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A positive attitude to the challenges of the future

Cuirim fáilte roimh bliainiris Thiobraid Arann. Gabhaim búiochas leis an gcoiste foilseachain agus molaim é do lucht a leite.

It gives me great pleasure as Chairman of Tipperary County Board to welcome the forty third publication of the Tipperary yearbook. Since it first graced the bookshelves in 1969 on the initiative of Seamus Ó Riain and ably planned and put together by its first editor Gerry Slevin the yearbook has maintained the high standards of previous publications and faithfully preserves for posterity the story of the year under review. It charts our victories and defeats not just at inter county level but across the whole spectrum of G.A.A activity in the county and it chronicles our engagement as an Association with our clubs our members and all those volunteers and patrons whose loyalty we deeply cherish.

The year now coming to a close can be described as a year of mixed fortunes on the inter county front with some great victories and some disappointing defeats but overall the commitment of team managements, players and support personnel in hurling and football was absolutely commendable. In Tipperary the year is generally judged by the success of our senior hurling team and undoubtedly the result in Croke Park on the 19th of August left a trail of disappointment in its wake that was above and beyond the ordinary. That defeat masked the success of the team and management in putting back to back Munster titles together, a feat that we found difficult to achieve in other years. Declan Ryan; Tommy Dunne and Michael Gleeson deserve our thanks and appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the cause during their term in charge. I welcome our new management team of Eamon O'Shea, Michael Ryan and Paudie O'Neill on board and wish them every success in the major challenges that lie ahead. Our intermediate and minor hurlers lifted the spirits of all our hurling supporters with Munster and All Ireland victories while our under 21 hurlers went into the lion's den on three occasions and were only pipped at the final whistle in the Munster final. The Nenagh C.B.S victory in the All-Ireland colleges hurling final added lustre to the schools and underage hurling scene in the county.

In football the profile continues to rise, our minor footballers retained their Munster title beating Cork, and Kerry twice in the process while at senior level Peter Creedon on assuming the role of manager brought a fresh approach and reversed the trend of defeats that had prevailed in the spring and brought his team on an extended run in the All Ireland football qualifiers.

While the inter county scene and the high profile games associated with it tend to dominate the G.A.A landscape it's the club scene that brings us back to ground level and to the grassroots. The club championships in hurling and football bring parish pride to the fore and all the passion of local rivalry that enhances our lives in so many ways. I take this opportunity to thank all those players and all those volunteers who played a part at club level, at Bord na nOg and schools level to make it happen for now and for the future and to all our referee's and match officials who officiate week in week out at our games. Our divisional officers, sub committees and county board officers deserve thanks and praise for all their efforts to help us work as a strong cohesive unit for the benefit of the G.A.A in the county.

The past year is now nearly behind us and the future beckons, I look forward in a very positive way to the challenges that lie ahead, our development structures in the county are strong vibrant and progressive and with continued hard work and commitment to the cause we can be the Premier County in every sense of the word.

Congratulations to the communications committee on another excellent publication which I have no doubt will be widely appreciated by the avid readership of G.A.A publications in the county. I commend to you the readers the tales of Tipperary G.A.A for 2012 and hope you enjoy the contents.

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Smooth sailing - till dire disaster

by John O'Grady

The centenary year of a certain ill fated voyage found an echo in Tipperary's 2012. Smooth sailing for most of the journey, sudden disaster to end it. We entered the season generally rated as chief rivals to Kilkenny. Three successive All Ireland finals had been much to our credit – a lackless 2009, a remarkable triumph in 2010; a close enough issue in 2011. We could should? – have taken two of the trio. Prospects of a fourth clash looked promising. It never transpired and the year ended in mid August on the lowest note imaginable – and not much imagined till the wheels came off in a dire thirty minutes at Croke Park. To which this review will come later and reluctantly.

The league was modest enough. It began in an omen of the blow to come in the main event, with a substantial loss at Nowlan Park and it ended in a semi final defeat by Cork. The Rebels' drubbing in the final paid no compliment to Tipp's showing against the easy victors. Before a ball was struck in the league came the news of a loss to the available panel, Lar Corbett announced his decision in the first week of February. Naturally enough, it became headlined news and material for speculation as the reason, with no lack of theories. The prolific goalscorer of 2010 glory and of 2011 Munster success did not have his departure generally seen as terminal, and so indeed it eventually proved to be subject to reversal for the championship. But the episode hardly indicated complete harmony, ultimately benefitting neither team nor player.

In his absence the fifteen chosen to play Limerick in the first round of the provincial series was as follows: Cummins; Donagh Maher, Curran, Cahill; Stapleton, O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Woodlock, Brendan Maher; Ryan, Noel McGrath, Bourke; Kelly, O'Meara, O'Brien. John Allen's Limerick came with no high prestige having lost out to Clare in the play-off of the lower division in the league. They too had a retiral making news, Ciaran Carey quitting the management in dissatisfaction with their league performance. But Limerick had not come to Thurles in a mood of acceptance of defeat. They actually had the favourites and followers fearing a stunning loss of the regional title when seven points ahead going into the last quarter, an unthinkable state of affairs in advance but dangerously ominous there and then before 22,000 spectators.

The Shannonsiders gave prompt signs of battling out the issue by leading five-two on Dowling flags. Pa Bourke's goal off a Kelly – O'Meara move steadied the homesters but no control had been achieved. Mulcahy beat Cummins on the rebound of a save to indicate problem unsolved, but a run of four points – Bourke, Kelly, McGrath, O'Meara the scores again levelled up. A Tobin point then gave the visitors the interim edge, but the strong breeze would aid pursuit. Our long ball play had not worked very well so far.

SEVEN DOWN!

Instead of going on from this feasible state of affairs, matters

took a serious turn in the third quarter. To swelling roars from their excited supporters, Limerick hit six in a row – Downes, Dowling, Breen, Mulcahy, Allis a mixed group of contributors as



Michael Cahill challenges John Mullane in the air during the Munster final with Conor O'Brien in the foreground

we watched in disbelief. Remedial measures saw "Bonner" Maher, Conor O'Brien and Seamus Callanan on for Kelly, Donagh Maher and Gearoid Ryan in a nine minute spell. The recovery began with Bourke free, Noel McGrath, Bourke again, Shane McGrath and John O'Brien bringing it down to the minimum deficit, but Tobin checked our progress and we fell three adrift. At this stage the arrival of "Bonner" showed timely dividends. He was fouled on a typical drive, Pa Bourke capitalising. Come the crucial and rescuing passage of play towards the Killinan posts. "Bonner" again ran at the defence,

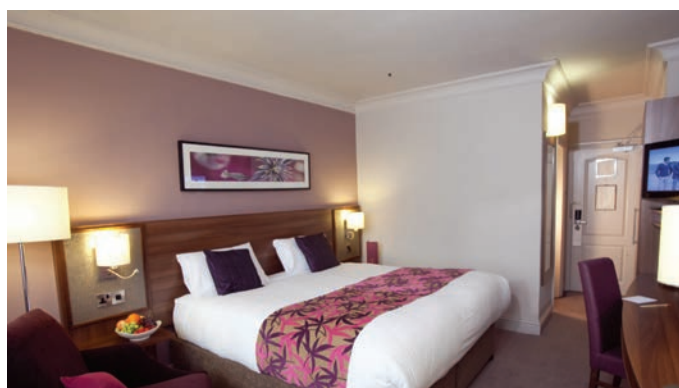
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leading to a close in scramble from which the sliothar broke kindly for "Buggy" and for Tipp. He whipped it past Quaid and relief spread, on field and off. Five points – Pa, Conor O'Brien, Callanan, Shane Bourke and again Callanan gave the scoreboard a welcome and maybe flattering look. We scored 1-11 against 0-3 in the process of recovery and had booked a trip to Cork to meet Jimmy Barry Murphy's brigade.

The common verdict ahead of the provincial series was, as far as the media were concerned that it didn't matter who won Munster – Kilkenny were sure to win Leinster and National honours. But a Tipp v Cork meeting is never diminished as readily as that – it holds onto its traditional appeal. So, even in a period of economic stress, a crowd of well over 30,000 gathered at Pairc Ui Chaoimh to witness the renewal. For decades till the breakthrough of 2009 – Eoin Kelly's goal one of his finest – we had not beaten Cork on their own ground. The memory of 2010 was a reminder of how high a hurdle it is, though that defeat was aptly atoned for by the September triumph.

TRIP TO CORK

The Tipp selection lacked Eoin Kelly at the start and Lar Corbett, now back in the fold, was also on the bench – both were to see service in as close a battle as has ever been waged between the rivals. Shane McGrath was now a starter. Conor O'Brien regained his corner-back berth. "Bonner" Maher also returned following his effective role as a sub against Limerick. Cork optimism had been somewhat dimmed by their heavy loss in the League final but they had the win over Tipp in the semi final as a better memory. In their search for good young material, they omitted both John Gardiner and Sean Óg Ó hAilpin, calling in neither.

Combat began before the official signal. Cathal Naughton and Padraic Maher were seen to be embroiled prematurely, yellow cards a mutual sanction. White flags were the currency of a lively, open first half – 26 in all, with Cork 14 to 12 ahead. Pa Bourke had seven, with two of them in open play. Cork at one stage went four ahead, but Pa's 65's and a free, plus Brendan Maher, got Tipp back, against the wind, to hold a position of potential at the break. An important call had gone our way – a long free by goalie Nash skidded in off Cummins' fingers, only to have a forward ruled inside square. A pair of Pa frees equalised on resumption after he and O'Meara answered Horgan and O'Sullivan. Came a precious, much needed boost in the form of a well-worked Tipp goal. The source was initially a great jump by Cummins to catch an arriving lob. From our number one possession transferred all the way to number fifteen, worn by Noel McGrath. It had passed through "Bonner to John O'Brien to Lar Corbett before reaching the finisher – Lar had replaced Gearoid Ryan in a come-back loudly greeted.

The upbeat mood was strengthened by a great upfield surge by Padraic Maher, rewarded with a point. No smooth path to victory was, however, to be found. We got a nasty jolt with the dismissal of John O'Brien for a second yellow card and Cork went on to take four of the next five flags. A Brendan Maher beauty was a nice contrast. By now Shane Bourke was on for Brian O'Meara and the Brackens man injected useful pace to the attack. Two more from Pa Bourke and a significant couple from Noel McGrath, plus a converted foul on Corbett had Tipp four up with fourteen men. Again, though, security was not to be enjoyed. The great tussle, well in line with the best of former generations, maintained its tension to the last. Reserve Kearney and two Horgan frees left the margin down to the minimum as partisans roared support. Shane McGrath and James Woodlock won vital late possession – the latter on for Brendan Maher in a rather surprising move. Equally debated was the replacement of Pa Bourke, Eoin Kelly seeing out the final stage. Tipp held on and made success in Cork less of a novelty that it used to be. Upcoming was a repeat of the previous year's final against Waterford.



Tipperary captain Paul Curran lifting the Munster Cup

Repetition, indeed, there proved to be at the same venue where the Decies suffered heavily in 2011. Again there were seven between the sides, only this time in points, not goals, and won to a large extent through the brilliance of our record making goalkeeper, Brendan Cummins. The losers took high credit for a hugely improved display, at no time overwhelmed to anything like the same extent.

REPEAT -V- DECIES

Munster titles may have lost some kudos from the current back-door system, in which losers are not killed off – they re-appear like Banquo's Ghost in "Macbeth" – but are still highly desirable on their own account, plus the access gained to the All Ireland semi final. Tipp took their 40th to retain Munster dominance, a victory such as would have been prized in "famine" times and still means a far bit. The lineout: Cummins, C. O'Brien, Curran, Cahill; Stapleton, O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; B. Maher, S. McGrath; Corbett, P. Maher (B), P. Bourke, O'Meara, J. O'Brien, N. McGrath. Subs: Kelly (for P. Bourke), S. Bourke (for O'Meara), D. Maher (for Stapleton), Callanan (for N. McGrath).

Evidence that this would be a different Decies was not long in showing itself – four smart points right off through Shane Walsh, Mullane, Mahony and Shanahan against a stretched Tipp defence had Waterford voices raised on stand and terrace. The



Lar Corbett is chased by Waterford's Kevin Moran in the Munster Final.

restart from Tipp was welcome, especially as a goal breached their defence in the style of 2011. "Bonner" robbed "Brick" Walsh and set up John O'Brien for the shot. The Toomevara forward followed with a lovely point and we had levelled up. John Mullane, troubling Cahill at this stage, kept them in touch after Padraic Maher, Noel McGrath, O'Brien again and Pa Bourke had a string of points to endorse the Tipp settling down. O'Keeffe, their young 'keeper, and the altogether more experienced Cummins pulled off great stops in turn. Shanahan frees and one from play illustrated Decies morale in bringing the figures on the board to parity at 1-8 to 0-11. Plainly, a genuine combat had replaced last year's facile runaway. The substitution of Eoin Kelly for Pa Bourke was a topic at the break, occurring as it did on the brink of the respite and after many contributions by the Sarsfields forward. It had been a hectic, fast-moving half, leaving Tipp in a reasonable position considering that the more obvious expenditure of energy and drive had come from the Decies.

SHANE STRIKES

Gradually, Tipp pressure grew on resuming. An exchange of two points preceded a fine save by O'Keeffe from Eoin Kelly. O'Brien and – remarkably – Cahill hit points for the lead. The Blues backman was to hurl a strong second half, putting early stress behind him. We went four up on a Kelly effort. The trend took a sudden and positive turn our way when a Kelly lob caught O'Keeffe and a defender in a tangle under the drop. The goalie knocked it down but only to the alert Shane Bourke, who lodged it in the net for five ahead. Cummins added to the value of our goal by earlier preventing Paul O'Brien from raising the green flag at the Blackrock End. Busily employed, Cummins then halted their Eoin Kelly on a one-to-one, the save leading

direct to a Noel McGrath point for six to the good. The crisis had passed, though Waterford fought on bravely. Their Kelly and Shanahan pointed while ours came up with a useful free. Cummins halted a free that sought – and needed – a goal for the pursuers. Eoin Kelly and Shane Bourke topped up to seven with concluding scores. Lar Corbett had roamed far and wide to good effect in the second half, though laying off at times when a personal chance had been created. Paul Curran accepted the trophy with appropriate words. We had booked a semi final spot but not against the expected opposition – Galway had sensationally beaten Kilkenny a week before, so it was to be the Cats on our agenda. The semi finals of 2002 and 2003 had gone their way, one narrowly, the other heavily.

At worst it was expected to be close. Optimists reckoned that 2010 might be achieved again. Galway had perhaps dented Cats' confidence – even Limerick had given them prolonged problems in the qualifiers. Pessimists – later shown to be realists – foresaw a Kilkenny back lash when faced with a back-door task for the first time. Had our Munster opponents been of anything like the champion' calibre – we'd had trouble from Limerick, just pipped Cork and owed the win over Waterford uncomfortably much to our goalie?

NO KELLY V CATS

The line-out stayed as in the Munster final. This meant no role for Eoin Kelly at the start. Nor did our biggest attacking name over a fine career get any summons from the bench – his absence seemed to symbolise a more widespread decline in individual form since the 2010 victory. Seamus Callanan was another to sit out the climactic session.

Tension was bound to show itself at the outset, such was the

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*Pa Bourke strikes
Tipperary's only goal in the
All-Ireland semi-final against
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prize at stake. It surely did! In four or five locations players were engaged in quest for prompt moral edge. The zone involving Corbett and Walsh was among the heated spots – Tommy got an immediate yellow card out of the episode. Attention staged on the pair, soon joined by a second fractious couple in Pa Bourke and Tyrrell. The foursome were to remain in the spotlight and to be the focus of much comment in the aftermath. Criticism of the negativism behind the theory of marking Walsh rather than eluding him was – and remains – a source of amazement. In the process we also forfeited the known, and often beneficial, part played by “Bonner” Maher as catcher and provider – Brian Hogan’s second half extremely damaging to us.

The bottom line of a dire drubbing was not signalled till the last thirty minutes. It came all the more stunningly because parity reigned after forty. The half time mood was even better on foot of a one point lead that reflected our best spell of the game – Pa Bourke’s goal after Corbett shouldered Herity off the ball thirty yards out had cancelled T.J. Reid’s averting what briefly threatened to be a serious breach in defence that put us five down. The recovery was evident in two Bourke frees and a fine Noel McGrath score. Had we weathered the Cats’ thrust? A superb body-stop by Cummins had halted a Colin Fennelly close range bid for a second major score and we could resume with fair prospects.

AVALANCHE OF GOALS

The resumption had a rare and puzzling feature – Tipp with fourteen men, Corbett missing while Shefflin was reducing our lead to one! Here again, as with Lar’s “holiday” spell, speculation was predictable. Pa Bourke and John O’Brien answered Shefflin and Fogarty to remain as at the break, but Richie Power’s pair were signs of an adverse turn in possession and pressure towards the Canal End.

The first really disturbing moment came when Fogarty pounced like a sprinter up the left to beat Cummins. It began seven minutes of torment, even if Pa’s “65” intervened. Buckley and Shefflin points preceded a Larkin lodgement to the net after Curran’s slip. Nine down on fifty minutes, the picture darkened to the end. T.J. Reid’s further goal having K.O. written all over it. Points flowed from many Cats sources, their defenders mopping up at ease against a shapeless Tipp attack, midfield also over-run and Tipp followers departing the gloomy scene while hearing Kilkenny cheers greeting each added flag. Sub. John O’Neill got a couple of academic points to leave us with the heaviest defeat since the 19th century. A sad end to all the well meant preparation for the test. Normally a Munster title would put the year’s accounts in credit for the mentors but this was a crash of Wall Street proportions – the size, not the fact, of defeat being the hurtful aspect.



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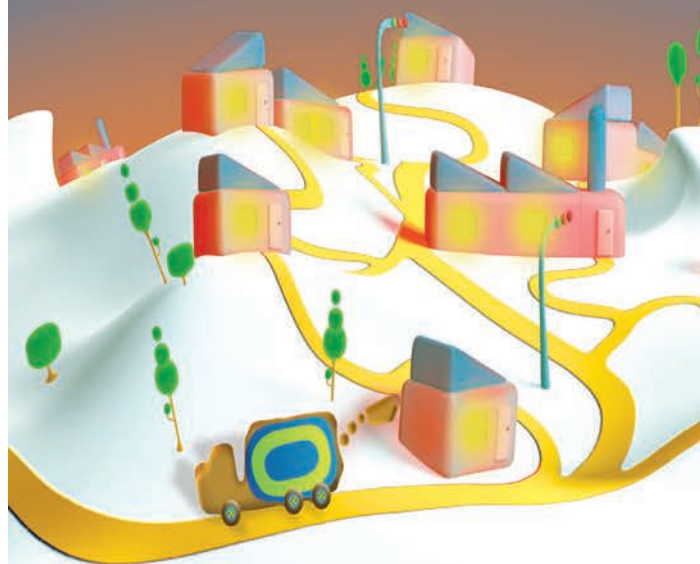
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Tipperary minors win 19th title

(By Ger Ryan, County Tipperary PRO)

On September 30th 2012, the Tipperary minor hurlers won the county's 19th All Ireland title when they defeated Dublin in a replay. Twelve months earlier, there was not much optimism in Tipperary about the chances of winning a minor title. Some thought a Munster title possible, others felt a Munster final appearance followed by a graceful exit at All Ireland semi-final stage might be achievable, thankfully William Maher never read the script. Once he took over as manager along with selectors Brian Horgan (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams), Martin Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Noel Morris (Loughmore Castleiney), there was only one objective in his mind – winning the Irish Press Cup.

In November 2011 after a gym session at the Dome with the players who would later become the minor squad, the manager told his emerging squad that they would win the All Ireland. Looking back now, he says "they didn't believe me". One of those listening was his namesake and the player William would name as captain a few months later, Bill Maher from Kilsheelan Kilcash. Bill at that stage felt the team would do well to get to an All Ireland semi-final. He had won an All Ireland minor football title the year before. Knew what it took to win. Knew they needed to improve. He had played with most of the squad since they were under 14s, they had won the Tipperary Supporters Club Under 16 All Ireland tournament two years before. He knew they had ability but did not believe at that stage that they could go the whole way.

The one thing that struck Bill about the new management team was their attention to detail. "Training, everything we did was to a very high standard, it was so professional" he says. "It was also very enjoyable, we enjoyed training, we enjoyed playing games, that makes a big difference". Bill was on the minor football panel as well. He pays tribute to William and to football manager, David Power for how well they managed the dual players. "They managed it really well, I mean there was no

pressure on us at all. They sorted everything out in the background and they made sure we were not over trained or anything like that. I'm sure it was not easy for them but that's why they are successful"

There were 10 dual players an exceptionally high number with as many as 5 starting each football and hurling game. William sees it as a challenge for the county. He knew from early on that he would not have the dual players for all the hurling sessions and got on with it. It's something that worries him though. "Hurling skills take time and hard work to develop. If they are only playing hurling 50% of the time, their hurling will suffer. Long-term we won't be able to compete at All Ireland level with counties with virtually no dual players like Kilkenny and Galway and Clare and Waterford in Munster if we have large numbers of dual players. It's a tough choice for players but maybe that's what it takes for long-term success". The enthusiasm of youth shines out from Bill Maher when he speaks on dual players – "it's not easy but I'm delighted I got to play both minor hurling and football for Tipperary. I'd have the ambition to play under 21 and senior for the county in both codes, maybe at senior it's not possible to do both at the same time but I guess I'll just have to wait and see if I'm lucky enough to get the chance."

Tipp's season kicked off with an expected easy win over Kerry on May 2nd. Game 1 of 6. Game 2 – Waterford on June 27th. This was make or break – win and a Munster final beckons, lose and the season ends. "This was our first major test, a knockout game", recounts William, "best performance of the year, the players started to believe and when they did, they performed. Thurles was buzzing, I was buzzing. We won comfortably. The players started to believe we could achieve something big". Bill agrees – "After the Waterford game, I felt we had a chance to go the whole way, we played really well, we showed great potential. We did not play great in the Munster final but we got a win and that's what mattered". Yes a four point win in Game 3 amidst the awful weather at Pairc Ui Chaoimh set Tipp on the



Bill Maher after receiving the Irish Press Cup after victory in the All-Ireland minor hurling replay on September 30th.

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Sean Maher taking on the Dublin defence with Mark McCarthy in support in the minor final replay.

way to an All Ireland semi-final where Galway were the opposition after a hugely impressive quarter-final victory over Wexford. William Maher was pleased to win the Munster final but fulfilment meant winning the All Ireland. Game 4 was the team's first visit to Croke Park. August 19th – a dark day for the Tipp seniors but the minor victory gave hope for the future. "We started terribly" says William "but when we got into the game, we played well, great attacking hurling – corner backs looking for the ball, half backs forming a wall, huge energy and positivity at midfield and in forwards. It was brilliant to win in Croke Park".

All Ireland finals are different – they always are. The accolades were following the team – Cyril Farrell and Ger Loughnane heaped praise on the team after the semi-final. The bookies, supporters, commentators thought Tipp were unbeatable. Did Tipp? Bill Maher reflects on the expectation levels compared with minor football win. "The football win, with the last minute goal and having gone in as rank outsiders was unbelievable. The hurling was different, we had been doing well, there was a greater expectation, and maybe that got to us a little. We struggled the first day and were delighted to get a draw". His manager was disappointed with the performance but not the character. "We didn't perform but we showed huge character and could and maybe should have won in the end. Looking back, none of us was comfortable from the time we met that day. Some were nervous, others maybe thought we were home and dry. Dublin were a good team – it was never going to be easy and being written off suited them." William was a selector with the Dublin minors in 2008, Shay Boland was manager then too. William knew Shay would have his team ready and they were. The drawn game was a real school day. "We learnt a huge amount from the experience. The selectors and I, along with our backroom team, dissected our preparation for the drawn game and saw where we could improve. We worked hard for 3 weeks. We were confident we would be ready to perform in the replay. Our focus was on performance, the result would hopefully take care of itself". And it did.

Game 6 arrived. Everything felt so much better the second day. "We were ready" says William "everything felt perfect". And it was. The team lived up to its expectations and the Irish Press Cup was heading to South Tipperary to the picturesque parish of Kilsheelan Kilcass on the Waterford border. It went

South in 1996 too, after a replay too, William was captain then, Manager now. Fate or coincidence? Whatever the reason, the result came Tipp's way both years. For Bill Maher, it was a dream come true not so much for himself as for his club. He plays down the role of captain but William and his selectors chose him because of his character and his leadership skills. "He led by example at all times" says William "he fought so hard in the second half of the drawn final." For Bill it was special to come home with the cup. "It was great to be captain, great for the club in particular and great to win another All Ireland medal and great for the whole team to play so well the second day".

So whither now! After 3 years as a minor footballer and 2 as a hurler, Bill can look forward to being on under 21 panels and he will probably appear on the senior stage too. He has the temperament, the ability, the character and the ambition. He won't be alone from this team. William Maher would like to make it more predictable that there will be an ongoing flow of talent from minor. "We have plenty of talent. We looked at over 160 players for this year's panel. We need to keep the focus on hurling skills and playing hurling. You also have to have players in top physical shape and ensure that there is as much if not more emphasis on injury prevention as treatment." No resting on laurels for William. "Imagine how good we could be if all our underage players throughout the county had access to top level hurling. Let's get combined schools teams entering the colleges hurling competitions for the parts of the county where schools are not strong enough on their own. This did wonders for colleges hurling and the flow of talent in Dublin and Waterford. Dublin built hurling in 10 years from virtually nothing to All Ireland finalists in 2011 and 12 using the schools model. We have the numbers, we have a great development squad concept, we know we can perform at the highest level. If we could do so more consistently we can guarantee a bright future at senior level. There is no time to relax – let's do it. 3 All Ireland minor titles in 7 years – imagine what we can win from that base." For William and Bill, there's more to the bond than having the same name – they have both captained Tipp to All Ireland minor titles, both from unfashionable clubs when compared to Tipperary's club aristocracy, both full of character, full of pride in Tipp, full of hurling and full of energy for the future. We say thank you to them and the rest of the players, management and backroom team for the joys of 2012. We look to them for the future too.



Ella Stapleton, Upperchurch Drombane, singing the National Anthem at the county football final.

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Powers charges have made it 'fashionable' to play football for Tipperary

By Noel Dundon (*Tipperary Star*)

The distance Tipperary football has travelled over the last two seasons could be measured with a great degree of accuracy last August under the concreted bowls of Croke Park on All-Ireland minor football quarter final day.

You see, the pain etched on the face of Manager David Power after his charges had fallen hard at the hands of Connacht runners-up Mayo, told it's own story. The Kilsheelan/Kilcash man had come crashing off the crest of a tidal wave of success for the Premier County – a wave which saw back-to-back Munster titles, a first All-Ireland title won on the field of play, and a place in the favourites enclosure for blue and gold jerseys in the code and grade.

Yes, Tipperary football has travelled a remarkable journey and the measure of disappointment at the defeat on that beautiful August afternoon, probably reflected the level of expectation within the county, and further, where this team was concerned.

It would have been hard to match the 2011 experience – anyone lucky enough to have been present when Tipp defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland Final, will mark that date down as a very special and remarkable day. Tipp had achieved their success the hard way and though some would claim that they waltzed through the season with the underdog tag for company, and perhaps came in under the radar, astute followers of the game would counter this argument with the notion that the 2011 Tipp team did exactly what they set out to do, regardless of who

they were playing.

