sheedy



Borrisokane Under 14 B North Hurling Champions 2011. Back l-r: Cathal Teigh, Darren Mooney, Sean Raleigh, James Troy, Sean Connolly, Jack Sherlock, Dylan Tierney, Padraig Coen, Dylan Power, Pauric Keeshan, Ciaran Fox, Michael Gavin, Conor Hogan, Craig McGrath, Conor Gavin, John Egan (selector), Liam O'Gara (selector) & Darragh McKenna (selector). Front l-r: Adam Gorman, Jack Larkin, Michael Heenan, Liam Cleary, Michael Kelly, Stephen Gavin, Michael Gohery (captain), Gary Ryan, Liam Dooley, Padraig Quinn, Jack McLoughlin and Jack Sherlock.

James MacCormack Borris-Ileigh, Sean Hogan Shannon Rovers, Michael Carey Borrsi-Ileigh, Cathal Whelan Shannon Rovers, Jack McLoughney Shannon Rovers, Emmet Moran Shannon Rovers, Padraig Brennan Knockshegowna, Paul Kennedy Knockshegowna, Bill Floyd Newport, Danial Delaney Newport, Brian Davis Inane Rovers, Graig McGrath Borrisokane, Michael Gohery Borrisokane, Robert Byrne Portroe, Billy Donnellan Portroe, Cormac Keating Portroe, Kevin Madden Silvermines, Eoin Seymour Silvermines, Niall McIntyrne Lorrha, Tony Needham Lorrha, Liam McCutheon Templederry, Michael O Donoughue Templederry, Frank Flannery Kildangan, Ben King Ballina, John McInerary Toomevara,

Selectors: T.P. Sullivan Éire Óg Nenagh, David Russell Inane Rovers.

U-15 Divisional Football

Mathew Connelly Newport, Jamie Collins Ballina, Robert Houlihan Newport, Conor Floyd Newport, Pa Ryan Newport (capt), Conor Maquire Ballina, Liam Duffy Newport, Phelem O Hagan Ballina, Thomas Conway Ballina, Daniel Keating Ballina, Brian McAuliffe Newport, Conor Ryan Éire Óg Nenagh, Oisin Ryan Éire Óg Nenagh, Michael Hurley Ballina, John Cahalan Éire Óg Nenagh, Sean Molloy Lorrha, Ross O Meara Lorrha, David Bradshaw Ballina, Oisin O Reilly Newport, James Murtagh Ballina, Patrick Redden Lorrha, Sean Molamphy Lorrha.

Selectors: John Kissane Éire Óg Nenagh, Leonard Ryan Éire



Borrisokane Under 14 North B Football Champions 2011 - Back l-r: Sean Cleary, Liam O'Gara (selector), Dylan Tierney, Paraic Keeshan, Darren Mooney, Ciaran Fox, Sean Raleigh, Jack Sherlock, Conor Hogan, Michael Gohery, Dylan Power, Gary Ryan, Craig McGrath, Padraig Coen, Paul Egan (selector), Jack Darcy, John Egan (selector) Conor Gavin & Darragh McKenna (selector). Front l-r: Michael Kelly, Padraic Quinn, Adam Gorman, Liam Dooley, Stephen Gavin, Michael Gavin (captain), Jack Larkin, Sean Connolly, Liam Cleary, Michael Heenan & Jack McLoughlin.



Shannon Rovers U13 'C Plate. Back l-r: Manus Heenan, James O'Sullivan, Oisin Harding, Patrick Dunne, Michael Slattery, Matthew Tierney, Dean Harding, Ray O'Meara. Front: Adam Slattery, Marcus Esmonde, Michael Mulvihill, Conal Moran, Andrew Lennox, Jack Dunne, Stephen Burke (captain), John O'Meara, Kevin Boyle and Conor Ryan. At extreme back are selectors Eoin Slattery, David Moran and Willie Ryan.

Óg Nenagh.

North Bord na nÓg Officer

Chairman: Mike Flynn Kildangan. Secretary: Marian Minehan Kildangan. P.R.O: Liam Hogan Shannon Rovers.

Compiled by Marian Minehan, Secretary



Toomevara U16 'B' F



North Tipp U16 Garda Cup

North Tipperary Bord na nOg Premier 12



Under 12 group 2 North Hurling Champions - Team and supporters in picture, Back l-r - Conor Ryan, Jack McLoughlin, Arron Moroney, Sean Connolly, Jack Darcy, Michael Kelly, Michael Heenan, Jack Larkin, Stephen Gavin, Liam Cleary, Eamon Hough. Front l-r: Oisin Larkin, Kyle Kennedy, Eddie O'Dwyer, Scott Harvey, Roan Murphy, Daire Madden, Conor Gavin, Tadgh Slevin & Kevin Cleary.



Moneygall: Back l-r: Niall Maher, Jack O'Brien, Joseph Fogarty, Jack Kirwan, William Jones, Timmy Flaherty, Daniel O'Meara, Paul Costello, Eamon Ryan. Front l-r: Gearoid Larkin, Neil Maher, Roddy Teehan, David Egan, Cian Duane, Mark Fanning, David Jones.



Burgess



Toomevara



Kilruane



North U 12 A team North Final winners. Back l-r: Mark O'Farrell, Killian Malone, Jake Morris Capt, Evan Murphy, Peter Folan, Shane Harrington. Front l-r: Barry Coffey, Stevie Hallinan, Conor McCarthy, Ethan O'Brien, Conor Bonnar, Daniel O'Donovan. Absent from photo, Sean McTiernan.



Shannon Rovers. Back l-r: James O'Sullivan, David Moran (sel), Andrew Lennox, Jack Dunne, Michael Slattery, Conal Moran, Michael Mulvihill, Conor Ryan, Dean Harding, Matthew Tierney, Eoin Slattery (sel). Front: Kevin Boyle, Marcus Esmonde, Katie Costello, John O'Meara, Manus Heenan, Adam Slattery, Ray O'Meara, Willie Ryan (sel.).



Roscrea: Back l-r: Jack Ryan, Brian Parlon, Stephen Carey, Jack Ryan, Emmett Fitzgerald, Enda Parlon, Cian Fletcher, Ray Fuller. Front: Rian Lee, Bryan McCabe, Owen Tynan, Aaron Loughnane (Captain), Owen Harte, Eoin Dooley and Darragh Doyle.



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North U14 'A' Hurling winners: Back l-r:John Manley, Bill McKenna, Arron Hogan, Ian McNamara, Anthony Walsh, Alex Jones, Eamon O'Brien, Brian Tuite, Killian Malone, Ethan O'Brien, Gavin O'Connor, Adam Carey, Shane Hennessy, Christy McLoughlin. Front l-r: Adam Healy, Niall McKeogh, Craig Hilmi, Conor Bonar, Jason McKenna, Liam Maher, Connie O'Reilly, Jake Flynn, Jack McGrath, Dominic O'Brien, Jake Morris, Levi Heenan.

Roscrea - Community Games County Football and Hurling double

As is normal practise of Roscrea Hurling Club, we entered a team in the Co. Tipperary HSE Community Games Under 11 Hurling competition. We held 2 weeks of trials and decided on our panel of 20. Our route through the competition would prove to be interesting in that we had no matches at home; we played each and every match away at our opponents club.

We travelled successfully to Burgess, Moycarkey Borris and Nenagh for games coming away with wins in every game. A strange pattern began emerging; no team was scoring against us from play. Any scores our opposition got was coming from frees. We reached the County semi-final against Durlas Óg. This game was played in Durlas Og's pitch in very windy and wet conditions. In a dogged, physical and determined display of hurling by our boys we ran out the winners 2-1 to 0-1. Again Durlas Og's only point against us came from a free. Thus, for the first time in 28 years Roscrea qualified for the County Community Games Hurling Final in Semple Stadium on the June Bank Holiday Monday.

And so, onto Semple Stadium and the County Final where we faced Cashel. Our Goalkeeper Eoin Harte along with our full back line of Dean Pyne, Enda Parlon and Kevin Moore were rarely troubled in this game. Our half back line of Jamie Ryan, Glenn Loughnane (Captain) and Luke Cashin swept up everything that came in with the midfield of Darragh Tynan and Owen Tynan dominating. Our half forwards of Eoin Dooley, James Synnott and Conor Nolan fielded some fantastic ball with our full forward line of Jack Lee, Conor Donovan and Luke Seacy displaying lethal accuracy. Special mention must go to our 5 substitutes of Bradley Neville, Rian Lee, Eoghan Kelly, Aidan Booth and Brian Bergin who all came on for their team-mates and played a vital part in our 5-4 to 0-0 win over Cashel.

We then qualified as the County Tipperary HSE Community Games champions to represent the County in the Munster semi-final against Douglas of Cork. On a gorgeously sunny day in UL we were eventually beaten 3-4 to 2-5 by Douglas.

Coaches for 2011: Liam Cashin, Aiden Flynn, Danny Gilmartin, Seamus Moloney and Pauline Martin-O'Rourke

The football season again was a very successful one on this occasion with the

first match away to Templemore and we recorded a big win in this game. Our second game was a home game against Newport and we played against the wind in the first half and put up a big lead to run out easy winners in the end.

Our next game was the final and we travelled with reasonable confidence to Semple Stadium. Our excitement was further heightened by the prospect of a number of players playing on both the hurling and football finals on the day. Again in this game against Kilsheelan we got off to a great start, our midfielders performed very well

especially in the first half and we had a star performance from the forwards especially Conor Dooley who gave a man of the match display and Conor Shanahan, Dean Carey and Dylan Buckley in the half forward line.

Our progress in the second half was more difficult and our defence was called into action on a number of occasions with great performances from Nathan Carroll, Cian O Connor and Brian Bergin in the early stages and subsequently Lorcan O'Meara and Aidan Booth. We also had a great performance in goals on the day from Kenny Lee with a super penalty save in the first half contributing to a memorable success. We

also had significant help from our substitutes throughout the year with great work put in by Conor Phelan, James Treacy, Eoghan Kelly and Killian Guilfoyle.

A special mention to players who played in both finals on the day, Luke Seacy, Deane Pyne, Conor Donovan, Eoghan Kelly, Brian Bergin, Bradley Neville and Aidan Booth.

Congratulations on a memorable county final double.



Roscrea - Tipperary Community Games U9¹/2 Football Champions: Back (l-r): James Treacy, Liam Seacy, Lorcan O'Meara, Conor Phelan, Brian Bergin, Cillian Guilfoyle, Kenny Lee, Conor Shanahan, Bradley Neville, Eoghan Kelly, Dylan Hogan. Front (l-r): Nathan Carroll, Cian O'Connor, Calin Byrne, Dylan Buckley, Conor O'Donovan, Aidan Booth, Dylan Carey, Dean Pyne, Conor Dooley. Selectors (l-r): Tony Deane, Paul Booth, Ger Dooley, Donal Hogan.



Roscrea – Tipperary Community Games U11 Hurling Champions: Front (l-r): Owen Tynan, Jamie Ryan, Glenn Loughnane Capt, Darragh Tynan, Luke Cashin, James Synott. Middle (l-r): Aidan Booth, Luke Seacy, Brian Bergin, Kevin Moore, Eoin Harte, Dean Pyne, Eoin Dooley, Conor Nolan. Back (l-r): Eoghan Kelly, Rian Lee, Jack Lee, Conor Donovan, Bradley Neville, Enda Parlon. Coaches l-r Aiden Flynn, Danny Gilmartin, Pauline Martin-O'Rourke, Seamus Moloney, Liam Cashin.

Bord na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach Championship & Shield Finals 2011

Hurling

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
19-3-2011	Féile Jimmy Coppinger	Drom/Inch	1-7	Moycarkey/Borris	0-2	Holycross	Martin Ryan
24-9-2011	U-12 G1 Shield Pat Cullen	Durlas Óg	3-4	Drom/Inch	1-5	Littleton	Jimmy Sweeney
24-9-2011	U-12 G2 Shield	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-3	Upperchurch/Drombane	e 0-4	Templetouhy	Donal Leahy
24-9-2011	U-12 G3 Shield	Holycross/Ballycahill	4-5	JK Brackens	3-1	Littleton	Andy Murray
24-9-2011	U-12 G4 Shield	Moyne/Templetuohy	4-3	Boherlahan/Dualla	1-3	Templetouhy	Kevin Butler
15-10-2011	U-14 A shield	Holycross/Ballycahill	3-8	JK Brackens	0-1	Littleton	Liam Shanahan
22-10-2011	U-14 B Shield	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-5	Boherlahan/Dualla 1	-4 aet	Drombane	John Butler
07-07-2011	U-12 G1Centenary Co-Op	Holycross/Ballycahill	0-7	Moycarkey/Borris	0-3	Templemore	John Kelly
07-07-2011	U-12 G2 Snap Printing	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	4-9	Moyne/Templetuohy	2-8	Templemore	Ml. Heffernan
07-07-2011	U-12 G3 Murphy	Boherlahan/Dualla	3-2	Clonakenny	2-2	Templemore	Martin Ryan
	Office Supplies						
07-07-2011	U-12 G4 John Ryan	Moycarkey/Borris	4-1	Durlas Óg	2-3	Templemore	Sean Everard
	Bus Hire						
01-09-2011	U-14A Spain Family	Drom/Inch	4-15	Durlas Óg	1-5	Drombane	Michael Hassett
29-08-2011	U-14 B Stakelums	Moyne/Templetuohy	3-8	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	3-5	Littleton	John Butler
	Office Supplies						
29-08-2011	U-14 C Doran Oil Ltd	Durlas Óg	3-17	Moycarkey/Borris	0-5	Kickham Park	Jimmy Sweeney
19-09-2011	U-16 A Kevin Darmody Ltd	Durlas Óg	0-11	Holycross/Ballycahill	1-6	The Ragg	Jimmy Sweeney
11-09-2011	U-16 B Stakelums Hardware	Upperchurch/Drombane	e 3-11	Durlas Óg	3-3	Littleton	Martin Ryan

Football

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
03-04-2011	Peil Jimmy Coppinger	Drom/Inch	0-11	JK Brackens	0-2	Templetouhy	Martin Ryan
16-05-2011	U-12 G 1Seamus Hanafin	Moycarkey/Borris	5-7	Holycross/Ballycahill	1-7	The Ragg	Denis Curtis
	Furniture						
15-05-2011	U-12 G 2 Liam Young	Drom/Inch	2-6	Moyne/Templetuohy	2-5	Templetouhy	Ml. Heffernan
	Plant Sales						
15-05-2011	U-12 G 3 Hayes Hotel	Durlas Óg	4-4	Moycarkey/Borris	3-2	Templetouhy	Andy Murray
15-05-2011	U-12 G 4 Doran Oil	Durlas Óg	2-4	Boherlahan/Dualla	1-3	Templetouhy	D. Brennan
31-05-2011	U-14 A Joe O'Sullivan	Drom/Inch	3-11	Durlas Óg	0-0	Killea	Michael Hassett
	Bus Hire						
31-05-2011	U-14 B John Ryan Bus Hire	Holycross/Ballycahill	6-4	Loughmore/Castleiney	4-1	Kickham Park	PJ Nolan
25-05-2011	U-14 C Murphy	Moyne/Templetuohy	2-8	Upperchurch/Drombane	0-4	Holycross	Tom McGrath
	Office Supplies						
20-05-2011	U -16 A Templemore	JK Brackens	5-8	Holycross/Ballycahill	1-4	Templetouhy	Martin Ryan
	Jewellers						
16-05-2011	U- 16 B Darmody Fencing	Drom/Inch	4-17	Durlas Óg	3-4	Drombane	John Kelly

Bórd na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach

Le Sorcha de Shiun Runaí

This year 363 juvenile games were played between the twenty six competitions including Feile, Peil, championship and shield covering both hurling and football. The increase in the games tally (285 in 2010) is due this year to the change in the running of the Under 12s. Thanks to all the clubs in the Mid division who cooperated with the Bord in implementing the rules which are, that games are a minimum of 11 players a side and all subs must play at least half a game. All substitutions to be made at half time except in case of injury. The above rules also apply to all games from Under 12 down including challenges and tournaments. Time will tell in the years to come whether the aim of keeping more players involved will be realised.

The county end games in Semple Stadium were a great success with 32 teams taking part on both the football and hurling days. Up to 1000 players from all over the county got their chance to grace the Semple Stadium sod a memory that will live long in a child's mind. No Under 12 titles came the Mid's way on either day but some teams did come close.

Club Action This year the Mid won four county titles Under 14 Feile, Under 14 'A' Hurling and Football championship and Under 16 'A' hurling.

Inter-Divisional Football The Mid were successful in two out of three of the interdivisional football competitions on the 19th March 2011. The first piece of silverware was secured in Bansha when the Under 15 panel retained the crown after victory over the South in the final. Not to be outdone the Under 14 panel achieved the same feat after grinding out an extra time victory over the South in Ballylooby.

Unfortunately, the Under 16 panel failed to capitalise on early momentum and were defeated in both matches in the Garda Field in Templemore.

Results

Under 14 Football

Inter-Divisional Under 14 Football Semi-Final Mid 3-13 North 1-02 Inter-Divisional Under 14 Football Final

Bórd na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach Officers 2011

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Mid 2-10 South 1-06 (aet)

Selectors: Kevin Butler (Drom-Inch), Eoin Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane) and Brian Moran (Moycarkey-Borris)

Under 15 Football

Inter-Divisional Under 15 Football Semi-Final

Mid 0-12 North 0-08

Inter-Divisional Under 15 Football Final

Mid 1-08 South 0-05

Selectors: Tom McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Sean Scully (JK Brackens), Joe Kennedy (Moyne-Templetouhy) and Andy Ryan (Games Development Administrator)

Under 16 Football

Friends of Tipperary Football Under 16 Inter-Divisional Round Robin

West 3-07 Mid 1-05

South 1-08 Mid 1-01

Selectors: David Fogarty (Boherlahan-Dualla), Tony Lanigan (Durlas Óg) and Sean Cashman (JK Brackens).

Inter-Divisional Hurling

The Divisional Under 15 and Under 16 hurling tournaments took place on Saturday 16th April in Toomevara and Holycross respectively, but unfortunately the Mid teams left both venues empty handed despite good performances.



Back I-r: Tom McGrath (selector), David Lowe (Moyne/Templetuohy), Killian Maher (Boherlahan/Dualla), Kieran Maher (Loughmore/Castleiney), Mattie Stakelum (Holycross/Ballycahill), Marco Bras (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Bill O'Connell (Loughmore/Castleiney), Faolan Linnane (Durlas Og), Paul Sammon (Durlas Og), Tommy O'Gorman (Moycarkey/Borris), John Croke (Holycross/Ballycahill), Gavin Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane), Paul Kennedy (Drom/Inch), Conor Ryan (Holycross/Ballycahill), Liam Lanigan (Moycarkey/Borris), Joe Kennedy (selector). Front: Mikey O'Meara (J K Brackens), Robbie Long (Drom/Inch), Mark Butler (Loughmore/Castleiney), Ronan Teehan (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Chris McCullagh (Moycarkey/Borris), Brendan Larkin (Drom/Inch), Luke Kelly (Durlas Og) Capt., Brian Dwan (Holycross/Ballycahill), Niall Heffernan (Moycarkey/Borris), Kevin Ahearne (Drom/Inch), Billy McCarthy (Durlas Og). Missing from photo Thomas Skehan (Durlas Og)





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Under 15 Roger Ryan Tournament The Roger Ryan Under 15 tournament in Toomevara was reduced to a round robin format due to the withdrawal of the West division. Mid played North in the first match and after a slow start they went in two points down at the break. An improved second half performance was still not enough to overcome the North with final score 1-06 to 1-10. Their second match against the South showed the potential of the side as they played in a more resolute fashion. Never behind in this one the midfield and forward units clicked to give the excellent backline every support as they ran out comfortable winners 1-16 to 2-05.

Under 16 Garda Cup The Under 16 panel were out to defend the Garda Cup won in Clonoulty last year. In what turned out to be a tremendous match they were seconds away from a one point victory before the North sent the match to extra time with a last gasp free. And although opening the extra time scoring they succumbed to a five point defeat after a gallant effort, 2-20 to 5-16. The Shield final against the South saw an overhaul of the team as the selectors gave the entire panel a chance to impress.

Under 16 Munster Championship The Under 16 Munster championship took place on the weekend 30th April in Morris Park with the semis and finals in Mallow on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May.

The Mid Tipp team were defending their title which they had won in 2010 after a gap of 16 years

They made a great start on Saturday accounting for East Clare, East Waterford and Imokilly.

These three wins meant they qualified for the semi finals on Monday in Mallow.

In the semi final Mid Tipp defeated Mid Clare but in the final despite a great battle they had to relinquish their title to neighbours North Tipp.

Mid selectors were David Fogarty (Boherlahan-Dualla), Tony Lanigan (Durlas Óg) and Sean Cashman (JK Brackens)

Results Mid Tipp 2-8 East Clare 0-7 Mid Tipp 0-12 East Waterford Mid Tipp 2-10 Imokilly 1-6 Semi Final Mid Tipp 1-9 Mid Clare 0-4 Final Mid Tipp 1-7 North Tipp 1-9

Under 14 Peadar Cummins Tournament The Peadar Cummins tournament was held in Borrisoleigh on the 28th May. The South won out on the day with strong performances in the semi and final. The Mid captained by Eric Fanning Moycarkey Borris won the Shield final.

Results

Semi Final Mid 0-7 North 2-9 Shield Final Mid 3-6 West 2-6

Shield Competition The shield competition was set up with the idea of giving more games to players and not another win at all costs competition. Clubs should keep this in mind when lining out their teams and give games to their fringe players. We encourage clubs to enter this competition and to use it as a yardstick as to the level of competition the winning championship teams will encounter when they have to move up in two years time. This year the shield competition gave fifty one extra games to the under 12s and sixteen extra games to the under 14 clubs who took part.

Sincere thanks to the following for their cooperation and support during the year,

- The sponsors of our Mid championships
- To the sponsors of the Mid divisional teams Kieran and Gillian Linnane and FBD insurance who continue their sponsorship
- Under 15 sponsors Martin Campion Pumps Gortnahoe who came on board this year
- 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.
- I wish to acknowledge the co-operation received from all the clubs personnel throughout the year
- To our Senior Board 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 under 8 and under 10 blitzes throughout the year and for his help to the Bord.
- To Moycarkey Borris, Holycross Ballycahill, JK Brackens and Drom Inch clubs who hosted the Tipperary Supporters u-16 Tournament on the 27th August
- The catering on the day was top class and gave a very good impression of our division

Referees On behalf of Mid Bord na nOg I would also like to thank each and every referees in the Division for their cooperation.

Young Whistlers This year 3 young people followed on from doing the young whistler's course in transition year by refereeing under 12 Group 3 and 4 matches and this was also a big help to the Bord.



Mid Bord na nOg Officers and Guests at the Mid Bord na nOg Convention 2011. Back l-r: Jonathan Cullen Mid Board Secretary, Matty Ryan Mid Board Chairman, Rody Lowry Senior Board Rep, Neil Ryan County Bord na nOg Secretary, Jimmy Coppinger Vice President, Joe O'Sullivan Vice Chairman. Front l-r: Martin Treacy County Bord na nOg Rep, Sally Younge Secretary, Joe Kennedy Chairman, Andy O'Gorman President, Joe Bracken PRO.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Liam Younge Plant Sales sponsored Premier Mini League Football Group 2 Final. Back l-r: Jason Heskin, John Ryan, Michael Clohessy, Hugh Scott, Paul Bergin Capt, Eoin Collins, Aidan O'Meara, Niall Fogarty, Aaron Ryan. Front l-r: Paul Glasheen, Andrew Mullen, Donnacha Barry, Fintan Purcell, Rory O'Dwyer Foskin, Lorcan Campion, Ben Stapleton, Jamie Ryan.



The Drom and Inch Panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Joe O'Sullivan Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipperary U/14 A Football Final. Back l-r: Paul Hennessy, Robert Kennedy, Andy Purcell, Jamie Bergin, Conor O'Meara, Colm Kinnane, Stevie Nolan, Kevin Hassett, Emmet Moloney, Michael Connors Capt, Thomas Nolan, Gary Carey, Mark O Brien. Front l-r: Eoin Collins, Paul Bergin, Michael Clohessy, Aidan O'Meara, Ciaran Thorpe, Pauric Campion, Ben Aherne, Shane Ryan, Glynn Stewart.



The Durlas Og panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Hayes Hotel sponsored Premier Mini League U12 Football Group 3 Final. Back l-r: Shane Fitzpatrick, Kevin Bracken, Barry McGrath, Dylan Costello, Darren Fahy, Sean Butler, Ben Murphy, Edward Cullen. Front l-r: Bill Shanahan, Kieran Moloney, Fred Crowley, Conor Murphy, Sean Kennedy, Rory Fogarty, Frank McKevitt.