So, with quite a quota of the 2011 squad returning for service again after the Christmas turnaround, there was quite an air of confidence about Tipp's chances of winning two minor football titles in a row. Thing is, the provincial title would really have to be won the hard way, not to mention the All-Ireland.

The All-Ireland champions would have to beat Kerry, Cork and Kerry again – all games away from home. They did, and with some style and aplomb.

Finding the key to beating the Kingdom is not always easy but since Tipperary had managed it in the minor grade the previous year, there was a degree of confidence about the prospects of meeting them in the championship first round. A win here would set up a meeting with Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh and it could easily have been claimed that to lose the first round would make for an easier passage to the provincial decider. Not a word of it though in the Tipp camp – these lads were going through the front door and they started by handing out a 2-9 to 0-8 defeat to the Kerry men – a win which resulted in Munster sitting up and taking notice. Perhaps now, 2011 would be treated as more than just a flash-in-the-pan by football strongholds.

Certainly Cork had taken notice and when Tipperary ventured south to rumble beside the Lee, there could be no Rebel excuses of under rating the opposition. Tipperary arrived with the swagger of champions and left with their mojo intact.

Manager David Power earmarked this victory as being the most significant of the two seasons up to that stage – that's saying something considering the silverware that had been amassed in 2011. But, you could see his point. Tipperary had travelled into the lions den, scalped the Rebels by 1-10 to 0-9 in a very tough and tense encounter and marched on until at least August – defeat on that night would have signalled the end of the campaign. It was hugely satisfying for the management and the County Board – at last Tipperary would be taken seriously. They had downed the cream of Munster and would now get to prove their worth once more having passed the knockout stages.

And, wouldn't you know it, Kerry were waiting in the long grass. Now, just consider that Tipp had beaten Kerry in the 2011 championship, again in the 2012 championship in front of their own people – it was all pointing to a revenge mission for the green and gold army, no? Of course it was, but they perhaps forgot the quality of this Tipp side, the ingrained confidence, and the level of maturity in not panicking when elements of the game were going wrong for them.

Tipp overturned a seven-point deficit to retain their Electric Ireland Munster MFC crown. The All-Ireland champions had been up against it approaching half-time as the Kingdom opened up a 1-9 to 0-5 advantage, before Tipp cut the gap to five at the break. But as David Power quite rightly pointed out, Tipp had been in worse positions before, most notably when they trailed by 11 points against Kerry in the 2011 semi-final before coming from the dead to win.

It was the first time that Tipp had achieved back-to-back provincial titles in this grade since 1935 – and also the first time Kerry had lost two Munster minor football championship matches in the same season – both against Tipp. Ultimately, it was a scoring run of 2-6 without reply that sealed Tipperary's victory – and what a victory it was.

Having nabbed the final two points of the first half, they opened up with a run of 2-4 as Kerry went from the 29th to 44th minutes without a score. Ian Fahey signalled Tipp's intent with a point 11 seconds after half-time before Colman Kennedy fisted home a brilliant 32nd minute goal. Their second goal was scored by Tom Kirwan in the 43rd minute as the Ardfinnan corner



John Martin sets up a Tipperary attack in the Munster MFC Final.



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Tipperary minor football captain Dylan Fitzelle and team manager David Power celebrate victory over Kerry in the Munster Final.

forward finished a neat move instigated by captain Dylan Fitzelle and taken on by the industrious Greg Henry. Tipp were now 2-11 to 1-9 clear but Kerry cut the gap back to just two points in the final minute.

The champions also had goalkeeper Evan Comerford to thank for a brilliant save as Kerry's best forward Niall Sheehy threatened to score his second goal. But, Tipp survived, marched on and readies themselves for Croke Park and All-Ireland quarter final day.

Scorers for Tipperary in Munster Final: C Kennedy (1f), T Kirwan 1-2 each, I Fahey 0-4 (1f), S O'Brien 0-2, B Maher, J Lonergan, J Martin, P Quirke 0-1 each.

Tipperary team: E. Comerford; L. Egan, J. Feehan, D. Cass; K. Fahey, D. Fitzelle, B. Maher; S. O'Brien, I. Fahey; J. Lonergan, J. Martin, G. Henry; C. Kennedy, P. Quirke, T. Kirwan. Subs: J. Loughnane for Cass (27), C. O'Riordan for Egan (ht), TJ Ryan for Lonergan (53), J. McGrath for Martin (55), J. Shelly for Kirwan (60+3).

Was it too good to expect that Tipperary could make it to a second All-Ireland in a row? Was it too good to dream of winning two titles back to back? Was it too much to ask that this could be achieved considering the squad of players at disposal and the confidence with which they were playing? Probably not, was the answer to all the above questions and as Tipp fans made their way to HQ for the Mayo game, there was a lot of optimism in their psyche. Mayo had not impressed in their provincial final, whereas Tipp had defeated Kerry with a performance of flair and courage.

But, the dream came unstuck as reality dawned – Mayo were flying and Tipperary were uncharacteristically flat. Perhaps the level of duality in the squad was beginning to catch up.

A 0-19 to 1-8 defeat was a hard pill to swallow for all concerned and probably didn't reflect Tipperary's effort on the day. But, the scoreboard doesn't lie and with Mayo blitzing Tipp in the opening half and leading by 0-9 to 0-1 with 19 minutes gone, the writing was on the wall. Tipp improved as the interval approached, though, with Philip Quirke slamming a goal that helped trim the half time down to 0-10 to 1-3 – still in the game, having not gotten to the tempo of the play just yet.

But Tipp were reduced to 14 men midway through the second

half when midfielder Steven O'Brien received a straight red card for an incident with Mayo wing back Kevin Lynch. However, champions don't fall easily and Tipp battled on and, with 10 minutes remaining, they were just three points down – 1-7 to 0-13. Could another great comeback be on the cards? Unfortunately, no, was the answer. Mayo stepped on the gas again and scored six points to just one reply from Tipp to cruise into the last four.

Tipp's defeat was their first in the minor football championship since 2010 – you might just want to read that sentence again – that's how far Tipp had come in two seasons.

Tipperary: E Comerford; K. Fahey, J. Feehan, R. Mulcahy; C. O'Riordan, D. Fitzelle, B. Maher; P. Quirke (1-2, 1f), J. Martin; I. Fahey, J. McGrath (0-2), G. Henry; C. Kennedy (0-2, 1f), S. O'Brien, T. Kirwan. Subs: J. Lonergan for Martin (22), TJ Ryan (0-2, 1f) for Kirwan (36), J. Loughnane for Fitzelle (40), J. Shelly for Henry (43), M. Meagher for O'Riordan (58).

So, the season ended with great disappointment but when one reflects on 2012, there are many very well documented positives to be derived. Perhaps the most positive aspect though, is that it is now 'fashionable' to play football for Tipperary again. There is a swagger and a confidence about Tipp football now and the inferiority complex which bedeviled many a player seems to have cast aside.

Of course Rome wasn't built in a day, and it will take time for minor success to reap major rewards. But, the course has been charted; the route identified; and the desire set alight. Thanks to our minors of 2011 and 2012, their management, backroom and Football Board, the goalposts have come into view and our players are beginning to kick straight. They know their goals and will do whatever it takes to achieve them.

Footnote: The minor management team, the players, the backroom and the Football Board are to be congratulated for the manner in which all carried themselves over the last two seasons in victory and defeat, both of which were approached with the same level of dignity and sportsmanship. Apart from winning silverware, they won many admirers too and Tipperary's young players learned many essential life lessons as well as skills of the game.

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More mixed salad than Spring roll

By J.J. Kennedy

Springtime is a period of brick-building for county teams when the various materials are assembled in preparation for the summer show house that is championship hurling. It's a time when teams like to build momentum - get on a spring roll if you like. Unfortunately, to extend the metaphor, we might say that for Tipperary the early months of 2012 produced more of a mixed salad than a spring roll. The Waterford Crystal started the roll alright but it hit an instant roadblock in the opening bout of the league series against Kilkenny - a foretaste of August - and ultimately faltered at semi-final stage to Cork. Not a memorable preamble then to the championship season, though it did have its peaks and valleys along the way.

For the most faithful followers the season began on January 8 at Boherlahan when we played UCC in a challenge game. It was a useful season opener with four quarters being played and Tipperary winning by 2-26 to 0-25. The following week we travelled to Cloughjordan to play Offaly champions, Coolderry - another handy workout and another Tipperary win 2-22 to 1-18. Two days later Paul Curran was officially announced as team captain for the year with Padraic Maher as his deputy. And so with the preliminaries over we headed into the first competitive engagement of the year, the Waterford Crystal Cup.

Waterford Crystal

On January 22 Dolla hosted a preliminary round of the 'Crystal' series where Tipperary faced the students of LIT. The home county led 1-15 to 1-8 at the interval and eventually won by 2-24 to 1-16. John O'Neill and Timmy Hammersley grabbed the goals with Pa Bourke prolific on frees and ending top scorer on 0-13. John O'Keeffe played centre back for the students and collected a second yellow card second half. Joe Canning scored 1-8 for LIT.

For the record Tipperary began the competitive season with the following line out: Darren Gleeson; Donagh Maher, Paul Curran, Michael Cahill; Shane Maher, John Coghlan, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher and James Woodlock; Padraic Maher, Shane McGrath, Adrian Ryan; John O'Neill, Brian O'Meara, Pa Bourke. The following subs were used: Johnny Ryan for Woodlock, Timmy Hammersley for O'Neill, David Collins for S. McGrath and Conor O'Brien for M. Cahill.

The following week, Saturday January 28, Tipperary played a Munster selection at Nenagh in a charity game in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland. Wearing once-off pink jerseys, Tipperary won by 1-19 to 1-13. Munster led at the interval by 1-6 to 0-8, 'Bonner' Maher getting the goal. Actually seven Tipperary players featured on the Munster side including Lar Corbett who came on as a sub. John O'Neill scored the Tipperary goal.

A week later, Saturday February 4, Tipperary were back at Nenagh where they defeated UL in the quarter-final of the Crystal Cup. On a wet and windy day Tipperary made a spectacular start to lead by 2-4 to nil after seventeen minutes, Pa Bourke (free) and Brian O'Meara the goal getters. Thereafter the Tipp performance was more wobbly before they eventually ran out 2-11 to 0-12 winners.

For the record Tipperary fielded as follows: D. Gleeson; D. Maher, P. Curran, M. Cahill; S. Maher, C. O'Mahony, J. Coghlan; D. Young and Brendan Maher; G. Ryan (0-1), A. Ryan (0-1), P. Bourke (1-3); J. O'Neill (0-1), Brian O'Meara (1-0), J. O'Brien (0-1). Subs used: C. O'Brien for D. Maher, T. Stapleton for J. Coghlan, J. Woodlock (0-1) for D. Young, E. Kelly (0-3) for A. Ryan and S. Curran for G. Ryan.

Two days later, Monday February 6, we awoke to the shock news that Lar Corbett had withdrawn from the panel. Thus

began a story that would dominate the season.

In the meantime the team faced Cork in the semi-final of the 'Crystal' at Templemore on February 12. In a game of missed chances Tipperary led by 0-7 to 0-6 at half time but by the end needed a late Brian O'Meara point to salvage a 0-18 apiece draw. In the first half of extra time it remained tight, Tipp eventually leading 0-20 to 0-19. However, in the second spell of additional time the home side 'nailed' the issue with a smart run of points to eventually win by 0-26 to 1-19, Cork getting a late consolation goal. 'Buggy' O'Meara was our main man on the day but a significant footnote to the game was the knee injury to 'Bonner' Maher, which would keep him sidelined for the remainder of the spring.

Tipperary team: B. Cummins; C. O'Brien, P. Curran, M. Cahill; S. Maher, C. O'Mahony, P. Maher; S. McGrath and J. Ryan; G. Ryan, Pk Maher, A. Ryan; P. Bourke, B. O'Meara, J. O'Brien. Subs used: J. Woodlock for S. McGrath (injured), D. Young for J. Ryan, E. Kelly for P. Bourke, P. Bourke for Pk Maher (injured) and S. Curran for J. O'Brien.

Crystal win

With fixtures running late the final of the 'Crystal' was delayed until after the first round of the league so it was March 4 when Tipperary travelled to Sixmilebridge to face Davy Fitzgerald and Clare for the first silverware of the season. The previous week Tipperary had been humbled by Kilkenny in a league opener so this was bounce-back time.

Tipperary led by 1-12 to 1-7 at half time, 'Buggy' O'Meara getting the goal, but they endured some difficult second half



Gearoid Ryan gets away from Cork's William Egan in the Allianz NHL at Temple Stadium.



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moments before eventually easing out winners by 1-21 to 2-12. Sixteen wides from Clare can't be ignored in any assessment of the outcome with a more economical Tipperary doing just about enough on the day to take the 'Crystal'. Brendan Cummins was delegated to accept the glassware afterwards, our only senior trophy of the year.

The Tipperary team which won the 'Crystal' for the first time in four years was: Brendan Cummins; Conor O'Brien, John Coghlan, Michael Cahill; Donagh Maher, Conor O'Mahony, Shane Maher; David Young and James Woodlock; Gearoid Ryan, Noel McGrath, Adrian Ryan; John O'Neill, Brian O'Meara, Timmy Hammersley. Subs used on the day: Shane McGrath for Adrian Ryan, Eoin Kelly for David Young and John O'Brien for John O'Neill.

League opener v. Kilkenny

And so to the 2012 hurling league and a February 26 launch date with Tipp versus Kilkenny pencilled in for the third year running as a juicy opener. This time the action switched to Nowlan Park where the top two would once again feature in the highlight fixture to launch the series. For our latest collision with the 'cats' we sent the following fifteen into action: Brendan Cummins; Donagh Maher, Paul Curran, Michael Cahill; Shane Maher, Conor O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher and David Young; Gearoid Ryan, Noel McGrath, Adrian Ryan; Pa Bourke, Brian O'Meara, John O'Brien.

10,644 paying fans came to view the spectacle, the figures no doubt boosted by the recent intense rivalry between the sides. A blistering opening from Kilkenny saw them shoot 1-4 without reply, the goal coming from a Richie Power penalty. We recovered somewhat but were still very much in their slipstream at the interval, trailing by five, 1-10 to 0-8, despite having played with the wind.

Briefly it got better in the second half when we cut the lead to just three but then Kilkenny hit the accelerator once again, Eoin Larkin, barging through for a goal and there was no way back for Tipperary. In the end we lost by just eight points, 2-17 to 0-15, but it was a margin that flattered a very tame Tipperary effort.

Admittedly we were short staffed, having just eight of the 2011 All Ireland side against Kilkenny's thirteen, but there was still no disguising our shortcomings on the day. Once again we were heavily outgunned by Kilkenny and on this evidence the prevailing order looked undisturbed. By August 19 there would be little change either.

For the record Tipperary introduced the following subs: Shane Bourke for Adrian Ryan, Eoin Kelly for Gearoid Ryan, James Woodlock for John O'Brien, John O'Keeffe for Paul Curran and Shane McGrath for Pa Bourke.

Galway in Thurles

Round two of the league series then brought Galway to Thurles on March 11. The Tribesmen had a big win over reigning league champions, Dublin, in their opening round, so they came in high spirits and in feisty mood. What followed was an end-to-end game of fluctuating fortunes.

Galway took the early initiative with a sizzling goal from full forward, James Regan. Tipp got back on terms and the sides traded scores until great work by 'Buggy' O'Meara set up Pa Bourke for a whipped-in goal for Tipp. However, in front of an attendance of 4,951 the game continued to sway this way and that with Galway hitting the last three points of the half to go in one-up, 1-9 to 1-8.

The score-for-score pattern continued in the second half, a right crisp goal from Noel McGrath and ditto from Damien Hayes. Repeatedly the sides were level and a share of the points seemed the most likely outcome. However, at the 'death' Tipperary edge a tough encounter with Johnny Ryan arriving and landing the lead point on his first touch to be followed by a huge free from Noel McGrath. It ended 2-20 to 2-18 for Tipperary, a precious win and one that put us back on track



Allianz National Hurling League Dublin v Tipperary at Croke Park. David Young battles for the high ball against Dublin's Ryan Dwyer and David O'Callaghan.

following the trauma of the loss to Kilkenny.

Tipperary team versus Galway: Brendan Cummins; Donagh Maher, Paul Curran, Michael Cahill; John O'Keeffe, Conor O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; James Woodlock and Brendan Maher; Pa Bourke, Noel McGrath, Shane McGrath; John O'Neill, Brian O'Meara, Shane Bourke. Subs used: Eoin Kelly for Shane McGrath, Timmy Hammersley for Eoin Kelly (injured) and Johnny Ryan for Pa Bourke.

Point-fest v. Waterford

The following week Waterford came to town and Tipperary went to town. A point-fest from the home team saw the end score line read 0-31 to 2-15. In perfect conditions Waterford were leaden-footed and Tipperary put on an exhibition of crisp, first-touch hurling. The absence of a goal was a quibble but otherwise this was an entirely stress-free afternoon as the home side pointed at will.

By half time we led 0-15 to 1-7 and with everyone from the half backs up getting in on the act we continued with an avalanche of points in the second half. The pair of goals spared some Waterford blushes but with new management and without John Mullane the Deise looked a poor outfit. Still from a home perspective the necessary was achieved and with four points now secured that opening collapse against Kilkenny was beginning to fade from memory.

For the record our line out against Waterford was: Darren Gleeson; Donagh Maher, Paul Curran, Michael Cahill; John O'Keeffe, Conor O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher and James Woodlock; Johnny Ryan, Noel McGrath, Pa Bourke; John O'Neill, Brian O'Meara, Shane Bourke. Subs: Shane Maher for John O'Keeffe, John O'Brien for John O'Neill, Sean Curran for Johnny Ryan, Thomas Stapleton for Padraic Maher and Shane McGrath for James Woodlock.

Late leveller by Dublin

Round four of the league took us to Croke Park for a testing assignment against the Dubs. A combination of illness and injuries meant that Tipperary sent a depleted team into action so let's begin with the line out. Darren Gleeson got another start in

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goal and was fronted by Donagh Maher, Padraic Maher and Michael Cahill. On the half line Thomas Stapleton and Conor O'Brien flanked John Coghlan at number six. Midfield featured Brendan Maher and James Woodlock while our starting half forwards were Gearoid Ryan, Noel McGrath and Pa Bourke. John O'Neill, 'Buggy' O'Meara and Shane Bourke formed the full line.

The readjustments, forced by the absence of so many players, were unsettling and Dublin certainly had the better of the early exchanges. We could be grateful for two timely interventions by Darren Gleeson which prevented a major breach of our lines. Dublin shot a lot of wides too so that we eventually got to half time two-up, 0-9 to 0-7. It was a score that flattered Tipperary.

At the start of the second half, however, we got hit for five – literally – as the Dubs turned two-down into three-up. Substitute, David Treacy, was the principal architect, hitting 1-1 and forcing the withdrawal of John Coghlan who was replaced by David Young. In the reshuffle Padraic Maher went centre back with Michael Cahill going full. The moves had the desired effect and we seemed to have the game secured when going three-up as the match entered added time. However, there was a late, dramatic twist when Liam Rushe struck for a levelling goal three minutes into added time.

It was disappointing to be caught so late but the dropped point made little difference to our league prospects with everything now hanging on the final round. For the record we introduced five subs against Dublin: John O'Brien for Shane Bourke, David Young for John Coghlan, Shane McGrath for James Woodlock, Johnny Ryan for Pa Bourke and Timmy Hammersley for John O'Neill. Incidentally Brian O'Meara was man-of-the-match against Dublin.

Cork at the Stadium

The final league round brought Cork to Semple Stadium on April 1. With just two points separating the top four teams everything was riding on this final round of games with all sorts of permutations possible. Given that the stakes were so high the Tipp management went for maximum strength for the visit of Cork: Brendan Cummins; Donagh Maher, Paul Curran, Michael Cahill; Thomas Stapleton, Conor O'Mahony, Padraic Maher; Brendan Maher and James Woodlock; Gearoid Ryan, Noel McGrath, Pa Bourke; Shane Bourke, Brian O'Meara, John O'Brien.

The game was played in summer-like conditions in front of an attendance of 10,150 and developed into a high-scoring thriller.

End-to-end play with both teams playing possession hurling saw the sides trade points throughout the opening half with Cork having slightly the better of matters to lead at the break by 0-13 to 0-11. Brian O'Meara missed a great goal chance before half time.

Early in the second half, however, the Tipp goal drought did end when Pa Bourke was tripped and he sent the resultant free sizzling to the Cork net. Tipp went four-up. Back hit Cork and Conor Lehane fired one past Cummins. End to end it flowed with heroic Tipp defending preventing another Cork goal or two. Inevitably it came down to a knife-edge ending. We thought we had the verdict when John O'Brien set up Shane Bourke for the lead point in the final minute but in added time Pat Horgan silenced the local fans with the levelling point. It ended 1-23 apiece at the end of an open, fast-paced spectacle.

The draw meant a re-match with Cork in the semi-finals which were booked as a double header on April 22 at the Stadium – Clare faced Kilkenny in the opening session. With Paul Curran absent because of injury Padraic Maher was once again shifted to full back with David Young coming in at left wing. The team: Cummins; O'Brien, Maher, Cahill; Stapleton, O'Mahony, Young; Maher and Woodlock; Gearoid Ryan, McGrath and Pa Bourke; Shane Bourke, O'Meara, O'Brien.

15,424 fans clicked through the turnstiles on a pleasant spring day. Kilkenny took the opening bout handily enough and then it was the turn of Tipp and Cork to entertain. However, if followers expected a repeat of the spectacle of three weeks earlier they would be disappointed. The first half was tame, lacklustre stuff with even a hint of a phoney war in the air. An injury to Donal Og Cusack, which would end his season, didn't help continuity but for whatever reason there was something lacking in the game. The sides eventually trudged off with the board reading 0-10 apiece.

A fine individual goal by Brian O'Meara shoved Tipperary into the lead in the third quarter but back hit Cork to gain the edge once more. Eoin Kelly arrived to drill a pile driver to the rigging from a twenty metre free and Tipp were once more in front. It might have been the injection to drive Tipp on to the league final – but it wasn't. Instead Cork would take total control in the final quarter during which time they would outscore Tipp by 1-8 to 0-2, Luke O'Farrell the goal getter.

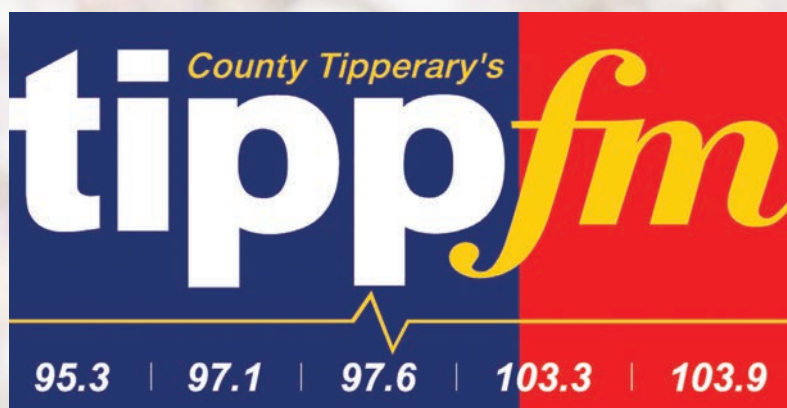
It was a dismal final quarter from Tipperary who introduced five subs: Shane Maher for David Young (injured), Eoin Kelly for Shane Bourke, Shane McGrath for Brendan Maher (injured), Sean Curran for James Woodlock and John O'Neill for Noel McGrath. The final score was 1-25 to 2-15.

So, a league campaign that began with a thrashing from Kilkenny ended on a whimpering exit to Cork. In between we'd managed two wins and two draws but the overall impression left was troubling. There were exonerating factors, of course. Lar Corbett was still in retirement and injuries to 'Bonner' Maher and Seamus Callanan had left the management with limited options in attack especially. Still there was no denying it had been a jerky league series, good in spots but falling well short on critical occasions. The series did raise Brian O'Meara's profile but there was still a niggling sense that we were some way off the real deal. By now the Waterford Crystal win was a forgotten incidental and ultimately the championship would confirm our doubts about the team's shape.



Brian O'Meara in possession with Galway's David Collins challenging in Allianz Hurling League.

Cork again in the semi



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So near and yet so far for Under 21 hurlers

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

Tipperary's under 21 hurlers will look back on the past year with mixed emotions.

From early on, many had ranked Tipperary as the fifth of the five counties competing with Waterford and Clare highly rated following Munster minor successes in recent years while Cork and Limerick both contained a large number of senior panellists.

However, having a large number of senior players can be a hindrance in terms of preparation but Tipperary manager Ken Hogan had no such problem with Mullinahone's Sean Curran the only senior representative on the under 21 panel.

While Tipperary might not have pulled up trees at minor level in the preceding three years, their performances should be put in context, having lost the All Ireland minor semi-final in 2009 to Kilkenny, were knocked out of the 2010 Munster championship by one point to a Clare side that went on to reach the All Ireland final.

The draw would be also unfavourable, playing in the quarter final, plus if Tipperary were to win three games to win the provincial title, they would have to win them all away from home.

Tipperary's first challenge would take them to Leaside on the first Wednesday in June. Cork were coming off the high of a generally positive National League campaign, despite their heavy defeat to Kilkenny in the final.

New senior manager Jimmy Barry Murphy had blooded many under 21's in his panel with Conor Lehane and Jamie Coughlan starring in the forwards through the National League campaign and adding Christopher Joyce in the half back line, the rebels had a formidable outfit.

The game took place at the start of the Leaving Cert exams which ruled out two key players for each side, Darran Sweetnam for Cork and Jason Forde for the Premier county.

When the home side opened a two-score lead for the first time in the game with eight minutes remaining, Tipperary were in deep trouble but they sprung to life in the closing ten minutes to outscore the rebels 0-6 to 0-1. Sean Curran's injury time winner put Tipperary in front for the one and only time in a game where the visitors played second fiddle for large parts but hung in grimly and produced their best hurling in the closing stages when they needed to most.

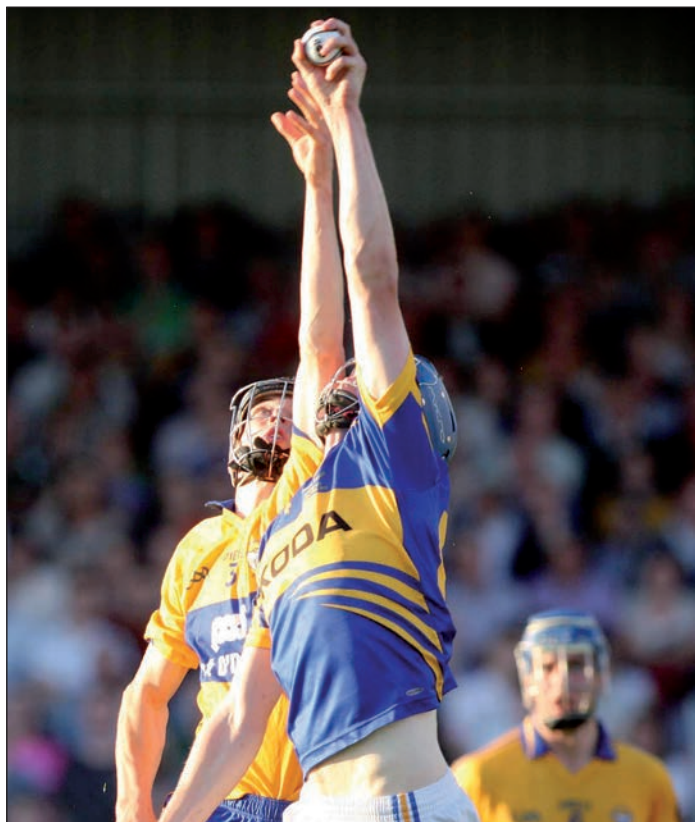
The Tipperary management made a number of astute personnel and tactical switches in the second half which helped with Cian Hogan, Aidan McCormack and Tommy Heffernan all sprung from the bench and contributed in terms of assists for many of the late scores.