Durlas Og Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Doran Oil sponsored Premier U12 Group 4 Mini League Football Final. Picture Back Row L to R Jack Bambrick, Kiaran Murphy, Dylan O Shaughnessy, Michael Mulcaire, David Shorley, Patrick Scully. Front Row L to R Stephen Dorney, Callum Hall, Eoin Kerrane, Aidan Butler Capt, Aaron Martin, Jamie Donovan, Cillian Donaghy



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Templemore Jewellers sponsored Mid Tipp U16 A Football Final. Back lr: Niall Bourke, Conor Bourke, Paddy Morrissey, Niall Martin, Colin O'Riordan (Capt), James Bergin, Jordan Moloney, Dylan Moloney, Martin Scully, Tommy Morrissey, Eamon Joyce, Eric Quinlan, Martin Delaney. Front l-r: Sean Maher Coonan, Michael Kelly, Michael Greed, Eamon Kennedy, Karl Stakelum, Jack Fogarty, Michael O Meara, Brian Roche, Tommy Brett, Brian Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy.



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the John Ryan Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipperary U14 B Football Final. Back l-r: Ewan Bourke, Niall Conlon, Jack Skeehan, Aaron Ryan Capt, Brandan Shanahan, James Flynn, Fionn McCarten, Philip Fogarty, Simon Byrne, Edward O'Gorman, David Croke, Mark Dwan, Sean Stakelum. Front l-r: Daniel Matthews, Jack Dwan, Alex Murphy, Gavin Dunne, Bryan O'Meara, Stephen Flannigan, Sean Spillane, James Ryan, Tommy Teer, Darragh Woods.



The Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Murphy Office Supplies Mid Tipp Premier U/12 Group 3 Hurling Final. Back l-r: Aoife Kennedy, Roisin Maher, Casey Hennessy, Luke Kevin, Declan Crosse, Jack Maher, Adam Ferncombe. Front: Jack O'Riordan, Conor Dwan, Paraic Clarke, Martin Paul O'Dwyer, Conor Louth, Stephen Walsh Capt.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Spain family sponsored Mid Tipperary U14 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Shane Ryan, Liam Dempsey, Tomas Nolan, Jamie Bergin, Michael Connors, Kevin Hassett, Emmet Moloney Capt, Colm Kinane, Stevie Nolan, Mark O'Brien, Conor O'Meara. Front: Ben Ahearne, Paul Hennessy, Glynn Stewart, Aidan O'Meara, Eoin Collins, Pauric Campion, Ciaran Thorpe, Paul Bergin, Robert Kennedy, Michael Clohessy, Andy Purcell.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Final of the Jimmy Coppinger sponsored Mid Tipp Feile na nGael Final.



The Victorious Drom and Inch panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Darmody Fencing sponsored Mid Tipperary U16 B Football Final. Back l-r: Paul Hennessy, Rory O'Dwyer, Paul Kennedy, Brian Hennessy, Stevie Nolan, Tomas O'Meara, Emmet Moloney, Richard Kennedy (Capt), Michael Cantwell, Joey Maher, Robert Kennedy, Kevin Aherne, Mark O'Brien. Front l-r: Ben Ahearne, Colm Kinane, Thomas Nolan, Ciaran Thorpe, Jamie Bergin, Robert Long, Michael Connors, Brendan Larkin, Pauric Campion, Kevin Hassett.



Durlas Og Panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Doran Oil sponsored Premier U12 Group 4 Mini League Football Final. Back l-r: Jack Bambrick, Kiaran Murphy, Dylan O Shaughnessy, Michael Mulcaire, David Shorley, Patrick Scully. Front l-r: Stephen Dorney, Callum Hall, Eoin Kerrane, Aidan Butler Capt, Aaron Martin, Jamie Donovan, Cillian Donaghy



The Drom and Inch Panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Final of the Jimmy Coppinger sponsored Mid Tipp Peil na nOg Final



The victorious Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Mid Tipp Div 2 Mini Go Games U12 Shield Hurling Final.



The Victorious Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Mid Tipp Mini Go Games Div 4 U12 Hurling Shield Final.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Seamus Hanafin Furniture Store Mid Tipperary U/12 Premier Mini Football League Group 1 Final. Back l-r: Declan Ryan, Donal Fitzpatrick, Daniel Ryan, Anthony McKelvey Capt, Jack Hackett, Jack Fallon, Rory Darmody, John Kirwan. Front 1-r: David O Donnell, Philip O'Sullivan, Michael Maher, Kieran Kearney, Zach Jackson, Shane Maher, James Dillon.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Durlas Og in the John Ryan Bus Hire Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Hurling Group 4 Final. Back l-r: Danie Brown, Luke Corbett, Eamon Martin, Adian Scott, Jonathan Ely Capt, Michael Ryan, Shane Fitzpatrick, Brendan Looby. Front l-r: Colin Hartigan, Darren Flood, Peter Melbourne, Max Hackett, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Ben O Dwyer, Bill Maher.



The Moyne Templetuohy Panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoole in the Stakelums Office Supplies Mid Tipperary U/14 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Colm Ryan, Dean Morrissey, Darren Ryan, Eoin Gorman, Sean Moloney Capt, Diarmuid Leahy, Gearoid O'Connor, Thomas Foy Lee Tierney, Damien Cantwell, Andrew Kiely David Walsh. Front l-r: Chris Lawlor, Mark Ryan, Jamie Morrissey, Darragh Taylor, Eoin Keyes, Conor Bowe, Stephen Troy, Ben Ryan, Sean Ryan, Jack Taylor.



The Victorious Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Murphy Office Supplies Mid Tipp U14 C Football Final. Back l-r: Ger Geehan, John Moloney, Eoin Campion, Darren Ryan, Thomas Foy, Sean Moloney, Gearoid O'Connor, Colm Ryan, Damien Cantwell, Eoin Gorman, Chris Lalor, Dean Morrissey, Joe Lawlor, Kieran Healy. Front l-r: Conor Bowe, Sean Ryan, Dara Taylor, Ben Ryan, Stephen Troy, Mark Ryan, David Walsh (Capt), Eoin Keyes, Harry Hogan, Jamie Morrissey, Diarmuid Leahy.



The Gortnahoe Glengoole panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Snap Printing sponsored Group 2 Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Hurling Final. Back l-r: David Moran, Jake Kelly, David Butler, John Kennedy, Mark Mullally, Ger Kavanagh, Sean Lyons. Front: Jack Moore Capt, Sam Atkinson Lynch, Eamon Fogarty, Karl Campion, Roan McDonnell, Paul Treacy



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Centenary Co-op sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Hurling Group 1 Final. Back l-r: Dara Woods Capt, Cormac O'Connor, James Ryan, Tommy Tier, Edward O'Gorman, Eanna Ryan, Colin Nolan, Luke Ryan. Front: Brian O'Mara, Jack Ryan, Mikey Nally, Jack Dwan, Seamus Stakelum, David Manning



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated JK Brackens in the the Mid Tipperary U14 A Shield Final.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Mid Tipperary U14 B Hurling Shield Final.



The Mid Tipperary U14 Hurling Team that defeated West Tipperary in the Peadar Cummins Shield Final. Back 1-r: Anthony Ryan Loughmore Castleiney, Emmet Moloney Drom and Inch, Eric Fanning Capt Moycarkey Borris, Michael Connors Drom and Inch, Jack Skeehan Holycross Ballycahill, Jordan Moloney JK Brackens, Jamie Curtis Durlas Og, Joe Doran Moycarkey Borris, Jamie Moriarty Gortnahoe Glengoole, Thomas Nolan Drom and Inch, Jack Derby Durlas Og, Sean Moloney Moyne Templetuohy. Front l-r: Brian Maher Moycarkey Borris, Karl Collins Gortnahoe Glengoole, Colm Kinane Drom and Inch, Ciaran Thorpe Drom and Inch, Kieran Cummins Moycarkey Borris, Kevin Hassett Drom and Inch, Loughlin Ryan Upperchurch Drombane, Rory Purcell Durlas Og, Niall Manton Boherlahan Dualla, Mikey Bergin Moycarkey Borris.

West Tipperary Bord na nOg

Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

Since competitions got underway in the Division back in March with the preliminary rounds of Peil na nOg (U14 Football) to its closure on November 5th, with the playing of the deferred U16B Hurling League final in which the Sean Treacys/Emly combination collected the honours, this can only be described as another busy playing year in the history of the Board with in excess of 400 games played culminating in 45 finals.

This year saw the introduction of newly structured U12 competitions replacing the old championship format and while a number of teething problems did emerge, the new format certainly opened the way for more young people getting to play games and apart from extra games it created more opportunities also for many of our U12s across the division to play in Semple Stadium.

Eire Og topped the honours list with no fewer than six titles assembled while Sean Treacys, the Kickhams, Cashel KC, Golden/Kilfeacle and Clonoulty/Rossmore were all hot on their heels with multiple titles in both codes.

An outstanding achievement in this years championships in the division was the re emergence of Rosegreen to the winning ranks after a number of years in the shadows of their more powerful neighbours. Bridging a gap of twelve years to their last West Championship final victory, they produced an U14 hurling and football West championship winning double victory which certainly bears testament to the coaching that's taking place within the clubs juvenile ranks.

While we contested a number of County finals in both codes, Eire Og were our only West representatives to collect county honours following a comprehensive victory over South Tipperary champions Clerihan, in the U16C Hurling championship.

Inter Divisional

In the inter-divisional U14 Football competition played in Ballylooby we were defeated by South Tipperary in the semi final and in the shield final West Tipperary had five points to spare over North Tipperary.

West Selectors - Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Sean Hennessy (Cappawhite), Barry Shortall (Rockwell Rovers).

West Tipp Bord na nOg Officers (2011)

President	Michael Gleeson	(Arravale Rovers)
Chairman	Joe Hammersley	(Clonoulty/Rossmore)
Vice Chairman	Tom Dawson	(Eire Og)
Secretary	Paddy Fitzgerald	(Kickhams)
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Fixtures Secretary	Tom O'Donnell	(Golden/Kilfeacle)

Reps. to Co. Board Joe Hammersley Paddy Fitzgerald

Tommy Fitzgerald

In U15 Inter divisional football which was played in Bansha, we had to settle for the runners up spot to South Tipperary in the semi final and similarly to North Tipperary in the shield

West Selectors - Myles Devitt (Sean Treacys), Richie O'Connor (Arravale Rovers), Brendan O'Brien (Sean Treacys).

The Garda Training College Templemore was the venue for U16 inter-divisional football where West Tipperary found South Tipperary too good in their opening game but proved comfortable winners over Mid Tipperary in their shield game.

Selectors - Liam Gleeson (Eire Og), Kieran Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore)

In U14 Inter Divisional Hurling, success was also hard to come with both Mid and North Tipperary having the better of things against West Tipperary in the Peadar Cummins tournament hosted by the Borris/Ileigh club.

West Selectors - Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Michael Shanahan (Kickhams)

Coach-Kieran Hammersley (Clonoulty/Rossmore) In the Roger Ryan tournament (U15 Hurling) the West Division were not represented.

Holycross was the venue for the Garda Cup in U16 Hurling where West Tipperary following their semi final victory over South Tipperary found North Tipperary too hot to handle in the

In the Munster championship there was no joy as we failed to



Rosegreen U14 'C' West Football Winners: Back l-r: Mikey Wilson, Kevin Hickey, Evan Wallace, Jack Costello, Diarmuid Quinlan, Jonathon Keating, Conor Walsh, Pairic Ryan. Front l-r: Christopher Brabston, James Walsh, Kevin Frier, Colm Hayde, Thomas Murphy, James Ryan, Paul Shortt, Michael Moloney, Jack Mulcahy, Kevin Tobin, Harry Costello.

West Tippperary Bord na nOg Results

2011 FOOTBALL COMPETITION WINNERS

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Code	Date	Teams and scores		Captain	Referee
U12A League	Clonoulty 15/5	Cashel KC 2-3	Arravale Rvs 0-1	Alex Marshall	Phil Ryan.
U12B League,	Clonoulty 15/5	Golden/K (A) 4-3	Emly (A) 0-1	Killian Hayde	Ger.Browne
U12C League	Clonoulty, 15/5	Cappawhite 4-6	Arravale Rvs (B) 0-2	David Murphy	J. Kearney,
U12D League,	Clonoulty15/5	Cashel KC (B) 2-2	Rockwell Rvs 1-3	Bolunaife Giwa	Padraig Kearney
U12E League	Dundrum 12/5	Aherlow/Galtee (B) 0-5	Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-1	Alan Flannery	Andy Murray
U12F League,	Dundrum 12/5	Eire Og (B) 0-15	Rosegreen (C) 0-4	Roseanna O'Donnell	Richie O'Connor
U12 Shield Final,	Dundrum 30/5	Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-9	Eire Og 2-6	Jack Ryan	Seanie O'Neill.
U12 Plate Final,	S.T.Pk 26/5	Kickhams B 2-2	Sologhead A 0-2	Cathal Carr	Paddy Russell
U13 Garda Cup Final	Cappawhite15/10	Cashel KC 2-1	Arravale Rvs 0-5	Colin Ryan	Tom Dawson
U14 Peil Na nOg	Dundrum 10/4	Rockwell Rvs 2-6	Aherlow/Galtee 1-3	Owen Cleary	Eamonn Browne
U14A Championship	Golden 30/5	Arravale Rvs 2-11	Rockwell Rvs 0-4	Tommy Lowry	Fergal Hickey
U14B Championship	S.T.Park 1/6	K.Kickhams 3-4	Sean Treacys 2-3	Sean Butler	Oisin Ryan
U14C Championship	S.T.Park 23/5	Rosegreen 2-4	Emly 1-4	Mikey Wilson	Willie Kennedy
U14A Football League	Bansha 25/9	Arravale Rvs 2-12	Rockwell Rvs 2-7	Mark Hoban	David Grogan
U14B1 League Final	S.T.Park,16/5,	Lattin/Cullen 1-5	Kickhams 1-3	Mikey Power	Richie O'Connor
U14B2 League Final	Annacarty 6/6	Sean Treacys 6-10	Rosegreen 0-2	Jack O'Toole	Seanie O'Neill
U14 Plate Final	Annacarty 18/6	Golden/K 5-5	Eire Og/Sologhead 2-3	Bryan McLoughlin	Michael Duffy
U14 Shield Final	Golden 20/6	Cashel KC 3-7	Clonoulty/Ross 2-6	Aaron McCormack	Tom Dawson
U16A Ch'Ship Final	Bansha 9/5	Golden/Kilf 1-8	Arravale Rvs 1-3	Gerard Barlow	Sean Bradshaw
U16B Ch'Ship Final,	S.T.Park 9/5	Emly/Treacys 1-12	Rockwell Rvs 0-6	Jason Ryan (Emly)	David Grogan
U16C Ch'Ship FinaL	Cashel 2/5	Eire Og 3-10	Rosegreen 3-4	Michael Bradshaw	Oisin Ryan
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		2011 HURLIN	G COMPETITION WINNERS		
U12A Hurling Final	Cashel 21/8	Golden/Kilfeacle 1-4	K. Kickhams 0-3	Niall Heffernan	John Ryan (B)
U12B Final	Cashel 21/8	Eire Og 2-7	Arravale Rvs 1-6	Conor Bradshaw	T.J. Heffernan
U12C Final (Replay)	S.T.Park12/9	Emly 1-7	Rockwell Rvs 0-1	Paul O'Heney	Michael Duffy
U12D Final	Dundrum 28/8	Sologhead 3-1	Cashel KC 1-3	Sarah Duggan	Michael Barron
U12E Final	Dundrum 28/8,	K.Kickhams 4-9	Rosegreen 0-0	Aiden Doyle	Sean Hayes
U12F Final	Dundrum 28/8	Aherlow/Galtee R 2-4	Golden/K 1-0	Tadgh Carew	Padraig Kearney
U12 Plate Final,	Dundrum 15/9	Kickhams 2-7	Lattin/Cullen 2-2	Evan Hadnett	T.J. Heffernan
U12 Shield Final	Bansha 25/9	Sean Treacys 2-5	Aherlow/Galtee 1-4	Mikey Feehan	Sean Hayes
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U14 Feile Na Gael	Dundrum 26/4	Clonoulty/Ross 5-5	Arravale Rvs 0-7	Cathal Moriarty	Sean Bradshaw
U14A Championship	Dundrum 1/9	Clonoulty/Ross 4-15	Arravale Rvs 1-1	Michael Ryan (W)	ohn McCormack
U14B Championship	Cappawhite 1/9	Sean Treacys 4-12	Aherlow/Galtee 2-3	Emmet Ryan	Michael Duffy
U14C Championship	Sean T. Park 1/9	Rosegreen 1-9	Emly 0-10	Diarmuid Quinlan	Mark Ryan
U14A League Final	Golden 4/8	Clonoulty/Ross 5-11	Arravale Rvs 1-9	Cathal Moriarty	John McCormack
U14B1 League Final	S.T.Park 9/10	Sean Treacys 1-15	Lattin/Cullen 1-5	Emmet Ryan	Ger Browne
U14B2 League Final	S.T.Park 4/8	Aherlow/Galtee R 6-7	Cappawhite 1-3	Shane Power	Willie Kennedy
U14 Shield Final	S.T.Park 17/9	Lattin/Cullen 4-4	K. Kickhams 2-4	Shane McGrath	Michael Duffy
U14 Plate Final	Cappawhite 19/10		EireOG/Sologhead 0-2	Jim O'Dwyer	Paddy Russell
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Garda Cup U15 Hurling	Lattin 29/10	Cashel KC 2-9	Lattin/Cullen 1-5	Tommy Caulfield	Ger Browne.
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U16A Championship	Dundrum 1/10	Arravale Rvs 4-7	Golden/Kilfeacle 1-8	Ciaran Lowry	Sean Bradshaw.
U16B Championship		K.Kickhams 1-13	Emly/ S.Treacys 1-12	Thomas Hayes	Oisin Ryan
	Clonoulty 24/9	Taraca I I I I			
U16B League Final	Annacarty 5/11	Emly/S Treacys 1-14	Lattin/Cullen 1-12.	Willie Mackey	Willie Kennedy
_	Annacarty 5/11	Emly/S Treacys 1-14	Lattin/Cullen 1-12. Rockwell Rvs 3-7	Willie Mackey Tom Fox	Willie Kennedy Richie O'Connor
U16B League Final U16C Mid/West Co.Fina U16C West Final	Annacarty 5/11	Emly/S Treacys 1-14 Eire Og 3-9	Rockwell Rvs 3-7	•	Richie O'Connor
U16C Mid/West Co.Fina	Annacarty 5/11 l Clonoulty 26/9	Emly/S Treacys 1-14		Tom Fox	•

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Rosegreen U14 'C' West Hurling winners: Back l-r: Mentors: John Walsh, Justin Maher, John Ryan and TJ Phelan. Middle row l-r: Jack Costello, Mikey Wilson, Thomas Murphy, Evan Wallace, Diarmuid Quinlan, Colm Hayde, Jonathon Keating, Pairic Ryan, James Walsh, Kevin Hickey, Conor Walsh. Front row l-r:Christopher Brabston, James Ryan, Michael Moloney, Gerard Cummins, Harry Costello, Gavin Moloney and Kevin

progress to the knockout stages of the competition. We defeated Avondhu of Cork but suffered defeat to Mid Clare and the Limerick combination side, West and City.

West Selectors - Tom O'Donnell, Phil Ryan (Kickhams), Pat Ryan (Arravale Rovers). Coach- Denis Stapleton (Sean Treacys)

Inter County Football

On the Inter county scene Tipperary captured the Jim Power U14 Football tournament going through the competition unbeaten.

West representatives in the squad included, Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Caolan Hennessy (Cappawhite), Liam Fahey and Craig O'Connell (Rockwell Rovers).

County Selector - Sean Hennessy (Cappawhite)

Tipp also had an U14B team competing but while success didn't come their way they represented the county with distinction.

West Tipperary representatives in Tipperary U14B Squad were Cathal Moriarty (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Adam Kennedy (Cashel KC), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Craig O'Connell (Rockwell Rovers), Shane Power (Galtee Rovers), Padraig Carroll (Kickhams), Michael Ryan (W) (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Owen Cleary (Rockwell Rovers), Dara Egan (Galtee Rovers), Pat Deegan (Sean Treacys).

County Selector - Ken O'Connell (Rockwell Rovers) Tipp's U15 Footballers travelled to Millstreet for the Humphrey Kelleher Tournament and despite not figuring in the medals they nevertheless performed well throughout.

West Tipperary representatives in the squad were Anthony Leahy (Lattin/Cullen), Ronan Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Seanie O'Halloran (Golden/Kilfeacle), James Cummins (Cashel KC). County Selector - Myles Devitt (Sean Treacys)

Tipperary U16 Footballers were defending champions in this years Munster championship and played some terrific football

on the way to the Munster Final but Corks scoring ability won the day.

West Tipperary representatives were Joshua Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), David Finnane (Galtee Rovers), Ger Barlow (Golden/Kilfeacle), James Kinane (Arravale Rvs).

County Selector - Liam Gleeson (Eire Og).

West Tipperary Bord na nOg congratulates Tipperarys Minor footballers who completed a great year for football in the West Division and county making all the hard work pay off with a marvellous Munster Final victory over Cork and topped it off with a brilliant win over

Dublin in the All Ireland Final. In the squad were Gearoid Slattery (Cashel KC), Dylan Fitzell (Cashel KC), T.J.Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Thomas O'Donoghue

(Lattin/Cullen) and Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers).

On the October Bank Holiday at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick there was further success for Tipperary football where Tipperary's U17's produced a late burst of scores to retain the Daryl Darcy Trophy with a six point win over Clare. In the Tipp squad captained by Dylan Fitzell (Cashel KC), also included Adrian Dawson (Emly), Gearoid Slattery (Cashel KC), Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin/Cullen), Simon Delaney (Cashel KC), Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty/Rossmore) and T.J.Ryan (Rockwell

Robert O'Donnell (Rockwell Rovers), Donal O'Dwyer (Eire Og), Josh Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle) and Paddy Ryan (Golden/Kilfeacle) all participated in earlier rounds.

Inter County Hurling

Tipperary's many U14 Hurling successes over the years in the Tony Forristal Tournament were maintained this year following a five point margin win over Cork in the final.

Included in the Tipperary squad from West Tipperary were Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Liam Fahey (Rockwell Rovers), Michael Ryan {W} (Clonoulty/Rossmore) and Brian Carey (Sean Treacys).

County Selector - Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle).

Tipperary also entered an U14B squad but had to settle for the runners up spot to a more physical Cork team who ran out clear

Rockwell Rovers Peil na nÓg Winners: Joe

Hammersley (Chairman of West Board na nÓg) presenting the plaque to team captain Owen Cleary. Managers/Selectors: Paddy Cleary, Joe Blair, Ken O'Connell, Kevin Barron and Eileen Coffey. Front (l-r): Michael Kelly, Fergus English, Walter Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Cillian English, Liam Fahey, John Burke and Diarmuid Barron. Middle (l-r): Tom Keating, Conor Walsh, Sean O'Connell (goalie), Colm Moloney, Conor Hickey, Kevin Blair, Darragh Campbell, Tomas O'Connor. Back (l-r): Michael Lonergan, Craig O'Connell, Joe Hammersley(Chairman of West Board na nÓg), Owen Cleary (Capt), Paul Coffey, Raymond Kelly.





Kickhams Under 12 football plate winners: Front (l-r) Declan Kennedy, Kieran Ryan, Dean Butler, Evan Hadnett, Jimmy Ryan, Turlough Breen, Byron O'Neill, Barry McCarthy, Orin Cassidy, Colm O'Rourke. Back (l-r). Mickey Butler (selector) Brendan Ryan, Tony Farrell (Sell), Alan Butler, Gavin McCormack, Ml O'Dwyer, Andrew Ronan, Aiden Butler (selector), Cathal Carr (Capt), Paddy Fitzgerald (West Secretary), John Kennedy, Kevin McCarthy (selector)

cut winners of the Sonny Walsh final

West Tipperary representative on Tipperary U14B team included Padraig Carroll (Kickhams), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), James Hammersley (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Aaron McCormack (Cashel KC).

County Selector - Michael Shanahan (Kickhams), Coach -Barry

Shortall (Rockwell Rvs). Tipperary also had two teams in action at U15 level. In the Carrigaline (Cork) U15A Tournament, Tipperary were defeated

by Limerick in the Plate Final while in the U15B competition held in Galway, Cork emerged convincing winners over Tipperary in the final.

West Tipperary representatives on U15A squad, Ronan Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), James Casey (Golden/Kilfeacle). County Selector -Not represented

West Tipperary representatives on UI5 B squad, James Cummins (Cashel KC), Seanie O'Halloran (Golden/Kilfeacle), Brendan Ryan (Kickhams), Killian Loughman (Kickhams).

County Selector – Seanie O'Neill (Cappawhite)

In the All Ireland U16 Hurling tournament Tipperary had two teams competing for honours. In the U16A grade Tipperary who were champions for the previous two years bowed out to a more superior Cork side in the semi final.

West Tipperarty representatives on U16A grade included Joshua Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), Tom Fox (Eire Og) and Seanie Ryan (Sean Treacys)

County Selector - Phil Ryan (Kickhams)

In the U16B tournament Tipperary played some fine hurling with one win and two draws on the way failed to make the knockout stages.

West Tipperary representatives on UI6 B squad included Walter Carroll (Kickhams) and Ger Barlow (Golden/Kilfeacle). County Selector - Pat Ryan (Arravale Rovers)

The Board wish to acknowledge the co-operation of all clubs in the Division in meeting fixture deadlines by making their pitches always ready and available throughout the year and the massive contribution of Tom O'Donnell for putting together what can only be described a very detailed fixture schedule.