Willie Ryan was switched onto Cork senior star Conor Lehane who struck three points in the first twenty minutes, being allowed drift onto loose ball. Brian Stapleton shored up the centre of the defence when moved to centre back in the early minutes of the second half as the out of sorts Denis Maher failed to settle.

As well as the switches, key players stepped into the game. Stephen Maher had an outstanding second half, full of aggression and assurance at corner back, Andrew Ryan and Justin Cahill stepped into the game while David Collins joined Niall O'Meara in a new midfield partnership with the Drom man scoring two superb second half points.

Captain John O'Dwyer more than most inspired the Tipperary comeback, finishing with nine points, including three in the final ten minutes in a performance where from the start to finish, was the only constant threat in the forward line until the subs made their impact.

The win set-up a semi-final against Limerick, which came four days after the Shannonsiders defeated Clare in the All Ireland senior championship, a game in which Shane Dowling, Kevin Downes and Declan Hannon had played key roles.



Cian Hogan wins the aerial dual against Clare

Tipperary led by 1-6 to 0-7 at half-time with the goal coming from Denis Maher. Playing against the breeze in the second half, Tipp were still seven points clear before Limerick's Shane Dowling, lashed home a consolation goal in stoppage time.

Tipperary could have won by more but registered 16 wides, eleven of those in the first half alone. After half-time, Limerick were desperately flat and Tipp's leading scorer John O'Dwyer, who finished with eight of his nine points from frees, kept the scoreboard ticking over. The roving Denis Maher was also a tower of strength for Tipp, finishing with a personal haul of 1-3 and earning the man of the match award.

So for the third time in five years, Tipperary would meet Clare in the Munster Final, returning to Cusack Park, Ennis, the scene of the controversial 2008 final when Tipperary were awarded a controversial late 65 for a technical foul on Clare goalkeeper Donal Touhy.

Four years on, Clare got their own back. Coming towards the end of the first of two minutes of added time signalled, Tipperary had their noses in front by just one point and were tantalisingly close to a famous Munster title until Clare sub Niall Arthurs snapshot beat Paul Ryan to send the home support into raptures.

It was a horrible way for Tipperary to lose but over the course of the game Clare deserved their victory. If the home side had taken their chances in the first half, Tipperary would have been fortunate to have been on their coat-tails going into the second half with Clare having shot 13 wides in the first half, many of them very scoreable.

Despite being outplayed in the first half, if Cian Hogan had managed to convert the guilt-edged goal chance in the twelfth minute Tipperary would have found themselves in a commanding position. Tipperary rued missed opportunities of their own, 12 wides in all, eight in the second half when they improved their performance markedly.

John O'Dwyer lead the way with another sparkling performance, 1-7, 1-4 from play. Jason Forde didn't feature a lot on the ball but when he did, good things happened, particularly



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his pass for the goal. He also set-up two further scores and pointed one of his own.

Liam McGrath was excellent throughout on the wing and took the game to Clare from the off with his industry and driving runs leading to both of Cian Hogan's points with the big full forward posing plenty of problems for David McNerney but his glaring miss the only downside of his performance.

Niall O'Meara and Dan McCormack struggled in the first half with the Kilruane man coming much more into the game in the second half. The introduction of Éanna Murray midway through the second half gave Tipperary greater creativity in the midfield.

In a surreal game it took a full twelve minutes for the first score to be registered via a John O'Dwyer free. By that stage Clare had already struck eight wides to Tipperary's three as the home side dominated but didn't make it count on the scoreboard.

Tipperary led 0-6 to 0-5 at half time but when Clare hit the front for the first time in the 46th minute following points from Tony Kelly and a Cathal O'Connell free, you feared a little for Tipp. However the mental resolve of this team cannot be questioned and they responded from the puckout as Jason Forde latched onto the breaking ball and with an easy point on, he went for broke and passed to John O'Dwyer on the 21-yard line and still with a lot to do, buried an angled drive into the corner of the net.

From there to injury time, the teams went score for score as Tipp kept their noses in front until Niall Arthurs injury time goal where all three Clare subs linked up, leaving Tipperary with little time to respond.

All in all, it is a championship Tipp will look back on what might have been. Without the star names, manager Ken Hogan managed to forge a superb spirit, instilling a great desire and he challenged the team to win a historic Munster title by winning three games on the road, they came sixty seconds short of doing so.

Munster Championship Quarter Final Wednesday, 6 June – Pairc Uí Chaoimh Cork 0-17 Tipperary 0-18

Tipperary: Paul Ryan; Stephen Maher, Andrew Ryan, Pa Ryan; Willie Ryan, Denis Maher, Justin Cahill; Brian Stapleton (0-1), Dan McCormack (0-1); David Collins (0-2); Sean Curran (0-3), Niall O'Meara; Liam McGrath (0-1), John O'Dwyer (0-9, 5f), Éanna Murray (0-1).

SUBS: Cian Hogan for D Maher (45); Aidan McCormack for

Murray (48); Tommy Heffernan for D McCormack (53).

Munster Championship Semi-Final Wednesday, 18 July – Gaelic Grounds Limerick 1-11 Tipperary 1-16

Tipperary: Paul Ryan; Stephen Maher, Andrew Ryan, Pa Ryan; Brian Stapleton, Willie Ryan, Justin Cahill; Dan McCormack, Niall O'Meara; Liam McGrath (0-1), Sean Curran (0-1), Denis Maher (1-3); Éanna Murray, Cian Hogan (0-1), John O'Dwyer (0-9, 8f).

SUBS: Jason Forde (0-1) for Murray (ht); Aidan McGrath for McCormack (58).

Munster Championship Final Wednesday, 8th August – Cusack Park, Ennis Clare 1-16 Tipperary 1-14

Tipperary: Paul Ryan; Stephen Maher, Andrew Ryan, Pa Ryan; Brian Stapleton, Willie Ryan, Justin Cahill; Dan McCormack, Niall O'Meara; Liam McGrath (0-1), Sean Curran, Denis Maher (0-1); Jason Forde (0-1), Cian Hogan (0-2), John O'Dwyer (1-9, 0-3f).

SUBS: Éanna Murray (0-1) for McCormack (40); Aidan McCormack (0-1) for Hogan (53); Pdraig Greene for Curran (59).

Tipperary Under 21 Hurling panel: Cathal Barrett (Holycross/Ballycahill), Thomas Butler (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), David Collins (Drom & Inch), Sean Curran (Mullinahone), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Ruairí Gleeson (Kildangan), Pdraig Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg), Alan Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Cian Hogan (Lorrha), Seamus Kennedy (St. Mary's), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), William Maher (Lorrha), Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields), Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Sean McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Aidan McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Liam McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Darra Mooney (Eire Óg Annacarty), Éanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule, Captain), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Daire Quinn (Nenagh Eire Óg), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny); Paul Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane); Willie Ryan (Clonakenny), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Liam Treacy (Loughmore/Castleiney)

Manager: Ken Hogan (Lorrha) **Selectors:** TJ Connolly (Cashel King Cormacs), Tony Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields).



Tipperary Under-21 Hurling panel - Munster finalists

Back l-r:- Aidan McCormack, Tommy Heffernan, Willie Maher, Dara Mooney, John O'Dwyer, Dan McCormack, Denis Maher, Cian Hogan, Brian Stapleton, Justin Cahill, Ruairi Gleeson, Alan Hogan, Pdraig Heffernan, Dara Quinn, Sean McCormack, Seamus Kennedy, Aidan McGrath. Front l-r:- Éanna Murray, Paudie Greene, Pa Ryan, Liam McGrath, Jason Forde, Stephen Maher, Sean Curran, Andrew Ryan, Niall O'Meara, Paul Ryan. Absent from photo Willie Ryan.

Michael Ryan's intermediate hurlers help restore a little pride in the jersey

By Brian McDonnell (Blueblood.ie)

On Saturday, September 1st Tipperary hurling supporters travelled to Semple Stadium in Thurles for the All-Ireland intermediate final seeking a little encouragement following the senior side's eighteen-point defeat to Kilkenny.

Supporters left Thurles that evening smiling. Not only had Michael Ryan's intermediate hurlers defeated Kilkenny (3-13 to 1-17), but they did so with a display brimming with skill, hard work, ambition and no little pride - the values that Tipperary people love to see associated with the blue and gold.

In the immediate aftermath of the final team captain Eddie Connolly spoke about his side's determination to restore some pride in the jersey. Indeed, the Loughmore-Castleiney man revealed that the eighteen-point senior reverse suffered at the hands of Cats was on the minds of the players.

"Yeah, it was," Eddie Connolly explained.

"I was in Croke Park two weeks ago and I would say that a good few of the other players were too. Everyone was sick and every Tipp supporter has had that in their head for the last two weeks. Everyone was hurting and we wanted to do our bit. The minors can do their bit now next week and we can go into next year with a bit of optimism. It's not really about how you fall down. It's about getting back up. The seniors will be back."

Intermediate manager Michael Ryan echoed Eddie Connolly's sentiments: "we didn't want to let down the supporters tonight in Semple Stadium. We wanted to bring a bit of pride back to the county".

All-Ireland Final

There were sighs of relief all around Semple Stadium that evening following Tipperary's 3-13 to 1-17 All-Ireland intermediate final win over Kilkenny.

The opening half, which saw Tipperary race into a 3-9 to 0-6 lead, failed to prepare the 3,022-strong attendance for what was to follow. Indeed, no one could have foreseen Kilkenny hitting 1-7 without reply immediately after the break before cutting the Tipperary lead to just a single point by the 51st minute (1-16 to 3-11).

But if Kilkenny's surge was impressive Tipperary's late stand was even more so. With time running out and having been outscored 1-10 to 0-2 in the second half the Premier had no momentum and were shipping water in all the wrong areas. And, worse was to come when the full-back line coughed up a penalty in the 53rd minute.

The Tipp men, however, drew inspiration from James Logue's terrific save following Rory Hickey's stinging shot. Richie Ruth then won a crucial free and Kieran Morris converted before Cathal Dillon set up Paudie O'Dwyer and the Éire Óg Annacarty man helped his side into a vital three-point lead (3-13 to 1-16). Kilkenny, however, refused to lie down and it took yet another James Logue intervention in the 61st minute to deny the Leinster men the grandstand finalé that they so desperately desired.

To win a first All-Ireland intermediate title since 2000 Tipperary required heroes. Ballingarry's James Logue made a whole series of improbable saves, Kevin O'Gorman was neat and tidy at full-back while the half-back line of James Barry, Eddie Connolly and Ronan Sherlock were exceptional in the opening half.

Michael Gleeson was at his creative best in the opening half while the ball-carrying ability of Seán Carey and Joe Gallagher caught the eye. Kieran Morris won possession at absolutely vital



Christopher Coughlan gains possession against Kilkenny with Michael Gleeson playing a supporting role during the All Ireland Intermediate Final.

times while Nenagh Éire Óg's Michael Heffernan was the outstanding candidate for the man of the match award. Heffernan scored 1-4 from play and also had a vital hand to play in a Kieran Morris goal.

Irrespective of the valiant efforts of several members of the Tipperary team Michael Ryan's men would not have won without Heffernan, a man who now enjoys the distinction of having won minor, under-21, senior and intermediate All-Ireland medals by the tender age of 22.

Tipperary were simply sensational in the opening half of this final. Joe Gallagher pounced on a Bill Beckett mistake. Gallagher then cut through the heart of the Kilkenny defence before passing to Michael Heffernan. Gallagher's pass was a little long, but Heffernan still managed to make a telling one-handed connection and lashed the ball into the roof of Richie O'Neill's net - 1-2 to 0-4.

The excellence of the half-back line had a huge part to play in Tipp's dominance, a dominance franked by a second goal in the 18th minute. Some terrific combination play in the middle of the field sprung Michael Gleeson on the Kilkenny goal and although Gleeson's tame effort was saved the Thurles Sarsfields man gathered possession once more and passed to David Butler who belted in a terrific goal - 2-7 to 0-4.

There was little respite for Kilkenny however since in the 24th minute Tipperary plundered their third goal. This time Seán Carey hounded and then hooked a Kilkenny defender, Michael Heffernan gathered possession and drew a Kilkenny defender



County intermediate hurling selectors from left Sean O'Meara, Michael Ferncombe, Michael Ryan (Manager) and Eamon O'Dwyer

before passing to Kieran Morris who helped himself to a handy three-pointer.

At the break Tipperary led by twelve points (3-9 to 0-6). Kilkenny roared back into this contest however with six consecutive points cutting the deficit significantly (0-12 to 3-9) before disaster struck in the 42nd minute when a defensive mix-up saw Jeff Brennan's long-range delivery float into an unguarded Tipperary net. A minute later the Tipperary fullback line coughed up a '65 which Rory Hickey converted to leave just two between the sides (1-13 to 3-9).

Having isolated Michael Heffernan in the full-forward line for the majority of the second half Tipperary opted to move the Éire Óg man to half-forward. That alteration earned an immediate

dividend when Heffernan gathered a Seán Carey cross-field ball and fired over Tipp's first point of the second half in the 45th minute. Seconds later Joe Gallagher broke the ball. Heffernan was onto it like a flash and belted over another cracker to hand his side a 3-11 to 1-13 lead.

To their eternal credit Kilkenny responded once more and following points from Kevin Kelly, wing-back Luke Harney and Joe Lyng there was just a single point between the sides (1-16 to 3-11) by the 51st minute. Matters then took a grave turn for the worse when Ger Aylward was fouled for a penalty. Thankfully goalkeeper James Logue saved Rory Hickey's effort and within seconds Richie Ruth won a free which Kieran Morris converted (in all Tipperary scored 3-12 to their 3-13 tally from play). With his first touch of the ball an alert Cathal Dillon then won possession and set up Paudie O'Dwyer who belted over a smashing left-handed point which presented his side with a vital 3-13 to 1-16 lead.

Only a goal would save Kilkenny now and a three-pointer was on Rory Hickey's mind in the 61st minute when he stood over a centrally-located 21-yard free. Once more however James

Logue was equal to a goal-bound effort which he deflected over the bar.

Munster Campaign

Tipperary launched their intermediate campaign on Saturday, May 26th when Michael Ryan's men hosted Limerick at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh for a Munster quarter-final. Plenty was expected of the Shannonsiders, but Tipp strolled to a twelve-point win (2-20 to 1-11). All six of the Tipperary forwards managed scores from play inside the opening twenty-three minutes and Limerick were let down badly when full-forward Robert O'Donnell saw red immediately after the interval. James Logue, Christy Coughlan, Paudie White, Joe Gallagher and Seán Carey all enhanced their reputations while Richie Ruth fired over four second half points and stole the show. The goals arrived courtesy of Seán Carey and David Butler.

Four weeks later on June 24th Tipperary made the journey to Páirc Uí Chaoimh to face and beat the Rebels 3-18 to 2-16. A whirlwind start set Tipperary on their way. Indeed, Tipp led 2-4 to 0-2 after just thirteen minutes and 3-10 to 0-6 at the break.

Christy Coughlan, David Butler, Paudie White, Michael



David Butler aims for a score against Cork with Michael Heffernan in the Munster IHC in the semi-final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



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Heffernan and Seán Carey were absolutely outstanding for Tipperary while Michael Gleeson looked an obvious man of the match candidate. Goals from David Butler, Joe Gallagher and Seán Carey featured in a devastating first half display.

In the Munster final on July 25th Tipperary faced the reigning All-Ireland champions Clare at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. In the end Tipp won (1-18 to 0-17), but only after a battle. The crucial moment in this ferociously-fought contest arrived in the 29th minute of the opening half when David Butler whispered open Sesame to the Clare defence and scrambled home a goal which propelled the Premier toward a 1-10 to 0-10 interval lead. And, while it is rarely sensible nor clever to sum up a game based on one moment in this case it is true to say that David Butler's three-pointer ultimately separated these evenly-matched sides.

Butler scored 1-4 from play while a number of his playing colleagues came to fore in an always-enthralling affair. James Logue, as we have come to expect, was neat and tidy in goal, corner-back Christy Coughlan saw off Clare danger man David O'Halloran while Eddie Connolly and Ronan Sherlock were a consistent force in the half-back line. Michael Gleeson had a very influential second half as did Damien O'Brien who was immense under the dropping ball. Kieran Morris was unerring from placed balls and unselfish in open play while Michael Heffernan tacked on two vital points in the second half.

Reflecting in the aftermath of the Munster final captain Eddie Connolly described the victory as a "sweet one in the end".

"They really put it up to us. Thankfully, the team has a lot of steel in it. I think we had the sharper forwards on the day and we were able to get our scores that little bit easier. Thankfully in the end we were on top on the scoreboard," the Loughmore-Castleiney man explained.

"They hit us with everything and thankfully we got over the line in the finish. We showed great character there and they never gave up at any stage," manager Michael Ryan said.

All-Ireland Winning Campaign Details

Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship Quarter-Final Saturday, May 26th - MacDonagh Park, Nenagh

Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 1-11

Tipperary: James Logue, Gerry Walsh, Kevin O'Gorman, Christy Coughlan, Joe Gallagher, Eddie Connolly (captain), Ronan Sherlock, Michael Heffernan, Paudie White (0-2), Seán Carey (1-3), Damien O'Brien (0-2), Johnny Ryan (0-1), Kieran Morris (0-5, 0-3 frees), Evan Sweeney (0-1), David Butler (1-1, 0-1 sideline). Subs: (HT) Richie Ruth (0-4) for Evan Sweeney, (45th) Niall Teehan for Damien O'Brien, (50th) John Sheedy (0-1) for Johnny Ryan, (55th) David O'Connor for David Butler, (61st) Paudie O'Dwyer for Joe Gallagher.

Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship Semi-Final Sunday, June 24th - Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork

Tipperary 3-18 Cork 2-16

Tipperary: James Logue, Christy Coughlan, Kevin O'Gorman, Gerry Walsh, James Barry, Eddie Connolly (captain), Ronan Sherlock, Michael Gleeson (0-2), Paudie White, Michael Heffernan (0-4), Damien O'Brien, Seán Carey (1-3), Kieran Morris (0-6, 0-4 frees, 0-1 '65), Joe Gallagher (1-0), David Butler (1-3). Subs: (29th) Cathal Dillon for Damien O'Brien (blood), (40th) Richie Ruth for Damien O'Brien, (53rd) John Sheedy for Joe Gallagher, (55th) Ciarán Haugh for Ronan Sherlock, (57th) Cathal Dillon for Richie Ruth, (60th) Niall Teehan for James Barry.

Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship Final Wednesday, July 25th - MacDonagh Park, Nenagh

Tipperary 1-18 Clare 0-17

Tipperary: James Logue, Christy Coughlan, Kevin O'Gorman, Gerry Walsh, James Barry, Eddie Connolly (captain), Ronan Sherlock, Michael Gleeson (0-1), Paudie White (0-1), Michael Heffernan (0-2), Joe Gallagher, Seán Carey, Kieran Morris (0-8, 0-



Tipperary centre-back Eddie Connolly bursts out with the ball against Limerick in the Munster IHC in the quarter final.

8 frees), Damien O'Brien (0-2), David Butler (1-4). Subs: (35th) Evan Sweeney for Joe Gallagher, (51st) Richie Ruth for Paudie White, (60th) Niall Teehan for James Barry.

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final Saturday, September 1st - Semple Stadium, Thurles

Tipperary 3-13 Kilkenny 1-17

Tipperary: James Logue, Christy Coughlan, Kevin O'Gorman, Gerry Walsh, James Barry, Eddie Connolly (captain), Ronan Sherlock, Michael Gleeson (0-1), Paudie White (0-1), Seán Carey (0-1), Damien O'Brien, Joe Gallagher, Kieran Morris (1-3, 0-1 free), Michael Heffernan (1-4), David Butler (1-2). Subs: (38th) Richie Ruth for David Butler, (47th) Evan Sweeney for Joe Gallagher, (55th) Cathal Dillon for Damien O'Brien, (55th) Paudie O'Dwyer (0-1) for Paudie White.

Tipperary All-Ireland Winning Intermediate Panel

James Logue (Ballingarry), Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Gerry Walsh (Carrick Swans), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney, captain), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines), Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields), Paudie White (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Seán Carey (Moyle Rovers), Damien O'Brien (Burgess), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris), Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Éire Óg), David Butler (Drom & Inch), Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields), Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney), Cathal Dillon (Aherlow), Paudie O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty-Donohill), Thomas Lowry (Holycross-Ballycahill), Micheál Butler (Drom & Inch), Martin Minehan (Kildangan), Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry), Liam Dwan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Orrie Quirke (Silvermines) & John Sheedy (Portroe).

Management Team

Manager: Michael Ryan (Fethard), coach: Michael Ferncombe (Holycross-Ballycahill) & selectors: Eamonn O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers) and Seán O'Meara (Shannon Rovers).



Tipperary Supporters' Club had an eventful year in 2012

By John Coman, Public Relations Officer

2012 was a year which saw the Tipperary senior hurling team retaining the Munster Senior Hurling Championship but finished on a disappointing note for supporters with defeat in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling semi-final.

For 2012, Paul Curran of Mullinahone was appointed as captain with Pádraic Maher of Thurles Sarsfields as vice-captain. Tipperary defeated Cork 0-26 to 1-19 in the Waterford Crystal Munster Cup Semi-Final before the start of the Allianz Hurling League. Like the Senior Team, the Tipperary Supporters Club was out early in the year with the launch of the 2012 membership in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on 19th January.

Declan Ryan performed the launch before a large attendance



At the Tipperary Supporters Club membership launch were from left Declan Ryan, Tipperary Senior Hurling Manager, Michael Ryan, Ryan Motor Power, Paul Curran, Senior Hurling Captain and Ronan Power, Director Ryan Motor Power, sponsors of the Tipperary Supporters Club.

which travelled from far and wide and included Paul Curran, captain, along with Michael Cahill and Séamus Callanan. County Board officers were also present. Declan launched the Membership and he thanked the Tipperary Supporters Club for all their help and urged all Tipperary Supporters to join.

Ryan Motor Power, the official ŠKODA dealership in Tipperary was announced as the new sponsor of the Tipperary Supporters Club Membership Scheme. Visit the Ryan Motor Power website at <http://www.ryanmotorpower.com> or call 052 6180323. Ryan Motor Power are offering the following special discounts for members of the Tipperary Supporters Club: 10% off all servicing for all makes of car and 10% off all accessories purchased.

The membership scheme in 2012 has again been very successful and, despite it being a difficult time for many people, a large number of supporters again joined up and received the free gift which was a specially produced unique Tipperary Supporters Club bag. Other features of membership were a special car sticker, membership card, draws for 5 pairs of stand

tickets to each of Tipperary's Munster and All-Ireland SH Championship games and a deluxe All-Ireland Hurling Final weekend with a pair of stand tickets to the game and two nights' accommodation at the 4 star Louis Fitzgerald Hotel www.louisfitzgeraldhotel.com. Details of all prize winners are on www.tippsupportersclub.com and many members 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 a very attractive 25% discount on accommodation at the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel for Tipperary Supporters Club members, log on to www.tippsupportersclub.com for further details.

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, 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 Jim Reidy, 13 Castleknock Close, Dublin 15.

The 25th Club Annual General Meeting took place in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin on 21st March. On behalf of the players Declan Ryan, SH manager, thanked the club for the support given by the club. The meeting was also addressed by Michael Bourke, vice-chair of the County Board on behalf of Seán Nugent, County Board chair who was unavoidably absent. Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association, Dublin addressed the meeting and reminded those present of the upcoming Tipperary Person of the Year 2011 award.

Grants of over €113,000 were made in 2011 to cover expenses incurred in the preparation of the Tipperary SH Panel including

catering and accommodation, travel expenses, training gear and hurling boots, physical training and medical expenses. Condolances were expressed to all those who suffered bereavements since the previous AGM, especially to the family of the late Tom Mannion. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: John Tierney (Chairman), Joe Tuohy (secretary), Eamonn Buckley (treasurer), Bryan Maher (assistant treasurer), John Coman (PRO) and John Malone (membership officer).

The Annual Golf Classic was again a major fund-raising and social success in the Club's calendar. For the twelfth year in succession the County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel was the venue on 10th and 11th 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



At the launch of the Tipperary Supporters Club U16 Inter County Hurling Tournament by Uachtarán CLG Liam Ó'Neill, in Dundrum were children representing the twelve counties and seated from left; John Coman and John Tierney representing the Supporters Club, John Kennedy, (Chairman County Bord na nÓg), Liam O'Neill and County Chairman Sean Nugent.

sponsors of teams and tee boxes. In conjunction with the event, we were delighted that Liam O'Neill, Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael launched the All-Ireland Under 16 Tournament and took part in the draw for it.

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.

In the All-Ireland Semi-Final, which had been looked forward to with great anticipation in hurling circles after the three previous finals, Tipperary had to accept defeat to champions Kilkenny (1-15 to 4-24). It was a very disappointing day for the players, management and supporters.

The Tipperary Supporters Club provided significant support for under age hurling in Tipperary, including financial assistance with the expenses of underage hurling teams. Also, the Tipperary Supporters Club was again delighted to sponsor the All-Ireland Under 16 Tournament, which is organised very professionally every year by County Tipperary Bord na nÓg. Limerick won this year's final for this first time.

The senior management Team of Declan Ryan, Tommy Dunne and Micheal Gleeson did not seek re-appointment after the championship and Tipperary supporters will join us in thanking them for their huge commitment and in wishing him all the very best for the future.

Tipperary hearts were lifted with the fine campaigns of the Intermediate and minor hurlers in winning both the Munster and All-Ireland titles in impressive fashion, with the minors being taken to a replay by Dublin. Special congratulations to William Maher, minor team manager who is a committee member of the Tipperary Supporters Club.

Eamon O'Shea, Michael Ryan and Paudie O'Neill have been appointed as senior hurling team management for 2012 and we wish them every success in that role.

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 2012 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 continued 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.



TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP A GREAT SUCCESS

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

- 10% discount on all purchases in the GAA Shop, Lár na Páirce, Thurles
- weekly draw for prizes which have included draws for match tickets, Tipperary Supporters Caps, Keyrings and Radios.
- a weekly email to members with all the news of competitions, prizes etc
- draws to be Match Mascots for the Tipperary SH team at the NHL home games. The mascots and their families has a great day out which included meeting the team captains and being guests of TippFM at the live radio commentary, where they got a lovely welcome from Paddy Finucane and Walty Moloney of the TippFM team www.tippfm.com. There will be lots of prizes and events in 2012 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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Wishing all Tipperary teams the best for 2013

Tipperary 2012 All-Ireland senior football championship review

Compiled by Jackie Cahill

TIPPERARY'S senior footballers played five games in the 2012 All-Ireland senior football championship – one in the Munster SFC and four All-Ireland SFC qualifiers. And what began on May 27 at Semple Stadium ended 62 days later in Mullingar as Tipperary's remarkable championship campaign concluded with a five-point defeat to Down. The season began with a creditable six-point defeat to Kerry and what followed was a wonderful journey as Tipp won three successive matches in the qualifiers to leave an indelible mark on the 2012 championship season.