We also thank West Tipperary Referees Association and the many new referees who came on board this year led by Referee's co-ordinator Steve O'Donnell who always ensured a referee was in place for every fixture. Remember new referees are always welcome as without referees we have no games.

The Board also wish to thank our many sponsors who are with us every year supporting our games with much needed funding. Given the ever increasing costs in the present economic climate it's very much appreciated.

The Board would like to thank all those who sat on the C.C.C and Finance committees during the year and indeed sometimes having to come together at very short notice. Two very important groups within the Board.

The Board also wish to acknowledge the contribution of the media including the Nationalist and Tipperary Star for their weekly coverage of our games along with Tipp Mid West Radio for their very informative Saturday morning slot by Liam O'Dwver.

Finally best wishes to Chairman of West Tipp Bord na nOg Joe Hammersley who is standing down after three years in the chair. Joe was always fair, honest and always approached and dealt with every issue openly and fairly with everyone and with every clubs best interest taken into account. His meetings always

> started on time and finished early and on time. Well done Joe.

To the many families and friends of West Tipperary Bord na nOg who suffered bereavement during the year, the Bord extends its deepest sympathy.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a n'anam.



Emly - West Under 12 'C' Hurling Champions: Back row (1-r): Sean McGrath, Mark Fogarty, Paul O'Heney (Captain), Danny Cunningham, Kevin McGrath, Conor Phipps, Conor Burke. Front row (l-r): Anthony Hammond, Darragh McAuley, Dylan Farrelly, Jack Lonergan, Dean Heffernan, Aidan O'Heney, John O'Brien.



Clonoulty Rossmore West U14H League and Championship. This team won the U14 West League and Championship. They then went forward with Drom to represent Tipperary in the All-Ireland Feile competition in Galway this year. Front (l-r): James Ryan, Philip Fitzpatrick, Tomas Ryan, Cathal Bourke, Kevin Kearney, Martin Ryan, Jack Ryan, Donncha Quirke, James Hammersley. Middle L/R: Eugene Ryan, Sean Ryan, Nicky Mockler, Declan O' Dwyer, Dillon Quirke, Gerard Mockler, Owen Ryan, Odhran Quirke. Back (l-r): Padraig Carew, Aidan Carroll, Cathal Moriarty, Michael Ryan, Enda Heffernan, Nicky Kearns, Anthony Maher, Dylan Kennedy. Missing from photo: Dylan Greene, Philip O' Dwyer.s

Éire Óg U16 Hurling 'C'- County Champions: Front (l-r): Aine Heffernan, Rachel O'Dwyer, Gemma Fox, David Fox, Thomas Quinn, Jack Ryan, Ben Curry, Eoin Loughman, Eoin Brennan, Cian Ryan, Niamh Loughman. Back (l-r): Tom Breen, Ronan O'Brien, Conor Devlin, Christopher Breen, Gearoid Loughman, Tom Fox, Peter O'Dwyer, Evan Heffernan, Jamie English, Mike Fox, Michael Bradshaw, John Ryan, John Loughman, Kevin Fox.





Arravale Rovers U14FC 'A': Back (l-r): Brian Glasheen (Manager), Daniel Kelly, Shane Mulcahy, Adam O'Connell, Jamie Ryan, Cian Ryan, John Hickey, Fergus McCall, Maurice Mulhair, Cathal McMamara, Tomas O Murchú, Jack Comerford, Adnan Ishaq, Paul O'Halloran, (Chairman). Front (l-r); Conor McGrath, Cormac O'Halloran, Cormac Roche, Diarmuid O'Halloran, Niall Fitzgerald, Tommy Lowry (Capt.), Mark Hoban, Graham Roche, Darragh Burke, Dylan Buckley, Oscar O'Dwyer, Jack Hogan, Lee O'Dwyer, Cormac Cummins.

Golden/Kilfeacle - West Under 16 'A' Football Champions. Back row: Tom O'Donnell (selector), Ollie Keane, Declan Farrell, Dale Collins, Daniel Currivan, Josh Keane, James Casey, John Ryan (selector), Seanie O'Halloran, David Wade, Niall Fogarty, Ethan Rogers. Front row: Christopher Holland, Thomas Wade, Eoin Ryan, Killian Farrell, Evan Hayde, Ger Barlow (Capt), Darren Moloney, Nathan Magee, Thomas O'Halloran, Shane O'Connell, Cian O'Connell, Conor Ryan (selector). Missing from photo: Keith Landy.





Sean Treacys – Under 12 Hurling Shield Winners
Back (l-r) Brendan O'Dwyer, John Sheldon, Michael Feehan (capt), Aaron
Ryan, Conor Nolan, Mike Ryan, Adam Hurley, Christopher Egan, Trudy
Hurley, Billy Carr. Front (l-r) Pat Carroll, Philiph Deegan, Pat O'Toole, Stevie
Carr, Grace O'Toole. Niamh Sheldon.



Rockwell Rovers - Winners of Group 4 at the Under 12 Premier Games football in Semple Stadium. Back Row (l-r): Paddy Burke (selector), Ken O'Connell (Selector), Donal Moloney (manager) and Kaiffe O'Connell (selector). Middle Row (l-r): Ciaran McKenna, Harry Fitzgerald, Mark, Ryan, Sean O'Connell, Colm Moloney, Conor Walsh, Fergus English, Ml Kelly Front row (l-r): Kevin Ryan, Patrick Hickey, John Burke, Denise Moloney, Gabriel Rigaudie, Conor O'Brien, Tomas O'Connor



Sean Treacys – West Under 14 B Hurling Champions. Back (l-r) John Carey, Denis Stapelton, Jack O'Toole, Shane Stapelton, Emmet Ryan (Capt.), Mike Ryan, Bryan Carey, Michael Feehan, Patrick Deegan, Simon Maher, Thomas Lyons, Patrick Carey, Paul Ryan, Ian Fahey, Jody Ryan, Brendan O'Brien, Billy Carr. Front (l-r) Michael Hayes, Pat Carroll, Stevie Carr, Philiph Deegan, Pat O'Toole, Brendan O'Dwyer, Christopher Egan, Aidan Fahey, Conor Nolan, Noel Mc Mahon.

Sean Treacys/Emly – West Under 16 B Football Champions Back (l-r): Sean Bourke, Emmet Ryan, Gary O'Brien, William Mackey, Mattie Feehan, Seanie Ryan, Jason Ryan (C), Andy O'Brien, Brian Carey, Ger Egan, Darragh Kennedy, Tommy Ryan, James Condon. Front (l-r) Dylan Fahey, Stephen Cummins, Tommy Lyons, Jamie Russell, Gary McMahon, Tiernan Moriarty, Eddie Lynch, Andrew McGrath, Cian Quish, Patrick Deegan.



Knockavilla Kickhams Under 14 'B' Football West Champions. Front l-r: John O'Rourke, Eoin McCormack, Seanie O'Brien, Rory O'Connor, Mark Furlong, Zach O'Halloran, Sean Butler (Capt), Kieran Breen, Kevin Fitzgerald, Ger Browne, Cathal Ryan. Back l-r: Stevie Farrell, Victor Bourke, Phelim Carberry, Dillon O'Brien, Eoin Hand, Joe Griffey, Jim Ryan, Paudie O'Carroll, Nathan Ryan, Ml McCormack



U16FC 'B' Emly /Treacys: Front l-r: Dylan Fahey, Stephen Cummins, Tommy Lyons, Jamie Russell, Gary McMahon, Tiernan Moriarty, Eddie Lynch, Andrew McGrath,, Cian Quish, Patrick Deegan. Back l-r: Sean Bourke, Emmet Ryan, Gary O'Brien, William Mackey, Mattie Feehan, Seanie Ryan, Jason Ryan (C), Andy O'Brien, Brian Carey, Ger Egan, Darragh Kennedy, Tommy Ryan, James Condon.

U14 FC 'B' Shield Winners Aherlow/Galtee Rovers. Front l-r: Shane Ryan, Jake Flannery, Stephen O'Dwyer, Shane Power (capt), Edmond O'Dwyer, Tony Byron, Dylan Gubbins.

Back l-r: Jason Flannery, Robert Magee, David Byron, Callum Fanning, Daire Egan, Tadhg, Ryan, Aaron Cunningham, Kevin Lonergan, James Ryan, John Peters.



U12 FC 'B' Cashel K.C. Front 1-r: Gabriele Perera, Dylan Byrnes, Rodrigo Goncalvas, Jack Brown (Captain), Evan Hynes, Luke White, Brian Morrissey, Dean Quinlan. Back l-r: Sefumni Giwa, Tommy Fitzgerald, Fearghail O'Donoghue, Bolunaife Giwa, Tomas Skeffington, David Ryan.

U12 FC 'A' Cashel K.C. Front l-r: Michael Morrissey, Colin Ryan (Captain), Alex Martial, Morrough McDermott, Eoghan Connolly, Ross Bonnar, Ciaran Quinn. Back l-r: John Tadhg Murphy, Ryan O'Sullivan, Luke Quinlan, Scott Scanlon, Sean Ryan, Jamie O' Keeffe, Adam Skeffington.





Golden-Kilfeacle - West Under 12 'A' Hurling Champions. Back row: Mitchell Heffernan (selector), Brian Hally, Jack Fogarthy, Niall Heffernan (Capt), Brian Barlow, Andy Byrnes, Eoin Nagle, Lee Esmonde, Tom O'Donnell (selector). Front row: Christopher Farrell, Kevin Hally, Derry Ormonde, Jack Currivan, Eimear Heffernan, Lorcan O'Dwyer. Missing from photo:Gabriel Hayde (selector), Killian Hayde.

Golden-Kilfeacle – West Under 12 'B 'Football Champions: Back row: Mitchell Heffernan (selector), Christopher Farrell, Lee Esmonde, Alex Ryan, Andy Byrnes, Brian Hally, Gabriel Hayde (selector), Jack Fogarthy, Eoin Nagle, Brian Barlow, Padraig Quirke, Tom O'Donnell (selector). Front row: Ben Currivan, Niall Heffernan, Jack Currivan, Kilian Hayde (Capt), Derry Ormonde, Kevin Hally, Lorcan O'Dwyer, Laura Hally.





U12 F Cappawhite U12 F Winners. Front lr: Brendan Murphy, Colm O'Dwyer, Frazer Allen, Fionn Brady, Cian Ryan, Sean Ralph, Robert Quirke, Ryan Renehan, Philip Gantley, William Barry. Back l-r: Gearóid Lennon, Diarmuid Duggan, Kasim Allam Ballak, Oscar Allen, David Murphy, William Armshaw, Ciarán Doody, Darragh McCarthy, Gerry Hayes.



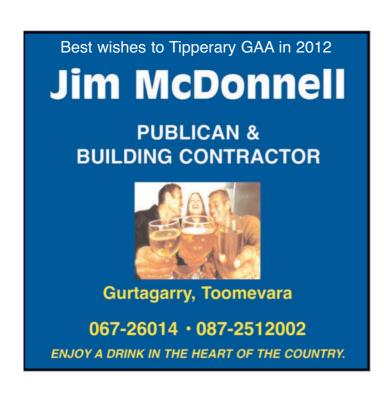
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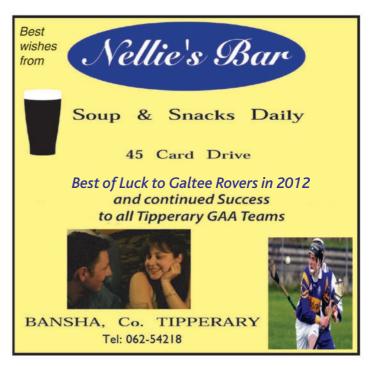
Included in front l-r; Sarah Duggan U12HD,Solohead,Roseanne O'Donnell U12FL, Éire Óg, Tadhg Carew U12HF,Aherlow,Joe Hammersley West Bord na nÓg Chairman, Alan Flannery U12FE, Aherlow/Galtee Rovers, Conor Bradshaw U12HB, Éire Óg, Cathal Carr U12F Plate, Kickhams, Emmett Ryan U14HB, Sean Treacys.

Included second row l-r; Paul O'Heney U12HC, Emly, Niall Heffernan U12HA, Golden Kilfeacle, Killian Hayde U12FB, Golden Kilfeacle, Alex Marshall U12HA, Cashel, David Murphy U12FC, Cappawhite, Mikey Feehan U12H Shield, Sean Treacys.

Included third row l-r; Jack O'Toole U14FB, Sean Treacys, Mikey Wilson U12FC, Rosegreen, Diarmuid Quinlan U14HC, Rosegreen, Colin Ryan U13F Garda Cup, Cashel, Sean Butler U14FB ,Kickhams, Evan Hayde Golden Kilfeacle, Owen Cleary, Golden Kilfeacle, Shane Mc Grath U14H Shields, Lattin Cullen, Jim O'Dwyer U14H Plate, Cappawhite, William Kennedy U16HB, Sean Treacys.

Included back row l-r; Thomas Hayes U16HB, Kickhams, Tommy Caulfield U15H Garda Cup, Cashel, Aaron Mc Cormack U14H Shield, Cashel, Michael Ryan (W), U14HA, Clonoulty Rossmore, Shane Power U14HB, Aherlow/Galtee Rovers, Tommy Lowry U14FA, Arravale Rovers, Michael PowerU14HB, Lattin Cullen, Jason Ryan u16FB, Emly /Treacys, Michael Bradshaw West U16HC, Éire Óg, Tom Fox County U16HC, Éire Óg, Ger Barlow Golden Kilfeacle.









U-13 Garda Cup Football Cashel K.C. Front l-r: Eoin Connolly, Scott Scanlon, Ross Bonnar, Conn Bonnar, Jack Corbett, Adam Skeffington, Danny Wade, Ciaran Davern, Ryan Sullivan. Back l-r: Paddy Fahy (manager), Michael Morrissey, Morrough McDermott, Brian Davern, Paddy Fahy, Colin Ryan, Jack Price, Brian Fitzpatrick, Gavin Aherne, Luke Quinlan, Brendan Bonnar (selector).

U14 Football Shield Cashel K.C.

Cashel K.C.
Front l-r: Paddy Fahy,
Conn Bonnar, Brian
Davern, Adam Skeffington,
Danny Wade, Ciaran
Davern, Luke Quinlan.
Back l-r:Paddy Fahy
(manager), Fionn Bonnar,
Jack Price, Aron
McCormack, Brian
Fitzpatrick, Gavin Aherne,
Pat Muldoon, Adam
Kennedy, Colin Ryan,
Raymie Davern (selector).



Bórd na nÓg Tiobraid Árann Theas

2011 exciting times in Juvenile **GAA** with commencement of **Premier Games**

As 2011 began we in juvenile G.A.A circles looked forward with a certain amount of trepidation to the commencement of The Premier Games at U/12 Level. Participation, Fair Play and Fun were the aspirations of the steering committee who introduced this competition and I think we succeeded with the first two but anybody who witnessed the games will agree that the championships this year were probably more competitive than ever.

Twenty eight teams competed in both the hurling and football competitions and they were put into four divisions 1 to 4.

The four football finals were played in Clogheen in non-stop wind and rain in June! But that did not deter from such exciting and skilful contests.

In Division 1 Commercials defeated Moyle Rovers in a close encounter. Division 2 saw a repeat of the County final with Ardfinnan reversing that result by beating Clerihan in a thriller. Division 3 was won by Grangemockler who got the better of Mullinahone in the decider while Division 4 honours went to Moyle Rovers C who defeated neighbours Clerihan B.

Fast forward to September again to Fr Sheehy Park in Clogheen to the Hurling finals and once again we had to contend with very inclement weather but once again these young kids pulled out all the stops to provide some wonderful entertainment. Division 1 was a cracker with Ballingarry defeating Carrick Swan. Clerihan made up for the football disappointment with victory over Ballybacon/ Grange in the Division 2 decider.

Ballyneale got the better of Mullinahone in Division 3 while Newcastle brought glory to the little village by defeating Moyle Rovers in the Final of Division 4.

U/14 UNFORGETTABLE YEAR FOR MOYLE ROVERS

While we all bask in the glory of Tipperary's' historic All Ireland

Minor Football success one should not forget that in June Moyle Rovers brought All Ireland glory to Tipperary by winning Peal na nOg in Cork. This was a well-deserved success for a club that has been one of the leading lights in Tipperary football for the last twenty years.

They won both the South 'A' Championship and South Peil na nOg beating Commercials in both finals. U/14 'B' football brought success to Ardfinnan who got the better of Cahir in the final. In what was a great year for the club Grangemockler captured the U/14 'C' Title.

Moyle Rovers continued their success in hurling winning the Féile na nGael and the South U/14 'A' titles with victories over St Mary's and Carrick Swan respectively. The 'B' championship brought success to Balylbacon/Grange at the expense of Killenaule while Ballyneale defeated Clerihan to take the 'C'

In U/16 Commercials, Fethard and Carrick Davins took football honours while Carrick Swan, Kilsheelan and Clerihan were the hurling champions. The U/16 football championships commenced in mid-March and were completed by the start of May with Commercials defeating Cahir in the final. Fethard were successful in the 'B' grade with victory over Killenaule while Carrick Davins defeated Clonmel Óg in the 'C' Final.

Carrick Swan had the minimum to spare over St Marys in the U/16 'A' Hurling final. Kilsheelan had a great win over Ballingarry in the 'B' decider while Clerihan took the 'C' title in a close encounter with Clonmel Óg.

Our U/10 footballers and hurlers had a busy year with plenty of Blitzes and a lot of credit to John Cummins for organising

In the South Board Blitzes there was football success for Moyle Rovers, Grangemockler, Mullinahone and St Patrick's while the hurling honours went to Moyle Rovers, Clonmel Óg, Newcastle and Ballylooby / Castlegrace.

DIVISIONAL TEAMS SUCCESS FOR U/16 FOOTBALLERS AND U/14 HURLERS.

We competed in all the inter divisional championships with success in the U/16 football and the return of the Peadar Cummins Cup for U/14 hurling after a nine year absence.



Ballybacon/Grange South Under 14 'B' hurling champions. Back row (l-r): Brian Dillon, John D. Condon, Josh Pickering, Darragh Boyle, Brian Butler, Jason Burke, Gavin Whelan, Bernard McHugh, Eoin O'Brien, Mike Hogan, Michael Tobin, Darren Slattery, Cathal Boyle, Padraig Cunningham, Adam Ross Lambert, Robert Condon, Phil Walsh, James O'Halloran, Gerry Lambert. Front row (1-r): Cian Brannigan, Alan Walsh, Colin Doyle, Evan Barrett, Sean Maher, Shane, John Condon, Michael Barlow, Johnny Coveney, James Condon, Daniel Cunningham.

Clerihan - South U16 'C' Hurling Champions

Back (l-r): Brandon McGuire, Andrew O'Regan, Joseph Ryan, Sean Hahessey, Adam Fahy, Andrew O'Donnell, Matthew Ryan, Josh Connors. Front (lr): Evan Corcoran, Aaran Lawrence, Jake Hickey, Cody Browne, Rhys McMorrow, Jack Kennedy, Rory Maher, Dean Ryan, Ben Fahy





Clerihan - South U12 'B' Hurling Champions

Back (l-r): Coaches Tommy Foran, Geraldine Quigley and Donal Mullane. Middle (l-r): Riain Quigley, Conor Horan, Cian Mullane, Cathal Moloney, Aidan Phelan, David O'Brien, Dean O'Dwyer Brophy. Front (l-r): Eoin Power, Billy Norris, Shane Hickey, Alan O'Donnell, Graham Foran, Liam McGrath, Callumn Maher.



Ardfinnan – South Under 12 Division 2 champions. Back (l-r): Dylan Nugent, James Condon, Johnny Covoney Ryan, Kevin Hogan, Oisín Ryan, Alan Walsh, Conor Burke, Michael Walsh, Lorcan Ball. Front (l-r): Jake Doyle, Darragh O Brien, John Condon, Darragh O Leary, Kieran Lambert, Luke O'Brien, Sean Doyle.



Clerihan – County U12 'B' Football Champions

Back (Î-r): Coaches Geraldine Quigley, Tommy Foran, Donal Mullane
Middle (l-r): Alan O'Donnell, Conor Horan,
David O'Brien, Cathal Moloney, Eoin
Power, Aidan Phelan, Cian Mullane, Callumn
Maher, Luke Boyle. Front (l-r): Graham Foran,
Rian Quigley, Shane Hickey, Billy Norris, Dean
O'Dwyer Brophy, Dean McMorrow, Liam
McGrath.

Scór 2010/2011

Scór continues to be a popular winter pastime for many people throughout Co. Tipperary. It never fails to attract the child, teenager or adult. There is something for everyone as the competitor on stage or the keen supporter in the audience.

The Scór season of 2010 / 2011 saw a high standard of performance in all competitions at county level namely in Scór na nÓg, Scór Sinsear and Scór na bPáistí. Competitors performed to huge audiences at divisional and county finals. The eight disciplines of Scór were part of all county competitions ie. figure dancing, solo-singing, instrumental music, recitation / storytelling, ballad group, question time, novelty act and set

Successes of the last year included Loughmore / Castleiney becoming Munster champions in the Scór na nÓg Question Time competition and were runners-up in the All-Ireland Finals in Castlebar. Congratulations to all concerned. The last year saw the return to Scór of Moneygall in the North division and Drangan in the South division. There was a very successful Scór na bPáistí parish final in Nenagh, the first to be held there in over twenty years. Congratulations to the organising committee for its hard work and dedication in the organisation of this

Last year saw the introduction of three sets of adjudicators for each competition at the

Scór na bPáistí county final. This was welcomed by many as it was seen as a positive gesture to achieve fairplay and justice for all competitors. This practice will apply to all county finals in the coming year. We also look forward to the launch of the Scór website.

Finally, Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann would like to thank (i) all Scór committees throughout the county who continue to promote Irish culture through the medium of Scór (ii) Scór competitors who keep our culture alive (iii) mentors for their unselfishness and spirit of volunteering (iv) Co. Board for its support of Scór and (v) all who help in any way in the running of a Scór event. Míle buíochas leo go léir!

Mar fhocal scoir, guímid rath is séan ar gach duine a ghlacfaidh páirt i Scór sa bhliain atá romhainn.

Winners of Co. Final Scór na nÓg 2011

Winner(s) Competition

Rince Fóirne Newcastle (South)

Amhránaíocht Aonair Sinéad Grant-Newcastle (South)

Ceol Uirlíse J.K.Brackens (Mid)

Aithriseoireacht Patrick Crehan-Lattin / Cullen (West) Bailéad Ghrúpa Upperchurch / Drombane (Mid)

Nuachleas Moycarkey / Borris (Mid) Tráth na gCeisteanna Loughmore / Castleiney (Mid)

Rince Seit J.K.Brackens (Mid)

Winners of Co. Final Scór Sinsear 2011

Competition Winner(s)

Newcastle (South) Rince Fóirne

Amhránaíocht Aonair Paddy Dolan-Borris-Ileigh (North)

Ceol Uirlíse J.K.Brackens (Mid)

Jim O'Meara-Moyne/Templetuohy Aithriseoireacht

Bailéad Ghrúpa Moycarkey / Borris (Mid) Moyne / Templetuohy (Mid) Nuachleas Tráth na gCeisteanna Loughmore / Castleiney (Mid)

Borris-Ileigh (North) Rince Seit

Winners of Co. Final Scór na bPáistí 2011

Comórtas Winner(s)

J.K.Brackens (Mid) Rince Fóirne

Amhránaíocht Aonair Eva McKeogh-Éire Óg Nenagh

(North)



Winners of Novelty Act, Moyne / Templetuohy. Back l-r: Eamon Travers, Francis Cleere, William Maher, Noel Joyce (County Chairperson). Front l-r: Mary Walsh, Delia Cullen, Catherine Dunne.



Paddy Dolan, Borris-Ileigh, winner of the Solo Song in the Co Final of Scor Sinsear, receiving his trophy from Noel Joyce (Co Chairman of Scor).

Ceol Uirlíse Newport (North)

Rince Seit

Aithriseoireacht Erin Ryan-Upperchurch/Drombane

(Mid)

Bailéad Ghrúpa J.K.Brackens (Mid) Nuachleas Templederry (North) Tráth na gCeisteanna Toomevara (North)

Templederry (North).

County Winners of Co. Scór



Winners of Question Time, Loughmore / Castleiney. L-r: Martin Ryan , Pat Healy, Noel Joyce (County Chairperson), Frankie McGrath.



Jim O'Meara, Moyne-Templetuohy, winner of the Recitation in the Co Final of Scor Sinsear, receiving his trophy from Noel Joyce(Co Chairman of Scor).



Winners of Set Dancing, Borris-Ileigh.

Back l-r: Philip Ryan (Dance Coach), Declan Maher, Henry Groome, Peter Ryan, Thomas Walsh, Noel Joyce (Co. Chairperson).

Front l-r: Aileen Óg Groome, Michelle Maher, Pauline O'Brien, Julia Treacy.



Moycarkey-Borris, winners of the Ballad Group,in the Co Final of Scor Sinsear. L-r: Noel Joyce (Co, Chairman of Scor), Ann Marie Molloy, Siobhan Doran, Mandy Fennessy, Tom Doran, Michelle Maher.



J K Brackens, winners of the Instrumental Music in the Co Final of Scor Sinsear. L-r: Fran Denny, Noel Joyce (Co Chairman of Scor), Pauric Stapleton, Jim Egan, Ann Cantwell, Marie Sheedy.