On May 27, Jack O'Connor's star-studded Kerry were far from convincing and had just six points to spare against Tipperary at Semple Stadium in a low-key Munster SFC quarter-final. The Kingdom were badly off-colour in Thurles but Tipperary deserved great credit for their efforts, in a 0-10 to 0-16 defeat. And O'Connor had to send a second half SOS to benched Kieran Donaghy as Peter Creedon's spirited Tipp threatened to pull of the mother and father of all championship shocks. Donaghy was left out of Kerry's starting line-up for the trip to Tipp after electing to visit Munich to watch his beloved Chelsea lift the Champions League crown on the previous weekend. But the towering Austin Stacks ace made a big impact after coming off the bench in the 46th minute. 'Star' brought a steadying influence to proceedings around the middle of the field and was even defending as deep as his own full back line in the closing stages. Kerry managed to score just nine points from play and strangely, just one player, the mercurial Colm 'Gooch' Cooper, managed more than one from play. Bryan Sheehan was Kerry's leading marksman with a six point haul but five of those were frees. The beaten 2011 All-Ireland finalists led by 0-9 to 0-6 at half-time but were just a point ahead in the 43rd minute, 0-10 to 0-9. And with Tipp trailing by just two points, 0-9 to 0-11, young senior championship debutant Michael Quinlivan struck an upright with a free that he could have converted. Kerry moved three points clear when Bryan Sheehan pointed a 50th minute free but it was only in the final ten minutes that the Kingdom could truly relax. This was a gritty display from Tipperary, who had lost by 12 points against the same opposition in the 2010 championship, and by eleven in Killarney last year. But Tipp have had a very good underage record against Kerry in recent

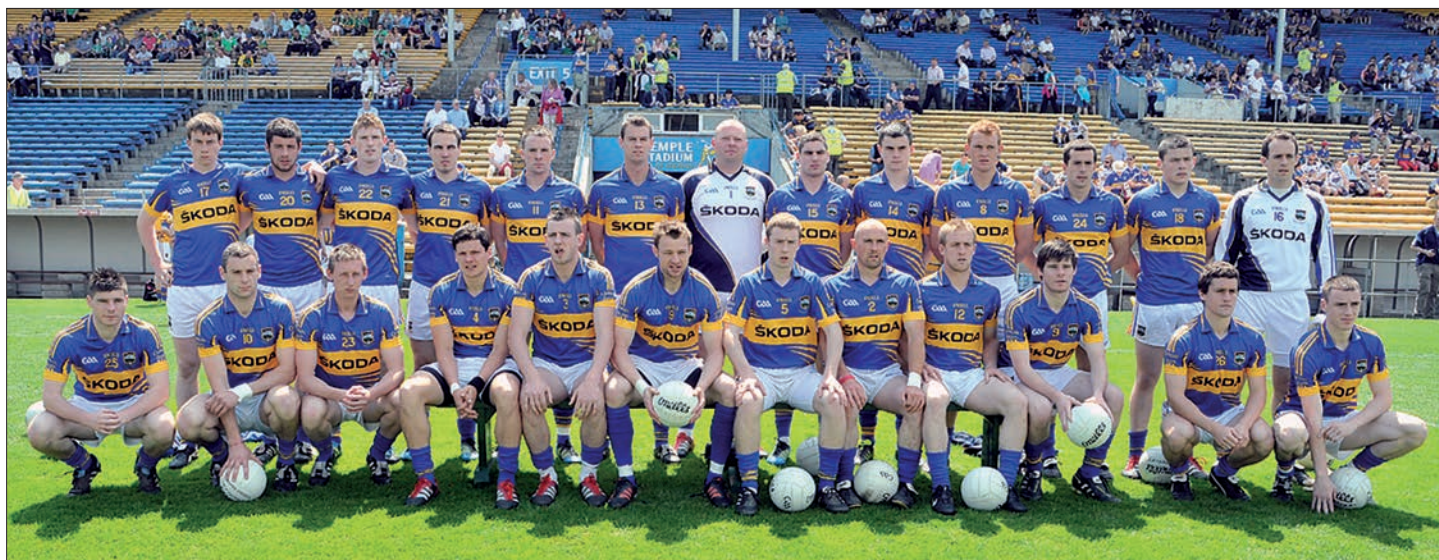
seasons and in blistering sunshine, they aimed to prove that they could mix it with the game's aristocrats on the senior stage. Sheehan kicked the opening score of the game with less than a minute on the watch but Tipp hit back to lead by 0-3 to 0-1, with scores from Quinlivan, Alan Maloney and Peter Acheson. But Tipp failed to score for a 15-minute spell and that allowed Kerry to edge a point clear, before Premier County captain Philip Austin levelled proceedings. Kerry soon moved up a gear and by half-time, they were three points clear and much more economical with the possession that came their way. Tipp were mixing up the long ball with the aerial route but long deliveries were being comfortably dealt with by the Kerry full-back line. In the second half, however, Kerry goalkeeper Brendan Kealy produced two fine saves to deny Hugh Coghlan in the 43rd minute, and Austin in stoppage time.

Scorers for Tipperary: A Maloney 0-4 (3f), P Acheson 0-2, M Quinlivan 0-2f, H Coghlan, P Austin 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: P. Fitzgerald; A. Morrissey, P. Codd, C. McDonald; B. Fox, R. Costigan, A. Campbell; G. Hannigan, H. Coghlan; S. Scully, P. Acheson, L. Egan; A. Maloney M. Quinlivan, P Austin.

Subs: D. Leahy for Costigan (26), R. Ryan for Scully (48), D. Lynch for Egan (60), B. O'Brien for Quinlivan (64), A. Matassa for Hannigan (70+1).

Having defeated Offaly in the final round of Allianz National Football League Division 3 fixtures, and with the Faithful County smarting from a heavy Leinster championship loss to Kildare, Tipperary found themselves in the unusual position of favourites when the All-Ireland SFC qualifiers began. And on Saturday, June 30, at Semple Stadium, Tipp ran out 1-12 to 0-10 winners against Offaly. Offaly's white flag of surrender was waving midway through the second half as Tipp embarked on a scoring run that sent them six points clear and out of danger with less than ten minutes remaining. Ken Casey was the honourable exception for Offaly as he kicked five points for the visitors and never stopped trying – while Niall McNamee showed flashes of class but was clearly off the pace following a difficult campaign. Tipp, in contrast, saw their confidence levels soar on the back of a fourth qualifier success from 13 outings since 2001. Peter Creedon also took over a team relegated from



Tipperary senior football squad that played Kerry in the Munster Championship. Back l-r: Conor O'Sullivan, Thomas Ryan, Richard Ryan, Bernard O'Brien, Peter Acheson, Alan Moloney, Paul Fitzgerald, Peter Austin, Michael Quinlivan, George Hannigan, Pdraig Whelan, John O'Callaghan, Brian Enright. Front l-r: Shane Leahy, Lorcan Egan, Aldo Matassa, Ciaran McDonald, Paddy Codd, Hugh Coghlan, Brian Fox, Andrew Morrissey, Shane Scully and Donagh Leahy.

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Division 3 when he succeeded John Evans in April but the Cork native worked wonders in a short space of time. Tipp lost by just six points to Kerry in the Munster championship but recovered to claim a first championship win since a 2010 qualifier success over Laois. Peter Acheson's 17th minute goal helped Tipp to lead by 1-5 to 0-6 at half-time but Michael Quinlivan missed a penalty in first half stoppage time. That didn't deter Tipp, however, and it was 19-year-old Quinlivan who kicked the opening point of the second half and would finish as his team's leading scorer with 0-4. 1310 spectators watched five of Tipperary's six starting forwards register scores from play on a night when Offaly could muster just seven points from play.

Tipperary scorers: M Quinlivan 0-4 (1f), A Maloney 0-3, P Acheson 1-0, P Austin & R Ryan 0-2 each, B Mulvihill 0-1.

TIPPERARY: P Fitzgerald; A. Morrissey, P. Codd, C. McDonald; B. Fox, R. Kiely, A. Campbell; G. Hannigan, H. Coghlan; P. Austin, P. Acheson, D. Leahy; A. Maloney, M. Quinlivan, R. Ryan. Subs: B. Mulvihill for Coghlan (43), S. Scully for Leahy (62), L. Egan for Hannigan (66), B. O'Brien for Quinlivan (67), P. Whelan for Maloney (68).

JUST two weeks after defeating Offaly, Tipperary claimed another qualifier victory, against Wexford at Semple Stadium in round 2. This was a shock defeat for Wexford and ultimately led to the departure of their highly-rated manager Jason Ryan. Ryan admitted that he was left "devastated" by a one-point defeat against Tipp in Thurles, as the visitors claimed a superb 1-13 to 0-15 win. Wexford paid the price for missed opportunities against a well-drilled and organised Tipp outfit. The Slaneysiders had won by 15 points in Division 3 of the Allianz League when the sides met but this was a remarkable turnaround in the heat of championship. And Tipp's victory ensured that the Premier County has won two championship matches in the same season for the first time since 2003. Less than a fortnight before, Wexford were going toe-to-toe with All-Ireland champions Dublin in the Leinster SFC semi-final. But the manner of that agonising defeat appeared to have left psychological scars that were exposed by Tipperary. Ryan also held Eric Bradley and Ben Brosnan in reserve, explaining that the pair had carried injuries into the game. And Brosnan was in despair at the death when his long-range effort went agonisingly wide as Wexford chased an equalising point to take the game into extra time. Tipp boss Peter Creedon paid tribute to his emerging stars – with 19-year-old forward Michael Quinlivan and man of the match Brian Fox leading the charge. And Tipp did it the hard way – finding some extra resolve after Wexford had come from seven points down to draw level with 16 minutes remaining. Donagh Leahy's 14th minute goal helped to open up a 1-6 to 0-2 lead for the hosts but Wexford reeled off four unanswered points to remain in touch at half-time. Another run of four without reply had Tipp rocking in the second half but they held firm and Creedon beamed: "When Wexford came at us in the second half, in fairness to our lads they got the couple of scores that got us going again."

Scorers for Tipperary: M Quinlivan 0-4 (1f), D Leahy 1-0, P Austin, B Fox & A Maloney (2f) 0-2 each, A Campbell, H Coghlan & P Acheson 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: P. Fitzgerald; A. Morrissey, P. Codd, C. McDonald; B. Fox, R. Kiely, A. Campbell; G. Hannigan, H. Coghlan; R. Ryan, B. Mulvihill, D. Leahy; M. Quinlivan, P. Austin, P. Acheson.

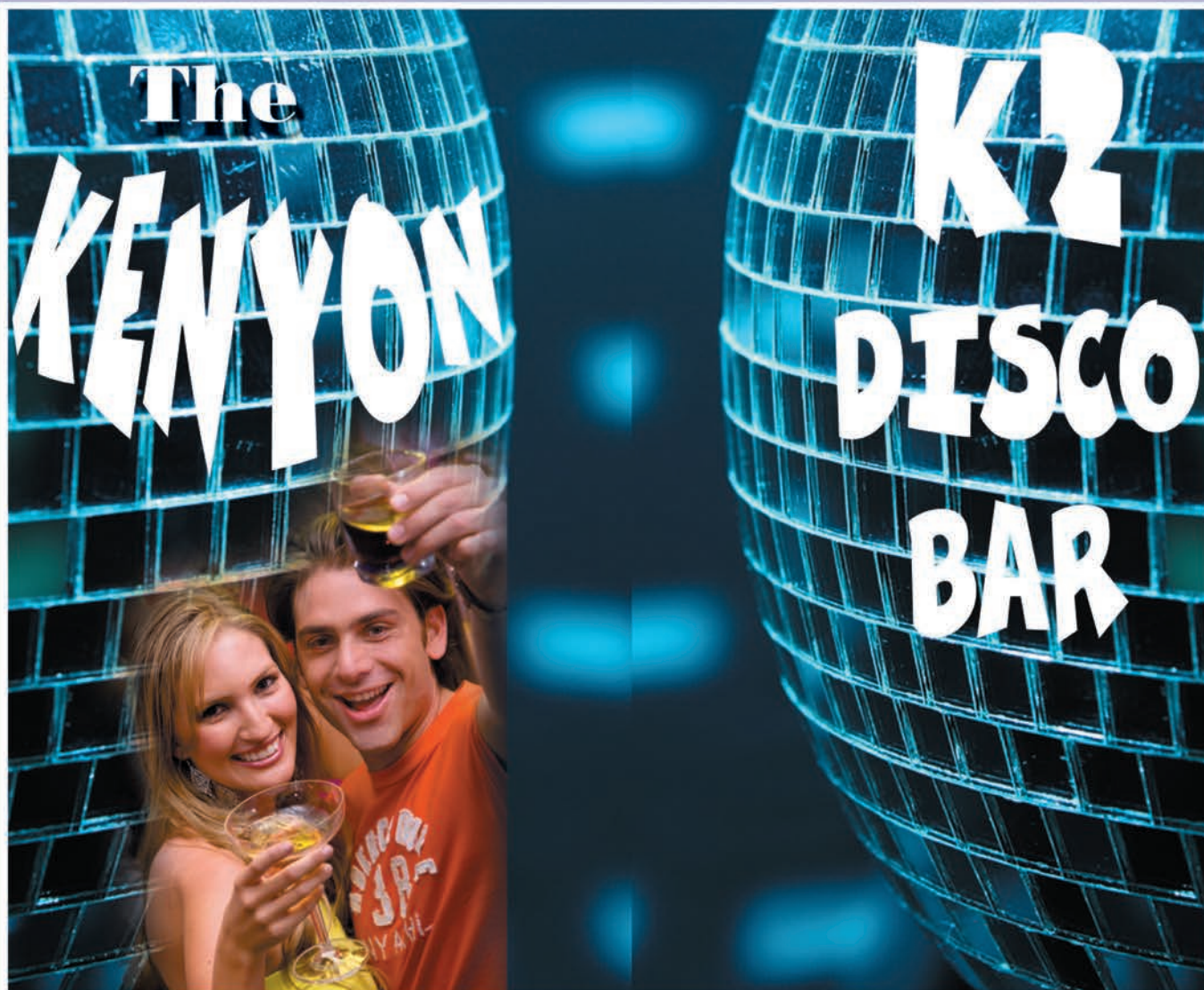
Subs: A. Maloney 7 for Mulvihill (35), S. Scully 5 for Ryan (51), A Matassa for Scully (65), B Mulvihill for Austin (66), L Egan for Quinlivan (70).

The games were now coming thick and fast for Tipperary and just a week after defeating Wexford, Tipp had home advantage again for a fourth successive time in the 2012 championship, at home to Antrim on July 21. And Tipp's 0-10 to 0-8 victory earned the team the right to be classed among Gaelic Football's top 12 counties. Progress to round 4 of the All-Ireland SFC qualifiers for the very first time was assured in the championship season that kept on giving. And when Tipp were paired with Down in



Michael Quinlivan in action during the All-Ireland Qualifier v Wexford.

round 4, hopes were high that another famous victory could be achieved. Tipp were flying high on the back of three successive championship victories while the history books show that beaten provincial finalists struggled badly with a six-day turnaround, as Down had lost heavily to Donegal in the Ulster decider. In a low-scoring encounter at a sweltering Semple Stadium, Tipp had two points to spare against ultra-defensive Antrim. And just like the previous weekend against Wexford, Tipperary were extremely resolute in the closing stages, managing to find the crucial scores to extend their championship campaign by at least another week. For the first time since 1998, Tipp had won three senior football championship matches in the same season. 24 years ago, Tipp beat Waterford, Limerick and Clare in successive games to reach the Munster final against Kerry, a game the Kingdom won by just four points. Late scores from sub Brian Mulvihill and top scorer Alan Maloney saw Tipp over the line against Antrim. And there was a further boost the next morning when county board officials called off club fixtures involving a number of Creedon's squad members. Tipp did just about enough against an Antrim side that parked the proverbial bus at Semple Stadium. Whenever the home side attacked, Antrim dragged as many as 13 men behind the ball in typical Ulster style. But Tipp kept knocking at the door in the second half and it eventually opened. Tipp registered eleven wides were registered in the second half but the positives far outweighed the negatives and defensively, Tipp were quite superb. At corner back, Ciarán McDonald was handed the task of shackling Antrim dangerman Kevin Niblock and he did so brilliantly. Antrim were held to just eight points over the 70 minutes and two of those were scored by wing-back James Loughrey before half-time. The only real pity about the game was that only 2563 spectators were present at Semple Stadium – with the majority of the support favouring Antrim. The Saffrons arrived full of confidence having shocked Galway in their previous outing. But Maloney justified his recall to the starting line-up with six points, including three from play. There was a scare for Tipp in the last minute when Antrim midfielder Michael McCann bombed through and shot narrowly wide from the 20m line, when a goal would have snatched victory for Liam Bradley's men. But Tipp survived and ultimately, there were a number of reasons why they did so. With five minutes remaining, the result was very much in the balance as the sides were level at 0-8 apiece. But then, Peter Acheson fetched an Antrim knockout magnificently at midfield and fed support player Brian Fox as Tipp surged forward. Fox transferred the ball to Mulvihill, who landed a wonderful point between the Killinan End uprights some 40m from goal. Two minutes from time, Michael Quinlivan was through on goal before he was hauled down by Antrim defender Justin Crozier. Crozier received a yellow card for his troubles and Tipp's reward was a two-point advantage as



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Maloney popped over the resultant free with his trusty left boot. And it was Maloney who got the ball rolling in the first half with the opening three scores of the game. Tipp were 0-4 to 0-0 clear before Antrim registered their opening score of the game, in the 18th minute. A further 14 minutes elapsed before Antrim pointed again and approaching half-time, Tipp led by 0-6 to 0-2 before Loughrey scored a brace. Tipp led by 0-6 to 0-4 at the break but it could have been more as captain Philip Austin dragged a shot wide at the Town End when a goal was there for the taking. Antrim were wasteful themselves in the first half, registering seven wides, but they were favourites in the second half after drawing level at 0-6 apiece. But crucially, the Saffrons could never get ahead and Maloney's 46th minute free, Tipp's first score of the second half, restored the home side's lead. Michael McCann equalised in the 49th minute before Donagh Leahy, goal hero against Wexford, nudged Tipp in front again. Antrim's response, with ten minutes remaining, was another levelling score as sub Michael Magill floated over a long-range beauty. But Tipp had a kick left in them and thankfully, the hosts were not made to pay a heavy price for their second half profligacy.

Scorers for Tipperary: A Maloney 0-6 (3f), G Hannigan, D Leahy, M Quinlivan (f) & B Mulvihill 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: P. Fitzgerald; A. Morrissey, P. Codd, C. McDonald; B. Fox, R. Kiely, A. Campbell; G. Hannigan, H. Coghlan; R. Ryan, A. Maloney, D. Leahy; M Quinlivan, P Acheson, P Austin.

Subs: B Mulvihill for Ryan (h.t.), C Sweeney for Austin (64).

On Saturday, July 28, Tipperary's remarkable championship season finally came to an end, as the Premier County lost by 0-11 to 1-13 against Down at Cusack Park, Mullingar. The Mourne County claimed victory in this All-Ireland SFC round 4 qualifier to set up a quarter-final meeting with Connacht champions Mayo. But what a season it was for Tipperary, who lost to Kerry by six points in the Munster quarter-final before claiming three successive qualifier wins. That run of victories carried Tipp to round 4 of the qualifiers for the very first time and while the bookies had installed Down as pre-match favourites, there was a real sense of optimism in the Premier County camp before throw-in. After all, not since Dublin in 2001 had a team managed to win a qualifier match less than a week after losing a provincial final. And that's the position that Down found themselves in after suffering an eleven-point hammering in the Ulster decider against Donegal on the previous Sunday. But James McCartan's men rewrote the history books on an afternoon when another provincial final runner-up, Meath, found the six-day turnaround too much to cope with. For Tipperary, five championship matches in one season was invaluable experience. They did it too without leading scorer for the last number of years, Barry Grogan, and midfielder Brian Jones, who were both in America for the summer. Tipp went down fighting in the midlands, falling to a five-point defeat at Cusack Park. Heavy rain and sunshine pockmarked a tie watched by 3620 spectators, with Tipp's hardcore support making the trip in decent numbers again. Tipp's goose looked well and truly cooked in the second half when they fell five points behind – 0-7 to 1-11 – but Creedon's men weren't done just yet. A run of four unanswered points, including three from joint top scorer Alan Maloney, reduced the gap to just three points with five minutes remaining. But Down had a kick left in them and after Mark Poland kicked the Mourne men four points in front, man of the match Ambrose Rodgers surged forward from midfield to fist a wonderful point, his fourth of the game. On the balance of play, Down were deserved winners but they were made to fight for it as Tipp recovered from a sluggish start. With the breeze at their backs, Down went for the jugular early and had established a 0-5 to 0-0 lead by the 23rd minute. Tipp rarely threatened in the early exchanges although Maloney did have a great goal chance in the ninth minute – but his shot was well saved by Brendan McVeigh. Tipp's first point arrived in the 24th minute when Michael Quinlivan popped over the first of his three points from a close-range free. Down did come close to



Donagh Leahy gets ahead of Antrim's Mark Sweeney in the Qualifiers

an opening goal in the 28th minute, however, as Poland palmed his effort off the top of the crossbar and over. By then, Tipp were well in contention and approaching half-time, Peter Acheson, Quinlivan (with another free) and Brian Fox had scored points to cut the deficit back to just two – 0-4 to 0-6. Tipp were now in a good position and a two-point half-time deficit would have done just fine, with the breeze to come in the second half. But in the fifth minute of first half stoppage time, disaster struck as Kevin Duffin's wind-assisted delivery into the Tipp full-back line bounced and struck an upright. Conor Lavery was quickest onto the rebound and although he failed to convert from close range, deadly Down forward Benny Coulter tapped home from a couple of yards out. It was a sickening blow for Tipp, who trailed by 0-4 to 1-6 at half-time, but they did open with the first point of the second half through Philip Austin before Rodgers replied for Down. The majority of the second half would prove a struggle for Tipp as Down, inspired by Rodgers, full-back Dan Gordon, Poland and Coulter, turned up the heat. They kept the scoreboard ticking over and frustratingly, Tipp could never get quite close enough to lay a glove on their opponents. Referee Cormac Reilly wasn't doing either side any favours with some bizarre officiating and it should be noted that Brian Fox was caught with a head-high challenge in the play before Coulter's first half goal. But Reilly did not award a free and it wasn't long before the ball ended up in the Tipperary net for a costly score. Seven points clear with less than 20 minutes remaining – 1-11 to 0-7 – Down looked well on course for a comfortable win. But Tipp then enjoyed their best spell of the game as Maloney, who had scored six points against Antrim on the previous weekend, banged over two points from play and a free. And when sub Brian Mulvihill reduced the deficit to just three points – 0-11 to 1-11 – Tipp sensed that they could push on and at least take the game to extra time. But in a repeat of the 2009 Allianz National League Division 3 final, Down responded with the crucial scores to get the job done. Ultimately, Division 1 opposition had proved a step too far for Tipp, who had beaten Offaly, Wexford and Antrim in their previous qualifiers – three teams who had played alongside Tipp in Division 3 this year.

Scorers for Tipperary: M Quinlivan 0-3 (2f), A Maloney 0-3 (1f), P Austin 0-2, B Fox, P Acheson & B Mulvihill 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: P. Fitzgerald; A. Morrissey, P. Codd, C. McDonald; A. Campbell, R. Kiely, B. Fox; G. Hannigan, H. Coghlan; R. Ryan, P. Austin, D. Leahy; A. Maloney, P. Acheson, M Quinlivan. Subs: B O'Brien for Ryan (h.t.), B Mulvihill for Austin (54), R Costigan for Hannigan (55), M Dunne for Coghlan (61), J O'Callaghan for Kiely (62).

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Tipperary 2012 Allianz National Football League Review

Compiled by Jackie Cahill

TIPPERARY'S senior footballers played seven games in Division 3 of the 2012 Allianz National Football League. Just one victory and one draw from those seven games, however, was not enough to prevent relegation to Division 4. Tipperary lost five successive matches, a run that led to the departure of John Evans as team manager. An interim management team led by Tommy Twomey presided over a home draw with Longford before the campaign ended with an encouraging victory over Offaly in Clonmel, a result that also condemned the Faithful County to Division 4 football in 2013.

On Sunday, February 5, Tipperary made the long trip to Kiltroom for the opening round of fixtures against Roscommon. However, the home side ran out 1-12 to 0-12 winners as Tipp's journey proved a fruitless one. The destination of the points hinged on the defining score in the 46th minute. Roscommon had just surged two points clear and Tipp were on the attack when David Keenan made a crucial block. In a flash the ball was worked to John Rogers who sent a long delivery into Darren McDermott. The Castlerea St Kevin's player set sail for goal and squared the ball for Devaney, who finished low to the net.

Roscommon were in the driving seat and when Tipperary lost their ace attacker Barry Grogan to a second yellow card, a comfortable victory for the home side looked likely. But Tipperary battled back and a couple of subs, including 2011 All-Ireland winning minor star Michael Quinlivan, helped their cause. Points from Tipperary captain Philip Austin and substitute Shane Ryan eroded Roscommon's deficit to a point

with only two minutes remaining. But late points from centre back Niall Daly and Rogers gave Roscommon the spoils.

Tipperary's team on the day was: M O'Donnell; R Costigan, P Codd, C McDonald; R Kiely, T Ryan, A Morrissey; B Jones, E Ryan; H Coghlan, D Butler, S Grogan, C Sweeney, P Austin, B Grogan. Subs: S Ryan for Butler (27), M Quinlivan for S Grogan (46), B Mulvihill for Sweeney (46), S Carey for Coghlan (64).

Scorers for Tipperary: P Austin (1f), B Grogan (3f) 0-4 each, S Ryan 0-2, Mulvihill, E Ryan 0-1 each.

On February 12, Tipperary fell to a second successive League defeat, losing by 0-13 to 1-13 against Antrim in the Premier County's first home fixture of the season at Semple Stadium. Tipp began brightly and kicked the first two points through Hugh Coghlan and Philip Austin, but the visitors responded with three points from Michael Armstrong, Tomas and Michael McCann. The home side hit back with Austin kicking two points and Barry Grogan adding a third. Antrim responded with the only goal in the 23rd minute from James Loughrey. Despite Barry Grogan responding with a point, Antrim hit the last four points to lead 1-8 to 0-6 at half-time. With their midfield dominant, Antrim increased their lead to nine. Michael Quinlivan kicked Tipp's first score of the second half in the 52nd minute and with Barry Grogan kicking six points, five from frees, they dominated the final 20 minutes. But their comeback was too little too late.

TIPPERARY: P Fitzgerald; R Costigan, P Codd, C McDonald; H Coghlan, T Ryan, R Kiely; B Jones, E Ryan; S Carey, P Austin, D Leahy; M Quinlivan, S Ryan, B Grogan.

Subs: D Heffernan for S Ryan (ht); B Mulvihill for Carey (ht);



Hugh Coghlan sets up a Tipperary attack despite the attentions of Cavan's Sean McCormack in the Allianz National Football League.

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Scorers for Tipp: B Grogan 0-8 (6f); P Austin 0-3; H Coghlan, M Quinlivan 0-1 each.

Tipperary's next outing against Wexford, on March 4, resulted in the team's heaviest defeat of the entire season. Jason Ryan's Wexford won by 15 points at Wexford Park, 2-20 to 1-8. The game was dominated by card happy referee Brian O'Shea who issued 14 yellow cards. Wexford finished the game with 13 players having Paddy Byrne straight red carded on 60 minutes, and David Murphy on a second yellow three minutes later. Wexford dominated this game despite having fallen 1-1 to 0-1 behind after just five minutes, with Peter Acheson goaling for Tipperary after just four minutes.

Playing with the wind, Wexford took the lead four minutes later, when Red Barry fired superbly to the net, and with Ben Brosnan, PJ Banville and Ciaran Lyng pointing, they went on to build an interval lead of 1-12 to 1-5. It mattered little that Wexford played into the wind in the second half as they resumed with four unanswered points through Ciaran Lyng (free), Brosnan (two frees) and PJ Banville to lead 1-16 to 1-5 after 42 minutes. Wexford's second goal arrived in the 62nd minute when Banville shot low to the left hand corner of the net, while on 70 minutes, Lyng had a penalty saved by Tipperary goalkeeper Matthew O'Donnell.

TIPPERARY: M O'Donnell; R Costigan, P Codd, C McDonald; A Morrissey, T Ryan, L Egan; B Jones, E Ryan; H Coughlan, P Austin, P Acheson; C Sweeney, B Grogan, M Quinlivan.

Subs: R Kiely for Coughlan (ht), G Hannigan for E Ryan (ht), S Carey for Sweeney (49), D Leahy for Egan (55), L McGrath for Costigan (58).

Tipperary: P Acheson 1-0, B Grogan 0-4f, T Ryan, P Austin, M Quinlivan, S Carey 0-1 each.

After three matches, Tipperary were deep in relegation trouble, having suffered three defeats. And things didn't get much better when Cavan ran out 4-10 to 0-14 winners at Semple Stadium on March 11. Cavan eased their own relegation fears with a comprehensive eight-point victory. Tipp were spanked by 15 points against Wexford on their travels a week before and boss John Evans described the Cavan tie as a make or break fixture for his players.

But the Premier County managed just six points from play and fluffed their lines badly as a miserable afternoon was compounded by red cards for midfielder Brian Jones and top scorer Barry Grogan. Cavan finished the game with 14 men as corner forward Brendan Fitzpatrick was dismissed seven minutes before half-time for a second bookable offence but that hardly affected the rampant Breffni men as they collected a second League victory of the season. In first half stoppage time, Jones was dismissed for a high tackle and the afternoon would get even worse at the death when Grogan received a straight red card from referee Michael Meade. Tipp did lead by 0-3 to 0-2 in the early stages but goals from Martin Dunne and Mark McKeever helped Cavan to lead by 2-6 to 0-6 at half-time. In the 48th minute, top scorer Dunne, who notched 2-4, netted again before wing back Barry Watters surged forward for a fourth Cavan goal four minutes later.

TIPPERARY: M O'Donnell; E Connolly, L Egan, C McDonald; D Lynch, T Ryan, R Kiely; G Hannigan, B Jones; S Carey, P Austin, D Heffernan; P Acheson, S Ryan, B Grogan.

Subs: H Coghlan for Hannigan (h.t.), D Butler for S Ryan (43), B O'Brien for Carey (52), E Ryan for Lynch (59).

Scorers for Tipperary: B Grogan 0-9 (7f), P Acheson, S Ryan, D Heffernan, H Coghlan & B O'Brien (f) 0-1 each.

Tipperary's relegation to Division 4 of the Allianz National League was confirmed on Sunday, March 18, when the Premier County suffered a 0-7 to 1-16 defeat against Sligo at Markievicz Park. This was Tipperary's fifth successive defeat in Division 3. Kerry native John Evans resigned as team manager following a



Bernard O'Brien on the move for Tipperary against Longford in the Allianz NFL at Semple Stadium.

12-point defeat, admitting that a disappointing run of results was a major factor in his decision. Evans was reluctant to go into detail about his decision but admitted that the losing streak had an impact. He said: "Maybe that's part of it. I've all my life been a winner. Somebody did some research on me recently and I've contested something like 80 finals. It's hard for me to take defeat after defeat. I struggle to countenance them, entertain them or put up with them." Evans added: "Today is just a day for an announcement. I'm leaving Tipperary having made some great friends. It's not a day for anything else other than to say thank you to everybody for their cooperation." Evans took charge in November 2007 and oversaw successive promotions from Division 4 to Division 2 in 2008 and 2009. But Tipp will be playing Division 4 football in 2013 and much of the good work achieved in recent years appears to have been undone. Evans, however, achieved much during his time with Tipperary and masterminded the county's very first Munster U21 football championship success in 2010. And last year, he was involved on the coaching team when the minors enjoyed a fairytale season that culminated with All-Ireland glory at Croke Park. Evans, who guided Laune Rangers to All-Ireland club glory in 1996, was appointed Director of Football for Tipperary in 2010 but GAA rules meant that he could not hold that position while also fulfilling the role of senior team boss. Evans reflected: "Look at the good times, the way we've conducted ourselves and what we have won. It's easy to be sad at this time but look at the rejuvenation of Tipperary. The thing that sticks in my mind will be the sight of people in tears when we got promoted from Division 4. And we beat Down in the 2009 Division 3 final, playing with exuberance, style and resilience. We were defiant

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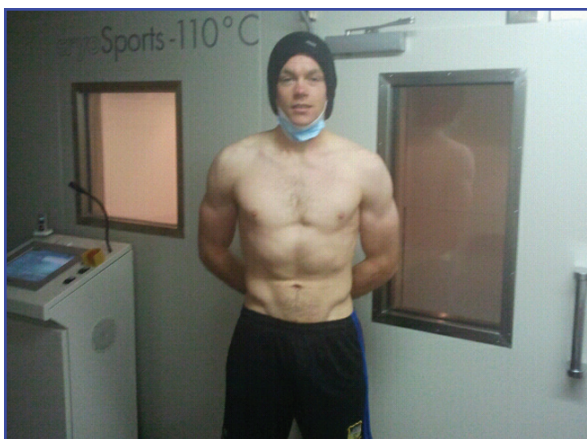


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and proved that a weaker county can defeat a strong powerful county like Down. We had a narrow miss in 2009 against Cork in the Munster U21 championship but we came back and did it properly against Kerry, in Kerry, the following year. There was also an All-Ireland success for Clonmel High School and the highs of Munster and All-Ireland titles with the Tipp minors last year. So while there could be sadness today, the whole journey has been exhilarating. And it showed what can be done with proper preparation and good management. The lads were quite emotional after the game. The players gave some lovely speeches and there were lots of hugs and handshakes. I think I've left a good infrastructure." The Tipperary board released a statement on the evening of the Sligo game, thanking Evans for his contribution and adding that the process of finding a successor would now begin. 1-10 of Sligo's total came in the second half when, playing with the breeze, they punished a Tipperary side that managed just one solitary second-half score. Six unanswered points steadied Sligo and when Colm McGee blasted home the game's only goal after 57 minutes — putting Sligo 1-13 to 0-7 ahead — the outcome was confirmed.

TIPPERARY: P Fitzgerald, A Morrissey, L Egan, C McDonald, R Kiely, T Ryan, P Codd, E Ryan, D Heffernan, R Costigan, P Acheson, H Coghlan, B O'Brien, P Austin, S Ryan.

Subs: D Leahy for E Ryan, (23); M Quinlivan for S Ryan, (41); C Sweeney for B O'Brien; J Ryan for A Morrissey, (59); A Campbell for T Ryan, (70).

Scorers for Tipperary: P Austin 0-3, 3f; S Ryan 0-1; B O'Brien 0-1; H Coghlan 0-1; R Costigan 0-1.

On Saturday, March 24, at Semple Stadium, life after John Evans began for the Tipperary senior football team. Longford secured a second successive promotion on the back of a draw in Thurles, 0-12 apiece, as Tipp collected their first point of the season. Longford levelled late on with a Brian Kavanagh free then led through a point from the impressive Paul Barden. However, Tipp deserved the draw earned by Barry Grogan's 70th-minute equalising free. Longford went 0-5 to 0-4 ahead on the quarter-hour mark as their quick passing and easy movement made them look worthy favourites. But they found it hard to shake off a dogged Tipperary side. Tipp, with Tommy Twomey in charge on an interim basis, grew into the game and were in front by the 24th minute.

The Longford midfield partnership of Bernard McElvaney and Martin Brady initially had things their way, but Brian Jones and Donagh Heffernan began to win more possession. The home side led by 0-8 to 0-6 at half-time, with Longford only registering

one score in the second quarter. The visitors finally squared things up in the 67th minute with a free by Kavanagh. Paul Barden then fisted over to put them ahead before Grogan tied up the match for Tipp.

Tipperary: M O'Donnell; A Morrissey, P Codd, C McDonald; R Kiely, R Costigan, T Ryan; B Jones, D Heffernan; A Campbell, H Coghlan, P Acheson; B O'Brien, P Austin, B Grogan. Subs: L Egan for T Ryan (20), C Sweeney for Egan (62), D Leahy for Campbell (67), S Ryan for O'Brien (68).

Scorers — Tipperary: B Grogan 0-7 (7f), P Acheson, B O'Brien 0-2 each, P Austin 0-1.

Tipperary wrapped up their 2012 Allianz National Football League Division 3 campaign on Sunday, April 8. And Peter Creedon's first game in charge saw the Premier County claim their first, and only, victory of the National League season. In the process, a 0-11 to 0-8 victory in Clonmel also relegated Offaly to Division 4. The Faithful County's League plight heaped further pressure on boss Gerry Cooney, who resigned prior to the Leinster championship. Offaly registered ten of their 13 wides in the first half and were desperately poor. Tipp had nothing but pride to play for as they were already relegated but Offaly were fully aware throughout that a win would be enough for them to stay up, with Cavan losing to Antrim. That was still not enough to stir a response from Offaly — although midfielder Brian Connor could do no more as he kicked four points from play and carried the fight to Tipperary. In attack, Offaly were simply impotent as their six starting forwards managed just one point from play between them, with Bernard Allen kicking two frees. At half-time, Tipp led by 0-4 to 0-2 but Offaly missed three early goal chances, with Hugh Coghlan going close for Tipp on the half hour. Barry Grogan, who left for America for the summer shortly after, scored six points for Tipp, including three frees. And Creedon's substitutions worked a treat as Bernard O'Brien scored three points, while Donagh Leahy and Alan Moloney scored a point each for Tipp, who dominated much of the second half despite playing against the wind.

TIPPERARY: P Fitzgerald; R Kiely, P Codd, A Morrissey; A Campbell, R Costigan, C McDonald; G Hannigan, H Coghlan; D Heffernan, P Acheson, A Matassa; M Quinlivan, C Sweeney, B Grogan.

Subs: D Leahy for Matassa (h.t.), B O'Brien for Sweeney (h.t.), A Moloney for Heffernan (54).

Scorers for Tipperary: B Grogan 0-6 (3f), B O'Brien 0-3 (1f), A Moloney & D Leahy 0-1 each.



Tipperary U21 Football panel that played Kerry. Back l-r; Fergal Hayes, Conor O'Sullivan, Philip Noonan, Paul Nolan, Liam Boland, Ian Fahy, John O'Callaghan, Alan Campbell, Aldo Matassa, Darragh Kearney, Ewan Comerford, Michael Quinlivan, Jonathan Ryan, Shane Lerahy, Sean O'Meara, Eoin Byrne, Jack Lonergan, Rory Gleeson. Front l/r; Matthew Norris, Niall O'Sullivan, Mark Hanley, Michael O'Sullivan, Liam McGrath, Niall O'Meara, Donagh Leahy, Billy Hewitt, Adrian Cleere, Liam Treacy, Ger Mulhair, Padraig O'Meara, Joe Carroll, Eddie Kennedy.

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Tipp v Kilkenny

by Seamus Leahy

I don't know where this dislike of Kilkenny has come out of, said the oul fella in the corner nursing the large bottle and the small glass. It was early in November, just long enough for the worst pangs of the most humiliating beating ever sustained by Tipp outside of Munster to have slightly abated, and the oul fella was once again indulging his penchant for talking down everyone on the combined subjects of hurling and modern society.....

But then again (said he) I probably do. Did you ever notice that it's the team that gives you the most severe walloping or that beats you most often that you reserve your heartiest dislike for. When there is a team out there which you wonder are you ever going to beat again, which beats you on a day that you were clearly the better team, you begin to see them as a set of vipers who are only on top because they are skilled in manipulating the rules and are simply luckier than you are. You manage to come up with all sorts of reasons as to why they are on top.

It wasn't always so between ourselves and Kilkenny (said he). This anti-Kilkenny feeling in this county is a relatively new thing – well relatively new, depending on your age. After all it is only in recent decades that Kilkenny have got on top of Tipp – and every other county as well.

The anti-Tipp feeling in Kilkenny is somewhat older, seeing that the period when the black and amber seemed unable to beat Tipp came considerably earlier than Tipp's seeming inability to beat the Cats.

Do ye realise (said he) that Tipp had won six All-Irelands before Kilkenny put their first win on the board in 1904! And by then four Tipp clubs had brought the title to this county – Thurles, Tubberadora, Moycarkey and Two-Mile-Borris. But though, Tullaroan had won their first county title in 1887, they

had seven more under their belts before they succeeded in claiming their county's first All-Ireland. That, by the way, was when they beat Cork's St.Finbarrs in Carrick-on-Suir.

No doubt (said he) there were many who said at that time that it was nice to have a new county on the winners' list, since there were already the names of Cork, Dublin, Kerry (I'm not telling ye a lie!) and Limerick there. Cork with seven and Tipp with six were well ahead of the field, so it was understandable that there was a slightly patronising attitude towards the new champions.

But if anyone could see into the future, there might have been less of a welcome for the new arrivals. Names which would be familiar down the years to hurling followers everywhere now appeared – names which would create excitement down to our own time – Walshes and Brennans and Doyles and Graces. Drug Walsh who would eventually share with Mikey Maher and Christy Ring the distinction of captaining three All-Ireland winning teams was there and Sim Walton, whom a Tipperary full-back who had good reason to judge, considered the greatest full-forward of all, and Dick Doyle and Jack Rochford. This lot would, in the next ten years, each win six more All-Irelands.

But of the seven garnered by the Cats during that great run, only two of them were at the expense of Tipperary – one in 1909 when Tom Semple's men fell to Drug Walsh's and the other in 1913 when Wedger Meagher's Greyhounds fell to the same Drug's Cats. That was the first 15-a-side All-Ireland, long after remembered by Tipperary's best-known freedom fighter, Dan Breen, who recalled standing on the platform at Heuston Station, then Kingsbridge, and shedding tears at the sight of the Tipperary team departing without the All-Ireland trophy.

Tipperary had their revenge three years later when Boherlahan, having ended Toomevara's hegemony, brought a team to Croke Park that, led by Johnny Leahy, decisively beat Kilkenny's Tullaroan selection. That was the day of which local folk memory relished the scene of the two captains walking off



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the field together and Kilkenny's Sim Walton's claiming, justly it was said, "We were the better hurlers, Leahy," and the Tipp captain replying, "Ye were, Sim, but we were the better men."

It was a rejoinder which would trouble Kilkennymen in the Twenties, Thirties and Forties and Fifties when the Cats were left to wonder if they would ever again snatch the McCarthy Cup from a Tipp team. And only this year it was a statement quoted by author Enda MacEvoy in his proud survey of Kilkenny's hurling story and the part played in it by the coaching of Fr. Tommy Maher.

But they did it for the last time during that period in 1922 when Tipp, cocksure that they had won the game, saw many of their supporters rushing for an early train home before the upset described by Carbery, the greatest Gaelic sports pundit of his generation – So near and yet so far! The Munster chieftain considered his troubles over but alas he little knew. The double fall of Tipperary's goal staggered the team, but in a flash its old undaunted spirit returned. The Kilkenny lines were attacked and it looked odds on a drawn game, and so it should have been. Kennedy wanted a goal, but he scooped the ball on the top of the net and the Black and Ambers won by two points. For Tipp it was a nasty rebuff but it was a defeat only on the score not on merit."

If the defeat that day rankled with Tipperary, it was one that was not repeated for another forty-five years. And it was the last All-Ireland Kilkenny would capture in the 1920s. They would do better in the '30s, winning four, one of them in 1939 on the awful day when the world addressed itself to a war that would last until the summer of 1945. Tipp celebrated the end of the war by handing the much-fancied Cats a two-goal defeat on a sunny day long remembered, not least for the defeat in the first minor All-Ireland since 1941 by Dublin of a Tipp team that included names that in a few years would be known wherever hurling was played - Pat Stakelum, Seamus Bannon and Paddy Kenny. But even the minors themselves were satisfied to leave the glory to the seniors and I recall a lady commiserating with the Tipp minor goalie, Noel Egan, only to be told by him that the important thing was that our seniors had won.

Two years later Tipp folk were highly pleased when Kilkenny won a heart-stopping final against Cork (since Cork had drawn ahead of us in their list of All-Ireland wins). That was the day Terry Leahy in the final moments of the game scored an equalising point from a placed ball, as Micheal O'Hehir declared, "I wouldn't be in his boots for all the tea in China" and a moment later put the puckout back over the bar as the final whistle blew with Kilkenny that single point ahead. It was also a game which, if Cork had won, would have given future-Taoiseach Jack Lynch seven All-Irelands in a row.

A few years later I heard Jim Barry, the famous Cork trainer, talking of a Kilkenny mystique which made you feel there were fifteen men on the field and fifteen more that you couldn't see. But if Kilkenny had a mystique that was sensed by Cork teams, it was not apparent to Tipp teams of the time.

In 1950 at the end of a dour, low-scoring game marked by the rugged leadership of Tipp's captain, Sean Kenny, and the missed chances of Kilkenny from placed balls, Tipp led by a solitary point. The two counties did not meet again in an All-Ireland final until 1964 when Tipp gave a superlative performance against a fancied Kilkenny team in beating them by double scores – 5-13 to 2-8. But three years later, a Tipp team that included eight players who were over thirty, despite a half-time lead of six points were held to a single point in the second half and finished four points behind. It was the first win by Kilkenny over Tipp in an All-Ireland final since 1922 and the fifth since the founding of the GAA. In the life of the Association Tipp had beaten the Cats in seven finals.

But the 1967 final was memorable for another reason. Tom Walsh, the Kilkenny centre-forward, lost an eye in an encounter



Shane McGrath on the attack against Tommy Walsh

that was entirely accidental but in a county where hard knocks from Tipperary backs had been a feature of life for a couple of generations, it was seen as otherwise. It was an event that did little to improve relations between the two counties in the decades ahead.

Four years later Tipp went four ahead of Kilkenny in the tally of All-Ireland successes before the roof fell in on Tipperary hurling. For over a decade the county did not win a single senior championship game, while during the same period Kilkenny clocked up five All-Ireland titles. Not until 1991 did the two counties meet again in a final and it was an occasion when Tipp revived memories of old glory by emerging victorious. But while Tipp had to wait a further ten years before winning another, Kilkenny had clocked up three more in the same period. And by the time we had reached the unforgettable day in 2010 when Eoin Kelly raised the McCarthy Cup, Kilkenny men had raised it five more times.

But for a generation (said the man) that never experienced a time when Tipp were universally regarded as top dogs, a resentment against Kilkenny has taken root which is quite unworthy of the Premier County. Kilkenny supporters, we are told, are cocky and a lot of other things. Of course, they are and with very good reason. And so would we be if we had a comparable run of successes over the past thirty years. Having won our first All-Ireland in eighteen years in 1989, some of our supporters made enemies for life for us among Antrim supporters who were deserving only of encouragement. The fact is that in recent decades when we haven't been winning often enough we have become whingers and have been adopting the behaviour patterns of the underdog – quite unlike typical Tipperary supporters of the pre-Famine era.

Over the past decades, Kilkenny have raised the bar for all other counties so that hurling is today faster, some would say more scientific, than it ever was before. Many like myself regret the abandonment of the overhead skills which were such a feature of the Kilkenny style of the past, but then it is easy to admire skills to which Tipp generally had an answer to in equally skilful first-time ground hurling. And while it is easy to belittle the universal reverence for Brian Cody's management skills, most of us in our heart of hearts simply envy the county that has them at their disposal year after year.

So here's a health to Cody and Kilkenny and may 2013 be the year when the Cats begin to experience again the sinking feeling which they traditionally felt when confronted by fifteen men in blue and gold jerseys.

And have ye any homes to go to, said the Man with the Large Bottle and the Small Glass.



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Upperchurch-Drombane Club President and Captain of the 1962 Junior Team Pakie Ryan with Nickey Brennan, former President of the GAA.

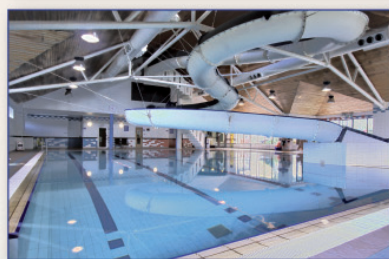
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At the presentation of the new Michael Hogan Perpetual Cup for minor football were (l-r): His Grace, Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Liam Myles, President Tipperary Association Dublin and Sean Nugent, Chairman Tipperary County Board.

The Tipperary Association Dublin has presented a new trophy to the Tipperary County GAA Board to replace the Michael Hogan Perpetual Cup, which is awarded to the winners of the county minor football A championship in Tipperary. The new trophy was presented to the chairman of the county board, Sean Nugent, by the President of Tipperary Association Dublin, Liam Myles.

Speaking at the function Liam Myles stated that the Association was delighted and privileged to be asked to replace the Hogan Cup. He went on to say that the Executive committee agreed unanimously and without equivocation to the purchase of the new trophy, which was supplied by John Quirke of Quirke Jewellers, Cahir. "The Association is very honoured that the original magnificent trophy will be displayed in the GAA museum in Lár na Páirce, Thurles" he concluded.

In reply, the County Board Chairman, Sean Nugent, said that

the Board were grateful to the Tipperary Association Dublin for the generous donation of the new trophy and he thanked them on behalf of the Board and GAA people in the county. He went on to say that the Association in Dublin had never been found wanting when called on to support anything connected with Tipperary. The two receptions held in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel in Dublin for the minor hurlers are the most recent manifestation of this. He wished the Association well in the future.

The new Michael Hogan Perpetual Cup was first presented to the 2012 county minor football 'A' champions, Clonmel Commercials.

The original Hogan Cup was presented to the County GAA Board by the Tipperary Association Dublin in 1958.

The cup was named after the famed Michael Hogan of Grangemockler, who was shot in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday November 21st 1920

At the handing over of the original Michael Hogan Cup to the Tipperary County GAA Board were (left to right): His Grace, Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Timmy Floyd, County Board Secretary, Jerry Hayes, Tipperary Association Dublin and Sean Nugent, Chairman County Board.





David Power, Tipperary, receives the 2011 Manager of the Year award from Ed Donnelly, Munster Council PRO. Also included are John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais Energy, sponsor, Ed Donnelly, Munster Council PRO and Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh at the Bord Gais Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.

Breda Corbett, representing her son Tipperary hurler Lar Corbett receiving the 2011 Senior Hurler of the Year award from Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh at the Bord Gais Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney. Also in picture is John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor.



Jerry Ring receives the Special Merit award from Ed Donnelly, Munster Council PRO. Also included are John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais Energy, sponsor, Ed Donnelly, Munster Council PRO and Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh at the 2011 Bord Gais Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney.



Tipperary, minor footballer TJ Ryan receiving his Munster Council award from Ed Donnelly, PRO, at the 2011 Bord Gáis Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney at the weekend. Also in picture are left John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy and Sean Walsh, Chairman, Munster Council.



Tipperary Camogie player Jill Horan receiving her award from Munster Council Chairman Sean Walsh at the 2011 Bord Gáis Energy / Munster GAA awards ceremony in the Malton Hotel, Killarney. Also in picture is John Mullins, CEO, Bord Gais, Energy, sponsor. .



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Tipperary minor footballers and guests pictured at the Annerville Awards 2011 presentation night

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Award winners and guests at the Annerville Awards 2011.

Remembering to Remember (1862-2012) – Thomas St George MacCarthy and the Abbey School Tipperary

During the year the Abbey School, Tipperary, remembered one of its more famous past pupils, G.A.A. founder, Thomas St. George MacCarthy of Bansha. The keynote address on the occasion was given by distinguished historian and past pupil, Dr. Des Marnane. He gave this fascinating account of the G.A.A. founder. The address was first published in the 2012 Tipperary Historical Journal and appears here courtesy of the author.

It was around 11 o'clock on the night of 21 February 1867 that a group of men were seen behaving suspiciously on a railway embankment on the road out of Tipperary town to Bansha and Cahir and on towards Clonmel. It was the time of "Fenian Fever" and the authorities were on high alert. The men were attempting to destroy the track in preparation for an armed uprising, which in fact came less than two weeks later. In Tipperary the stand was made at Ballyhurst, just outside the town on the Cashel Road. But our interest is on what was happening on the Bansha Road. A police patrol encountered the men but all escaped except one, the most important one, Thomas Brohan: a man who had recently spent months in Kilmainham Jail under the Suspension of Habeas Corpus Act; a man described by the Attorney General as "one of the worst of the Fenians"; a man who was the local "head centre" of that revolutionary movement; a man who was a contributor to the Fenian newspaper the *Irish People*; a man who was a friend of John O'Leary.

The officer leading that police patrol was DI George MacCarthy, stationed in Bansha for nearly ten years. The arrest was something of a coup and cannot have done his career any harm. It was not his fault that Brohan, while locked up in Tipperary Bridewell, tried to get a fellow prisoner, a soldier arrested for desertion, to take the Fenian oath or that because of inadequate paperwork, Brohan was inadvertently released. The 21st February was therefore an important day for DI MacCarthy. Did he, the next day, give his son Thomas, who was not quite five, a version of the story: how Daddy had chased the bad men and caught one of them. A movie-maker might, at this point, freeze-frame and dissolve to a scene in an hotel billiard room seventeen years later and centre the camera on a young man about to enter history. Who could resist the irony?

How did we get from there to here? From the arrest of a leading Fenian by DI MacCarthy in 1867 to honouring his son here in 2012? What we mark here today are two separate but connected stories, one personal, the other national. It's the story of two generations of a family reaching from 1832 when George MacCarthy was born to 1943 when Thomas MacCarthy died - two generations who served the British state on the front line for fifty seven years. But it's also the story of that state losing the consent of many of its people to be part of that state. Connecting these two stories is the central role of sport in the forging of a new nationalism – cultural to start with but very quickly becoming political and revolutionary.