County Winners of Co. Scór na nÓg



Winners of Novelty Act, Moycarkey / Borris. Back 1-r: County Chairperson Seamus McGrath, Conor Hayes, Jamie Costello. Front l-r: Melissa Morris, Nora Connolly.



Winners of Instrumental Music, J.K.Brackens. Back l-r: Tommy Mallon, Seamus McGrath (County Chairperson), Dominic Gallagher. Front 1-r: Stuart Gallagher, Yvonne Meehan, Cillian Roche.



 $Winners\ of\ Set\ Dance,\ J.K.\ Brackens.$ Back 1-r: County Chairperson, Seamus McGrath, Tommy Mallon, Dominic Gallagher, Stuart Gallagher, Eoin Hamill, Johnie Delaney (dance coach) Front l-r: Ciara Bourke, Yvonne Meehan, Leona Bowe, Chloe Giles.



Winners in Figure Dancing, Newcastle Back l-r: Catherine Ryan, Treasa McGrath, Seamus McGrath (County Chairperson), Sinéad Grant, Cathy McGrath (Dance Coach) Front l-r. Ciara Corbett, Jenny Murphy, Veronica McNamara, Leah Condon.



Winners of Ballad Group, Upperchurch / Drombane. Back l-r: Aisling Harrington, Margaret Gleeson, Cáit Ryan, Gretta Ryan, Christine Bourke with County Chairperson Seamus McGrath.



Winner of Recitation / Storytelling: Patrick Crehan, Lattin / Cullen, with County Chairperson, Seamus McGrath.



Winner of Solo-song, Sinéad Grant, Newcastle , with Co. Chairperson, Seamus McGrath.



Winners of Question Time: Loughmore / Castleiney. L-r: Tommy Maher, Joseph Hennessy, Joseph Nyland



J.K. Brackens Figure Dancing. L-r : Lisa Fogarty, Yvonne Meehan, Leona Bowe, Chloe Giles, Aoife Fogarty, Gráinne Daly, Ciara Bourke, Niamh Kennedy.



Erin Ryan, Upperchurch-Drombane, winner of the Recitation, in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaistí, with Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór) and Eoin Kelly.



Eva Mc Keogh,Nenagh, winner of the Solo Song in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaisti,with Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór) and Eoin Kelly.



J K Brackens winners of the Figure Dancing in the Co. Final of Scor na bPaistí. Front l-r: Lorna O Shea, Danielle Bowe, Katie Murphy, Aine Delaney, Katie Giles, Coleen Giles. Back l-r: Eoin Kelly, Sandra Bowe, Rebekah Collins, Katie Bourke, Francis Bourke, Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór).



Templederry, winners of the Set dancing in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaistí. Front l-r: Amy Kennedy, Nessa Murray, Eimear Murphy, Ilane Pattison. Back l-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór), Conor Brennan, Laura Cuneen, Roisin Ryan, Tim Mc Cutcheon, Eoin Kelly.



Templederry, winners of the Novelty Act in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaistí. Front l-r: Asling Ryan, Nessa Murray, Eimear Murphy, Roisin Ryan. Back l-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór), Jack O'Dwyer, Conor Brennan, Tim Mc Cutcheon, Amy Kennedy, Eoin Kelly.



J K Brackens, winners of the Ballad Group in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaistí. Front l-r: Katie Bourke, Ben Collins, Niamh Hogan. Back l-r: Eoin Kelly, Mary Joyce, Aoife Kelly, Eva O Toole, Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór), Donal Bowe.



Newport, winners of the Instrumental Music in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaistí. Front l-r: Niamh Bourke, Aisling Bourke, Ciara Ryan. Back l-r: Noel Joyce (Co.Chairman of Scór), Amy Bourke, Maria Carey, Eoin Kelly.



Toomevara, winners of the Question Time in the Co. Final of Scór na bPaistí. Left to right: Brian Cullian, Noel Joyce (Co. Chairman of Scór), Tom Berkery, Eoin Kelly, Eoin Grace.

Mid Tipperary Scór

There were three wonderful nights' entertainment in the Scór na bPaisti competition (Primary School). The two semifinals were held on Sunday 6th March in Littleton with Bean an Ti Mairead Ni Cloghasaigh and in Drombane with Fear an Ti Michael Bourke and the Mid final in Clonmore with Fear an Ti Noel Joyce. We thank the nine clubs who had representatives in this competition, please keep up the good work, as the children are a joy to watch on stage. Clubs were.Loughmore/Castleiney, Drom & Inch, Holycross/Ballycahill, Upperchurch/Drombane,

Moycaarkey/Borris, J.K. Brackens, Moyne/Templetuohy,

Boherlahan/Dualla. and Durlas Og.

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A big thank you to our faithful sponsors G.A.A Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, Tivoli Cleaners Templemore and Thurles Lycon Auto Spares. A word of appreciation to Donal Younge, The Ragg for past support. We are also grateful to local paper *Tipperary Star*, to former Editor Michael Dundon and current Editor Anne O'Grady for their help over the season.

At the final of Scor na bPaisti in Clonmore on Sunday 13th

At the final of Scor na bPaisti in Clonmore on Sunday 13th March Drom/Inch and Mid Scor presented a lovely cup in memory of the late Martin Kennedy, Drom, who was a very loyal supportive member of the Scor Committee since its inception over 40 years ago. It was fitting that winners of Set Dancing was Martin's own club Drom & Inch and his daughter Bridget Reid presented the cup on the night. Also

Mid Tipperary Scór Winners

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	Scor Sinsear	Scor na bPaisti.
	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
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,	J.K. Brackens	Drom/Inch
ne	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch/Drombane
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	Moycarkey/Borris	Drom/Inch
	J.K. Brackens	Loughmore/Castleiney
	Movcarkey/Borris	Drom/Inch

Melissa and Liz Flanagan our Cultural Officer and to wish her good luck in her new position as Assistant Treasurer on Mid Board, for their help in the Box Office, much appreciated.

We would also like to thank G.A.A. County Secretary Tim Floyd and our friends in Lar na Pairce for allowing us the use of the facilities to hold our Meetings.

at this final Michael Cahill, 2010 Senior and under 21 All Ireland hurler very kindly agreed to present the prizewinners on the night with their plaques, the competitors were delighted to chat with Michael.

Sincere sympathy to all Scór families who suffered bereavement during the past year.



Tipperary Handball Report

by Paddy Collins P.R.O

ipperary handball has had one of the most successful seasons in many years with Juvenile and Adult Provincial and All-Ireland success in many grades. There were many outstanding displays and all clubs can be very proud of the achievements of their players in all competitions.

The first competition of the season was the County Cumann na mBunscoil Championships. The Cumann na mBunscoil County Handball finals were hosted by Ballinahinch and Silvermines Handball Clubs. With a total of 14 schools, 63 entries and a total of 34 games it proved to be a hectic day of handball but it all ran off without a hitch. Throughout the day we had some great games of handball and some of the clear favourites had to be at their very best to come through the various rounds. The standard is at an all time high in the county and well done to all who helped out on the day.

Results:

Finals: Dolla

- Girls U11S: Eleanor Percy (Kilruane N.S.) beat Katie Gould (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/8, 11/6 (22-14)
- *Girls U11D:* Laura Shinnors & Orla Molloy (Ardcroney N.S.)
- BU11S: Sean Mc Adams (Ardcroney N.S.) beat Conor Bourke (Ballina N.S.) 11/7, 11/2 (22-9)
- *Boys U11D*: Sean Hayes & John Mc Grath (Kiladangan N.S.) beat Matthew Spain & Delvin Courtney (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/6, 11/4 (22-10)
- Girls U13S: Sinéad Meaghar (Carrig N.S.) beat Grainne Molloy (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/7, 11/10 (22-17)
- Girls U13D: Síle Spain & Caroline Hill (Ardcroney N.S.) beat Sarah Dunne & Sarah Slattery (Burgess N.S.)



David Moloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel).



EMBS 40x20 Paddy Collins, Pat Masterson (Referee), Robbie Mc Mahon (Antrim)

- *Boys U13S:* Jason English (Ballyporeen N.S.) beat Colm Ryan (St John the Baptist Cashel) 11/7, 10/11 (21-18)
- *Boys U13D*: Gerome Cahill & Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney N.S.) beat Tommy Breedy & Adrian English (Ballyporeen N.S.) 9/11, 11/7 (20-18)

Tipperary also hosted the Munster Cumann na mBunscoil in Ballinahinch & Dolla and Tipperary finally made the breakthrough in this competition winning Boys U11 Doubles (Sean Hayes & John Mc Grath Kildangen N.S., Boys U13 Singles Jason English Ballyporeen N.S., Boys U13 Doubles Gerome Cahill & Daniel Ryan Ardcroney N.S.

In the 40x20 Championships our juveniles continued to impress and they won 5 Munster titles .Girls U14S Roisin Cahill (Lanorna), Boys U12 Doubles Colin Ryan & Gerome Cahill (Lahorna), Boys U13 Singles Jason English (Ballyooreen), Boys U15 Singles Daniel Hayes (Cashel), Boys U17Doubles Ollie Harte & Kieran Cahill (Newport/Lahorna). Daniel Hayes went on to win the All-Ireland final in U 15 Singles. In the 40x20 Juvenile Team Competitions Tipperary reached the All-Ireland finals in U13/14 and in U16/17. Both finals were played in Kingscourt against Tyrone with the U13/14 team of Jason English, Aiden O' Flaherty, Kevin Shinnors, Colin Ryan, Jerome Cahill and Daniel Ryan losing by 58-53 and our U16/17 team of Stephen Moroney, Jason Cahill, Marcus Troy and Jack Jones winning by 51-36. In the College 40x20 Junior Doubles Daniel Hayes and Padraig O'Donoghue (Cashel Community School) after a great run won the All-Ireland title.

In the Adult Grades Tipp won 11 Munster titles . U21 Singles Fergal Collins (Ballina), U21D Fergal Collins and Dara Hardy (Ballina), O35S David Moloney (Cashel), O35D David Moloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel), SMBS Jim O'Brien (Silvermines), SMBD Willie O'Dwyer and Niall Fitzgerald (Cashel), EMBS Paddy Collins (Ballina), EMBD Eamon Spillane and Gerry Foley (Nenagh/Ballinahinch), DMAS Jim Ryan (Silvermines), DMBS Denis Gleeson (Silvermines), DMBD Denis Gleeson and Andy Purcell (Silvermines). They reached nine All Ireland Finals winning four.

U21 Singles Fergal Collins (Ballina) beat Patrick Funchion (KK) 21/9, 21/13

 $\it EMBS$ Paddy Collins (Ballina) beat Robbie Mc Mahon (Antrim) 21/20, 21/16

O35D David Moloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) beat Seamus O Tuama and Paul Graham (Antrim) 21/5, 21/10

DMBD Andy Purcell and Denis Gleeson (Silvermines) beat

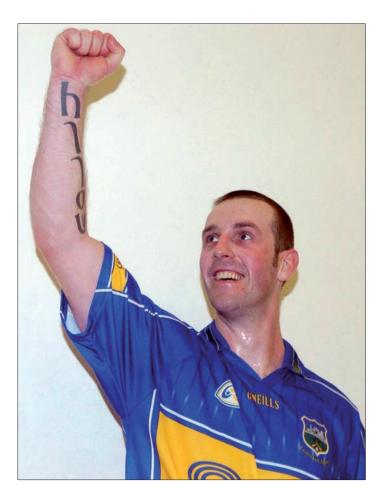
Michael Dalton and Jim Dooley (KK) 21/10, 21/20

Tipperary were runners up in U21D Fergal Collins and Dara Hardy beaten by Patrick and Peter Funchion (Kilkenny) 21/19, 21/12. O35S David Moloney beaten by Gavin Buggy (Wexford) 21/15, 21/1. SMBS Jim O Brien beaten by Joe Walsh (Kilkenny) 21/11, 21/6. DMAS Jim Ryan beaten by Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) 21/12, 10/21, 21/12. DMBS Denis Gleeson beaten by Des Lyons (Kildare) 21/17, 21/18.

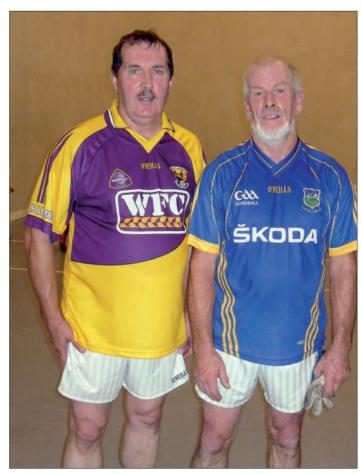
After the success in the 40x20 code Tipperary were to do even better in the 60x30 Traditional court and our juveniles once again led the way winning five Munster titles and three Munster team titles. Girls U12 Singles Sinead Maher (Nenagh), Girls U14 Singles Roisin Cahill (Lahorna), Boys U12 Singles Jerome Cahill (Lahorna), Boys U14 Doubles Tiernan O'Brien and John Ryan (Ballyporeen), Boys U16 Doubles Padraig O'Donoghue and Daniel Hayes (Cashel). In the All-Ireland Finals Boys U14 Doubles beaten by Wexford 14/15, 15/2, 15/11. Boys U16 Doubles beaten by Wexford 21/13, 21/16. Girls U14 Singles beaten in semi-final. In the team competitions Tipperary reached all 3 All-Ireland finals. In the U12/13 Final the Tipperary team of Jason English, Aidan O'Flaherty, Kevin Shinners, Colin Ryan, Jerome Cahill, Adrian O'Meara, James Prentice beat Kilkenny: Shane Dunne, Dean Farrell, Dion Bourke, Marc Purcell, Ciaran Cooney Roy Cullen, Conor Condon 66-62. In the U16/17 Final Tipperary team of Stephen Moroney, Jack Jones, Gerry Foley and Jason Cahill beat Kilkenny: Fergal Lalor, Stephen O'Dwyer, Eoin Doyle, Ronan Egan, Dylan Meaney 41-22. The U14/15 team of: Kieran Casey, Ronan Burke, Michael Maher, Josh Moroney, Liam Bradshaw, Ceallach Hennessy were beaten by JJ English ,Padraig Cooney, Conor Lyons, Adam Clifford Pauly Clifford, Dylan Caulfield, Daragh O' Shea and Conor Dwyer Kilkenny 70-61.

In the College 60x30 Senior Doubles Niall Fitzgerald & Adrian O'Dwyer (Cashel Community College) beat Cian O Dalaigh and Corey Fay (Scoil Chaitrona) 15/12, 15/7.

In the Adult Championships Tipperary dominated Munster winning 22 Titles. U21S Fergal Collins (Ballina), JBS David Hickey (Ballina), JBD Kevin Dempsey and Michael Purcell (Cashel), Senior Singles Ger Coonan (Ballina), Senior Doubles David Moloney (Cashel) and Fergal Collins (Ballina), O35A Singles Paul Mullins (Clonmel), O35A Doubles Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson



Paul Mullins, All-Ireland 60x30 Over 35 champion.



EMBS Brendan Murphy(Wexford) and Jim Quinn (Youghalarra)

(Clonmel), Master A.S. Martin Mc Inerney (Ballina), Master A. D. Martin Mc Inerney & Michael Gleeson (Ballina), MBD John Lee (Ballina) & Mike O'Brien (Ballyporeen), SMAD John Mc Quaid (Ballina) and Pat O'Flaherty (Youghalarra), SMBS Paul Maher (Clonmel), SMBD Paul Maher (Clonmel) and Paul Hynes (Ballinahinch), GMAS Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen), GMAD Tony O Flaherty and Pat Griffin (Youghalarra), EMAS Billy Mullins (Clonmel), EMAD Billy Mullins and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel), EMBS Jim Quinn (Youghalarra), EMBD Gerry Foley (Ballinahinch) and Eamon Spillane (Nenagh), DMAS Pakie Mullins (Clonmel), DMBS Andy Purcell (Silvermines) DMBD Andy Purcell and Denis Gleeson (Silvermines)

We reached 12 All-Ireland Finals winning 6 and runners up in 6.

All-Ireland Champions: U21S Fergal Collins (Ballina), EMAD Pakie and Billy Mullins (Clonmel), JBS David Hickey (Ballina), EMBS Jim Quinn (Youghalarra), O35S Paul Mullins (Clonmel), EMAS Billy Mullins (Clonmel)

Runners Up: O35D Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson (Clonmel), MAS Martin McInerney (Ballina) MAD Martin Mc Inerney and Michael Gleeson (Ballina), GMAD Tony O'Flaherty and Pat Griffin (Youghalarra), DMBD Andy Purcell and Denis Gleeson (Silvermines), DMBS Andy Purcell (Silvermines).

In the 60x30 Collegiates Fergal Collins representing I.T. Tralee won the All-Ireland Final beating



JBS 60x30 David Hickey (Ballina)



Under 21 Fergal Collins, Seamus Reade (Referee), Ger Mc Grath (Kilkenny)

Nicholas Anthony W.I.T. in the final.

In the 60x30 Nationals Fergal Collins teamed up with Gary Mc Connell from Meath and they won the 23 & Under Doubles title.

In the Féile na Gael Cashel Boys 40x20 team were beaten in the final by Ballydesmond (Cork) 21/18, 21/4. In the Boys Division 3 Final Ballyporeen beat Garryhill in the final 21/5, 21/2. Tieran O'Brien Ballyporeen won silver in the Skills Competition.

North Tipperary Board ran a very successful Juvenile B competition. Lahorna Club ran the Paddy Kelly 60x30 memorial Tournament. Over fifty players took part and there was some great games of handball throughout. In the Division two decider Jim Quinn and Christy Griffin (Youghalarra) were up against Anthony Carolan and Keith Lenihan from Ballinahinch. The Youghalarra boys were clear favourites going into this final having dropped no points

to reach the final. They won the first easily 21/7 and looked to be coasting to victory when the Ballinahinch boys finally settled down and in a tight second game won by 21/17 to take the final to a third game. This was also well contested by both sets but the younger Ballinahinch boys lasted the pace and went on to a well deserved win by 21/14. The Division one final was an all Ballina affair with David Hickey and Paddy Collins after a great semi-final win over Tony O'Flaherty and Pat Griffin 21/9, 21/6 up against Noel Moroney and Kevin Kennedy who beat Pat O'Flaherty and John Lee 16/21, 21/7, 21/10. Hickey and Collins lived up to their favourites tag and totally dominated winning the first game 21/4. In the second game Moroney and Kennedy gave a spirited display but could not match the serving of Collins and the all round display of Hickey who went on to win 21/15 in the second.

Joe Kelly presented the Paddy Kelly Cup and trophies to the

Division two winners and Pat McKenna, County Board chairman presented the trophies to the Division one winners. Vincent O'Shea M.C. on the night thanked all the players for making it such a great competition. He thanked Martin Spain and all the Lahorna Committee for running the tournament . He thanked everyone for coming on the night especially Joe Kelly, Handball Officers Pat Mc Kenna, County Board Chairman, Pat O'Flaherty, North Board Chairman, Anthony Carolan, North Board Secretary, Paddy Collins Munster and County P.R.O. Refreshments were served to all who stayed on to chat and swop many great stories of players and games from the past.

We also had the opening of the Lagginstown Handball Alley. This was featured on Nationwide. First built in 1925 a local committee have put in great work to restore this once great court and after a major refurbishment programme it will once again see handball played within its historic walls. It was a great



DMBD 40x20 Tom Quigley, Andy Purcell, Denis Gleeson, Con Collins

day with National and Local media present. Many guests were in attendance including GAA Handball National and county officers. The day kicked off with local man Jim Looby taking on Paddy Collins from the Ballina Club in Tipperary. They also had the legendary Duxie Walsh and Gavin Buggy as well as some of the top County Juvenile Players displaying their skills on the day. There was a BBQ and entertainment by Louise Morrissey and her band and it was a great success .

Handball will be taken to another level in Ireland with the announcement of the plans for hosting the World Championships in 2012. Already new clubs have sprung up around the country and entries are up in all grades especially at Juvenile level in both boys and girls.

GAA Handball Ireland has announced that we will be hosting the 2012 World Handball Championships in the City West International Events Arena in Dublin from Thursday 11th October to Sunday 21st October 2012.

The ambitious plans, aimed at further catapulting the sport of Handball to even greater heights in Ireland but more significantly to the higher echelons of International Sport, will see the historic, special and unique construction of 13 Four-Wall 40x20 courts (all with glass back-walls) erected in the main arena. One of these courts will be a special Centre-Court with glass side-walls and backwall and will provide over 1000 seats for spectator and live TV viewing. There will be 8 One-Wall courts erected also for the championships with a centre-court again with tiered theatre-style seating to allow for greater viewing and live TV coverage. It is envisaged that there will be overall theatre-style spectator viewing for 3,000 spectators at the World Handball Championships.

The entire event will be recorded for a series of TV programmes throughout the week with planned live TV coverage of the Worlds



EMAD Pakie Mullins, Billy Mullins (Clonmel), Sean Ryan, Andy Ryan (Carlow)

Mens and Ladies Open Finals. As part of the terrific atmosphere and occasion of the World Championships there will be various Special Worlds 2012 Social Events throughout the tenday event as well as special tours (including the Croke Park tour) and the highlights will include a major concert with high profile artist/band playing following World Open Senior Singles Final on Wednesday night 17th October 2012, while there will be an amazing climax to the occasion with a World Championship Gala Banquet on Saturday 13th Oct 2012 for all players, coaches and officials (to be televised).

We wish to extend our sympathy to all who lost loved ones throughout the year. We remember the families of Paddy Gregan,



Tipperary Under12/13 Team: Back (l-r): Colin Ryan, Aiden O'Flaherty, Jason English, Kevin Shinnors. Front (l-r): Adrian O'Meara, Gerome Cahill, James Prentice.