It should be said that much about that story was unknown until the late Marcus Bourke, historian of the GAA and founding editor of *County Tipperary Historical Journal* and incidentally son and grandson of notable Arravale Rovers personalities, established just who Thomas St George MacCarthy was and that he was a Tipperaryman (not a Kerryman). It was fitting that this research was published in 1988 in the first volume of that Journal, edited by Marcus Bourke. In one of the earliest histories of the GAA, O'Sullivan's 1916 account, there is reference to a Mr St George M'Carthy and it is symptomatic that all aspects of his name are wrong. God knows what readers made of the odd juxtaposition of the exotic St George (very Anglo sounding) and the homely M'Carthy (couldn't be more Gaelic).

The life of the son can best be understood by taking account of the father. George MacCarthy cast a long shadow: a classic example of a father and son in the same business but with the father much more successful. The father, George MacCarthy, was a native of Tralee, who at the age of twenty-three joined the



Dr. Des Marnane on left, who gave the keynote address on Thomas St. George MacCarthy pictured here with Christy Cooney Uachtarán CLG at the Abbey School function.

Revenue Police and served in Donegal. This was a specialised force, set up in 1832 to enforce revenue-raising from Customs & Excise – to deal with smuggling. To join as an officer, you had to be a gentleman, attested by two references and a surety of £200, no small amount of money. In 1857, two years after joining, the Revenue Police were disbanded, their duties to be taken by the ordinary police and so as 1857 moved into 1858, twenty nine Revenue Police Lts, including George MacCarthy enlisted in the Irish Constabulary. Incidentally, this police force was not yet the RIC – the "Royal" part did not come until after the force's success in dealing with the Fenian threat.

MacCarthy was now a 3rd class Sub-Inspector (equivalent to a District Inspector) and it was as such he came to Bansha in 1858, where Thomas was born and baptised on 11 June 1862 as Thomas St George MacCarthy. According to the records of Cashel diocese, there were six other children, three of each. There may have been other children, born both before and after MacCarthy was in Tipperary. What about the unusual middle name, St George? Perhaps the father was remembering someone with that surname, whom he knew. Or perhaps it was just a poshed up version of the father's name, an effort on his part to mitigate the signals emitted by a name like "Tom MacCarthy"

George MacCarthy's salary was £250 p.a., not a huge amount, when someone in his position was expected to live like a gentleman and educate a family. Incidentally, while it would be good to tie MacCarthy into the famous Derby Ryan satire about the Bansha Peeler, MacCarthy's stint in Bansha was years too late.

Being stationed in Tipperary, meant that MacCarthy was in the place where policing in Ireland began. In and around Cashel, the barony of Middlethird, was where the seeds of a professional police force were sown with the establishment of a Peace Preservation Force in 1814. This became country-wide in 1822 and in 1836 the Irish Constabulary (peelers) was organised



At the unveiling of a plaque, in the Abbey School Tipperary, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Thomas St. George MacCarthy, one of the founding members of the GAA. Left to right: PSNI Officer J. Huddleston, Chairman of the PSNI GAA Club, Sean Nugent, Chairman Tipperary County Board, PSNI Superintendent Gerry Murray, Councillor Jacqui Finnan, Mayor of Tipperary, Christy Cooney, President GAA, Assistant Commissioner Garda Siachana Gerry Phillips and Superintendent Padraig Dunne.

as the armed front line in the battle against lawlessness, most of which, for most of the time had nothing to do with politics and everything to do with alcohol.

After his decade in Bansha, MacCarthy spent two years near Thurles (must have seemed like a holiday) and in 1870 he became a temporary and the following year, a permanent Resident Magistrate (RM) or stipendiary magistrate. Before 1836, law enforcement relied on local magistrates, in other words local landowners, who on the whole were not reliable. The government therefore instituted a class of professional and paid magistrates, public servants rather than private gentlemen, many of whom were ex-army officers. Somerville & Ross's stories of Major Yeates in the West of Ireland are what most people today know about RMs.

Through the next 27 years, MacCarthy worked his way up the ladder, 3rd – then 2nd and finally 1st class, with salary increases to match. RMs 1st class were paid £650 p.a. For someone of MacCarthy's background, becoming an RM was aspirational. It certainly allowed one interact with the local gentry. When MacCarthy became an RM, there were only around 70 such for the entire country. Promotion was not automatic and many more applied to join than were successful. MacCarthy was in Trim between 1870 and '73, in which year he was sent as RM to Tipperary town, not an easy station, given its history of political activism and unrest, not to mention being a military garrison. Like any job, much was routine, attending and generally presiding at monthly petty sessions (district courts) in Bansha, Cappawhite, Dundrum, Galbally, New Pallas and a weekly court in Tipperary, where a non-stop stream of misery and mayhem, much of it alcohol-induced, paraded before him.

RMs were overwhelmingly *not* Roman Catholic and organs of the state were confessional, in that religion, not as belief systems but as tribal identifiers, mattered. Someone like MacCarthy was akin to an individual scrambling about in the foothills, looking towards higher ground, knowing that summits could never be reached and conscious that even the lower slopes could be treacherous underfoot. All of which is a complicated way of saying that George MacCarthy must have been an exceptional individual.

He was in Tipperary during the worst of the land war

instituted by the Land League, leaving Tipperary in 1881 on transfer to Clifden in Galway. It would be an interesting twist to the story of these two law enforcement officials, father and son, if it could be said that the father was a scourge of the nationalist community, a partisan on behalf of the landlord interest, in effect - Major Sirr but with side whiskers. However, that cannot be said. Before he left, in August 1881, J.R. McCormack the editor of the local paper, a man with a Fenian background, a man, who did his stint in exile in the States after '67 and a man who was a colleague of Thomas Brohan arrested on that railway embankment in '67, went to the trouble of wishing MacCarthy well, noting the respect in which he was held and declaring that, unlike his colleagues, he was ever "fair and just".

George MacCarthy spent two periods in this area: much of the 1860s in Bansha as a DI, during which time, his son Thomas was born and grew up and most of the '70s as an RM in Tipperary town, during which time his son was educated in this school, then the Erasmus Smith Grammar School. Church of Ireland in history, emphasis and ethos but always with some Roman Catholic students. Old boys included Michael Slattery Roman Catholic archbishop of Cashel and John O'Leary professional republican revolutionary. So, all sorts! Thomas MacCarthy was here as a day-boy, obviously but had it been necessary to board, this was the kind of school into which he would have fitted.

Tom could not have been more lucky. The Abbey always depended on the calibre of the headmaster and in the few years prior to 1874, the headmaster had a drink problem and the school had just 21 pupils. Then just as he was about to be fired, he died, allowing the governors appoint one of the best heads in the history of the school, the Rev Walter Lindesay who was here from 1874 to 1890. Within a year, there were 80 pupils and within three years, just over 100 boys, one of whom was Tom MacCarthy. One obvious consequence of increased pupils numbers was that sports, cricket and rugby especially, could flourish. And of course a late Victorian clergyman/educator would not have been immune to the cult of manly, muscular christianity.

In 1879, around the time MacCarthy was finishing his

secondary education, we know quite a bit about the school because it was inspected. The school was found to be “flourishing” and the whole tone of the place “gentlemanly” (So nothing has changed!). Discipline was perhaps too strict. For example, no talking was allowed during mealtime. Academically, the school could be better. While the Inspector was upbeat about the school, he was not too keen on its location, in “the unclean town of Tipperary” (And going on the last Tidy Towns report, that also has not changed!).

1879 was also the year Clanwilliam rugby club was founded and it was very natural that someone who had learned his rugby at this school and lived in the area, would play for the new club. For the next few years, while his father still lived and worked in Tipperary, Thomas MacCarthy occasionally played for Clanwilliam. By then, his secondary schooling completed, he had moved to Dublin, though it is not clear what exactly he was doing between then and the end of 1882, when MacCarthy became an RIC officer cadet. Perhaps, his first experience away from home (unusually for someone of his background, he had not been to boarding school) allowed him cultivate a taste for the pint of plain, something that was probably a problem later in his career.

One of the people he got to know in Dublin was Clareman Michael Cusack. Fifteen years older than MacCarthy, Cusack ran a successful grind school since 1877. These privately run establishments were common and were not in the business of educating anyone. They prepared young men for the specifics of exams for entry to third level and to public sector employment. Cusack was very involved in sports, from athletics to rugby, never just a matter of playing but also administration – his approach being, to question administration that was certainly elitist and could be depicted as foreign. As a young man, away from home for the first time, it’s not unreasonable to think that Tom kicked free a bit. MacCarthy played rugby in Dublin during these years, for Cusack’s academy, for Trinity and for Ireland in 1882.

There is not much evidence about this period but MacCarthy appears to have been marking time until he could apply for a police cadetship, for which a candidate had to be twenty-one years of age. It was very common that law enforcement became a kind of family business and while MacCarthy’s father, now an RM, was a former police officer, family history would have been central to procuring his nomination to a cadetship. RIC officers were not recruited from the ranks. Apart from issues of loyalty, there were social considerations. Would a yokel from a bog somewhere recognise a fish knife? In the

cadet exam, in which MacCarthy did extremely well, thanks to the Abbey and Cusack, the topic for your essay was more likely to be horse breeding than pig rearing. In the thirty years after Thomas MacCarthy joined the RIC, Roman Catholic officers were never more than about 20%.. This was not a police thing. Many kinds of jobs were either closed off or restricted with respect to Roman Catholics, most notoriously perhaps the Bank of Ireland.

Officer training was in the Phoenix park, where after six months, in 1882, Thomas St George MacCarthy began his police career as a District Inspector 3rd class and was sent to Templemore. By then MacCarthy’s father was in Kells and it is worth remembering that from 1883 when Junior began his career, to 1897 when MacCarthy Senior retired, a period of fourteen years, there may have been tensions between the two. This is something about which we know nothing but Senior can hardly have been happy about the progress of his son’s career.

In 1885, Thomas MacCarthy was moved from Templemore to a hamlet in Fermanagh, then to Limavaddy in Derry, Dundalk, Robertstown in Kildare, New Pallas in Limerick, Newport in Mayo and Ballymahon in Longford. There was just four months between being sent to Ballymahon and being pensioned, so clearly matters came to a head. Marcus Bourke in his THJ article suggests that around 1903, MacCarthy’s career went into decline and it is certainly odd that he retired from the force in 1912, just before he was fifty. It can hardly have been on health

grounds as the man lived for another thirty-one years. Whatever about addictions, perhaps too close a freindship with Arthur and Paddy, it may well be that MacCarthy senior had the vocation, so to speak and that Junior found himself in a career in which he had little interest. All we really know is that MacCarthy was pensioned six months short of his 50th birthday. It was January 1912 and he lived for another 31 years, becoming increasingly invisible. In hindsight, it is fortuitous that he was not on duty during the rest of that decade. Who knows what might have happened to undermine his value as a symbol.

However, there is still the business of Thomas St George MacCarthy’s engagement with history in Thurles on that November day in 1884. At that time, MacCarthy, recently appointed to Templemore was twenty-two years of age and very involved with sports. Presumably, in Templemore he knew a local builder Joseph Bracken, who would also be at the Thurles meeting. MacCarthy had nothing to do with the planning of the meeting but he knew several of those who were involved and so it was hardly surprising that he would have been asked to attend. In after years different people remembered different things. For example: Maurice Davin meeting MacCarthy casually prior to the meeting and saying: “Mac, we are having a meeting in Hayes, you might as well come along with me”. This is ordinary enough to be true. And so Thomas St George MacCarthy entered history, but then slipped out quietly through the back door – a long, long time passing before it was noticed that he was missing.

Thomas MacCarthy was a real person but is now hidden in the shadows, beyond historical recovery. This hardly matters. His importance today lies in his value as a symbol – a pointer to the fact that the Irish story is told in many voices, many accents – all valid. Even the surname MacCarthy - evokes Gaelic Ireland and is of course an essential part of Tipperary’s history. The Eoganacht, of whom the MacCarthys were central, built the Rock of Cashel and dominated the region for centuries. Cormac’s Chapel is a reference to Cormac MacCarthy. In the 12th century, the MacCarthys were pushed south and one of their branches was known as MacCarthy Reagh, usually spelling their name Mac, something of which Thomas MacCarthy was proud. In his 1911 census return, he is very clearly Mac, something incidentally he is not on his recently inscribed gravestone. Thomas St George MacCarthy has been called the forgotten man in the story of the founding of the GAA. In truth, there was much to forget. While on the sports field he had his moments, career-wise, MacCarthy Junior was an undistinguished son of a much more successful father.

Finally, what are we to make of this figure, who so briefly, accidentally stepped into the limelight? To come to an understanding, it might be worth bearing in mind that there is a very big difference between

Forgetting to Remember and Remembering to Forget

Forgetting to remember is an accident But

Remembering to forget is policy.

Where MacCarthy was concerned, there were decades of remembering to forget. Understandably so. It’s inevitable that when cultural identity is being defined (and that means a measure of invention), it is done by exclusion (what we are not more than what we are). This in large part comes from a crisis of confidence (if alternates are ignored, they won’t have to be compared). But with time comes maturity, and with maturity comes redefinition, and with redefinition comes acceptance. And that is why we are here today.

We have come a long way from that railway embankment on the night of 21 Feb 1867.

A very short distance in space, a stones throw. A longer distance in time, a century and a half. But a more difficult journey with respect to attitudes.

We now accept that the narrative is complex: an interweaving of a myriad stories, one of which, that of Thomas St George MacCarthy, we tell here today.

In Tipperary, MacCarthy’s native place, we are at last Remembering to remember.

A dark day for the 'Gaels'

By James Holohan

Thursday October 21st will long live in the memory of all involved with Cill Beag Gaels, its hinterland and far beyond when news broke of the unexpected death of our esteemed former player and secretary Larry O'Brien.

Larry lived his entire life just outside the village. His father was a founder member of the club and had a fierce passion for the games. From an early age it was a case of, like father like son, as Larry was bitten by the bug and this remained embellished in him until his untimely death.

He attended the local National School and was an excellent scholar. However, play time became more and more important to him, as he learnt the many skills of hurling and football. His father made him his first hurley and he took great pride in it as he showed it off to friends.

In those early days the Juvenile structures were much different. Matches were more haphazard and were organised amongst the boys in the parish or neighbouring teams down in Murphy's field just beyond the school. Larry loved to be involved and matches often only ended when darkness fell. As Larry progressed there was no minor grade in those days. Big and strong he often stayed behind the goal when the senior team were training to retrieve the ball in the hope that he would be asked to join in.

His patience eventually paid off and he quickly established himself as a more than useful forward. His predecessors often said he had more to offer but had too much respect for his opponents and would never resort to fouling. There was a story one time that he was marking an opponent who was to be ordained a priest. On hearing about it, Larry could not play his usual game in case he caused injury to him. During his playing career the "Gaels" went through a lean period but Larry was just happy to be playing the game.

He never married and was often described as an unclaimed treasure. However, one would have to say that his love affair with the GAA ensured that he had a very compatible partner.

His passion for the "Gaels" was very evident off the field also. He was a committee member while still donning the club jersey. He was a great organiser and when assigned a task everyone knew that it would be completed efficiently.

Serving a role in administration was furthest from his mind. Many shrewd observers saw him as a potential candidate. After serving his "apprenticeship" and with his playing days now over he was proposed for the vacant position of secretary and was duly elected.

He carried great diplomacy to the role and a charisma that few possessed. There were occasions when fixtures were made and did not suit the club due to player availability or injuries. Despite the Board saying that no postponements would be entertained, a phone call by him to the Board secretary with a suggested compromise nearly always worked the oracle.

In his role as secretary, he often took on tasks that could have been done by others - his motto was "I may as well do it myself". During the Christmas break while everyone else had put GAA affairs on auto pilot to enjoy the festivities, Larry remained in the cockpit to put the final touches to his annual report and often came up with new

initiatives for the betterment of the club.

He was a shining beacon when matches were fixed for the field and attended to every detail. He usually lined the pitch and, often told the yarn, when someone passed the remark that the lines were crooked, he informed them that he spent a month preparing for the task in Croke Park and nobody there mentioned that the lines should be straight!!!

He showed his versatility when he competed in Scor. Getting willing participants was always difficult. In order to ensure that the club was represented he took part in the recitation. For Larry, it was the taking part that counted.

For many years he was the club delegate to Divisional and County Board meetings. Most of the time he said little but if the occasion warranted he was never lost for words. Any criticism he had was always of a constructive nature and his views commanded great respect. He had many innovative ideas and they were often implemented to good effect. His down to earth approach was known throughout the county resulting in him being elected to a number of sub committees. His life long commitment to the association was recognised when he was nominated for a Sean Gael Award which was something that Larry cherished.

He was also a great community man and was a tireless worker for the Tidy Towns. Not unlike his work for the "Gaels" things were done to perfection and he took great pride in tending to the flowerbeds.

For many years locals were of the view that a new Community Hall was needed as the old school had outlived its usefulness. Larry pondered on it and said why wait for someone else to take the initiative as he set up a committee to take on the challenge. The hall was completed but tragically Larry's demise occurred before it was officially opened.

He was only out of the country once. Following the club's County title win in 2007, former player and now successful New York business man Danny Murphy (hence Murphy's field) treated the team to an all expenses paid trip to his adopted city. In a chat with him recently he continued to marvel at the city that never sleeps.

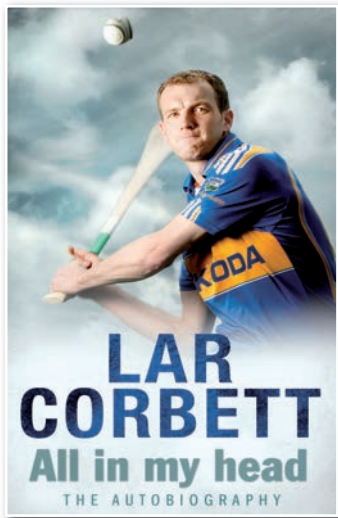
He took early retirement and while visiting the school one day on a GAA matter the teacher asked if he could secure a set of goalposts. In a matter of days they were delivered by local forester and one time player Kevin Maher. Larry erected them and immediately attracted the children as they took shots at him in goal. The observant teacher, on seeing this, asked him if he would be their coach. Never one to say no, he began this task and the children loved him. This was soon to pay off when the school won a number of divisional titles.

His popularity could be best exemplified by the large attendance at his removal and burial. The school children, many of them with tears in their eyes, stood in silence as the cortege passed the school while players and members formed a guard of honour at the church. There was a large presence of County Board officials while clubs from all over the county were well represented. In his eulogy at the graveside, an emotional Chairman Jim Mc Grath, gave a moving account of his career. With Larry gone now, the next life remains a mystery to us all. Rest assured if hurling and football are played there Larry will have a key role to play!!!

Recent G.A.A. Publications

By Seamus J. King

All In My Head: The Autobiography by Lar Corbett will probably create greater interest than any other G.A.A. publication in 2012. Whatever we may say about the player Lar is a national figure and attracts more media attention than any other player in the county. What other Tipperary player gets to appear on the *Late Late Show*? Side by side with this universal interest is a high level of irritation with the player from Thurles Sarsfields and Tipperary supporters because of his failure to deliver the kind of performances expected of him on key hurling days. It would appear as if this irritation extends to envy at the amount of publicity he garners if we are to interpret the failure of his hurling colleagues on the county team, with the exception of Thurles Sarsfields players, to turn up for the launch of his book in his bar at Thurles on November 1.



All in my Head attempts to explain Lar's side of things and the book does a good job. Lar tells a fine personalised story of getting on the Tipp team and winning the 2001 All-Ireland. He has a great time for Nicky English and his man-management skills. His remarks about English, and later on his huge admiration for Liam Sheedy, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan, tells us a lot about the man. Lar was and is very close to his mother and she has always been his greatest supporter and mentor. The type of care and attention he has always received from her was replicated in the way he was looked after, encouraged and given confidence by the English and Sheedy teams. This kind of care and attention is most important if Lar is to perform well.

In contrast he is critical of the Doyle and the Keating management styles. For him Doyle brought increased decibel levels to the job and not sufficient care and encouragement of players. 'I felt he was always shouting at me and I was always wary of making mistakes.' (P. 59). Babs was given a 2-year term 'and the one thing I can tell you is that we were a broken team by the time the term ended.' (P.84) He adds that 'all we were doing in 2006 and 2007 was turning up and fulfilling fixtures.' He concludes by describing Babs after retiring as 'a verbal gunslinger with both barrells aimed squarely at the Tipp team.'

These remarks might suggest that Lar himself is a 'verbal gunslinger' in this book. Far from it. In fact he is very gentle in his remarks and extremely fair to his fellow players. He does reveal a bit of frustration at the way he was used and abused by Jackie Tyrell but only in the context that whereas that kind of carry-on may win matches in so far as it stops players from performing, it does nothing for hurling. Other than that there is little or nothing that any of his colleagues could take umbrage from with the exception his claim that a number of key players on the team, as well as the management, went along with the debacle of tailgateing Tommy Walsh in this year's All-Ireland semi-final.

The book is also leavened by some humorous stories none more so than 'Sausagegate', the story of Eugene O'Neill's failure to lose pounds during training. Another is the motivational pep talk given to the team by Pat Shortt before the 2010 All-Ireland.

Lar reveals a lot about himself in the way he describes the

effect on himself as much as the panel as a result of the takeover by the 'dream management team' in 2007. They took over a team 'broken down physically and psychologically' and built it up again. They built up his fragile confidence. 'It's all in your head, Lar. Stop thinking. Hurling is instinctive. Just play the breaks.'

There is a great honesty about the book. He admits that he cried after the 'dream team' called it a day after the 2010 All-Ireland. He tells us about the abuse he received after that 2011 defeat. He wasn't even safe from abuse in his own pub. (P. 204) All of this gradually got him down and the catalyst that led to his decision to retire from the panel was the failure of the new management to respond to an injury he received at training at the end of January 2011. He does add that his new business venture was an additional factor. The bar business required his presence at night while his membership of the county panel demanded his presence in Morris Park at the same time.

Going into business was an important development for Lar. He had been 27 months on the dole, following his redundancy in the electrical business. Drawing the dole had a terrible effect on his self-belief and confidence. For him hurling and sport are built on confidence but his confidence and self-belief were severely dented as a result of being two years out of work.

Initially the breakaway from hurling gave him a new lease of life but gradually he had to deal with more accusations of betrayal and abuse. For a while his new venture kept him going but gradually, as he put it 'My head melted a little bit every day, especially after defeat by Cork in the league semi-final in April.' He made up his mind to give it another shot on May 12: 'I was restless from lack of physical exercise. I missed having a hurley in my hands. It seemed the whole country was on my back at one time or another and there was no let up in sight.'

After his return to the panel for the Limerick game he noticed the difference in the way people reacted to him. He knew then that leaving the squad the way he did was wrong. 'Of course I felt at the time it was right, but I didn't handle it the best.' He continues: 'I immediately felt at peace being back in the setup. There was a weight taken off my shoulders, a heaviness I didn't ever fully realise was there in the first place.'

And what of his 2012 tactics with his *bete noire*, Jackie Tyrell. According to Lar it was 'to prevent another 2011 scenario of being scragged and dragged and jostled' and no match official doing anything about it. He's in no way repentant: 'Despite all the abuse flying since, I thought we were doing okay in the first half.'

This book is a great read, a page turner that's almost impossible to lay aside. Tribute has to be paid to RTE and Tipperary journalist, Damien Lawlor, who has done a brilliant job writing it. The title may be ironic but it would concur with many readers belief that Lar is a bit like Hamlet in that he thinks too much, while hurling, as Eamon O'Shea said to him, is an 'instinctive game.'

Let Lar have the last word: 'The season that has just passed will not define me. Not as a hurler, not as a man. It is just part of my story.' (P. 277).

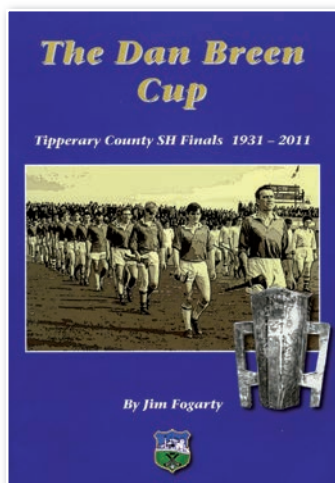
Published by Transworld Ireland the book retails at €17.99.

The Dan Breen Cup: Tipperary County SH Finals 1931-2011 by Jim Fogarty does what it says in the title, gives an account of all the county finals after which the Dan Breen Cup was presented. First presented by Dan Breen to the county board in 1931 the cup was presented to the Toomevara captain, Martin Kennedy, following success against Moycarkey-Borris in the county final of that year. The game wasn't played until February 14, 1932. (Captain Johnny Leahy of Boherlahan, wearing a blue and gold sweater with a light blue cap, a souvenir of the American Tour, refereed.)

Apart from the general information on the county finals it is the snippets of information like the above about the games that add to the attraction of this book. There are photographs of virtually all the teams that won and in the later finals of the runners-up as well, making it a fine visual record as well. From 1972 onwards the pictures are in colour. Team lineouts, giving first name of players, are also included, which makes it a great reference book.

There is a final chapter entitled, Miscellaneous, which brings together lists of the Man-of-the Match awards, which appeared first in 1979, a list of all the final referees – would you believe that John Moloney refereed 13 finals? – and the top scorers in all the finals. While most finals have been played at Thurles, no fewer than twenty have been played in other venues. Nenagh leads with six.

Jim Fogarty has produced a very interesting book and has done a marvellous service to program producers with a handy reference book of information on county finals. The book contains 266 pages, was launched by Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh at the Horse and Jockey Hotel on October 19 and retails for \$20.



A Lorrha Miscellany by Seamus J. King was launched in the Friars Tavern, Lorrha on October 10. It's the author's second



The author, Seamus J. King, with Patrick Bonner Maher and his grandchild, Caoimhe Perdue, at the launch of A Lorrha Miscellany.



Ancient and not so ancient hurlers at the launch of A Lorrha Miscellany. Left to right: Michael O'Meara (H), Billy Hogan, Tom Lambe and John McIntyre

book on his native parish. The first, *Lothra agus Doire 1984-1984: Iomaint agus Peil* was published in 1984 and was one of the first full G.A.A. club histories in the county.

Since then the author has written a good number of pieces about the parish and he has collected them together in *A Lorrha Miscellany*. The book is divided into three sections. The first includes historical pieces on events in the parish the most important of which has to be the article on Martin O'Meara, a parish native who emigrated to Australia in the second decade of the 20th century, fought in World War 1 with the Australian Expeditionary Force and won a Victoria Cross for outstanding bravery in France.

The second section contains profiles of the eight senior All-Ireland senior hurling winners from the parish. Some of these have appeared already in publications but a number of them have been re-written and others are completely new. The final section profiles other players from the parish, many of them childhood heroes of the writer.

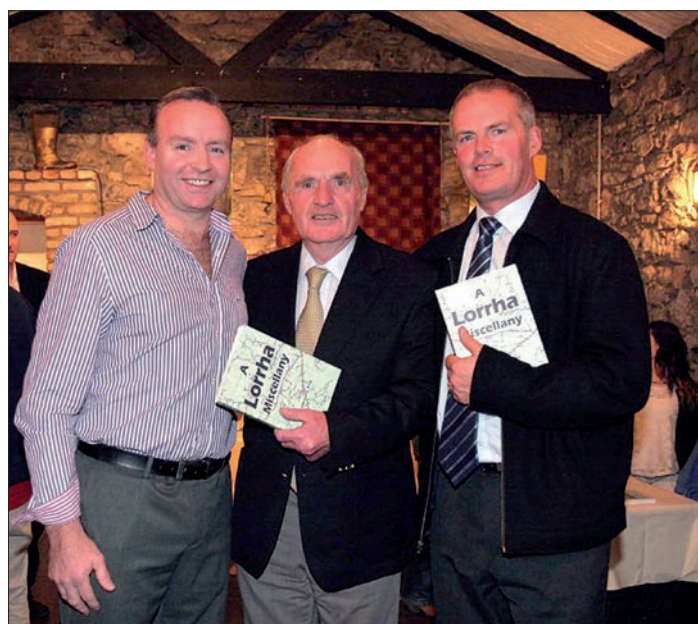
The book, which contains 264 pages is well illustrated and retails for €15.

The Godfather of Modern Hurling: The Father Tommy Maher Story by Enda McEvoy is a great book and a must for all Tipperary supporters concerned about the almost complete dominance of hurling by Kilkenny in the present Millennium. When Tommy Maher took over the Kilkenny senior team in 1957 he first set about analysing Tipperary's hurling success to find out what special ingredients it had to be such a dominant force at that time in the game. Need I say that the boot is very much on the other foot now and we need Eamon O'Shea, or some other hurling guru, to analyse why Kilkenny are such a dominant force now.

Tommy Maher was the first man to use 'tactics'. 'Surely,' he concluded, 'there had to be more to training than this delirium of effort for its own sake. Surely there had to be room for thought, for logic, for imagination, for the cultivation of science, for the identification of problems, for the improvement of weaknesses and the coaching of skills.'

He revealed so much of himself as a trainer and coach of St. Kieran's in the All-Ireland Colleges final against St. Flannan's at Thurles in 1957. On that day, according to the author 'he demonstrated that the small things were the big things, that success in hurling was about the mastery of the basic skills, that practising the skills was not only desirable but crucial and that practice – proper practice – could mean the difference between victory and defeat.'

The 'plan' he had for the day didn't go well in the first half

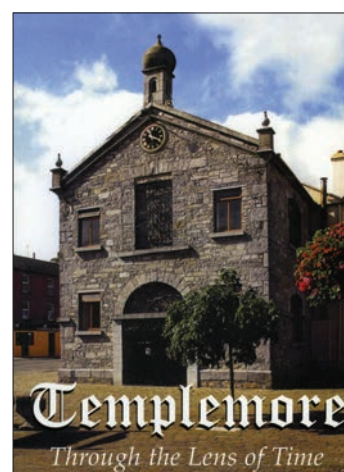
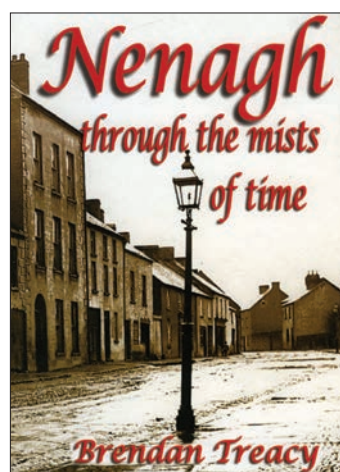
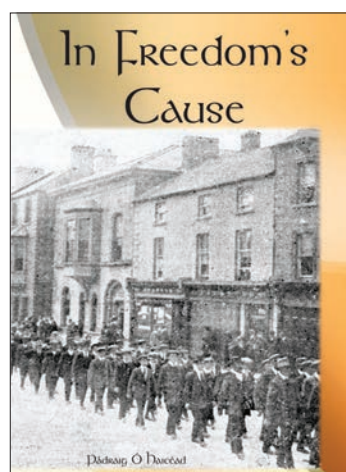
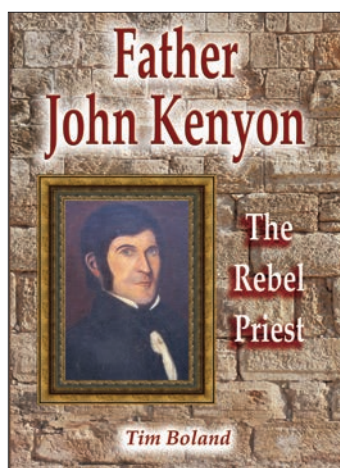
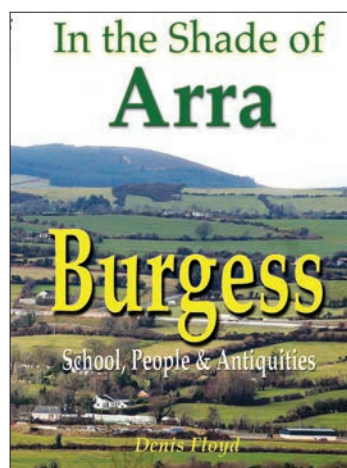


John Madden, Seamus J. King and Ken Hogan at the launch of A Lorrha Miscellany.

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and St. Flannan's looked likely winners.

'Back in the sanctuary of the dressingroom silence reigned. The players half-expected Fr. Maher to denounce them from a height. After all, many another trainer would have – and, what's more, would have been well-entitled to do so in the circumstances. But Fr. Maher wasn't many another trainer. He wasn't any other trainer. No ash plants were splintered, no bottles fired at walls. In truth he barely uttered a word. His voice was ever soft, gentle and low, an excellent thing in a coach. 'I've trained ye to hurl in a certain way – now do it,' was about as much as he said.'

No need to tell you who won!

This is an outstanding biography, a brilliant read, a page turner in places from a writer who knows his hurling but, equally important, can write so well about it. Go out and buy it for a mere €15.

The G.A.A. v Douglas Hyde: The Removal of Ireland's First President as G.A.A. President by Cormac Moore (The Collins Press, €14-99, 259 p) On November 13, 1838 just months after his inauguration, President Hyde attended a soccer match between Ireland and Poland. The G.A.A. responded to the action by declaring that by attending a 'foreign game' the President had broken Rule 27 and he was removed as Patron of the Association on December 17. The decision was ratified at the annual G.A.A. Congress the following April. The action of the G.A.A. was badly received by De Valera and his Government. The book examines why the G.A.A. took this course of action when they had a precedent for avoiding it. Earlier Guard George Ormsby had been suspended for attending a soccer match but won his appeal because he was there in an official capacity. The President might have been allowed attend for the same reason. The author examines the double standards and hypocrisy shown by the G.A.A. regarding their bans. There are examples of the lip service the G.A.A. paid to the Irish language, the open flouting of the 'foreign dance' rule by G.A.A. clubs and the haphazard way in which the 'foreign games' ban was administered and yet their main defence in removing Hyde was that they had no option. The episode is far removed from current attitudes and the book casts an interesting light on these far off days. The publication has some very interesting photographs.

Mid Tipperary G.A.A. 1884 –2007, A History

On November 23rd, the book - *Mid Tipperary G.A.A. 1884 –2007, A History*, was launched in Younge's, The Ragg, Thurles. In 2007, Mid Tipperary G.A.A. celebrated the centenary of its formation. A centenary

committee was formed and one of the main tasks undertaken was the compilation of a photographic and written record of the role of the clubs and players of Mid Tipperary in the progress of the G.A.A. through the decades. The research work commenced in 2005. In 2008 and 2009 two volumes of photographs were published and this history book completes the trilogy.

To compile the history of the division has been a mammoth but proud task spearheaded by its editor - Martin Bourke, Clonmore ably assisted by John Maher-Boherlahan/Dualla, Liam Ó Donnchú-Thurles Sarsfields, Ed Donnelly, Jimmy Fogarty - Moycarkey/Borris and John Smith of Dúrlas Óg. There were many others who helped in various ways to see the project to fruition.

The book, which costs €20, contains a detailed chronological account of all the happenings of the Association in the Mid

division since 1884. Of particular interest is the extensive statistical section, which lists all the winning teams in all grades. The book also contains a selection of photographs, reflecting the great teams and players through the years.

All four divisions in Tipperary have now published their history and together they form an essential source of information for the researcher of the future or the Tipperary G.A.A. enthusiast.

Horse and Jockey Remembers its Past – A Pictorial Record

This pictorial record, compiled by Horse and Jockey Remembers its Past committee was launched on November 24th, at Horse and

Jockey Hotel. It is an amazing collection of some five hundred photographs, in both colour and black/white. The photographs span many decades with images of local people at work, at play, at home, at school, in group settings, social and sporting occasions or involved in club activities. The memories of the older generation will be stirred and the younger generation will glean a glimpse of the lives and times long past. This is not 'strictly speaking' a history book about the 'most famous cross-roads in Ireland', but 'moments in time' captured forever by the camera lens. It is also a visual record of the profound changes that have occurred in this area during the past one hundred years.

Liam Ó Donnchú, who was Tipperary Yearbook secretary for many years, is a member of the committee along with Tom Egan, John Hassett, Mary Roche, Richard O'Keeffe, Connie O'Keeffe and Averil Clarke.

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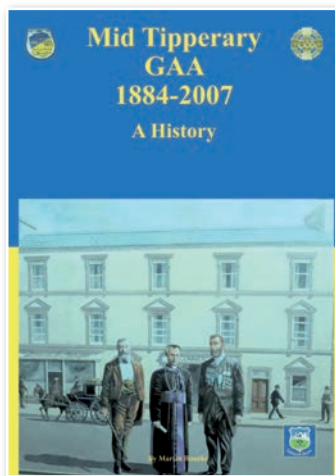
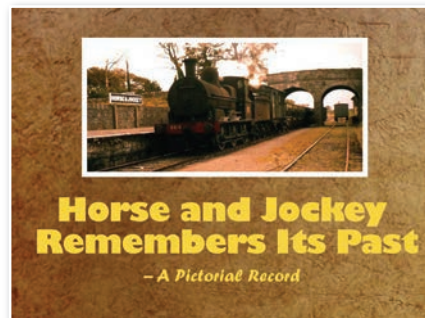
Boherlahan-Dualla Historical Journal 2012

It's only right to mention the *Boherlahan-Dualla Historical Journal 2012* in this article, even though it's not a G.A.A. publication. The reason is that this excellent production, in its fifteenth year of existence, contains three important articles in connection with the centenary of the foundation of the Boherlahan G.A.A. Club.

Current chairman, of the club, Lar Devane, writes about the foundation of the club and the founding members and how their posterity keep cropping up in the ranks of later club teams. Seamus Leahy writes of the Walshes of Tubberadora and how the family immigrated to the parish from Ballybacon and contributed to the success of the famous team. The Walshes were joined by John Connolly, also from Ballybacon, and he also figured in the successful Tubberadora teams. So a significant number of the team came from outside the parish. Is this unique for rural teams of the period?

Equally fascinating is Philip Ryan's account of the Thomas Francis Meagher Football Club from the townlands of Thurlesbeg, Freighduff and Clonmore. This was the home of Meaghers and the families had various identifying names to distinguish them. The TFM football club was one of four teams from the parish of Boherlahan-Dualla to affiliate to the G.A.A. in the early days and it took part in a number of tournaments, which were the forerunners of properly organised championships. In one of these tournaments the team was reputed to include seventeen Meaghers out of a total of twenty-one players. The team had a short existence and by 1888 had amalgamated with Boherlahan but while it existed it attracted big crowds to its games

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The 2012 County Senior Hurling Championship

By Seamus J. King

Thurles Sarsfields won their 32nd county senior hurling title at Semple Stadium on October 14 when they defeated Drom-Inch by 1-21 to 2-15 in the final, played before an attendance of 6,937.

In winning the 125th county senior hurling title Sarsfields confirmed their standing as the most successful club in the county and justified their rating as favourites going into the final.

Losers Drom Inch went into the game as defending champions, having won their first title in 2011, but their loss was their fourth final defeat in eight seasons. It was their third loss to Sarsfields at this stage of the championship, having lost previously to them in the 2005 and 2009 finals. Their remaining loss was to Loughmore-Castleiney in the 2007 final.

Drom and Inch trailed by seven points at half-time but their challenge was ignited with a goal by David Butler in the first minute after the resumption and the second half became a gripping encounter during which a draw seemed likely at times. Drom and Inch missed a couple of chances for goals near the end but the more composed Thurles side held out and deserved their three-point victory.

The Senior Hurling Championship

The format for the championship was the same as the previous year. The 32 senior teams in the county played in their respective divisional championships down to semi-final stage. The 16 teams that qualified for the divisional play-offs went

straight into the Dan Breen Cup. The remaining 16 teams went into Round 1 or a qualifier for the Dan Breen Cup, with 8 qualifying and the 8 losers going into the Seamus O'Riain Cup. The 4 losers in the first round of the O'Riain went into the relegation competition.

The 8 winners of Round 1 of the Dan Breen Cup joined the 8 losing divisional semi-finalists in an open draw with repeat games avoided for Round 2. The 8 winners from Round 2 played off among themselves in Round 3 and the winners 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 Round 4 while the winners came in in Round 5.

Ultimately the whole format was to give as many chances as possible to teams to find their feet and for the best teams to come to the top. The other side of the coin was to give the public 31 games in all, a potential feast for the punters but, in reality, many of them so bad that they gave senior hurling a bad name, and small attendances suggested that supporters regarded many of them as meaningless.

Round 1

Round 1 was played between June 30 and July 22 with the following teams coming through: Burgess, Kildangan, Lorrha, Moneygall, Roscrea, Templederry, Borrisokane and Kilruane



David Kennedy bursts out with the ball for Thurles Sarsfields despite the best efforts of Drom's Seamus Butler.



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MacDonaghs. In the light of the North division's later failure to have a team in the semi-finals, this was an impressive performance with all seven of their teams qualifying for Round 2

Round 2

The eight winners joined the beaten divisional semi-finalists in an open draw. These games were played between July 21 and August 21. Again the North were well represented among the winners. The teams were: Lorrha, Templederry, Kildangan, Borris-Ileigh, Drom Inch, Cappawhite, Roscrea and Burgess.

Round 3

The eight winners of Round 2 played off among themselves in Round 3 between August 23 and September 2.

The winners were Borris-Ileigh, who defeated Cappawhite, Kildangan, who defeated Templederry, Drom Inch who defeated Burgess and Roscrea, who defeated Lorrha.

Divisional Finals

In spite of the large number of senior teams, the North were first with their divisional final. Played at Nenagh on July 20, Portroe made history by winning their first senior title, when they defeated no less opponents than Toomevara by 3-16 to 1-19. It was a sensational result and well-deserved. It didn't appear possible at half-time when Portroe trailed by a point on a scoreline of 0-11 to 1-7 in spite of playing with the breeze. However, they came good in the second half, led by 3-15 to 0-16 after fifty-seven minutes and held out for an historic victory in spite of a late Toomevara rally that yielded 1-3. It was a great occasion for the club when captain, Jimmy Creamer, raised the Frank McGrath Cup before the delighted supporters.

Thurles Sarsfields went on the rampage in the Mid final, played at Templemore on July 27 when they obliterated the defending champions, Loughmore-Castleiney, by 7-16 to 2-13. Three goals by Pa Bourke from close-in frees in the first ten minutes of the game were a body blow to Loughmore-Castleiney from which they never recovered. Sarsfields led by 5-7 to 1-5 at the break and went on to win in style by 7-16 to 2-13.

On the same day and at the same time that Sarsfields were offering Loughmore up for sacrifice, Mullinahone retained the South senior hurling championship by 1-17 to 2-9 for Carrick Swans at Clonmel. It was their eleventh title and they were the slicker and sharper team from beginning to end. The winners led by 0-11 to 0-5 at the interval and, while the Swan reduced the deficit to three points soon after the resumption, there was never any doubt as to the better team and Mullinahone well-deserved their 1-17 to 2-9 victory, 1-11 for which was scored by Eoin Kelly.

Unusual for the West final it was the last of the four up for decision and was played at Golden on August 26. Clonoulty-Rossmore made it six-titles-in-a-row when they defeated Eire Óg Annacarty by 1-22 to 1-11. It was a game that failed to live up to expectations as Clonoulty proved beyond a doubt that they were top dogs in the division and Eire Óg failed to produce the kind of performance that might have challenged the champions.

Round 4

Round 4 matched the winners of Round 3 with the divisional runners-up and these games were played on the weekend of the 15/16 September. The results saw two of the divisional runners-up survive and two eliminated. Eire Óg Annacarty surprised a lot of people when they defeated Borris-Ileigh by 1-17 to 0-17 at Cashel, which hosted a double header. In the second pairing Drom Inch defeated Carrick Swans by 2-19 to 1-13. The

remaining two games were played at Nenagh. Kildangan had a comfortable win over Toomevara by 2-19 to 0-15 and Loughmore-Castleiney eliminated Roscrea by 1-25 to 2-10.

Quarter-Finals

The quarter-finals were played at Semple Stadium on the weekend of September 22/23. Three of the divisional champions were eliminated from the championship over the two days with



Pa Bourke's reaction to the final whistle in the county final.

only Thurles Sarsfields surviving

On Saturday Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Mullinahone by 0-22 to 2-11. Mullinahone started well and led by 2-7 to 0-11 at the interval but the second-half belonged to Loughmore, who outscored their opponents by 11 points to 4. In the second game Clonoulty-Rossmore were completely disappointing and were no match for a dominant Drom-Inch, who won by 2-22 to 0-13m having led by 2-11 to 0-8 at the interval.

On Sunday Thurles Sarsfields confirmed their credentials as favourites to take the title, when they gave an impressive display in defeating Kildangan by 3-22 to 1-12. They led by double scores, 2-12 to 1-6, at the interval. In the second game Eire Óg confirmed their good form of the previous weekend in beating Borris-Ileigh when they dominated their game with Portroe to win by 1-15 to 1-10, after leading by 1-9 to 1-2 at the break.

Semi-Finals

There was a two-week gap to the semi-finals in order to accommodate the replayed minor hurling All-Ireland. The two games were played at Semple Stadium on October 7 with Thurles Sarsfields and Drom Inch emerging as winners.

Thurles Sarsfields' opponents were Eire Óg Annacarty, who were very much underdogs going into the contest. In a fine first-half performance they kept the favourites in touch and were behind by four points, 1-11 to 0-10, at the interval. They reduced it to three early in the second-half but then they went for twenty-

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four minutes without a score at the end of which Sarsfields were in front by 2-21 to 0-11. Eire Óg added 1-2 in the remaining minutes, chiefly through the good work of Conor O'Brien, but it was too little too late.

The second semi-final between Drom Inch and Loughmore-Castleiney was a close encounter that went to extra time. A resolute Loughmore pushed the county champions to the limit. Drom-Inch got off to a flying start and were 0-7 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter. Loughmore came more into the game during the second quarter and were behind by three points, 0-10 to 0-7 at the interval. Loughmore's improvement continued during the second half and they led by 1-12 to 0-13 with nine minutes to go. It looked as if they were heading in the right direction but a goalkeeping error in the fifty-second minute allowed Seamus Callanan in for a vital goal. Drom Inch went ahead by three points but Loughmore clawed themselves back with vital points and eventually got the equaliser from Eddie Connolly in the sixty-sixth minute of play for a final score of 1-18 each..

That was the best it got for Loughmore. Four minutes into extra time Liam Treacy was shown a straight red for a tangle with Seamus Callanan. The latter converted the following free and then tipped home a David Butler sideline puck for a goal. Drom led by 2-20 to 1-19 at the interval and there was no doubt about their victory during the second half when they added further scores to win by 2-26 to 1-21.

The Final

Thurles Sarsfields were installed as hot favourites to win the final. Fans of Drom Inch gave them a chance if Seamus Callanan and Johnny Ryan delivered top performances. Drom Inch did get off to the better start and led by 0-3 to 0-1 after five minutes but Sarsfields hit back with a run of seven unanswered points to lead by 0-8 to 0-3 as Drom went twelve minutes without a score until their best player, Johnny Ryan, scored a point in the seventeenth minute. This started a slight recovery and Drom



John Quirke (Quirke Jewellers) presented the County SHC Final Man of the Match award to Aidan McCormack in the presence of County Board Chairman Sean Nugent.

trailed by four points, 0-11 to 0-7, approaching half-time. Then they were hit with a sucker punch in the shape of a goal by Sarsfields' lethal forward, Aidan McCormack, to leave the favourites in front by 1-11 to 0-7 at the interval.

Drom bounced back with a goal from David Butler on the resumption and this resurrected their challenge and put themselves in front by a point, 2-14 to 1-15, by the fiftieth minute. However, it was Sarsfields who had the better finish with four unanswered points and a three-point victory by 1-21 to 2-15.

Senior Hurling Championship at a Glance

Date	Venue	Home Team Score	Away Team Score	Referee
Round 1				
30/06/2012	The Ragg	Burgess 1.14	Moycarkey Borris 0.10	Ger Fitzpatrick
30/06/2012	The Ragg	Kildangan 2.11	Holycross Ballycahill 0.16	John McCormack
01/07/2012	Templemore	Lorrha Dorrha 4.15	Carrick Davins 0.13	Michael Hassett
01/07/2012	Templemore	Moneygall 1.18	Upperchurch Drombane 2.11	Fergal Horgan
01/07/2012	Littleton	Roscrea 1.15	Boherlahan Dualla 1.09	Sean Bradshaw
02/07/2012	Drombane	Templederry Kenyons 3.23	Golden Kilfeacle 0.10	Keith Delahunty
07/07/2012	The Ragg	Borrisokane 0.15	Aherlow 0.14	Paddy Ivors
22/07/2012	Templetuohy	Kilruane MacDonaghs 1.20	Knockavilla Kickham 0.16	Martin Ryan
Round 2				
21/07/2012	Templemore	Lorrha Dorrha 2.24	Ballingarry 2.11	Anthony Sherlock
22/07/2012	Borrisoleigh	Templederry Kenyons 2.15	JK Brackens 1.17	Phil Ryan
29/07/2012	Templetuohy	Kildangan 2.12	Killenaule 0.13	John O'Brien
29/07/2012	Toomevara	Borris-ileigh 0.21	Kilruane MacDonaghs 0.16	Johnny Ryan
29/07/2012	Borrisoleigh	Drom & Inch 1.14	Moneygall 2.07	Fergal Horgan
03/08/2012	Newport	Cappawhite 0.20	Borrisokane 2.13	Martin Ryan
12/08/2012	Templemore	Roscrea 4.13	Cashel King Cormacs 1.09	Paddy Ivors
21/08/2012	Dolla	Burgess 2.09	Nenagh Eire Óg 0.13	John McCormack
Round 3				
23/08/2012	Clonoulty	Borris-Ileigh 4.25	Cappawhite 0.14	Johnny Ryan
26/08/2012	Dolla	Kildangan 0.20	Templederry Kenyons 0.18	Philip Kelly
26/08/2012	Dolla	Drom & Inch 0.22	Burgess 0.11	Fergal Horgan
02/09/2012	Cloughjordan	Roscrea 2.12	Lorrha Dorrha 1.14	Kieran Delaney
Round 4				
15/09/2012	Cashel	Eire Óg Anacarty 1.17	Borris-Ileigh 0.17	Martin Ryan
15/09/2012	Cashel	Drom & Inch 2.19	Carrick Swans 1.13	Phil Ryan
16/09/2012	Nenagh	Kildangan 2.19	Toomevara 0.15	Fergal Horgan
16/09/2012	Nenagh	Loughmore Castleiney 1.24	Roscrea 2.10	John O'Brien
Quarter Finals				
22/09/2012	Semple Stadium	Loughmore Castleiney 0.22	Mullinahone 2.11	Fergal Horgan
22/09/2012	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch 2.22	Clonoulty Rossmore 0.13	Philip Kelly
23/09/2012	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields 3.22	Kildangan 1.12	Paddy Ivors
23/09/2012	Semple Stadium	Eire Óg Anacarty 1.15	Portroe 1.10	Johnny Ryan
Semi Finals				
07/10/2012	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields 2.22	Eire Óg Anacarty 1.13	Anthony Sherlock
07/10/2012	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch 2.26	Loughmore Castleiney 1.21	John O'Brien
Final				
14/10/2012	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields 1.21	Drom & Inch 2.15	Fergal Horgan

Thurles Sarsfields: Patrick McCormack, Stephen Maher, Kevin O'Gorman, David Maher, David Kennedy, Padraic Maher (capt.) 0-1, Michael Cahill, Michael Gleeson 0-1, Johnny Enright 0-3, Pa Bourke 0-6, Jim Corbett 0-1, Lar Corbett, Michael O'Brien 0-2, Denis Maher 0-1, Aidan McCormack 1-6. Subs: Ger O'Grady for Michael O'Brien, John Maher for Jim Corbett, Richie Ruth for Johnny Enright, John Lawlor for David Maher. Also: Kevin Smith, Michael Russell, Barry O'Dwyer, Pa Dunne, Tom King, Tommy Doyle, John Joe Bourke, Cian Treacy, Eoin Russell, Rory O'Shea, Michael Collins, David Corbett, Michael O'Dwyer, Pa Corne.

Drom & Inch: Damien Young, Eddie Costello, Michael Butler, Mike Costello, Enda Walsh, Eamoin Buckley, Liam Ryan, Shane Delaney, James Woodlock 0-1, Seamus Callanan 1-3, Johnny Ryan 0-9, Pat Lupton, David Butler 1-1, Joe Lupton, Seamus Butler 0-1. Subs: Paul Stapleton for Eddie Costello, Paddy Kennedy for Joe Lupton, Jamie Moloney for Shane Delaney, Kevin Butler for Pat Lupton, David Collins for Jamie Moloney. Also: Shane Hassett,

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Man of the Match: Aidan

McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields)

Referee: Fergal Horgan (Kickhams)

Seamus O'Riain Cup

The 8 teams that qualified for the O'Riain Cup were as follows:

Moycarkey-Borris, Upperchurch-Drombane, Holycross-Ballycahill. Boherlahan-Dualla from the Mid, Aherlow, Golden-Kilfeacle, and Kickhams from the West and Carrick Davins from the South.

The first rounds were played between July 21 and 28 with Moycarkey-Borris, Golden-Kilfeacle, Carrick Davins and Boherlahan-Dualla coming through at the expense of Upperchurch-Drombane, Aherlow, Kickhams and Holycross-Ballycahill respectively.

The semi-finals were played on August 11. Moycarkey-Borris had no difficulty in disposing of Golden-Kilfeacle by 4-18 to 0-10 at Cashel and Boherlahan got the better of Carrick Swans by 4-15 to 3-12 at Fethard.

The Final

Moycarkey-Borris retained the Seamus O'Riain Cup when they defeated Boherlahan-Dualla by 3-22 to 0-11 in the final played at Holycross on August 25. The game was a close encounter in the first-half with the winners only two points in front, 0-9 to 0-7, at the interval. Boherlahan got a point soon after the resumption but that was the only joy they experienced in the second-half as Moycarkey motored ahead and the game became a totally one-sided affair, with the winners waltzing to victory on a scoreline of 3-22 to 0-11. Team captain, Kevin Moran, collected the O'Riain trophy from county chairman, Sean Nugent.

Moycarkey-Borris: John Kelly, Kevin Moran, James Power, David Morris (0-1), Paul Dempsey, Pat Molloy, Ailbe Power, Kieran Morris (0-8), Brian Moran (0-1), Rory Ryan, (1-2), David Sheppard (0-4), Patrick Carey (1-2), Ciaran Clohessy (0-2), Phil Kelly, Mossy Bracken (0-1). Subs: Robert Doran (1-1) for James Power, John Bergin for Ciaran Clohessy, Ger Carey for Kieran Morris, Eamonn Clohessy for John Kelly, Joe O'Sullivan for Ailbe Power.