Scoreboard 2011

Compiled by Ed Donnelly

County Finals – Hurling

Senior (Dan Breen Cup) - 16/10/11 at Semple Stadium Drom & Inch 1-19 Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-14

Senior (Seamus O'Riain Cup)

16/10/11 at Semple Stadium

Moycarkey-Borris 1-18 Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams

Intermediate - 22/10/11 at Golden Aherlow 1-11 Gortnahoe-Glengoole 0-10

Junior "A" - 20/11/11 at Golden Rockwell Rovers 1-14 Thurles Sarsfields 0-13

Junior "B" -

Under 21 "A" -

Under 21 "B" -

Under 21 "C" - 20/08/11 at Cashel Ballinahinch 5-23 Carrick Davins 2-10

Minor "A" - 05/11/11 at Templetuohy Mullinahone 1-18 Nenagh Éire Óg 0-18

Minor "B" - 12/11/11 at Templederry Drom & Inch 1-16 Burgess 1-16 (Drawn game) 27/11/11 at Dolla Drom & Inch 0-15 v Burgess 1-7 (Replay)

Minor "C" - 24/09/11 at Cahir Ballylooby/Castlegrace 1-17 Rockwell Rovers 4-7 (AET)

Under 16 "A" -

Durlas Og 4-24 Carrick Swan 0-4 at Clonmel Under 16 "B" -

Kildangan 0-9 Kilsheelan-Kilcash 0-8 at Templetuohy Under 16 "C" -

Eire Og Annacarty 2-14 Clerihan 1-0 at Dundrum

Under 14 "A" -

Drom & Inch 5-7 Moyle Rovers 3-3 at Dundrum Under 14 "B" -

Borrisokane 2-12 Sean Treacys 0-2 at Dolla Under 14 "C" -

Ballyneale 3-9 Durlas Og 0-1 at Dundrum

Feile na nGael -

Drom & Inch 2-17 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-2 at Templetuohy

County Finals – Football

Senior - 06/11/11 at Cashel Thomas MacDonaghs 0-9 Moyle Rovers 0-7

Intermediate - 06/11/11 at Cahir Mullinahone 1-11 Emly 0-6

Junior "A" - 22/11/11 at Boherlahan Kildangan 1-13 Ballylooby/Castlegrace 1-6

Iunior "B" - 04/12/11 at Ardfinnan Clonmel Commercials v Rockwell Rovers

Under 21 "A" - 20/04/11 at Boherlahan Arravale Rovers 1-12 Loughmore/Castleiney 2-6

Under 21 "B" - 30/04/11 at New Inn Ballyporeen 3-16 Knockavilla Kickhams 2-8

Under 21 "C" - 17/04/11 at Annacarty Ballinahinch 3-08 Emly 0-11

Minor "A" - 30/10/11 at Cashel Clonmel Commercials 2-15 Golden Kilfeacle 0-2

Minor "B" - 06/11/11 at Cashel Ballyporeen 2-16 Kildangan 1-7

Minor "C" - 15/05/11 at Ned Hall Park Ballylooby Castlegrace 1-10 Clerihan 2-5

Under 16 "A" -

Clonmel Commercials 1-13 JK Brackens 1-6 at Pairc na nOg

Under 16 "B" -

Fethard 2-17 Toomevara 3-7 at Littleton Under 16 "C" -

Carrick Davins 5-10 Fr. Sheehys 0-7 at Monroe

Under 14 "A" -

Drom & Inch 4-12 Moyle Rovers 1-5 at Dundrum Under 14 "B" -

Borrisokane 1-11 Ardfinnan 3-3 at Dundrum Under 14 "C" -

Grangemockler 4-8 Moyne-Templetuohy 1-8 at Dundrum

Peil na nOg -

Moyle Rovers 3-7 Drom & Inch 1-5 at Templetuohy

County Hurling League Finals

Premier Division - 15/05/11 at Templederry Drom & Inch 1-20 Burgess 1-12

Division 1 – 21/08/11 at Dolla J.K. Brackens 1-12 Templederry Kenyons 1-11

Division 2 – 26/08/11 at Templederry Lorrha 0-16 Boherlahan-Dualla 0-14

Intermediate - 08/09/11 at Borris-Ileigh Holycross-Ballycahill 3-15 Ballina 2-9

Junior - 22/06/11 at Moneygall Toomevara 3-12 Moyne Templetuohy 0-11

County Adult Football League Finals

Premier Division - 12/08/11 at Golden Éire Óg Annacarty 0-15 Arravale Rovers 1-7

Division 1 - 12/08/11 at Dundrum Cappawhite 4-10 Cashel King Cormacs 2-7

Division 2 - 15/04/11 at Ned Hall Park Ballingarry 1-11 Newcastle 1-5

County Minor Football League Finals

Division 1 – 11/09/11 at New Inn Clonmel Commercials 1-15 Golden-Kilfeacle 0-7

Division 2 - 22/06/11 at Fethard Killenaule 1-13 St Patricks 1-7

Interdivisional Hurling Competitions

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final -North Tipperary 3-15 West Tipperary 0-4 at Holycross

Roger Ryan Under 15 Hurling Final -North Tipperary 2-10 Mid Tipperary 1-8 at Toomevara

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final -South Tipperary 4-8 North Tipperary 0-10 at Borrisoleigh

Interdivisional Football Competitions

Friends of Tipperary Under 16 Football Final -South Tipperary 5-11 West Tipperary 1-4 at Garda Pitch

Nagle Cup Under 15 Football Final -Mid Tipperary 1-8 South Tipperary 0-5 at Bansha

Friends of Tipperary Under 14 Football Final -Mid Tipperary 2-10 South Tipperary 1-6 at Ballylooby **Inter County Championships Hurling**

Senior

29/05/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 3-22 Cork 0-23 (Munster Quarter-Final)

19/06/11 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick Tipperary 4-19 Clare 1-19 (Munster Semi-Final)

10/07/11 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh Tipperary 7-19 Waterford 0-19 (Munster Final)

14/08/11 at Croke Park Tipperary 1-19 Dublin 0-18 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

04/09/11 at Croke Park Kilkenny 2-17 Tipperary 1-16 (All-Ireland Final)

Intermediate

29/05/11 at Semple Stadium Cork 2-16 Tipperary 2-12 (Munster Quarter-Final)

01/06/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 4-12 Waterford 1-16 (Munster Quarter-Final)

15/07/11 at Semple Stadium Cork 4-19 Tipperary 1-21 (Munster Semi-Final)

27/04/11 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh Waterford 2-16 Tipperary 1-13 (Munster Quarter-Final)

08/05/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 2-16 Cork 1-9 (Munster Losers Group Playoff)

24/06/11 at Semple Stadium Clare 3-13 Tipperary 1-13 (Munster Semi-Final)

Allianz National Hurling League - Division 1

12/02/11 at Semple Stadium Kilkenny 1-17 Tipperary 1-10

19/02/11 at Croke Park Dublin 1-16 Tipperary 1-15

05/03/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 1-20 Waterford 0-18

13/03/11 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh Tipperary 1-20 Offaly 0-10

20/03/11 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh Tipperary 1-14 Cork 1-14

03/04/11 at Pearse Stadium Tipperary 4-23 Galway 1-14

17/04/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-17 Wexford 1-14

Waterford Crystal SH Tournament

16/1/10 at Clonmel

Waterford IT 2-17 Tipperary 1-19 (Preliminary Round) Inter-County Championship - Football Senior

22/05/11 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 0-11 (Munster Quarter-Final) 25/06/10 at O'Moore Park Portlaoise Laois 2-16 Tipperary 0-11 (All-Ireland Qualifier Round 1)

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22/05/11 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 1-8 (Munster Quarter-Final)

Under 21

09/03/11 at Fraher Field Dungarvan

Tipperary 1-14 Waterford 1-4 (Munster Quarter-Final)

23/03/11 at Pairc Ui Rinn Cork 0-21 Tipperary 2-3 (Munster Semi-Final)

13/04/11 at Kilmallock

Tipperary 1-13 Limerick 0-9 (Munster Quarter-Final)

18/05/11 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-12 Kerry 3-8 (Munster Semi-Final)

03/07/11 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney Tipperary 3-11 Cork 1-9 (Munster Final)

01/08/11 at O'Moore Park Portlaoise Tipperary 0-11 Meath 0-7 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

21/08/11 at Croke Park Tipperary 1-11 Roscommon 0-12 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

18/09/11 at Croke Park Tipperary 3-9 Dublin 1-14 (All-Ireland Final)

McGrath Cup Football

09/01/11 at Sean Treacy Park Tipperary 2-14 University of Limerick 0-14 (Preliminary Round)

16/01/11 at Walsh Park Waterford 0-11 Tipperary 0-9 (Quarter-Final)

Allianz National Football League - Division 3

06/02/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-10 Limerick 0-6

20/02/11 at Drogheda Louth 1-12 Tipperary 1-10

27/02/11 at Semple Stadium Westmeath 2-13 Tipperary 2-9

12/03/11 at Fraher Field Dungarvan Waterford 2-8 Tipperary 0-9

20/03/11 at O'Connor Park Tullamore Tipperary 1-11 Offaly 0-13

03/04/11 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-17 Wexford 0-10

10/04/11 at Breffini Park Cavan Cavan 0-16 Tipperary 0-13

Cumann Na mBunscol County Finals

Hurling

Under 11A Hurling - Scoil Ailbhe 2-06 Holycross 2-00 Under 11 A1 Hurling - Scoil Ailbhe 6-07 Holycross 2-00 Under 11 B Hurling - St. Colmcille's N.S Templemore 2-2 Two Mile Borris 0-6

Cashel BNS 3-03 Two Mile Borris 1-01 Under 11 C Hurling -

Scoil Eoin Naofa 2-5 Powerstown 1-4 Under 11 C1 Hurling -

Under 11 B1 Hurling

St. Joseph's Corville 2-4 Borrisoleigh 0-3

Under 11 D Hurling - Boherlahan 2-02 Ballytarsna 0-04 Under 11 E Hurling - Ballagh NS 5-07 Ballinaclough NS

Under 13 A Hurling - Holycross 1-10 Scoil Ailbhe 1-8 Under 13 B Hurling

St. Colmcilles 3-11 Cashel BNS 3-04

Under 13 C Hurling - Loughmore 5-7 Kilruane 3-7 Under 13 D Hurling - Dunkerrin NS 1-10 Mullinahone 0-03

Under 13 E Hurling -

Drom 1-13 Carrig N.S, Nenagh 3-4

Under 13 F Hurling - Ayle 9-05 Kilbarron 4-04

Under 13 G Hurling

Annacarty NS 6-14 Rearcross 3-05

Under 13 H Hurling - Gurtagarry 5-10 Killea 2-3 Inter-County Underage Competitions

Tony Forristal U14 A Hurling -

Tipperary 0-11 Cork 0-6 at Walsh Park Waterford

Sonny Walsh Under 14 B Hurling -Cork 2-8 Tipperary 0-2 at Waterford Munster Under 16 A Hurling -North Tipperary 1-9 Mid Tipperary 1-7 at Dr. Morris Park Thurles

Jim Power Under 14 Football Cup Final

Tipperary 5-17 South Kerry 0-5 at Dungarvan

Humphrey Kelleher Shield Football Final Limerick 3-8 Tipperary 0-6 at Millstreet Under 16 Football Munster Cup Final Cork 1-9 Tipperary 0-5 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick

Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 Hurling Cup Final

Cork 1-18 Waterford 1-10 at Semple Stadium

Camogie

Under 11 A Camogie -

St. Mary's Nenagh 4-0 Presentation Thurles 1-0 Under 11 B Camogie - Upperchurch 3-0 Boherlahan 1-1

Under 11 C Camogie

Carrig N.S, Birr 3-4 Cashel G.N.S 3-3 Under 11 D Camogie - Poulacapple 2-0 Ayle 0-01

Under 13A Camogie -

St. Mary's Nenagh 8-04 Ballina 1-00

Under 13 B Camogie - Holycross 6-1 Portroe 3-3 Under 13 C Camogie - Drom NS 4-03 Youghalarra 0-02

Under 13 D Camogie -

Carrig Nenagh 8-04 New Inn 0-02

Under 13 E Camogie Inch 13-7 Thomastown 3-3

INTO Mini Sevens Winners 2011

INTO Sevens Football - Loughmore

INTO Sevens Ladies Football -St. Josephs Templemore.

Under 13 Football

A: St. Marys CBS Clonmel beat Templemore

B: Ballyporeen beat Gael. Durlas

C: Cashel beat Loughmore

D: Clerihan beat Two Mile Borris

E: Drom beat Rathkeevin

F: Mullinahone beat Tankerstown

G: Moyglass beat Ayle

G1: Slieveardagh beat Ballyneale

H: Kilcash beat Kilvemnon

Under 13 Ladies Football

A: Sisters of Charity Clonmel beat St. Josephs Templemore

B: Ballylooby beat Grange

C: Upperchurch beat Rathkeevin

D: Kilross beat Rosegreen

Under 11 Football

A: Scoil Ailbhe beat St. Peter and Pauls Clonmel

B: Two Mile Borris beat Cahir BNS

C: Moyglass beat Ballyporeen

D: Ballytarsna beat Ballylooby

Under 11 Ladies Football

A: Mount Bruis beat Sisters of Charity

B: Ballyporeen beat Our Ladys Cahir C: Gael. Durlas beat Ballylooby D: Boherlahan beat Clerihan

Handball

County Finals 2011

GU11S: Eleanor Percy (Kilruane N.S.) Bt Katie Gould (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/8, 11/6 (22-14)

GU11D: Laura Shinnors & Orla Molloy (Ardcroney N.S.) BU11S: Sean Mc Adams (Ardcroney N.S.) Bt Conor

Bourke (Ballina N.S.) 11/7, 11/2 (22-9)

BU11D: Sean Hayes & John Mc Grath (Kildangan N.S.) Bt Matthew Spain & Delvin Courtney (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/6, 11/4 (22-10)

GU13S: Sinéad Meagher (Carrig N.S.) Bt Gráinne Molloy (Ardcroney N.S.) 11/7, 11/10 (22-17)

GU13D: Síle Spain & Caroline Hill (Ardcroney N.S.) Bt Sarah Dunne & Sarah Slattery (Burgess N.S.)

BU13S: Jason English (Ballyporeen N.S.) Bt Colm Ryan (St John the Baptist Cashel) 11/7, 10/11 (21-18)

BU13D: Jerome Cahill & Daniel Ryan (Ardcroney N.S.) Bt Tommy Breedy & Adrian English (Ballyporeen N.S.) 9/11, 11/7 (20-18)

Munster Club Championship

Senior Hurling

Quarter-Final - 30/10/11 at Semple Stadium Ballygunner (Waterford) 2-15 Drom & Inch 1-13

Quarter-Final - 20/11/11 at Clonmel Sportsfield Moyle Rovers 1-5 v UCC 5-12

Intermediate Hurling

Semi-Final – 06/11/11 at Kilmallock Effin (Limerick) 2-15 Aherlow 1-17

Intermediate Football

Quarter-Final - 13/11/11 at Clonmel Sportsfield Mullinahone 1-9 Mountcollins (Limerick) 0-8

Semi-Final - 20/11/11 at Waterford venue Mullinahone 0-14 Dungarvan 1-3 (Waterford)

Junior Hurling

Semi-Final 27/11/11 at Charleville Charleville (Cork) 2-13 Rockwell Rovers 0-8

Quarter-Final – 04/11/11 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick Kildangan 1-09 Sean Finns (Limerick) 0-10

Semi-Final - 13/11/11 at Puckane Kildangan 1-10 Sliabh gCua (Waterford) 1-6

Final - 27/11/11 at Moyvane Kildangan 1-4 Dromid Pearses (Kerry) 0-15

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2010

County Championship - Hurling Under 21 A Hurling Semi Final

Thurles Sarsfields 2-17 Arravale Rovers 1-5

Under 21 A Hurling Final

Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-13 Thurles Sarsfields 1-13 County Junior Hurling A Semi Final Replay Holycross Ballycahill 1-11 Toomevara 1-10

County Junior Hurling A Final

Holycross Ballycahill 0-10 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-10 County Junior Hurling A Final Replay

Holycross Ballycahill 4-17 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-10

Munster Club Championship

Senior Hurling

Final - 28/11/10 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh De La Salle (Waterford) 0-9 Thurles Sarsfields 0-8 **Junior Hurling** Final - 12/12/10

Meelin (Cork) 5-18 St. Patricks 0-9

Junior Football

Semi-Final - 28/11/10 at Caherciveen

St. Mary's (Kerry) 2-12 Nenagh Eire Og (Tipperary) 0-4

COUNTY TEAMS – 2011

(Compiled by John Smith)

HURLING

SENIOR: Waterford Crystal Tournament 16/1/2011 at Clonmel (Preliminary Round)

Waterford I.T. 2-17 Tipperary 1-19

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe) 0-1; Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney); David Young (Toomevara) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Ög); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields); Jody Brennan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Paddy Fanning (Moneygall), Daragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) 0-2; John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1-1, Dara Egan (Kildangan), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-11 (0-6 frees, 0-2 '65's). Subs: Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 for Hickey, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Michael Gleeson, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) for Brennan, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for Fanning.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

12/2/2011 at Semple Stadium Kilkenny 1-17 Tipperary 1-10

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), David Young (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Hugh Maloney (Nenagh Eire Óg); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 1-0, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4 frees, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2 (0-1 sideline); Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 0-1, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1. Subs: Subs: Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Hammersley, Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for S. McGrath, Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) for O'Mahony, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for O'Brien, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for B. Maher.

19/2/2011 at Croke Park

Dublin 1-16 Tipperary 1-15

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 free; Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Patrick Maher ((Lorrha); John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1-2, Paddy Fanning (Moneygall), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-7 (0-2 frees, 0-1 sideline). Subs: Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for Fanning, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-1 for Carey, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Michael Gleeson, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Ryan.

5/3/2011 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 1-20 Waterford 0-18

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara) 0-1, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7, Patrick Maher ((Lorrha); Paul Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-0, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-8 (0-4 frees). Subs: Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for S. McGrath, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-2 for O'Meara, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Carey, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Ryan, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for N. McGrath.

13/3/2011 at Nenagh Tipperary 1-20 Offaly 0-10

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), David Young (Toomevara), John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 1-1, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-4; Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-4, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Patrick Maher ((Lorrha); Paul Kelly (Mullinahone), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-7 (0-3 frees). Subs: Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-3 for E. Kelly, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for P. Kelly, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Connolly, John Coghlan (Moyne -Templetuohy) for Young, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for

27/3/2011 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh Tipperary 1-14 Cork 1-14

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), David Young (Toomevara); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 1-2, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-3 frees, 0-2 '65'), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields). Subs: Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Stapleton, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for S. Bourke, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1 for Patrick Maher, Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) for S. McGrath, John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy) for Young.

3/4/2011 at Pearse Stadium, Galway Tipperary 4-23 Galway 1-14

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-

Rossmore); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 0-4, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'); Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 3-4, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4. Subs: Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for O'Brien, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free) for Dunne, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for O'Keeffe, Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) for Ryan, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Corbett.

17/4/2011 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-17 Wexford 1-14

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh); David Young (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-3, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Benny Dunne (Toomevara), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65'), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-4. Subs: Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for S. McGrath, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Carey, John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Connolly, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Heffernan.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

29/5/2011 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 3-22 Cork 0-23

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-5, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-4 (0-2 sidelines), Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 0-1; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-7 (0-5 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-2. Subs: James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Shane McGrath, Conor O'Mahony (Newport) for Young, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 1-0 for O'Brien, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Ryan.

19/6/2011 at Pairc na nGael, Limerick (Semi Final) Tipperary 4-19 Clare 1-19

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Sarsfields); David Young (Toomevara), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-5, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Patrick Maher (Lorrha) 1-0; Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-3 (0-2 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-0. Subs: Stephen Lillis (Thurles Sarsfields) for O'Keeffe, Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh) for Young, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 for O'Brien, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Ryan, John Coghlan (Moyne-Tampletyoly) for Curran Templetuohy) for Curran.

10/7/2011 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Final) Tipperary 7-19 Waterford 0-19

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 1-0, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2 (0-1 sideline), Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 2-6 (0-3 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-3, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 4-4. Subs: Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 for Callanan, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) for Ryan, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for Noel McGrath, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Padraic Maher, Darren Gleeson (Portroe) for Cummins.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

14/8/2011 at Croke Park (Semi Final) Tipperary 1-19 Dublin 0-18

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 (0-1 sideline), Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-6 (0-3 '65', 0-2 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3. Subs: Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for Callanan, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 (free) for Patrick Maher, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Ryan, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for Kelly, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for O'Brien.

4/9/2011 at Croke Park (Final) Kilkenny 2-17 Tipperary 1-16

Team & scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 (0-1 sideline), Patrick Maher (Lorrha); Eoin Kelly

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(Mullinahone) 0-8 (0-7 frees), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields). Subs: Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) for O'Keeffe, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-0 for Callanan, Benny Dunne (Toomevara) 0-1 for S. McGrath, David Young (Toomevara) for O'Mahony, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for O'Brien.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

29/5/2011 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final) Cork 2-16 Tipperary 2-12

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Alan Byrnes (Shannon Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Kevin Maher (Lorrha); Joey McLoughney (Toomevara) 0-1, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 free, Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 (0-1 free), Paudie O'Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, Daragh Hickey (Boherlahan-Dualla) 0-1, Willie O'Dwyer (Carrick Davins), Philip Austin (Borrisokane); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Philip Ivors (Ballingarry) 1-2, Ray McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2 frees. Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1 for Paudie O'Dwyer, Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields) for Austin, Damien O'Brien (Burgess) for Willie O'Dwyer, Liam Dwan (Holycross-Ballycahill) 1-0 for Ray McLoughney, Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) for Ivors.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

1/6/2011 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 4-12 Waterford 1-16

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Noel McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney) 1-1 (1-0 pen), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan); Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 1-0, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-2 (0-1 free), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-3, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 2-2. Subs: Sean O'Brien (Newport) for Barry, Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) for Ryan, Michael Sheedy (Portroe) 0-1 for Curran.

15/7/2011 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Cork 4-19 Tipperary 1-21

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean O'Brien (Newport); Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Padraig Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 frees, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-2, Paddy Murphy (Nenagh Éire Óg), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-1; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey/Borris 0-1, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-11 (0-10 frees). Subs: Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) for Barry, Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for O'Brien, Michael Sheedy (Portroe) for Morris, Willie Maher (Lorrha) for Murphy.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

27/4/2011 at Walsh Park, Waterford (Quarter Final) Waterford 2-16 Tipperary 1-13

Team and scorers: Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore); James Bourke (Moycarkey-Borris), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 1-1 (1-0 free), Thomas Hamill (Killea); Conor Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Eoin Fennelly (Mullinahone); Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-8 (0-7 frees), Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon-Grange); Cathal Horan (Mullinahone) 0-1, Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2. Subs: Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Ralph, Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for Hammersley, Patrick Ryan (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) for Horan.

8/5/2011 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final 2nd Play Off) Tipperary 2-16 Cork 1-9

Team and scorers: Shane Hassett (Drom-Inch); James Bourke (Moycarkey-Borris), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Thomas Hamill (Killea), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Eoin Fennelly (Mullinahone); Conor Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris); John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-9 (frees), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone) 2-2. Subs: Seamus Kennedy (St. Mary's) for Barrett, Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for John McGrath.

24/6/2011 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Clare 3-13 Tipperary 1-13

Team and scorers: Shane Hassett (Drom-Inch); James Bourke (Moycarkey-Borris), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Thomas Hamill (Killea), Jason Forde (Silvermines) (1-0 free), Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill); Eoin Fennelly (Mullinahone), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Pat Ralph (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-2, Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-9 (0-7 frees), Cathal Horan (Mullinahone). Subs: Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Horan, Seamus Kennedy (St. Mary's) for Fennelly.

SENIOR McGrath Cup

9/1/2011 at Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town (First Round) Tipperary 2-14 University of Limerick 0-13

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan); Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) 1-0, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 1-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5. Subs: Niall Curran (Mullinahone) 0-1 for Buckley, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) for Rockett, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Coen, Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-1 free for Sweeney, Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) for Hannigan.

16/1/2011 at Walsh Park (Quarter Final)

Waterford 0-11 Tipperary 0-9

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 free; James Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2 (0-1 free), Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2. Subs: Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Hahessy, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-2 (0-1 free) for James Egan, Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for Seamus Grogan.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

6/2/2011 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-10 Limerick 0-6

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Glatee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1; Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 frees. Subs: Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for Dillon, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-2 (0-1 free) for Hahessy, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Austin, Niall Curran (Mullinahone) for Fox.

20/2/2011 at Drogheda

Louth 1-12 Tipperary 1-10
Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Glatee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-2, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Og Annacarty) 1-2, John Cagney (Clohmel Og) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 1-4 (0-3 frees), Barry Grogan (Aherlow). Subs: Aldo Matassa (Clohmel Commercials) for Cagney, Darragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for Curran, Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Dwyer, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Acheson.

27/2/2011 at Semple Stadium Westmeath 2-12 Tipperary 2-9

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Niall Curran (Mullinahone); Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Brian Fox (Eire Ög Annacarty) 0-1, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 1-0, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Timmy Dalton (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-5 (1-0 pen, 0-3 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for Dalton, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Codd, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) for Mulvihill, Brian Coen (Fethard) for Hannigan.

12/3/2011 at Fraher Field, Dungarvan Waterford 2-8 Tipperary 0-9

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Niall Curran (Mullinahone), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Hugh Coghlan (St. Vincents) 0-1; Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-2, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Sweeney, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Egan, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for S. Grogan, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) for Austin, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Fox.

20/3/2011 at Tullamore

Tipperary 1-11 Offaly 0-13

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Niall Curran (Mullinahone, Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 1-1; Alan Rockett (Carrick Swan), Brian Coen (Fethard), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-7 (0-4 frees). Subs: Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Rockett, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) for Coen, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel

COUNTY TEAMS – 2011

Commercials) for Cagney, Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for

3/4/2011 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-17 Wexford 0-10

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); John Cagney (Clonmel Óg), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Brian Coen (Fethard), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-9 (0-6 frees). Subs: David McGrath (Moyle Rovers) for Coen, Niall Curran (Mullinahone) 0-1 for Mulvihill.

10/4/2011 at Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan Cavan 0-16 Tipperary 0-13

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) 0-1, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg); Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-5 (0-3 frees), Brian Coen (Fethard) 0-1, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1. Subs: Niall Curran (Mullinahone) for Aylward, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3 (0-1 free) for Coen, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Mulvihill.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

22/5/2011 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Quarter Final) Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 0-11

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2, Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-2 (0-1 free), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-3 (0-2 frees). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for S. Grogan, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Sweeney, John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) for Jones, Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Austin.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

25/6/2011 at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise (Round 1) Laois 2-16 Tipperary 0-11

Team and Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Christopher Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1; Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) 0-1, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), John Cagney (Clonmel Óg) 0-1; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 frees. Subs: Brian Coen (Fethard) for Cagney, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for McGrath, Niall Curran (Mullinahone) for Mulvihill, Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) for Aylward, Stephen Hahessy (Carrick Swan) for Coghlan.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

22/5/2011 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Quarter Final)

Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 1-8

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Clonmel Commercials), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers); Donnagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen), Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan); Donnagh Heffernan (Cappawhite), Éddie Kenrick (Cahir); Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 1-3 (0-2 frees), Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-3, James Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, David Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash). Subs: Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) for O'Callaghan, Thomas Hanley (Aherlow) for Heffernan, Graham Quinn (Clonmel Óg) for O'Sullivan, Sean O'Connor (Cahir) for Butler, Alan Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for Hewitt.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

9/3/2011 at Fraher Field, Dungarvan (Quarter Final) Tipperary 1-14 Waterford 1-4

Team & Scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Mark Hanly (Aherlow), Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Eddie Kenrick (Cahir), John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen) 0-1; Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite); Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan), Thomas Hanly (Aherlow), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-6 (0-5 frees), David Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-3, David McGrath (Moyle Rovers) 0-1. Subs: Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) for Hanly, Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Leahy, Paul McEvoy (Cahir) 0-1 for Hewitt, Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Butler, Kevin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) for Acheson.

23/3/2011 at Pairc Ui Rinn (Semi Final)

Cork 0-21 Tipperary 2-3

Team & Scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers); Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Mark Hanly (Aherlow); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 1-0, Eddie Kenrick (Cahir), John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen); Donagh Heffernan (Cappawhite), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen 0-1 free), David Butler (DromInch), David McGrath (Moyle Rovers) 1-0. Subs: Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Kenrick, Michael O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) for Hewitt, Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Butler, Thomas Hanly (Aherlow) for Matassa, Kevin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) for Hanly.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

13/4/2011 at Kilmallock (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-13 Limerick 0-9

Team and scorers: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel Kings Cormacs); Oisin O'Flynn (Ardfinnan), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers), Adrian McGuire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Fintan Ryan (Arravale Rovers), Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens); Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Darragh Butler (Loughmore-Castleiney); John Martin (Ballyporeen), Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Ian Fahy (Clonmel Commercials); Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 1-2, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-6 (0-3 frees). Subs: Dean Lonergan (Cahir) 0-2 for Martin; Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) for Quirke; Greg Henry (Killenaule) for Fahey; Leonard Vance (Emly) for O'Brien; Eoin Fitzgerald (Fethard) for T.J. Ryan.

18/5/2011 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Tipperary 2-12 Kerry 3-8

Team and scorers: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel Kings Cormacs); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials); Adrian McGuire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Darragh Butler (Loughmore-Castleiney); Ian Fahy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-4 (0-2 frees, 1 '45'), Greg Henry (Killenaule) 0-1, Dean Lonergan (Cahir); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 1-1, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1. Subs: Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Butler, Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 1-1 (0-1 free) for Lonergan, Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) for McGuire, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Henry.

3/7/2011 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Final) Tipperary 3-11 Cork 1-9

Team and scorers: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel Kings Cormacs); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers), Adrian McGuire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-2, Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials); Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Ian Fahy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 '45'; Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Greg Henry (Killenaule) 1-1; Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-0, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 1-1 (1-0 pen), T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-6 (0-2 frees). Subs: John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for McGuire, Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) for Ryan, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Henry, Dean Lonergan (Cahir) for Quinlivan, Darragh Butler (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Maher.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1/8/2011 at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise (Quarter Final) Tipperary 0-11 Meath 0-7

Team and scorers: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel Kings Cormacs); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs) 0-1, Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Ian Fahy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 free; Greg Henry (Killenaule), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 frees, Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1; Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-4 (0-2 frees), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney). Subs: Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Henry, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Fahy, John Martin (Ballyporeen) for Quinlivan.

21/8/2011 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-11 Roscommon 0-12
Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercials); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-2, Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Ian Fahy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-3 (0-1 free); Greg Henry (Killenaule) 0-1, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 1-1, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1. Subs: John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Quirke, Adrian McGuire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for Fitzelle, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Henry, Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 for Ryan, Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan) for O'Brien.

18/9/2011 at Croke Park (Final)

Tipperary 3-9 Dublin 1-14

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercials); Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey-Borris), John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney), Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Dylan Fitzell (Cashel King Cormacs), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials); Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Ian Fahy (Clonnel Commercials); Greg Henry (Killenaule), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1; Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-2 (0-1 free), Michael Quinlivan (Clonnel Commercials) 1-1 (1-0 pen), T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers). Subs: Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-3 for John McGrath, Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 1-2 (0-2 frees) for Ryan, Adrian McGuire (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for O'Riordan, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Henry, John Martin (Ballyporeen) for Bill Maher.

2012 Munster Championship Fixtures

MUNSTER GAA SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter-Final

27/5 Tipperary v Limerick at Thurles

Semi-Finals

17/6Clare v Waterfordat Thurles24/6IF Cork v Tipperaryat Cork24/6IF Cork v Limerickat Limerick

15/7 FINAL

MUNSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter-Finals

20/5 Limerick v Waterford at Limerick 20/5 Kerry v Tipperary at Thurles

Semi-Finals

9/6 IF Clare v Limerick at Ennis

9/6 IF Clare v Waterford

10/6 IF Cork v Kerry at Cork 10/6 IF Cork v Tipperary at Cork

8/7 FINAL

BORD GAIS ENERGY MUNSTER UNDER 21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter-Final

6/6 Cork v Tipperary at Cork

Semi-Final

18/7 IF Limerick v Cork at Cork 18/7 IF Limerick v Tipperary at Limerick 19/7 Clare v Waterford at Ennis

8/8 FINAL

CADBURYS MUNSTER UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter-Finals

14/3 Kerry v Tipperary at Thurles14/3 Clare v Limerick at Limerick venue

Semi-Finals

28/3 IF Waterford v Kerry at Kerry venue
28/3 IF Waterford v Tipperary at Tipperary venue
28/3 IF Cork v Clare at Cork venue
28/3 IF Cork v Limerick at Limerick venue

11/4 FINAL

MUNSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Ouarter-Finals

2/5 A. Clare v Waterford at Clare venue
2/5 B. Kerry v Tipperary at Tipperary venue
2/5 C. Limerick v Cork at Cork venue

Semi-Final Play Off 1

5/5 Losers of B v Losers of C

Semi-Final Play Off 2

10/5 Winners of Semi-Final Play Off 1 v Losers of A

Semi-Finals

29/6 Winners of A v Winners of B 29/6 Winners of C v Semi-Final Play Off 2

15/7 FINAL

MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter-Finals

14/4 A. Limerick v Cork at

Limerick venue

14/4 B. Kerry v Tipperary at Kerry venue 14/4 C. Clare v Waterford at Clare venue

Semi-Final Play Off 1

17/4 Losers of B v Losers of C

Semi-Final Play Off 2

24/4 Winners of Semi-Final Play Off 1 v Losers of A

Semi-Finals

16/5 Winners of A v Winners of B

16/5 Winners of C v Semi-Final Play Off 2

8/7 FINAL

WATERFORD CRYSTAL CUP SENIOR HURLING

Preliminary Round

29/1 F. Kerry v IT Tralee at Kerry venue29/1 G. Tipperary v LIT at Tipperary venue

29/1 H. Clare v WIT at Clare venue

Quarter-Finals

5/2
5/2
2. UL v Winner of G
5/2
3. Limerick v Winner of H

5/2 4. UCC v Waterford at Waterford venue

Semi-Finals

12/2 Winner of 1 v 2 12/2 Winner of 3 v 4 19/2 FINAL

McGRATH CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

Preliminary Round

8/1 F. Waterford v IT Tralee at Waterford venue

8/1 G. Clare v UL at Clare venue

8/1 H. Tipperary v LIT at Tipperary venue

Ouarter-Finals

15/1 1. CIT v Winner of F 15/1 2. Cork v Winner of G 15/1 3. WIT v Winner of H

15/1 4. Limerick v UCC at Limerick venue

Semi-Finals

22/1 Winner of 1 v 2 22/1 Winner of 3 v 4

29/1 FINAL

Friends We Lost

Joe Bourke (Moycarkey/Borris)



Joe Bourke who died in March was a life long supporter of Gaelic games. He played at all levels of hurling for the Moycarkey/Borris club. His career started in the mid 1950's and he was a member of the club team to win the 1954 No. 1 Mid and County hurling championships. He graduated through the ranks and was a regular on club senior teams by the end of that decade. Joe was corner back on the senior side that had victories over Boherlahan and Eire Og (an amalgamation) and reached the Mid final against Thurles Sarsfields, and gave the high rolling

"Blues" a great game in Templemore to go down by 4-8 to 1-8 after a most competitive contest in 1958. Around this time Joe sustained an injury that was to put paid to a very promising hurling career. Although living in Thurles for many years Joe never lost contact with his native parish and was a dedicated supporter of the club and followed the fortunes of all teams at venues throughout the county. His joy was unbounded in 1982 and '84 when the club won the county seniors hurling championships. At the time of his death he was a Vice President of the Moycarkey/Borris club. With his late brother, Tom he shared a lot of glory at a time when hurling was occasionally at a low ebb in the parish. Go ndeana Dia trocaire air.

Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey 1909 - 2011



An All Ireland minor hurling medal in 1930, senior medal in 1937 and Railway Cup in 1938 these are the bare statistics that defined the intercounty career of the legend that was Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey. His CV also included two North Tipp senior, one intermediate and one minor championship with Newport, along with two Limerick senior titles with Ahane after he had taken up residence in Cappamore in the 1940s. Following a playing career that spanned four decades, Jimmy trained Cappamore to county honours in both junior and senior grades and was a selector of the Limerick team that won the

Munster senior hurling title in 1955. 'Butler' Coffey was renowned as a stylish hurler who had mastered the art of overhead striking and the fast ground stroke, with many of his finest scores notched without ever handling the ball.

In later years, Jimmy had numerous visits from historians seeking information on games of the past. He always obliged and displayed an amazing memory of the matches, the players, the personalities and activities of bygone decades. His capacity for vivid recall, even into his $102\mathrm{nd}$ year, was astounding. Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh attended the celebration of 'Butler' Coffey's 100th birthday and presented the President's cheque. D'aontaigh gach duine le Micheál nuair a dúirt sé faoi 'Butler', "Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís."

Tom Mannion 1929 - 2011



In July 2011, the Mannion Family along with the Clare Branch of the Tipperary Supporters' Club presented to Lár na Páirce, an etching on Portroe slate of the Tipperary S.H. winning team of 2010. This was in fulfillment of the wishes of the recently deceased Tom Mannion.

A native of Cragg, Birdhill, Tom Mannion won a North Tipperary Junior Hurling medal with Mulcaire Rovers in 1947. At the age of 20, he moved to Ennis, and in 1964 he established Tom Mannion Travel. His agency arranged many trips for Tipperary teams over the years. He

maintained a lifelong passion for the G.A.A. following the Tipperary and Clare hurlers all over the country and had the amazing record of attending 119 All-Ireland finals in both hurling and football. Also passionate about golf, he boasted that in his travels, he played golf on five continents.

His commitment to his adopted town is reflected in his involvement in no less than 15 local community organizations. At his funeral Mass, it was noted that "Tom Mannion's fingerprints were to be found on so much that

was done in Ennis during his 62 years living there."

John Donovan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 1934-2011

It was with sadness that the community of the Killurney, Lisnatubrid area, and indeed far beyond, learned of the death of John Donovan on August 30th. While he never married, one could say, that he found a very compatible life long partner in the GAA.

John's best position was at midfield and his motto was "pull first time and let the ball do the work" and he also adopted this approach to the football team effectively. In 1964 he captained the Junior hurling team to win the South Title for the first time and for some years after he was a permanent fixture on the team.

When his career was over he turned his attention to coaching and served a number of clubs in this capacity.

He was a regular supporter at matches where he met old acquaintances. He would spend much time discussing the players on view. In $\overline{2008}$ John was the recipient of a Sean Gael Award for outstanding service to the GAA. He cherished this award presented to him by Nicky Brennan, President of the GAA, and it took pride of place by his bedside throughout his illness.

Always looking for a new challenge he formed a ladies football team locally, not realising he was among those sowing the seeds, to revolutionise ladies sport nationwide. When Tipperary won the first ever All Ireland title in 1974 John was a selector-coach. He was held in high esteem by the players, best exemplified by their large attendance at his funeral.

Visitors to his home were always welcome and affairs were discussed well into the night oblivious of the time on the clock. Though in failing health for some time John went to his eternal reward leaving us with many memories of this farming, sporting and community man.

We extend our sympathy to his sisters Mary and Nora and his wide circle of friends.

Tess McNamara (Mullinahone) 1933-2011



Tessie McNamara passed away at her home in Mullinoly on the morning of August 4th surrounded by her family. The community was saddened but not surprised as she had been seriously ill for some time prior to her death. Tessie was not only the greatest of all Mullinahone's supporters but much more as her friend Ricky Sheehan said when saying goodbye to Tess on behalf of the local community at her funeral mass. She was blessed with a generous spirit which could be seen both in her home and among the community at large. Ever helpful she

was never afraid of hard work and she did plenty of that. Neither was she slow to call it as she saw it. Many a referee will vouch for this. No surprise that such a colourful character was carried through the streets of Mullinahone to St. Michaels Church by members of the C. J. Kickhams Club. She was the first lady to be accorded this honour and nobody deserved it more. Slán a Threasa, ní fheicfimid do leithéid arís.

Owen O'Carroll (Lorrha) 1946-2010



The death took place on Tuesday, 28 December 2010 of Owen (Eugene) O'Carroll, Portland, Lorrha and native of Ballyhemicken, Ardfert, Co.

After moving to Lorrha in the mid 1970s to work with Teagasc, Owen became involved with the club, particularly at juvenile level where he trained many teams from Under 12 to 21. He guided Lorrha to only their second Minor 'A' North Final appearance in 42-years in 2005. In 2007, he was a selector on the Lorrha Intermediate hurling team that won the North

and County title. Always courteous and an immeansley positive and popular man, Owen was afforded a Guard of Honour by Lorrha GAA club at his funeral. Owen is survived by his wife Claire, daughter Sarah and sons Michael and David. May he rest in pece.

Michael O'Meara (Blakefield) 1924-2011

The death took place on Saturday, 7 May of Michael O'Meara, Blakefield, Lorrha.

Mick or 'Blakefield' as he was known to all in the area, had a massive passion for the GAA and in his playing days enjoyed great success with Lorrha, including winning two North SHC medals in 1948 and 1956 primarily at wing forward. When he retired from playing, he was a selector on many Lorrha teams and also umpired for the late Hubie Hogan and his great friend Sean O'Meara.

Mick had a wealth of knowledge on Lorrha and Tipperary hurling and loved to discuss all aspects of the game whenever possible, even when he took up residency in St. Kieran's Nursing Home in Rathcabbin in his latter years.

Mick was afforded a Guard of Honour by Lorrha GAA club at his funeral. May he rest in peace.

Larry Lowe (Moyne/Templetuohy)



Larry Lowe, Templetuohy passed away on 3rd February aged 86. He will be fondly remembered for many things by his family and friends but one thing that quickly comes to mind when we think of Larry is how great a Moyne/Templetuohy GAA supporter he was. Larry never missed a match and brought many to their first All Ireland finals. In later years when his sons, John and Tony played for the club, he would fill the car with team players and bring them to matches. Larry loved Templetuohy and he loved the simple things in life – the sideline at a match,

banter at the mart and chatting outside Mass on a Sunday. He is greatly missed by his family and friends. Ar dheis Dégo raibh a anam dilis.

Fr. Tony Kelly (Holycross/Ballycahill) 1935-2011



Fr. Tony Kelly who passed away on Tuesday 12th April was in his day a most accomplished hurler for his school, our club and county. After winning a Dean Ryan Cup medal with Thurles C.B.S. in 1952, he graduated to the Tipperary minor team the following year, playing in every game at full back as victories over Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Antrim and Dublin secured the All Ireland title. He soon progressed on to our club senior team, playing at right half forward in the Mid final of 1955, a game won by Sarsfields before a crowd of 8,000 people in Gaile. Having

joined the Columban Fathers, to whom he gave a life-time of service in the Philippines, his recent times were spent in retirement at the Columban College at Dalgan Park, Co. Meath where at his funeral his coffin appropriately bore the flags of his club and county on its final journey. Our sympathy to his entire family. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Fr. Manus Rodgers (Silvermines)



Very Rev. Manus Rodgers, Parish Priest and President of Silvermines GAA Club, was called by God to the playing fields of heaven on the morning of Tuesday 30th of August 2011. Born in 1926, Fr. Manus was a native of Scariff, Co. Clare, and in 1952 with his brother Gerry and neighbours Leo and Jackie Long was ordained to the priesthood. A wonderful day for both families to see two sets of brothers from a small community being ordained together in the local Church. The Rodgers family was steeped in the Republican tradition and Fr. Manus uncle, Alfie, was one of four young men murdered by the

Tans on the Bridge of Killaloe in November 1920 and is remembered in the ballad "The Scariff Martyrs".

Fr. Manus came to Silvermines as Parish Priest in June 1989, retired in 2004 but continued to serve with energy and dignity as an A.P. until his death in August. He was "a lovely man" and his nephew Ger aptly described him on the morning of his funeral as "being at his best at the time of tragedy or misfortune. He had the ability to listen, to communicate, to act with dignity, gentleness and compassion, speaking with softness and feeling. He had a blessing for every occasion whether it was a new car, a family pregnancy or somebody sick. With great devotion he travelled the parish with the ashes on Ash Wednesday and with the candles to bless the throats on the feast of St. Blaize".

One of Fr. Rodgers great loves in life was the game of hurling and he took such an interest in Scariff's fortunes, in St. Flannan's College Harty Cup prospects, in how Newmarket-on-Fergus prospered in the Clare championship, in Clare's games and in later years how Silvermines and Tipperary were progressing. A Harty Cup winner himself he was a stylish and effective player and a man who had a great insight into the game. He read profusely on the subject and no hurling book published in recent years went unread in his home. The door bell and the phones were usually hopping on Sunday evenings and Monday mornings as the games of the weekend were played all over again. In every parish he served he took an active part in the activities of the local hurling club. His greatest successes came when he was a curate in New-Market-on-Fergus and with his friend Fr. Tim Tuohy managed the local hurling team. In $\stackrel{\smile}{\text{his}}$ twelve years as curate and team mentor in the parish the club won ten county senior hurling championships, a magnificent achievement by any standards. The members of that successful team did not forget their former mentor and on the day of his funeral formed a Guard of Honour outside Silvermines church.

He was President of the local GAA club at the time of his death and at all times took a deep interest in the affairs of the club. He applauded and celebrated Tipperary's victories and like any faithful servant never forgot his native Clare. He was conscious that Clare had a lean period in Munster from 1932 to 1995 and was very aware of the fact that the referee in that final of 1932, when Clare defeated Cork, was Jack Kennedy from Silvermines village.

Fr. Manus Rodgers will never be forgotten by the people of Silvermines where he lived and served his community and is now laid to rest in the grounds of the church he loved so much. We extend sympathy to his relations, parishioners and many friends. May he rest in peace.

Jimmy Ryan (Ballina)



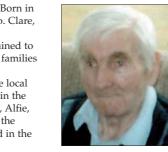
On the 7th February 2011 the news broke of the death of Jimmy Ryan. This came as a shock to the people of Ballina, Tipperary and Castleknock, Dublin. Jimmy was a life long supporter of Gaelic Games as a hurler and as a steward in Croke Park. He hurled in the forwards for Ballina for many years and was on the victorious Junior team of 1967. Work as a carpenter brought Jimmy to Dublin where he joined Ballymun Kickhams. He moved from forwards to defence and finished his playing career at centre back winning Ballymun Kickhams Hurler of the Year in 1982. By this stage Jimmy had become a

steward in Croke Park, a job which he loved and always had a warm welcome for people. Jimmy attended every All Ireland hurling and football final for the last 37 years. His last being Tipp's victory over Kilkenny in 2010 which he deemed as being the best.

Jimmy's true love was the Tipperary senior hurling team which he followed unfailingly through league and championship. He was the first Tipp man into Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on the morning the famine ended in 1987. A quite man by nature Jimmy would very rarely raise his voice but if he did it was to come to the defence of Tipperary. In his 70 years he would have been delighted that his last one came as Tipperary hurling men were at the top.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Jack Grogan (Galtee Rovers/St. Pecauns) 1923-2010



On March 6th 2010 the great Jack Grogan of Ardane passed to his eternal reward. For several years Jack was at the heart of a wonderful Galtee Rovers team who brought fame and glory to their native parish with county and West final successes in the late forties and early fifties.

In the 1949 county final, played in April 1950, Jack Grogan lined out at midfield, a position he dominated, and he delivered an outstanding performance against Moyne/Templetuohy, scoring several points from play and frees. Jack also featured in the 1950 county final success, once more scoring the opening point in both

halves of an outstanding victory over the same opposition.

During this era Galtee Rovers won six West finals in a row, 1949-1954, a feat recently repeated from 1999-2004 and the great Jack Grogan contributed greatly to many of those successes either at midfield or in the forward line. From play and placed balls he had an unerring boot and contributed handsomely to our final tally in some of our epic victories. A man of many talents, Jack Grogan was also a gifted athlete and his speciality was the high jump.

Go nDeana Dia Trocaire ar a anam dilis.

Christopher McGarahan (Galtee Rovers/St. Pecauns) 1967-2011



Galtee Rovers/St Pecauns club wish to extend the sympathy of the Gaels of the parish to the family, relatives and friends of the late Christopher McGarahan of Cluen who passed away in October. Christy was a talented footballer and hurler winning a West senior football medal with his native parish in 1985 while still a minor. While still in Secondary School Christy featured prominently in the St. Ailbe's team who won the 1983 Munster Vocational School's football final and qualified for the All-Ireland final. This team featured several of own club mates. Christy was

a member of the great Tipperary minor football squad who accounted for Cork, Clare and Kerry on the way to Munster final success in Killarney before losing to Dublin in the 1985 All-Ireland final. Also in 1985 Christy played full forward on a Galtee Rovers/St. Pecauns minor hurling team who accounted for Sean Treacys in the West final before going down to the might of Borris/Ileigh in a great county final. Subsequently Christy emigrated to England and later the USA before returning to his native parish. As a mark of respect Christy's coffin was draped in the club and county colours while club members, colleagues and friends formed a guard of honour at his removal. Solas na bhFlaitheas ar a anam uasal.

Christy Collins (Ballina) 1929-2011



The news of the death of Christy Collins caused shock in the parish on the 24th February. Christy Collins was a popular member of the farming community and a great family man. He was a life long member of the Pioneer Association and was President of the local association for many years. He loved all sports and was a founder member of St Lua's Athletic Club. He was a devoted hurling follower and played hurling with his club during the fifties and sixties. In 1967 he was a member of the Ballina team who won the North Junior title. As a lifelong supporter of the club Christy took

keen interest in Juvenile hurling and passed on his love of the GAA to his children and grandchildren. He was proud to be a selector on the Ballina team who won North Tipperary Under 12 hurling titles in 1983 -1985. In later years he took great pride in watching his grandchildren take part in all GAA activities. In the last year when he was unable to attend a final the grandchildren's first stop on their way home was to their Grandad to share with him their achievements on that particular day.

It was a great comfort to his family and a great tribute to Christy to see so many of the young players attend his funeral and performing a guard of honour.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Larry Reade (Carrick Swan) 1955-2011



The passing of Larry Reade during the summer brought profound sadness to the Carrick Swan club and the Reade family. Larry came from a family with a beloved passion for Gaelic Games. He excelled as a hurler in his younger years playing with the St. Mollerans club in County Waterford. When his playing days ended Larry did not desert the G.A.A. He worked tirelessly in a coaching capacity with the Carrick Swan club for many years and also worked closely with the neighbouring schools. His immense knowledge of the game, and his dedicated and disciplined

approach, helped guide many Carrick Swan underage teams to divisional and county success during recent years. Larry also gave generously of his time as a referee both in Waterford and Tipperary and was always available for school or club games and always refereed in a fair and unbiased way. Larry's passing at such a young age, after a short but brave battle against illness, was felt throughout our club but more especially by his wife Breda, his sons and the extended Reade family to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

Martin Hayes (Holycross/Ballycahill) 1942-2011



Martin Hayes was, in his time, a strongly built and highly effective hurler who gave fine service to his native Holycross/Ballycahill club in the 1970's. From the full back position, he captained the clubs No. 2 junior team to the Mid title in 1975. After his playing days ended, he retained a strong interest in the progress of the local teams and so it was only fitting that on his final journey to Holycross Abbey his coffin bore the flags of Holycross/Ballycahill and Galberstown, and his funeral was accompanied by a guard of honour of former playing colleagues from both clubs.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Michael O'Sullivan (Ballina) 1946-2011



It was with regret the death was announced of Michael O'Sullivan on the 28th March 2011. Michael was a member of the farming community and he was also a loyal supporter of GAA events, in club and county. Michael played for Ballina in all ages and grades in the sixties and seventies. He won a North Tipperary Junior 'A' title with Ballina in 1967 as a corner forward. His sons Eamon and Michael are currently playing members of the Ballina lub. We extend our sympathy to his wife Breda, sons, daughters and relatives May he rest in peace

Paddy Carr (Holycross/Ballycahill) 1930-2011



With the passing this year of Paddy Carr, Holycross/Ballycahill GAA club lost a steadfast and hardworking clubman who played a considerable role in our organisation in the 1980's and 90's. Having moved back from Dublin, he immersed himself fully in any role the club requested of him, be it as a team selector, committee member or helper at our grounds. He took due pride in the achievements of his entire family, and had the privilege of watching both Tommy and Declan give many outstanding displays as captains of club and county teams.

The esteem in which Paddy was held saw large numbers of our clubmen young and old accompany his remains on his final journey through his beloved Ballycahill to the local graveyard, where he now rests in eternal peace. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Paddy Cussen (Moycarkey/Borris) 1932-2011



Another Gael called to his eternal reward during the year was Paddy Cussen, Ballyduff Road and formerly of Clover, Two-Mile-Borris which occurred unexpectedly on Friday 30th September. Paddy was a well known personality in the area. From an early age he took a great interest in all G.A.A affairs and had built up a large memorabilia of newspaper cuttings, photographs and programmes. He was a mine of information on all the different eras of hurling and Gaelic football. Off the cuff he could name teams and results. He was a member of the Two-Mile-Borris junior hurling team of 1957, winners of the Mid

championship and held down the corner forward position. He also played football with Caislean Dubh, the local junior football team of that period.

Paddy was a member of many local committees, the hurling and football clubs, the Coolcroo Athletic Club, the Two-Mile-Borris 150th anniversary School Group, (to whose video he related many of his recollections), and the Two-Mile-Borris Millennium Memorial Committee. Peace to his soul.

Jeremiah 'Sonnie' O'Connell (Cill Náile) 1925-2011



It was with great sadness that we learned on August 2nd 2011 of the unexpected death of Sonnie following a short illness. Sonnie was part of the very fibre of Killenaule and a staunch clubman. He was a great gael and devoted to Cill Náile Club all his adult life.

Along with the 'Gent' Fanning and the late Johnny Hennessy he looked after the juvenile players for all of the 1960s indeed ferrying the players all over the county testing the capacity of his vehicle on most occasions, he was tremendously proud of their achievements and in

particular his own son Donal who was responsible for bringing an end to the famime of Tipperary hurling that day in Killarney. He served his club well as an administrator, represening his club at divisional and county levels where he was highly respected by all gaels.

His interest in the promotion of Gaelic Games knew no bounds, right up to his death the passion he had for Tipperary and Cill Náile had no equal.

His interest and involvement did not stop at GAA matters; he was also a member of the Mardyke Players and was a life-long member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. A skilled tradesman he worked every hour God gave him and was a decent and kind-hearted man, always ready to give a hand to a neighbour or friend in need. He helped his wife Breda to run the family newsagent and grocery business in River Street which is one of the traditional focal points of the town.

His passing had left a large void in our club, in our community and in particular in River Street.

To his wife Breda and family we extend our sincerest sympathy. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Stephen Hennessy (Moyne/Templetuohy) 1923 – 2011



We were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Stephen Hennessy earlier this year. Stephen was a great GAA man and a true supporter of Moyne/Templetuohy club. In his early years Stephen devoted a lot of time to the Juvenile club and later followed his sons, Paddy, R.I.P., Joe, Dessie and Stephen on the field of play.

Our sympathies extend to his family and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Donie Shanahan (Moycarkey/Borris) 1948-2011

Donie Shanahan of Galbertstown was called to his eternal reward during 2011. He graduated from the rural schools ranks to play hurling and football for the club in various grades. He played on the minor hurling team of 1962 and graduated to the U/21 and junior teams and made his senior debut in 1968 and the following year was a regular on the team that got through to the county quarter final losing to Moyne/Templetuohy. In subsequent years in the open draw county senior hurling championship he was on teams that had victories in early rounds but failed to gain any honours. Donie was a strong and tenacious back man and held his position on what was considered a strong club defence of that period. May he rest in peace.

David Hennessy (Moycarkey/Borris) 1948-2011

David Hennessy of Monaraheen, Two-Mile-Borris and Dublin died in February. David played on a number of parish teams in hurling and was a member of the U/21 hurling team winners of the Mid Tipperary championship in that grade, scoring victories over Thurles Sarsfields and Holycross in 1962 having played minor earlier that season. He had a successful cross country career with the Coolcroo A.C winning country championships at youth's levels. He emigrated to England in the 1960s, then America and later returned to live in Dublin until his death. He always took a great interest in the fortunes of his native parish sporting achievements. His brother Liam was a former Chairman of Mid Tipperary Board, County Tipperary Draw Committee and the Moycarkey/Borris club. Ar dheis lamh Dé go bfhuil a anam.

Paddy Hallinan (Nenagh Éire Óg)



Paddy's recent death marked the end of a quartet of hurlers from the Islandbawn locality who distinguished themselves in the Nenagh and Tipperary jerseys.

Growing up with Paddy we recognised that under the quiet unassuming manner, he possessed exceptional qualities of competitiveness, back by a wide range of athletic skills. From our earliest school days, it was always taken for granted that Paddy would captain our teams, an honour he never sought but one which his displays with the CBS and Éire Óg

minor teams proved entirely appropriate. Paddy was one of a gifted group of super hurlers from the Lisboney/Ballintotty locality whose love of hurling was embellished with great flair and ability. His name will always be linked with the outstanding O'Brien brothers, Donie and Billy, Phil Hennessy and Liam 'Styles' Gleeson. Along with their remarkable hurling skills, these great exponents of the game shared a common decency and modesty, letting their hurleys 'do the talking'. Their genuine modesty inhibited them from ever regaling us with their successes. They never gave less than100% in Club or County colours and this commitment, embellished with outstanding sportsmanship endeared them to supporters and opponents alike.

In Paddy's case this was particularly true of his Schools and Minor hurling contest with that great centre back of the early 50's, Ray Reidy of Thurles and Rahealty. Ray would probably concede that he had his hands full in trying to match Paddy's talents, especially his amazing acceleration. A feature of those teams and an indication of Paddy's standing was the fact that no other name was ever considered for captaincy.

Hurling was Paddy's first love although his performance in the 440 yards at the Munster Colleges Sports in 1953 showed what he might have achieved had he turned to athletics. All-Ireland medals, Minor in 1953, Intermediate in 1963 flanking a North Tipp Senior Hurling Medal in 1957 give only an indication of remarkable prowess. Paddy's Croke Cup medal in 1951 was the one he spoke about and treasured most.

Football was the poor relation in North Tipp in the 50's, with Éire Óg fielding teams in competitions which were scheduled for the depths of winter. Paddy's reputation as a footballer was such that Inane Rovers, the dominant team at the time, called on Paddy to bolster their challenge in the County Senior Football competitions.

Above all Paddy was an unwavering loyal friend. Reflections on his many fine performances will stay in mind, accompanied by fond memories of a cherished companion. Paddy was a decent man and it was a privilege to know him. In later years he still had little to say about his sporting achievements, his pride lay with his family.

Our sympathy goes to his loving wife Rita, family and sister Mary.

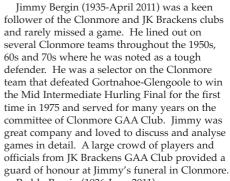
The Bergin Brothers Dan, Jimmy and Paddy (Clonmore)



There was widespread sadness and a sense of disbelief in Clonmore and surrounding areas when, in the first six months of 2011, three brothers – Dan, Jimmy and Paddy Bergin passed away. All three were good supporters of Clonmore, JK Brackens and Tipperary teams and had played the games themselves in their younger days.



Dan Bergin (1944-January 2011) emigrated to England at a young age but lined out for his native Clonmore on several occasions in the early 1960s. He returned from England in 1999 to his native Clonmore and regularly attended games and closely followed the fortunes of the Tipperary burlers.





Paddy Bergin (1936-June 2011) was an extremely talented footballer and played on the Templemore Minor Football team for four years (1951-1954) winning Mid titles in 1951 and 1952. Paddy also played football with Clonmore-Killea before he emigrated to England in the mid 1960s. Paddy returned to Ireland in 1971 and he and his wife Josie had 10 children. The family was very involved in Scór and can boast numerous Mid and County Scór titles mainly in the set-dancing and novelty act categories. Paddy's daughters Jane and Christine have won Munster setdancing titles and Jane was a member of the Clonmore and JK Brackens setdancing group that won All-Ireland Scór Sinsear titles in 1991 and 1996.

The passing of the three brothers in such a short space of time has left a great void amongst their family and amongst the community in Clonmore. Sincere sympathy to their loved ones.

Joe Russell (J.K. Brackens)



There was widespread shock and sadness in Templemore and surrounding areas when news broke on September 5th of the passing of Joe Russell. Joe had been very well until just a few days previously when he was taken ill while golfing in Killarney. Although golf had become his number one sport in latter years, Joe was a formidable hurler and footballer in his younger days lining out on several College Hill and Templemore teams during his playing career. He was a member of the Templemore teams that won Mid Minor Football titles in 1951 and 1952. He

also won a Mid Junior Hurling title with College Hill in 1954 lining out with his three brothers John, Mick and Seamus. He was also a member of the Templemore teams who won a Mid Junior Football title in 1960 and a Mid Junior Hurling title in 1961. Joe was a talented forward and made no small contribution to these victories. Joe passed on his love of the game to his six sons and was delighted when they enjoyed success on various club teams. The Russell family are very involved in JK Brackens GAA Club and Joe's son John and daughter-in-law Kathleen have served as chairman and secretary of JK Brackens Juvenile Club for many years with his grandsons playing on several club teams also.

Sincere sympathy to all the bereaved.

Liam Maher (Clonoulty/Rossmore) 1962-2011



Liam Maher was born in Clonoulty into a family steeped in GAA. He started playing with Clonoulty/Rossmore at an early age and always stood out as an inspiring figure at the heart of the defence. He was a very tight marking player and extremely fast and fit. He was helped along the way by such coaches as Jim Ryan [Hanna], Paddy Maher and Willie Devane for whom he had the utmost of respect.

Liam won U-21 West medals in 1981 and 1982. He also won a West Junior A championship in 1984 [the last time Clonoulty/Rossmore won in

the grade]. He stepped up quite easily to the senior ranks and played until 1988 when he emigrated to Australia with his wife Mary. He returned to Ireland in the early 1990's but subsequently returned to Australia where he lived until his passing in January 2011 at the age of 48.

Liam's passing has left a void in the lives of his devoted family and his many friends. He is remembered as someone who loved the craic and remained a loyal supporter of his native club and county.

May he rest in peace.

Fr. James Fogarty (Clonoulty/Rossmore)



It was with a deep sense of shock and sadness that the parishioners of Clonoulty-Rossmore awoke to the news of the passing of our beloved parish priest, Fr. Jim Fogarty, on July 20th. Fr. Jim had bravely battled against cancer for the previous twelve months and only succumbed to his illness in the last few days.

On a personal level Fr. Jim, though shy by nature, was affable and enjoyed people's company. While trenchant in his views, he was sympathetic to those in difficulty and gave solid counsel to those who sought his advice.

Fr. Jim had a deep interest in Irish culture and traditions exemplified in his passion for the G.A.A. He had been pro-active in the promotion of our national games in his previous parishes of Cappawhite, Gortnahoe-Glengoole and Ballinahinch-Killoscully and maintained his interest in our parish. It was not by chance that the finest years of Clonoulty-Rossmore G.A.A. club were when Fr. Jim was our parish priest and Club President. We always had his blessing, advice and encouragement, not to mention

some generous financial assistance when required. Fr. Jim loved to visit the Summer Camp, Cúl Camp and Little League to watch the younger generations develop and he was a regular at club games.Fr. Jim's passing has been an immeasurable loss to his parish. We extend our sympathy to his family at this sad time, particularly to his sister, Sr. Francis, his brothers, Jack and Phil and Phil's wife, Breda. We remember his nieces and nephews who were so kind to him in his final days, especially Mary who was constantly by his side in his hours of need. We also sympathise with his housekeeper, Kathleen, who served him faithfully for 35 years.

I measc na n-aingeal is na naomh go raibh a anam dílis.

Liam O'Dwyer (Kickhams) 1934 - 2011

Liam O'Dwyer of Ballygriffin passed away on Tuesday the 20th of September after a long illness bravely borne. In his youth Liam wore the black and amber of Kickhams with pride, winning a West minor hurling medal in 1951 and in later years his children were to continue that tradition.

Liam's uncle Willie O'Dwyer (Master) was the first treasurer of the West Tipperary board serving for 30 years, and donated the O'Dwyer Cup for the county senior football championship, Liam continued the tradition of presenting the cup to the winning captain on county final day. He was also very involved in the setting up of Dundrum Athletic club in the early sixties.

As a mark of respect to Liam and the O'Dwyer family the club provided a guard of honour in conjunction with the athletic club at his removal to Knockavilla Church. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Theresa and family on their loss. We also offer our condolences to his extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a anam.

John Farrell (Kickhams) 1929- 2011.

On Sunday the 20th of March 2011 Kickhams GAA Club, West Tipperary and the wider GAA family lost one of its truly greats when John Farrell of Grantstown, Donaskeigh went to his eternal reward after a long period of ill health bravely borne.

From a very early age it was clear that John had not only skill in abundance but also possessed mental discipline and that very necessary trait, the will to win. He was fortunate at that time to be growing up with some of the best hurlers ever produced by the Kickham club and when they all combined in one team they were a very powerful force indeed.

At thirteen years of age, he made his debut in goals for the 1943 club's minor hurlers and after moving out the field in following years, he won five West minor medals in a row to 1947 when he was rewarded with selection to the county minor team where he played a starring role at centre field in the all Ireland winning team of that year.

The Kickham's senior team had already benefited from John's talent by that time as he had joined the panel in 1946. From then until 1960 he was an ever-present member of one of the greatest and most successful hurling teams the West had seen before or since, winning twelve West senior medals and John was there for each and every one.

As his playing years were drawing to a close John became involved in the day to day running of the club. He served as chairman from 1959-1961 and was a manager and selector on various teams during the years to the end of the nineties.

When the West team of the Millennium was announced he was selected in the midfield berth beside the legendary Bill O'Donnell. At the awards ceremony present West PRO Seamus King in his citation said of John "He was a fast striking player, moving the ball into the forward line in the shortest possible time. He was equally adept at striking it on the ground or in the air and had perfected the art of doubling or pulling on the ball at an early age .His dedication and commitment to his club was second to none and his selection on this team came as no surprise to anyone who watched him play".

Even in later years as John's health deteriorated he would quite regularly be driven by his family to watch his beloved Kickhams take to the field. As a mark of respect to a true Kickham great and the Farrell family the club provided a guard of honour on the evening of John's removal to Donaskeigh church. On the day of his burial his good friend Jack Crowe MCC gave a touching and at times humorous oration at his graveside in Kilfeacle Cemetery, which was followed by a resounding and prolonged round of applause from those present. It was a final and fitting salute to a man whose likes will not be seen again. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.

Connie Keane (Thurles Sarsfields)



Connie Keane, Kennedy Park, Thurles, was named after his father Con, from whom he inherited great sporting ability. From an early age his hurling talent was recognised, winning his first All Ireland, playing at wing-back, with Tipperary minors in 1947. Still young enough for minor in '48, he lined out at centre-back, but Tipperary were beaten by Waterford in the Munster final. In '49 and '50, he won his place on the county junior team. When Tipperary won the 1951 All Ireland, Connie was among the substitutes. He was selected on the team in 1953,

playing at right half-back on the side beaten by Cork. This position he held for the following two seasons.

All the while he was playing top-level hurling with Thurles Sarsfields, usually in defence, where his skill and fearless determination counted in the many hectic Mid encounters of the fifties. He won several Mid titles and county senior hurling championships in 1952, '55, '56, '57, '58, '59.

With his brothers Michael 'Blackie' and Larry, they made a huge contribution to Sarsfields and Tipperary hurling.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Mícheál Maher (Thurles Sarsfields)



With the passing of Mícheál Maher, Castlemeadows, during the year, Thurles Sarsfields lost one of its most loyal and staunch supporters. Mícheál was born into a noted G.A.A. family, son of Jim Maher, Parnell Street and cousin of John Maher, Killinan.

In his youth, Mícheál was a great lover of sport, competing in cycling and boxing, but it was at hurling and football that he excelled. With Sarsfields, he competed at the highest level, winning several Mid titles and county senior hurling championships in 1944, '45, '46, '52. He

was a regular member of the Sarsfields senior football team, winning a Mid Championship in 1952.

A place on the Tipperary senior hurling team was secured in 1946 and '47. Also in that year, Mícheál was selected on the Munster Railway Cup Hurling team.

Mícheál had a special grá for Thurles Sportsfield (Semple Stadium), mainly borne out of his love of hurling but also in the fact that his father Jim was one of those instrumental in the purchase of the grounds in 1910. It was in recognition of this, that the Killinan Terrace, was named Lochtán Ó Meachair-The Maher Terrace.

Mícheal was a former club treasurer and served on many club committees. His passing is sadly mourned by all.

Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.

Maura Hackett (Portroe)



The late Maura Hackett represented Portroe Camogie Club and Tipperary with distinction. Maura captained Portroe to their first County Senior title in 1981 and went on to captain Tipperary in 1982. A tough defender who loved the game, Maura went on to be part of the all conquering Portroe team that won three in a row County Senior Camogie titles in 1983, '84, '85 along with Ann Frazer Cups, Dunkerrin and Kilcommon tournaments. Maura played Gael Inn Interprovincial camogie with Munster and was unlucky to lose the 1984 All Ireland Senior final to

a Dublin side that dominated the game at that time. She was also part of the team that contested a Munster Senior club final against Eire Og of Cork in 1985, the game took place in Portroe. Maura retired from the game after winning the 1986 Ann Frazer cup for the fourth time in a row. Deepest sympathy to Maura's family and friends.

Willie O'Meara (Toomevara) 1982 -2011



It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Wille O' Meara, Woodlands, Toomevara on 9th September 2011.

Willie's love of hurling was passionate and he was a member of the teams that won a U-12 North Final in 1994, U-14 North and County Finals in 1995 and North Feile na nGael Finals in 1995 and 1996. Willie was also a member of North Tipperary Garda Cup U-16 team in 1998 and was captain of Toomevara Minor team in 2000.

Willie remained a loyal member and proud supporter of Toomevara GAA Club and always

held a keen interest in all activities of the club. In recent years Willie represented Toomevara at Junior level and was a member of the Junior panel right up to his untimely death.

To his parents Liam and Teresa, his brothers Damien, James, Patrick, Eddie and sisters Therese and Breda we extend our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Michael Bourke 1923 -2011



The death of Mick Bourke on Febuary 2011 broke another link with the Toomevara 1946 hurling team that won the North senior final. From an early age Mick developed a great love for hurling and represented the club all grades, Mick was also a member of the Toomevara Intermediate team which won North honours in 1944

Up to the time of his death Mick maintained a keen interest in all GAA affairs at club and county level.

To his family and relatives we extend our

deepest sympahy.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam

Tom Powell (Toomevara) 1936 -2011



Tom Powell passed to his eternal reward on July 26th, 2011. In the parish of Toomevara he is remembered as being a very promising hurler and was corner back on the minor team that won the North championship in 1954. Due to work commitments he moved from his home in Blean, Toomevara and retired from hurling at an early age but always kept interest in the fortunes of Toomevara and Tipperary. He took great pride at the clubs resurgences since the 1990's. We extend our sympathy to his wife Violet, sons Gary, Ian, Clive, Elton and extended family, relatives and

friends. "May he rest in peace".

P. J. Cleary (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1994-2011



On the morning of Sunday July 31st PJ Cleary attended minor training in MacDonagh Park. As usual he was one of the last on to the field but when the action started he threw himself enthusiastically into the fray as was his wont. Later that day PJ attended the North senior hurling final. On Monday the parish was stunned when the news of his untimely death began to filter through. PJ was a jovial and popular character both within and without the club. Very few had ever seen him without a mischievous smile on his face. He had played hurling with Kilruane MacDonaghs since he was ten years old

and always behaved himself in an impeccable fashion displaying the utmost respect for his colleagues and club officials.

PJ had little interest in football but was occasionally a reluctant participant. He wasn't obsessive about hurling but when he donned the black and white jersey he gave total commitment. PJ was a teak tough defender who revelled in the physical exchanges. He wore the number three jersey with pride and passion and his courage on the edge of the square earned him the name 'The Rock'. PJ was always calm and composed before any match and a witty comment or observation from him

often released the tension in the dressing room.

He won North Feile and championship medals with the U-14 hurlers in 2006 and gave an outstanding performance in the county final. He attended Ardcroney N.S. where he won North and county hurling medals. He continued his education in Borrisokane Community College where his cheerful personality and friendly disposition won him a multitude of new friends among the students and staff. PJ had a great appetite for hard work and derived tremendous enjoyment and satisfaction from farming activities particularly anything involving machinery.

To his parents Pat and Eithne, his brothers Sean, Colm and David, the extended Cleary and O'Flaherty families sincere sympathy is extended. Solas na bhflaitheas da anam uasal.

Tommy O'Brien (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1937-2011



Tommy O'Brien won a divisional U-15 hurling medal in 1951 and the following year he was a member of the Kilruane MacDonaghs minor squad which defeated Nenagh to win the divisional title for the first time. He graduated to the senior team and he lined out in his customary position between the sticks when Kilruane lost the senior final to Toomevara in 1958. Two years later Tommy again wore the number one jersey when MacDonaghs won the North and county finals. His displays in that campaign attracted the attention of the Tipperary selectors and in 1961 he

won a Munster intermediate medal on a side captained by his club colleague Liam Tierney. Failing health prevented him from attending the golden jubilee celebrations of the 1960 victory but was delighted that the team was honoured by the club. Tommy was a skilled craftsman and was one of the first in North Tipperary to embrace the installation of fitted kitchens. He had a keen interest in photography and loved a spot of fishing. His son Kevin followed in his footsteps and wore the Kilruane MacDonaghs number one jersey with distinction. Tommy was predeceased by his son Raymond. To his wife Anne, sons Kevin and Aidan, daughters Ciara and Carmel sincere sympathy is extended. Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Liam Kennedy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1928-2010



Liam Kennedy followed in the footsteps of his father Son Kennedy who won a North junior medal with De Wets in 1913. Liam was on the first Kilruane MacDonaghs juvenile team to win a county final in 1944 when they overcame Holycross-Ballycahill side that included John Doyle. He then threw his lot in with the local junior team Kyle Rovers who were renowned as doughty competitors. Liam soon progressed to the senior team and in 1952 he played corner forward in the North final as MacDonaghs lost out to a powerful Borris-Ileigh side. Two years

later he won a divisional junior hurling medal as Kilruane proved too good for Kilcommon in the final. Liam possessed immense strength which was advantageous in an era when hurling was very physical. Outside of hurling he was well known in agricultural circles as an industrious and hardworking farmer. Liam had a keen interest in local history and had an article published in the latest edition of Cloughjordan Heritage. Liam was predeceased by his wife Rita. To his daughter Deirdre, sons Brian, Liam, Adrian and Declan and extended family sympathy is extended. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Martin 'Sonny' Mulcahy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1931-2011



Sonny Mulcahy played junior hurling with Kilruane MacDonaghs but it is for his involvement with the juvenile club that he is fondly remembered in the parish. He was chairman of the juvenile club in the late seventies and early eighties in an era of unparalleled success. Sonny was a selector on various juvenile teams during his stint as chairman. He was a mentor on the first Kilruane MacDonaghs U-12 team to win a divisional title in 1978. Two years later Sonny was once again on the line when the

most successful U-14 team in the club's history won two North and two county titles and reached the All-Ireland final of Feile na nGael in Galway. He was also part of the backroom team with the U-16s who won the North title the same year. Sonny had a great way with young players and used praise and encouragement to motivate. He was a gentleman by nature and led by example in his role as juvenile chairman. Sonny was well known throughout North Tipperary as a highly competent and respected building contractor. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family. Solas siorai da anam

Paddy Ryan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1934 -2011



The passing of Paddy Ryan saw the club lose a stalwart who had given over sixty years service to MacDonaghs as a player and committee member. He was on the minor team which won the club's first divisional title in that grade in 1952. Two years later Paddy won his first North junior hurling medal. In 1956 he added a second and a third followed in 1960. In the county final that year Kilruane overcame the Moycarkey-Borris intermediate team in Borrisoleigh. Paddy scored a vital goal in that victory and over a year

ago celebrated the golden jubilee of famous triumph with his colleagues at a function in the Thomas MacDonagh Complex. He was a speedy and stylish forward with a penchant for scoring crucial goals. With his playing days over Paddy immersed himself enthusiastically in club affairs. He was a committed and dedicated member of the club and park committees and was always to the fore when the hard work had to be done. Sale of work or raffle, Paddy put his shoulder to the wheel. He was of of the most recognizable and popular characters in the parish. He was a great conversationalist and storyteller, with his quick wit often diffusing tension at meetings. Paddy was a great community worker. In his youth he was very active in Macra na Feirme, starred in many a production with the Cloughjordan drama group, did Trojan work with St. Vincent De Paul and enjoyed the cut and thrust of his involvement in the political scene. He was also blessed with the gift of healing with young and old travelling from the four corners of Ireland to be cured of the shingles. In a graveside oration his great friend Jim Casey paid a well deserved tribute to a man who had rendered lengthy and loyal service to his club and community. To his wife Alice and family sincere sympathy is extended. Leaba i measc na naomh do.

Billy Delaney (Toomevara) 1930 - 2010



With the news of the death of Billy Delaney on Tuesday 1st December 2010, Toomevara parish lost a most popular member of the community. Toomevara Hurling Club lost one of its most loyal supporters but the Delaney family lost a loving husband, father and a most supportive family man to his grand children and extended family.

Billy Delaney was born in Church Street, Toomevara on the 23rd January 1930 into a parish steeped in hurling tradition from the foundation of the G.A.A.

Billy was a lifelong pioneer and was a member of the local choir for many years, he had many interests that included, Farming, his annual trips to the Galway and Listowel races, the Nenagh Mart, of which he was a founder member and in his younger days drama, but his love of hurling surpassed all else. His love for all the parish teams, for the green and gold was deep rooted and passionate. He lived for the game of hurling. When the parish teams were successful he felt a great inner satisfaction. When they failed it grieved him.

In 1960 Billy married Eileen Harty from the other end of the village, another famous hurling family. This almost clashed with Toomevara's County final victory over Thurles Sarsfields the same year; however they arrived back from honeymoon in time for the final in Templemore.

His contribution to the hurling club down the year's right up to his death was immense. He worked tirelessly for the club in many capacities and did Trojan work to ensure the success of the club and its many teams down through the years. He held different positions in the club over the years including treasurer, vice chairman, and chairman and at the time of his death he was Vice President.

Billy gave of himself; he spared no effort, in the furtherance of GAA activities in the club and in the broader fields of the asso-ciation.

He had an all consuming pas¬sion for the game of hurling. He ate, drank and lived hurling, and his spe-cial interest was in the younger grades of hurlers. He took a par-ticular delight and enthusiasm in nurturing the game among the young boys of the parish. His philosophy was driven by the need to keep a constant supply of young hurlers to fulfil the needs of the adult grades in later years.

At the foundation of the juvenile club in 1973 Billy became the first

chairman and along with the other members of this committee was responsible for developing the talent that would make the last 25 years the most successful in the history of the Toomevara GAA Club.

At committee meetings over the years Billy's advice was sought on many occasions and given with sincerity and understanding.

Billy has seen many successes and failures during his lifetime with Toomevara. 1985 and 2001 were two such occasions. In 1985 his son the late Brian Delaney captained Toomevara to victory in the Co. under 21 hurling championship. In 2001 Tipperary beat Galway in the All Ireland Senior Hurling Final and on the Monday night in the square in Toomevara, when as chairman he had the honour of welcoming the Tipperary captain, Toomevara clubman Tommy Dunne and Tipperary senior hurling team with the Liam MacCarthy Cup back to the parish for the first time since 1961.

In recent years Billy received the Sean Gael Award from the Tipperary County Board for his contribution to the Association over the years.

Billy was a founder member of Nenagh Mart and was a committee member for many years. Billy could be seen every Tuesday in the Mart discussing the cattle and indeed the previous Sunday's matches, particularly if Toome was involved. In latter years he had his own seat from which he could keep eye out for a good quality animal.

Billy enjoyed nothing better than a chat about Toome or Tipperary hurling, recounting some of the stories about the teams of old or discussing the price of cattle at the local mart around the fireside on an evening with friends.

Billy dealt with the vicissitudes of daily life in a quiet way, without dimming his good nature or any loss of humour. He was a very modest man and he endeared himself to many through his kindness and gentleness. Indeed it could truly be said of him that he was a gentleman. He had a very gentle disposition and always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

Billy was involved with Toomevara GAA right up to the time of his death. He was loved and respected by everyone because of his obvious sincerity and his desire to do his best always

He will be remembered in Toomevara as a man who lived for hurling, who lived among his people making his contribution to the life of the parish of which his family can be very proud

The Toomevara GAA club extend their sympathy to his wife Eileen, Daughters, Helen and Liz, sons John, William and Kevin, grandsons, Brian, Jack and Robert, his brother Tim and sister Marian and his extended family and relatives.

Billy will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Nick Power (Carrick Davins)



Late in 2010 the death of Nick Power brought great sadness to his family and friends in Carrick on Suir and also to Carrick Davins GAA Club. Nick was the President of our club and was always proud of the clubs achievements. He was a life long Davin man and gave outstanding service on the field and later as a selector and supporter to his club. In 2004 our club honoured him at our annual social with Player of the Past and it was a very proud night for him and his family. Nick was predeceased by his wife Mary and we extend our sympathies to all his family.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Billy McLoughney (Kildangan & Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1932-2011



Kildangan GAA club offer their deepest sympathy to the McLoughney family Cloughjordan on the recent death of Billy, who was one of that small band of Kildangan hurlers to have won an All-Ireland senior hurling medal. The Lahorna native gave many years of service to the club, along with his late brothers Sean and Ned even though for the club it was a lean period in terms of trophies won.

Billy played minor hurling for Tipperary in 1950 winning a Munster championship, but were defeated in the All Ireland final. He became a

member of the Tipperary senior panel later in the fifties culminating in playing and winning the 1961 All Ireland v Dublin. He had previously come on as a substitute in the 1960 final when Tipperary were unexpectedly defeated by Wexford. His Tipperary career also included an Oireachtas medal in 1960 and National hurling league medals in 1960 and 1961. On moving to Kilruane parish he played with MacDonaghs and both clubs gave a guard of honour at the funeral.

Thomas Francis Maher



Tom was born on the 12th February 1934 in Toomevara, the fourth child of James and Bridget

He spent a number of years working on local farms before he left for England in 1956.

Tom hurled for Toomevara for a number of years and was a lifelong supporter of the club until his death in September 2011.

Tom was on the Toomevara Junior team in 1956 before he left for England. He also played football for Ballymackey and was a member of Nenagh Hibernian Athletic Club where enjoyed a

lot of success. Tom also played intermediate and senior with Toomevara. While he gave a lot of his life in England, he loved his Irish culture, music and dance and was considered to all as an Irish Gentleman.

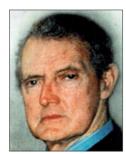
Stephen Cummins (Curraheen, Toomevara)



It was with great sorrow that the parish of Toomevara learned of the death of Steph Cummins on the 19th November 2010 after a long and very courageous battle with illness. Steph was a lifelong supporter of Toomevara Gaa and played the game in his early years. Steph's most notable achievement on the field was a North U/15 Final. Although he did not prolong his on field activity he always followed the club teams and even through his illness he made sure not to miss too many games. Steph was very involved with the school teams in Gurtagarry NS and was

always on hand when required. After his sons and daughters took up playing Steph could always be relied on to help in anyway and made sure transport was available for all children to matches. Steph's nice quiet nature, his friendliness, his warm personality and his kindness will be sadly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

Liam Lynch (Ballinahinch) 1924-2010



Liam Lynch hurled for Knockmeal Rangers in the 1940s and early '50s. In 1949 Liam was a member of the North Junior championship winning team. For many years Liam was a well known figure in and around the surrounds of Semple Stadium where he worked as a steward. The GAA and hurling have always been very dear to his heart and he received the Sean Gael award in 2006 in recognition of his contribution to the GAA. He was Joint President of Ballinahinch GAA club at the time of his death. He will be sadly missed by his wife Peggy, family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

Jim Donnelly (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1936-2011



In the New Year Kilruane MacDonaghs will celebrate the diamond jubilee of the U-15 hurlers' victory in the North Final in 1951. Sadly, the death of Jim Donnelly means that one less member of that side will congregate in the clubhouse to commemorate MacDonaghs third title in that grade. This was an outstanding team which was to supply some great players to the Kilruane MacDonaghs senior teams in the late fifties and early sixties. One of the stars of the '51 juvenile team was centre back Jim Donnelly. He was superb in the earlier victories against Lorrha,

Shannon Rovers and Kildangan and had a tremendous game in the final $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ against Moneygall. The Nenagh Guardian reported that 'the MacDonaghs half-back line of Gaynor, Donnelly and Cleary was the rock upon which all attacks perished.' There was no county championship that year so Jim was denied an opportunity to add a coveted medal. He progressed on to the minor team and seemed destined for a promising career in the green and gold of MacDonaghs. However, Ireland in the fifties was a land of limited opportunity and like many of his compatriots Jim was forced to cross the Irish Sea to seek employment. At the tender age of sixteen he headed to Manchester and spent twenty three years there. His return in 1975 coincided with a golden period for MacDonaghs and Jim savoured the many victories at both divisional and county level, culminating in the AllIreland club triumph in 1986. He was a loyal follower of Kilruane and supported the club through thick and thin. Jim was also steadfast in backing the blue and gold of Tipperary and revelled in recent successes. He is fondly remembered by his colleagues who regarded him as one of the lynchpins of the 1951 team. Jim was predeceased by his wife Joan. To his son Paul, his daughters Maggie and Ann and his extended family sincere sympathy is extended.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal.

Jimmy Hannon (Lattin Cullen) 1931-2011



On Thursday 24th November we committed to the soil of his beloved Lattin the mortal remains of an extraordinary GAA Volunteer. We in the GAA of Lattin and Cullen club have lost one of our staunchest and most loyal members.

The very kernal of his personal contribution to the GAA club affairs and activities from the time he joined in 1953 was a fierce loyalty.

Born in Ballinahow just over 80 years ago he went to Shronell National School.

When finished school he ran a very successful farm enterprise and a perfect garden, he was

modern, efficient and typical of Jimmy in all his endeavours he did it right and gave it 100%. Jimmy was a great neighbour and was always available to lend a helping hand to anyone in need in the local community.

He was a founder member of the Lourdes Fund which sent two people from the parish to Lourdes each year, a trip he didn't avail of himself. He was also a great supporter of Tipp Mid West Radio and was a fund raiser for them in their early days.

His early GAA activities were with Clonpet and when parish rule was introduced he had no choice but to join Lattin-Cullen. He immersed himself in the club from the beginning joining the committee which continued for over 50 years of unbroken service through good years and bad never missing the weekly meeting. During that time he served as Chairman for four years from 1963 to 1966 and a further two years 1985 and 1986. He did everything in the club, he never asked anyone to do anything he wouldn't do himself. He cut the grass, cut hedges, laid blocks, plastered, painted, fixed chairs, and hung pictures, made tea as well as several more tasks, a man of many talents.

He coached teams, was selector with some team every year. He liked perfection with everything in the club, playing and winning was very important. He maintained that a good hurler should not break a hurley! He was a great supporter of juvenile games and was always on the look out for New Talent. He wouldn't shower praise too often but the county wins in Intermediate football of '89, Junior hurling of '92, and Intermediate hurling of '96 made him a very proud man. He was a selector of the team in 1992.

Nicholas English was his Idol and he was very proud of everyone from the Club who wore the Tipperary Jersey. He was very supportive of club officers and gave great encouragement to the ladies who became officers in recent times. Despite attempts he declined nominations for an officer position to the West Board preferring to work in the club.

He played in both codes for nearly 20 years and won several West Championships in hurling and football. Pride of place for Jimmy was the winning of an All Ireland J H Medal with Tipperary in 1953, but never bragged about it.

Club development played a huge part in Jimmy's life his and was part of several years in successful negotiations in the late ninety's for the change of trust in the GAA grounds to allow sports and games under the rules of the Gaelic Athletic Association. This allowed plans to be put in place for the development we have today. Fund raising had already begun earlier and Jimmy as usual was to the fore selling tickets night after night, door to door. The amount raised exceeded all expectations.

He was one of the biggest sellers of the County Board draw and the weekly lotto, he referred to all who bought tickets off him as his customers. He was a founder member of the weekly 45 drive still going strong 30 years later.

In 1999 the Club Jubilee year Jimmy was given an award by the club for the Single Biggest Contributor to the clubs activities, mentor and administration since its foundation.

As the development came to a conclusion, preparations began for an official opening; it unanimously decided that only one name could be put forward for the name of the grounds. It was a proud day for Jimmy and his family when GAA President Christy Cooney officially opened the Hannon GAA grounds in May, 2009.

A couple of sayings Jimmy will be remembered for especially when it came to spending money and somebody was proposing a generous contribution for something or other, he would say "it is easy to spend someone else's money". He often expressed that we are all only caretakers in the club and were responsible to hand it over to the next generation in better condition than we got it.

There many stories about Jimmy and I am sure they will be shared for

many years. Jimmy always had the help and support of his beloved wife

Jimmy will be sadly missed but let us rejoice with such a great legacy and so many memories.

May he hear the cheers from the boys and girls as they play the games you loved so much.

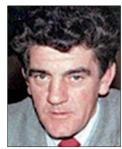
Jimmy was never a high flier but on Monday 21st November,2011 he winged if off to his heavenly home where he is probably already busy trying to tidy the place up for those who hope to follow.

Jimmy was reposed in the Canon Ryan Memorial GAA Hall where he had spent so much of his time. The club members provided a guard of honour as his remains left the Hannon GAA Park for the last time.

He would be proud of the huge voluntary effort by club members stewarding and catering for the huge numbers who attended.

May he rest in peace.

Michael Browne (Cashel King Cormacs) 1945-2011



Although it was expected for some time the news of the death of Mayor Michael Browne in July was received with great sadness by all who knew him. A man who had a great interest in people he seldom forgot a name and had a large number of friends and acquaintances. He also had a great curiosity about life and was always seeking to improve his knowledge of the world around him. As a result he could converse knowledgably on a wide range of topics.

A native of the parish of Knockavilla-Donaskeigh, he came to live in Cashel in 1969, initially at Castlelake and later in Oliver Plunkett

Park. He soon got involved with the Cashel King Cormacs and was to give a lifetime of service to the club as a team mentor, a member of the senior committee and as vice-chairman of the club. He represented the club at West and county conventions. He was also a good fundraiser and a promoter of the county draw for many years. For the year before he died he was an important seller of tickets for the club lotto. In all his involvement he was a loyal supporter of the club and always had its best

Politics competed with the G.A.A. for first place in Michael's interests. He was elected as a Sinn Féin councillor to Cashel UDC in 1985 and, with the exception of one period, 1999-2004, continued to be elected after that. He acted as chairman on two occasions and was Mayor at the time of his death. One of his special interests during his political life was attendance at meetings of the European Rural Communes when he represented the UDC in many parts of Europe.

Two months before he died he made national headlines when he became the first Sinn Féin councillor to shake hands with Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Cashel. In an advanced state of illness at the time and confined to a wheelchair, he made his way to the reception for the Queen on the Rock and welcomed her to Cashel: 'Welcome to Cashel, Your Majesty, and I hope you enjoy you stay,' he said. In doing so he defied the party line but justified his action on the grounds that as the first citizen of Cashel he was acceding to the wishes of the majority of the people who elected him.

Michael Browne will be remembered not only by the members of Cashel King Cormacs and the people of Cashel but a much wider constituency of

The Cashel King Cormacs Club, Cashel Camogie Club, Cashel Town Council and Sinn Féin provided a joint guard of honour at the removal of his remains from Devitt's funeral home to the Parish Church and to St. Cormac's Cemetery on the day of burial. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Renee, and the club extend their deepest sympathies to his children, P. J., Liam, Michael, Breda and Sean, as well as to his wider family and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm

Paddy Foley (Moyle Rovers)

The late Paddy (Paudie) Foley passed suddenly from this life in August this year. Paudie gave tremendous service to Moyle Rovers and Tipperary during a playing career that was curtailed by serious injury. He played minor, junior and senior football for Tipperary. He was also a member of the Moyle Rovers team that won the County Junior Football Championship in 1959. His sons, grandsons and nephews are all hugely involved in our club through to this day. Three generations of the Foleys that has given such loyal service in our club.

May he rest in peace.

Ned O'Gorman (Ardfinnan)



The death took place in July of Ned O'Gorman, Johnstown, Ardfinnan. Ned played football for Ardfinnan at all levels and first came to prominence as a member of Ardfinnan team that won Tipperary Man's Cup in 1944. In 1945 Ardfinnan retained this trophy but lost the South Final to Mullinahone with Ned a key member of the team. Ned was a member of the Ardfinnan team that won the South & County Junior title in 1954. The final was not played until October 1955. In 1957 he again enjoyed Tipperary Man's Cup success with his club playing in his favourite

position at full back. When his playing career came to an end Ned took up the role of selector and played a leading role in the clubs three in a row county senior championship success in 1962-1964. Ned was regarded as a shrewd and impartial selector and hugely respected by all. This was recognised at county level and Ned was appointed minor selector in 1963 and senior selector in 1964-65. Ned also was a prominent and highly respected referee both at South and county level during the '60s. He also took charge of Munster Championship games during that period. Ned's other great passion was greyhound racing and horse racing where he always travelled with family members. We extend our sympathy to his wife Josie sons Tommy and Edmond daughters Susan and Peggy sisters May and Eileen extended family and friends.

T J Walsh (Ardfinnan)



The death took place of T J Walsh Donoughmore Co Limerick and formerly of Gormanstown Ardfinnan on 12th August 2011. T J played football for Ardfinnan at all levels with his senior career spanning from 1968-1984. He won Senior South Championship medals in 1968 1973 &74. He lined out at full forward in 1970 and played midfield in 1974 County Championship winning teams. He also played football for Tipperary at minor in 1967 and progressing to U21 & Junior in 1970 whilst he played Senior Championship for Tipperary in 1974. He was regarded as an elegant

midfielder and was an outstanding fielder of the high ball. T J also brought great humour to the dressing room and always played the game with a smile on his face and indeed earned the respect of teammates and opponents with the manner in which he played the game. He was also a great leader and in 1974 TJ together with teammate and friend Liam Myles formed a player's association in the club with a view to organizing trips to Dublin for big games and in general to create a greater bond with the players of that era. One memorable trip organized by T J was a club trip to Coventry in October 1974 where the club played a football and hurling game against Coventry who were lead by former Ardfinnan stalwart Tom Ryan. It proved to be a most enjoyable and hugely successful outing and is fondly recalled to this day. In 1977 TJ married Susan Hogan and they had five children and TJ settled in Donoughmore, Co. Limerick where he became involved in the local community who reaped the full benefit of his abilities. The esteem and respect in which he was held was reflected by the huge crowd attended the funeral at his home in Donoughmore on the Sunday evening whilst the club formed a guard of honour with the coffin draped in the club colours at his removal and burial on Monday. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Susan sons Enda and Barry daughters Laura, Roisin and Suzanne; sisters Peggy Mary and Alice; brother Willie and his extended family and friends.

Mary Moroney (Drangan)



Mary Moroney, Drangan was an avid Tipperary supporter despite her Offaly roots. She was always available to help out with St Patrick's GAA Juvenile Club along with assisting her local Drangan N.S. and Presentation School, Ballingarry. She was wife of Co. Games Development Officer Nicholas and mother of Co. U21 hurling panellist John.

Simon Ryan

Simon Ryan was a member of the Tipperary Supporters' Club Committee for seven years and a staunch Tipperary supporter rarely missing a Tipp game. The Simon Ryan Theatre at the Excel Centre in Tipperary town is named in his honour. He was a brother of the late business man Dr. Tony Ryan and lived his final days in Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

Paddy O'Connell (Clonmel Commercials)

Paddy lived in Bawnard East in Midleton, Cork for many years but was originally from Glenconnor, Clonmel and was best known in this area for his sporting prowess and especially his involvement with Clonmel Commercials and Tipperary football teams. 68 year-old Paddy, who died after a short illness, was son of Ellen and John O'Connell. His promise as a football and hurler was noted at an early age and he made his debut for Tipperary's Minor hurlers in 1958. He missed out in 1959 but was back on the team that won the Munster Championship in 1960, beating Galway in the final, before losing the All-Ireland Final to Kilkenny. An outstanding duel player, he also played minor football for his county in the same years and captained the Commercials team that won South and county honours in 1960. As a student in UCC he won three Sigerson Cups and two Fitzgibbon Cups and played on the UCC team that was beaten in two Cork County senior hurling finals. During his career he hurled with St. Mary's and Marlfield, winning a South Senior Hurling medal with Marlfield in 1970. He also had a short spell in Carlow and played a leading role in that county's All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling success in the 1960s. However he was best known as an exceptionally stylish midfielder on the Commercials teams and was the proud holder of five county senior medals, lining out alongside his brother Mick.

The highlight of that period was the three in-a-row of South and County titles that Commercials won from 1965-'67 and Paddy was widely acknowledged as one of the main inspirations of that highly successful period for the club. He was an ever-present on the Tipperary senior football team from 1965 until 1972 and played on the team that won Division 2 of the National Football League in 1972.

He also appeared for Munster's Railway Cup football team in 1968 and '69 and received a Cidona award for Gaelic football from the Tipperary United Sports Panel in 1965. Paddy spent most of his working life with Avonmore and was based for most of his life in Midleton, where he also managed the hurling team for a time.

Although he left Clonmel in the 1960s he never lost touch with his roots and regularly returned for many Commercials functions and matches through the years. His legacy to the GAA in his native town and county, and the fond memories that he left behind were encapsulated in the attendance at his funeral. Among the mourners were former county team mates John O'Donoghue, Theo English and Babs Keating. Noel Morris, chairman of the County Football Board was also present, as was a large contingent from the Commercials club.

The Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Most Holy Rosary in Midleton and he was buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Paddy is survived by his wife Yvonne, daughters Michelle, Deirdre, Karen and Susan, and son Ian, as well as his brother Mick, Glenconnor, to whom sincere sympathy is extended.

Dick O'Shea (Grangemockler/Ballyneale)



The passing of Richard O'Shea (Daddy Dick) of Tullohea, South Lodge on September 30th marked a very sad day for his family, the Grangemockler and surrounding community and everybody who knew him. The esteem in which he was held was well and truly evidenced by the large number of people who attended the funeral Mass.

Dick was born in 1934 and had a very fulfilled life. He married Maisie McKenna and they had five children and they farmed with great success. From a very young age Dick took a keen intest in the GAA playing for club and county.

His main success was playing on the winning county final team in 1962. He was very involved in the running of the Slievenamon ladies' team for many years, during which they won seven county titles. He was also actively involved in all aspects of the parish including the purchase and development of the community field. Dick loved music, dance and the craic. He was also a keen follower of the greyhounds and you could meet him any Sunday night in Clonmel at the dogs.

Dick was a very devoted family man and would leave no stone unturned to help them. Dick is survived by his wife Maisie, son Jim, daughters Marian, Helena, Jackie and Bernadette and by his brothers and sisters. He left Grangemockler Church draped with the club colours and to the sound of 'Slievenamon'.

Gerry Slevin (1939-2011)

By Shane Brophy

July 9th last saw the untimely passing following a short illness of Gerry Slevin (72), former editor of the *Nenagh Guardian* and the first editor of the Tipperary GAA Yearbook.

A native of Borrisokane, Gerry's passion for Gaelic Games, particularly hurling and camogie remained right through a journalistic career that lasted almost half a century.

Gerry began his career as a junior reporter with the *Midland Tribune* in Birr in 1962, later joining the *Westmeath-Offaly Independent*, based in Tullamore.

Following his appointment as a senior reporter with the *Nenagh Guardian* in late 1969, he was approached in February 1970 by former GAA President and then Tipperary County Board Chairman, Seamus Ó Riain to edit a new GAA Yearbook.

Such publications were rare at the time but Gerry was confident that if Seamus O'Riain believed it could work, it was worth doing and later that year, an 84-page publication was produced, priced at five schillings (25p).

Gerry edited a further six yearbooks before stepping down from the role when he moved to Ennis in 1978 to join the *Clare Champion* where he reported on both news and sport and it was he who penned the headline "Miltown Massacre" following Clare's 9-21 to 1-9 defeat at the hands of Kerry in the Munster Championship game played at Miltown Malbay in 1979.

After eleven-years in the Banner county, Gerry came back to the Nenagh Guardian as editor in 1989, coinciding with Tipperary's first All Ireland senior hurling final victory in 18-years.

Such was his commitment for journalism, not only did he edit the weekly newspaper, he still made the time to write news stories as well as attending matches at the weekends and added to that was his popular *Off the Cuff* column which he continued to pen after his retirement in 2004 up until May this year.

As well as his time as editor of this publication, Gerry contributed to countless North and county final programmes as well as being a keen judge in Scór competitions where he could also indulge in his other passions of music and drama outside of his association with the Ormond Octaves Choir and the Nenagh Choral Society.



Gerry Slevin making a substantial presentation to the Tipperary Supporters' Club Chairman John Tierney, from the proceeds of his second book 'Through Memories Haze'.



Present at John Doyle's funeral (from left) John Kelly, Liam King, Gerry Slevin, Tony Reddin and Pat O'Shea.

Gerry was also a passionate supporter of camogie and through the newspaper helped promote the revival of the game in the county in the 1990s until the premier county made the breakthrough in 1999 when they won the All Ireland senior title for the first time, going onto win a further four O'Duffy Cups in the next five years.

That golden era for Tipperary camogie saw Gerry pen his first book entitled *Years of Plenty* which documented the successes of this great Tipperary team and the proceeds of which went to the Tipperary Camogie Supporters' Club.

His generosity didn't end there with his second book in 2008 entitled *Through Memories Haze* which contained accounts of some of his favourite GAA memories over the course of his four decades in journalism, the proceeds of which went to the Tipperary Supporters' Club.

Gerry died on the eve of the Munster Hurling final and in a GAA context, he got the perfect send-off with Clare, (the county he lived and worked in for an eleven year period) retaining the minor title in impressive fashion while his native Tipperary produced one of the great Munster Final performances in winning their 39th provincial crown.

Prior to throw-in in the senior final between Tipperary and Waterford, Gerry was afforded a minute's silence, a deserved honour for almost 50-years service as a passionate promoter of Gaelic Games as both a reporter and a supporter.

Gerry is survived by his wife Lily, son Bryan and daughters Niamh and Laura.

Ar dheis De go raibh anam dilis.



dTipperary team stand to attention to honour the memory of the late Gerry Slevin prior to the Munster Final at Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

ipperary - Munster Senior Hurling Champions 2011



Back (1-r): Shane McGrath, Benny Dunne, Paddy Murphy, Pa Bourke, Lar Corbett, Conor O'Mahony, Brendan Cummins, Seamus Callanan, Gearóid Ryan, Michael Cahill, James Woodlock, Darren Gleeson, Stephen Lillis, Brian O'Meara. Front (1-r): Brendan Maher, John O'Brien, John O'Keeffe, Eoin Kelly (captain), Paul Curran, Paddy Stapleton, Patrick Maher, Noel McGrath, Thomas Stapleton, David Young, Shane Bourke.

<u> Tipperary - All-Ireland Minor Football</u> Champions 2011



Back row, left to right: Colman Kennedy, Dylan Fitzelle, Kevin Fahy, Sean Flynn, Oisin O'Flynn, Cathal Quigley, Adrian Maguire, Philip Quirke, Greg Henry, Michael Quinlivan, Ian Fahy, Conor Davin-Murphy, Eoin Fitzgerald, Gearoid Slattery, Niall O'Sullivan, Conor

O'Sullivan, Dean Lonergan, T. J. Ryan.

Front left to right: Shane Dooley, Tom Kirwan, Dara Butler, Thomas O'Donoghue, John Martin, Liam McGrath, John McGrath, Jason Lonergan, Colin O'Riordan, Seamus Kennedy, Evan Comerford, John Meagher, Bill Maher, Eoin Donaghy, Alan O'Riordan