Boherlahan-Dualla: Joe Ryan, Johnny Maher, John Dwyer, A.J. Maher, Darragh Kennedy, Willie Hickey, Aidan Maher, Fionn McCullagh, Derek Patterson (0-1), Brian Maher (0-2), Paul Ryan (0-1), Darragh Devane, Darragh Hickey (0-4), Laurence Hickey (0-2), Seamus Leahy (0-1). Subs: Seamus Hickey for Willie Hickey, Michael Murphy for Darragh Devane, Andrew Downey for A.J. Maher, Gary Crowe for Derek Patterson.

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick (Roscrea)

Relegation Competition

The four teams in the relegation competition played on August 12. Holycross-Ballycahill defeated Upperchurch-Drombane by 2-14 to 1-15 at the Ragg, and Kickhams defeated Aherlow by 0-14 to 0-6 at Tipperary Town.

The Final

Upperchurch-Drombane defeated Aherlow by 1-22 to 1-8 in the relegation final, played at Holycross on August 25. After a sluggish start the winners got a wake-up call in the twenty-seventh minute of the first half when Cathal Dillon scored a goal for Aherlow to go ahead by 1-4 to 0-6. The score had a much greater effect on Upperchurch, who took the game by the scruff of the neck, scored 1-3 in the remaining minutes of the half, to

Seamus O'Riain Cup at a Glance

Date	Venue	Home Team Score	Away Team Score	Referee
Round 1				
21/07/2012	The Ragg	Moycarkey Borris 3.25	Upperchurch Drombane 1.21	John Ryan Bob
22/07/2012	Bansha	Golden Kilfeacle 0.19	Aherlow 1.08	Johnny Ryan
27/07/2012	Kilsheelan	Carrick Davins 1.18	Knockavilla Kickham 1.15	Noel Cosgrave
28/07/2012	Drombane	Boherlahan Dualla 3.09	Holycross Ballycahill 1.11	Kieran Delaney
Semi Final				
11/08/2012	Cashel	Moycarkey Borris 4.18	Golden Kilfeacle 0.10	Anthony Sherlock
11/08/2012	Fethard	Boherlahan Dualla 4.15	Carrick Davins 3.12	Keith Delahunty
Final				
25/08/2012	Holycross	Moycarkey Borris 3.22	Boherlahan Dualla 0.11	Ger Fitzpatrick

Senior Hurling Relegation at a Glance

Date	Venue	Home Team Score	Away Team Score	Referee
Semi Final				
12/08/2012	The Ragg	Holycross Ballycahill 2.14	Upperchurch Drombane 1.15	Noel Cosgrove
12/08/2012	Treacy Pk	Knockavilla Kickhams 0.14	Aherlow 0.06	Ger Fitzpatrick
Final				
25/08/2012	Holycross	Upperchurch Drombane 1.22	Aherlow 1.08	A. Sherlock

lead by 1-9 to 1-4 at the interval and went on to record a 14-point victory on a score line of 1-22 to 1-8.

Upperchurch-Drombane: Ciaran Shortt, Sean Harty,, Matt Ryan, Leonard Purcell, Padraig Stapleton, James Barry,, John Ryan (J), Colm Ryan (0-2), L. J.Ryan, Paul Ryan (0-5), Andy Kinnane, Paul Shanahan (0-3), Padraig Greene (1-6), Pat Shortt (0-5), Owen Shortt (0-1), Subs: Colm Stapleton (0-1), Stephen Gleeson, Seamus Armstrong.

Aherlow: Gordon Peters, Ed O'Meara, Mark O'Shea, Mark Hanley, Bernard O'Brien, Brian Moroney, Lawrence Coskeran, Sean Mullins, Thomas Hanley (0-3), Cathal O'Shea, Paddy Hennessy, Cathal Dillon (1-4), Liam Richardson (0-1), Seamus Grogan, Stephen Chapman. Subs: Conor O'Shea, John Moloney, Peter McKnight.

Referee: Anthony Sherlock (Kildangan).



Thurles Sarsfields captain Padraic Maher lifts the Dan Breen Cup after his side defeated Drom & Inch in the County Final.

County Senior Football Championship 2012

By Seamus J. King

Clonmel Commercials won their first senior football title in ten years when they defeated reigning champions, Thomas MacDonaghs, by 1-9 to 0-5 at Semple Stadium on November 4. Following a pedestrian first half, at the end of which the sides had managed only two points each, Commercials upped their performance and a goal, eleven minutes into the second-half, when only two points separated the sides, set Commercials on the road to victory. The North representatives continued to battle hard for the remainder of the game but they failed to get the goal that would have ignited their rally and helped them to retain their crown. In the end the winners, with an important sprinkling of players from their successful three-in-a-row minor sides on board, fully deserved their seven-point victory.

Nineteen teams affiliated in the senior football championship for the O'Dwyer Cup. The competition was run on an open draw basis with the four winners from the separately-run divisional championships coming in at the quarter-final stage.

There was a preliminary round in order to reduce the number of teams to sixteen. This round of three games was played in June. Two games were played on June 1. Killenaule defeated Galtee Rovers by 2-10 to 0-10 at Cashel, and Eire Óg defeated Kilsheelan-Kilcash by 3-15 to 1-10 at New Inn. The third game was played at Templemore on June 13, when Loughmore-Castleiney were too good for Thomas MacDonaghs on a scoreline of 1-10 to 0-5.

Round 1

Round 1 of the championship proper, between the three winners of the preliminary rounds and the thirteen remaining teams, was played between the end of July and the end of September. The long delay in completing the round was due to the hold-up in the West championship.

The first game was played at Dundrum on July 29. Cahir had a narrow victory by 1-19 to 3-12 for Fr. John Kenyon's, the second of the two group teams from the North to affiliate.

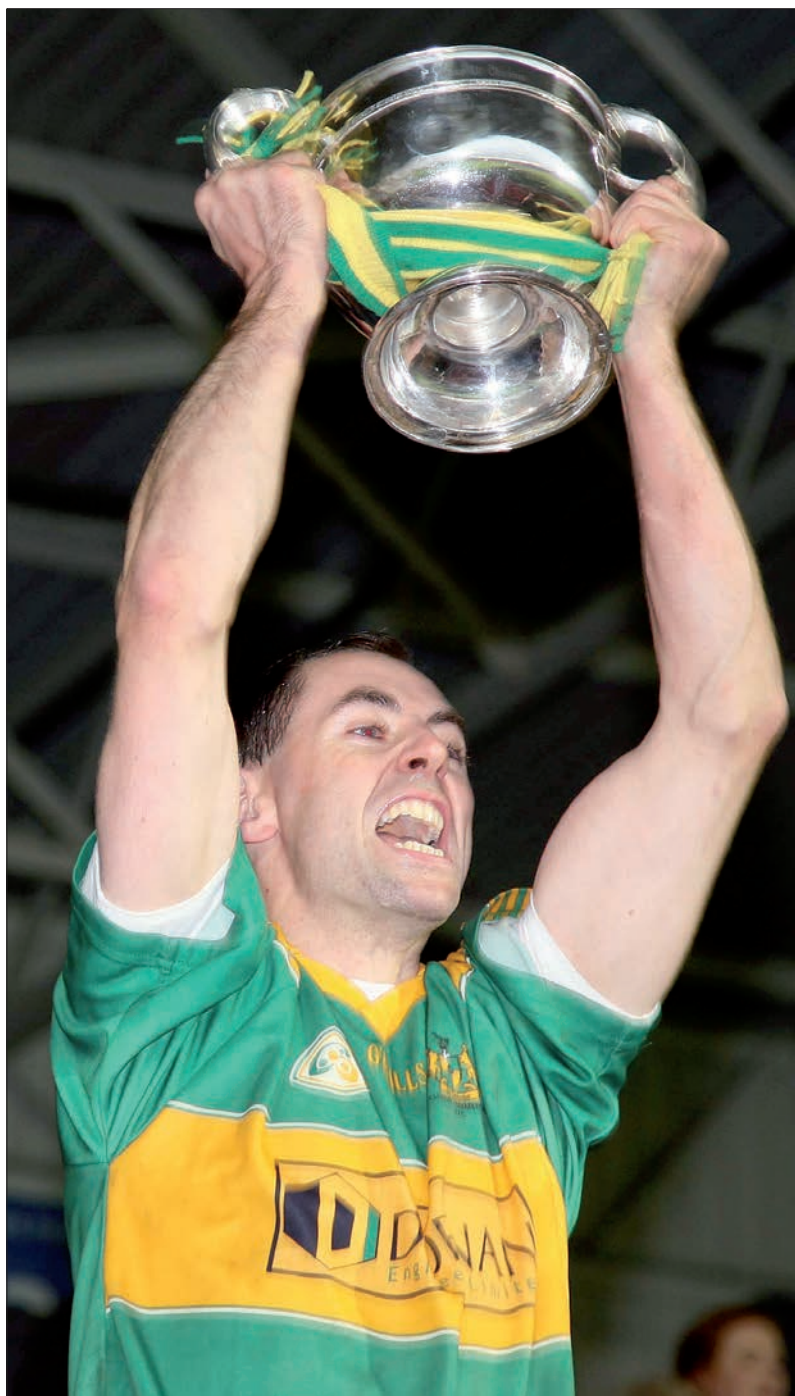
Two games were scheduled for the weekend of August 5/6. J. K. Brackens received a walkover from Carrick Swans at Cashel. In the second game Commercials defeated Aherlow by 1-11 to 1-8 at Cahir.

Three games were played on the weekend of August 10/11. At Littleton Killenaule scored a record victory over Moyne-Templetuohy by 7-11 to 0-3 on August 10. Moyle Rovers had an equally facile victory over Clonmel Óg by 4-16 to 0-5 in a double fixture at Clonmel on August 11. The second game was much closer with Fethard just pipping Ardfinnan by 0-11 to 0-10.

The seventh game in the round was played at Gortnahoe on August 21 with Loughmore-Castleiney defeating Mullinahone by 0-13 to 1-3.

Over a month was to elapse before the final game was played. Arravale Rovers defeated Eire Óg by the minimum of margins on a scoreline of 0-9 to 0-8 at Lattin on September 29.

Round 2 saw the eight winners in Round 1 reduced to four. Again it took a long time, seven weeks in fact, to complete this round. Killenaule defeated J. K. Brackens by 1-12 to 0-10 at Dundrum on August 21. Commercials defeated Cahir by 0-14 to 1-9 at Ardfinnan on September 2. The next game wasn't played until September 28 when Loughmore-Castleiney defeated



Clonmel Commercials captain Fergal Condon lifts the Tipperary County SFC Cup after his side's convincing win over Thomas MacDonagh in the County Final at Semple Stadium.

Fethard by 1-6 to 1-5 at Littleton. The final game was played on October 7 when Arravale Rovers defeated Moyle Rovers by 1-12 to 1-11 at Cahir.

Quarter-Finals

In the quarter-finals the four divisional winners were to play the four winners from Round 2, with divisional winners kept apart. However, the competition regulations stated that if a team won a division final and also won Round 2 of the county championship, that team would progress to the semi-final.

The winners of the divisional finals were as follows: North – Thomas MacDonaghs; South – Killenaule; Mid – Loughmore-

County Senior Football Championship at a glance

Date	Venue	Home Team Score	Away Team Score	Referee
Preliminary Rd				
01/06/2012	Cashel	Killenaule 2.10	Galtee Rovers 0.10	Michael Duffy
01/06/2012	New Inn	Eire Óg Anacarty 3.15	Kilsheelan Kilcash 1.10	Sean Lonergan
13/06/2012	Templemore	Loughmore Castleiney 1.10	Thomas MacDonaghs 0.05	Derek O'Mahoney
Round 1				
29/07/2012	Pairc Ciocaim	Cahir 1.19	Fr. John Kenyon's 3.12	Brian Tyrell
05/08/2012	Cashel	JK Brackens W/O	Carrick Swans SCR	Brian Tyrell
06/08/2012	Cahir	Commercials 1.11	Aherlow 1.08	Paddy Russell
10/08/2012	Littleton	Killenaule 7.11	Moyne Templetuohy 0.03	Tom McGrath
11/08/2012	Clonmel	Moyle Rovers 4.16	Clonmel Óg 0.05	Derek O'Mahoney
11/08/2012	Clonmel	Fethard 0.11	Ardfinnan 0.10	David Grogan
21/08/2012	Gortnahoe	Loughmore Castleiney 0.13	Mullinahone 1.03	Sean Lonergan
29/09/2012	Lattin	Arravale Rovers 0.09	Eire Óg Anacarty 0.08	Derek O'Mahoney
Round 2				
21/08/2012	Kickham Pk	Killenaule 1.12	JK Brackens 0.10	Michael Duffy
02/09/2012	Ardfinnan	Commercials 0.14	Cahir 1.09	Keith O'Brien
28/09/2012	Littleton	Loughmore Castleiney 1.06	Fethard 1.05	Michael Duffy
07/10/2012	Cahir	Arravale Rovers 1.12	Moyle Rovers 1.11	David Grogan
Quarter Final				
20/10/2012	The Ragg	Thomas MacDonaghs 1.12	Eire Óg Anacarty 2.9	Keith O'Brien AET
20/10/2012	Cahir	Commercials 0.14	Arravale Rovers 0.08	Tom McGrath
Quarter Final Replay				
26/10/2012	Templetuohy	Thomas MacDonaghs 0.10	Éire Óg Anacarty 0.07	Tom McGrath
Semi Final				
28/10/2012	Cashel	Commercials 4.11	Loughmore Castleiney 4.09	Derek O'Mahoney
29/10/2012	Templemore	Thomas MacDonaghs 1.05	Killenaule 0.06	David Grogan
Final				
04/11/2012	Semple Stadium	Commercials 1.09	Thomas MacDonaghs 0.05	Tom McGrath

Castleiney; West – Eire Óg. Two of these teams, Killenaule and Loughmore-Castleiney, were dual winners and so progressed to the semi-finals.

This left four teams to contest two quarter-finals. Both were played on October 20. At The Ragg Thomas MacDonaghs and Eire Óg were level at the end of normal time and were still tied

at 1-12 to 2-9 after the extra time. In the second game, played at Cahir, Commercials defeated Eire Óg by 0-14 to 0-8. In the replay of the first game at Templetuohy on October 26, Thomas MacDonaghs defeated Eire Óg by 0-10 to 0-7.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals were played on the weekend of October



Colman Kennedy scores Clonmel Commercials goal despite being surrounded by five Thomas MacDonaghs defenders in the County Final.



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28/29. In the first of these games Commercials defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by 4-11 to 4-9 in a high-scoring game after extra time at Cashel. At the end of normal time and indeed into added time Commercials led by six points and seemed certain of victory. But two goals by Liam McGrath from close-in frees in the 62nd and 64th minutes won a most unlikely draw for Loughmore-Castleiney. The score at full-time was 4-7 each.

Commercials, favoured by the breeze in the first half, led by 2-5 to 1-4 at half-time. Extra time had to be played. At half-time Commercials led by 4-9 to 4-8 having played with the breeze and Loughmore's chances looked the brighter but Commercials got two more points against the breeze to Loughmore's one and won by 4-11 to 4-9.

In the second game, played at Templemore, Thomas MacDonaghs, whose two games against Eire Óg in the quarter-final had brought them on dramatically as a team, got the better of Killenaule and won by 1-5 to 0-6. There were two key moments in this game. Philip Austin goaled from a penalty in the twelfth minute of the game after he was fouled in the goal area. This enabled MacDonaghs to lead by 1-4 to 0-4 at the interval. Then in the forty-second minute John O'Dwyer of Killenaule was red-carded and even though the result was to ignite the Killenaule challenge, they found scores difficult to come by and were behind by 1-5 to 0-6 at the final whistle.

The Final

The final, between Commercials and Thomas MacDonaghs, was played at Semple Stadium before 780 spectators on November 4. It was an unusual pairing between the holders, a combination team drawn from nine clubs in the North division, not regarded as a stronghold of football, and the traditionalists, Clonmel Commercials, coming from the footballing end of the county. The latter were hoping to get back on track with a victory after ten years in the wilderness, while the MacDonaghs were striving to emulate the achievements of a previous North selection, which won back to back titles in 1958 and 1959.

The first half was a dull affair with Commercials getting the first two points by Ian Barnes and Colman Kennedy and MacDonaghs not scoring until the twenty-second minute, when Joe Carroll scored. Padraic O'Meara added a second before the interval to leave the sides level at two points each.

Commercials resumed a different outfit and added three points through Aldo Matassa and Ian Barnes (2) in a seven-minute spell. MacDonaghs responded with a Seamus Hennessy point but then came Colman Kennedy's fine goal followed by another Barnes point and Commercials were now leading by 1-6 to 0-3 entering the last quarter. With ten minutes to go they were still six points ahead and while MacDonaghs tried their best they found scores very difficult to come by and, perhaps, tried too hard to work a goal when points were there for the taking.

Commercials stayed in front and substitute, Alan Lonergan, had their last point to give them a 1-9 to 0-5 victory and their fifteenth county title.

Colman Kennedy's display with 1-2 was crucial to Commercials success and others to influence the result were Seamus Kennedy, Danny Madigan, Kevin Harney, Ian Fahy, Ian Barnes and Michael Quinlivan.



County SFC Final Man of the Match recipient Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) receives his award from sponsor John Quirke (Quirke Jewellers). Also present is County Football Board Chairman Noel Morris.

Although MacDonaghs enjoyed a reasonable amount of possession they got a poor return in their number of scores. Best for them were Philip Austin, Seamus Hennessy, David Buckley, Fergal Hayes and Tommy Connors.

Clonmel Commercials: Evan Comerford, Fergal Condon (capt.), Donal Lynch, Ciaran O'Connell, Danny Madigan, Seamus Kennedy, Jamie Peters, Kevin Harney, Aldo Matassa (0-1), Luke Moore, Colman Kennedy (1-2), Ian Fahy, Ian Barnes (0-4), Michael Quinlivan, John Harney. Subs: Jason Lonergan (0-1) for Luke Moore, Richy Carroll for Ian Fahy, Alan Lonergan (0-1) for John Harney, Shane Taylor for Aldo Matassa, Eamon Hanrahan for Colman Kennedy. Also: Paul Nolan, Brian O'Hara, Stephen Buckley, Colm Nolan, Noel O'Mahoney, Shane Power, Brian Walsh, Kevin Fahy, Conor Walsh, Niall Kelly, Fergal O'Callaghan.

Management team: Philly Ryan (manager), David Kennedy (trainer), David Lavin (selector), Anthony Shelley (selector), Martin Quinlivan (selector). Backroom team: Hugh Daly, Davey Fitzgerald. Kit: Eddie Hanrahan.

Thomas MacDonaghs: Jim McDonnell (Inane Rovers), (joint capt.), Martin Minehan (Kildangan), David Buckley (Inane Rovers), Ruairi Gleeson (Kildangan), Fergal Hayes (Kildangan), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Joe Carroll (Inane Rovers), (0-1), Liam England (Inane Rovers), (joint capt.), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), (0-2), Padraic O'Meara (Shannon Rovers), (0-1), David Young (Toomevara), Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs), (0-1), Tommy Connors (Kildangan). Subs: Andrew Austin (Borrisokane) for Liam England, Alan Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for Padraic O'Meara, Aaron Ryan (Inane Rovers) for David Young. Also: Keith McMahon (Inane Rovers), Shane Dooley (Borrisokane), Rory Whelan (Kildangan), Diarmuid Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Peter McSherry (Borrisokane), Declan Barrett (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Jack Loughnane (Kildangan), Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan).

Management team: Chris Conway, Kevin Mulryan, Paddy O'Flaherty, Pat Murphy, Ollie Hennelly, Joe Hannigan. Physio: Jimmy Cunningham. Backroom: Viv Dooley, Declan Russell, Paddy Heenan, Shane Brophy.

Man of the Match: Colman Kennedy (Commercials)

Referee: Tom McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney).

Ardfinnan 1962 County Senior Football Champions - 50 Years on!

2012 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1962 Ardfinnan team that won the County Senior Football Championship beating Thurles Crokes in the final.

In 1961 this team won the South Divisional title and this proved to be the start of something really special which saw this team go on to win four divisional titles in a row '61, '62, '63 and '64 and three County Senior

Championships in a row '62, '63 and '64.

Ardfinnan were on the crest of a wave with outstanding players throughout the team who thrilled followers of the Maroon and White far and wide. This era has surely gone down in history as the golden period for the Ardfinnan Club, as they went on to be a footballing force to reckon with in the county throughout the 1960s and early 1970s.



Ardfinnan 1962 Senior South & County Champions. Standing l-r: Redmond Moore, Patrick Butcher O'Brien, John Walsh, Tom O'Mahoney, Mickie Moore, Billy Boy Moloney, Tony Finn, Stephen McCormack, Luke Hally, John Keating, Michael O'Byrne, Eamie Ryan, Johnny Cummins, Dr. Marsh. Front l-r: Dick Keating, John Byrnes, Pete Savage, Freddie Quinn, Patsy Savage, John James Lonergan Capt., Alfie McDermott, Michael Babs Keating, Patsy Myles, Tom Ryan.

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Cappawhite team that won the 1987 County SHC title were honoured on County Hurling Final day

Back row, left to right: Gerry Creedon, Noel Buckley, Conor Ryan H Simon Ryan L, Eamon Ryan B, John Ryan P, Martin MacDermott, Tom Coughlan, John Barry, Eugene Maguire, Pa O'Neill, Mike Ryan L, Paul Buckley;
Front row, left to right: Liam Treacy, Deasun Hennessy, Dan Ryan P, Michael Buckley, Miley Coughlan, Danny O'Neill, John Fox O'Neill (capt.), Anthony O'Neill, Ger Ryan Bán, Lilah Buckley (for Austin), Ger O'Neill, Dick Quirke. Flag carrier: Anthony Barry.



Ardfinnan 1970 & 1974 teams honoured in Semple Stadium at the County Football Final

Standing l-r: Pat Quirke, Michael Phelan, Anthony Dillon, Freddie Quinn, Teddy O'Brien, Jim Healy, Michael Hynes, Paddy Noonan, Michael Browne, Liam Myles, Aidan O Mahoney, David O Halloran, John Cummins, Nuala O'Mahoney, Pat Quinn, John James Lonergan, Stephen McCormack, Michael Prendergast, Michael Babs Keating, Tommy Byrnes, Emie Ryan, Patsy Byrnes, Denny Whelan, Luke Hally, Darragh O'Brien. Seated l-r: Patsy Myles, Michael Norris, Patsy Savage, Tommy Ryan, John D Condon, Patsy Ryan, Eamon O'Gorman, Pat Carroll, Richie Boyle, Willie Walsh, Pete Savage, Christy Browne.



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Club Developments

Upperchurch Drombane GAA Club 5 Year Plan

At our annual AGM in Upperchurch Hall in Jan 2012, the issue of a clear development plan for our club was once again raised. Following this, the Executive Committee decided to avail of the GAA Club Planning Program to compile a five year development plan. The purpose of this process is to determine how best to develop our club to enrich the lives of all who come in contact with our club.



County Board Development Officers Jimmy Minogue and Jackie Meagher met with us on 22nd of Feb '12 to start the process. March 10th was set as the date for a workshop to gather ideas and data from members and non members alike. We considered it imperative that all parishioners be invited to shape the future of our club and have their say. Fifty eight

people participated in the workshop discussing five specific topics. They were; Coaching and Games Development (Juvenile & Adult); Communications, PR, Social & Cultural; Club Structures and Administration; Finance and Fundraising and Facilities and Development. Five Focus Groups were formed that night from those assembled to formulate the ideas and suggestions garnered into specific goals and actions to achieve them. The next stage in the process involved submitting these goals to the Plan Steering Committee for compilation into a realistic cohesive plan to be finalised and ratified by the Club Executive Committee. To ensure this Plan facilitates the Club in reaching its potential over the next five years a Plan Implementation Committee was established to review, assess and modify the Plan as required.

On Saturday 26th of May this plan was launched in Upperchurch Hall by former GAA President Nickey Brennan.

On that night we also honored the junior hurling team that won a Mid title in 1962. A presentation was made to each player by Nickey Brennan. Also in attendance on the night was County Board Chairman Sean Nugent and County Board Vice Chairman Michael Bourke.

Fantastic facilities in Templetuohy

The parish of Moyne-Templetuohy celebrated this year with the opening in Templetuohy of the new fantastic facilities.

This wonderful occasion was the culmination of many years labour by the loyal servants of the Moyne-Templetuohy GAA Club. It all started back in 1998 with the purchase of adjacent lands to construct an entrance roadway to the property, the erection of boundary fencing and entrance gates.

1999/2000 - The development of a second playing pitch.

2000/2001 - The club saw the development of the now 'old' dressing rooms across from the main stand.

2003 - Extensive work on our main pitch was carried out. This involved the excavation of topsoil and storing on site, excavation of subsoil and grading to required levels, drainage to include installation of drains every seven meters apart to each other using 70mm pipes and porous gravel to the subsoil level, insulation of collector drains using 100mm pipes and porous fill along the length of the pitch leading to soak area, ripping up of subsoil, relaying and levelling topsoil and the clearing of tree roots.

2004 - The main pitch was reseeded. The planting of white thorn trees along the pitch boundary was also carried out.

2005/2006 - A steel rail fence was erected with green p.v.c. mesh wire around the main pitch. We also installed a new floodlight system for the main pitch, this included eight 23-meter poles, four each side carrying 24 large lights to give the pitch an average light of 150-lux cover. We have now seen many football and hurling games played under floodlights.

2007 - Our hurling 'ball-wall' was constructed as well as a yard and surrounding fence. We purchased an F.S.L. electronic scoreboard and a shed for a tractor and field mower. We erected large nets behind the goals, constructed a road to the 'ball-wall' and built a spectators' bank for people to see games in addition to other smaller works.

2008 - the top 40 metres of the main pitch was not allowing the surface rain water to soak down to the drain pipes 30mm under the sod, to solve this problem we installed slit-drains every metre apart across the full width pitch (90 m x 40m). Slit-

draining means replacing slits of earth 30mm deep by 6mm wide with pea-gravel to allow good soakage. The full pitch was also verti-drained using 25mm tines/spikes and spread with 300 tonnes of sand over three years.

2009/2010 - 2009 saw the beginning to the construction of another major development with the building of a six hundred



and seventy two seater-stand.

2011 - We continued to develop our club grounds in 2011, installing permanent white lines on our main playing pitch, concrete kerbing, car parking and yard lighting. A new walkway around the pitch was also constructed, which is now a major benefit to the many local people.

2011/2012 - Our latest phase of development is now complete; this consists of two large dressing rooms, showers, toilets, gym, ladies, gents and disability public toilets, shop, kitchen, meeting room, press-box, and reception area.

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Thurles Sarsfields Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2012



Back row (l-r): Tom King, Barry O'Dwyer, Kevin Smith, Rory O'Shea, Padraic Crone, John Lawlor, Eoin Russell, Johnny Enright, Kevin O'Gorman, Stephen Maher, David Maher, Denis Maher, Padraic Maher (Capt), Declan Ryan, Lar Corbett, Pa Bourke, Ger O'Grady, Michael Russell, David Corbett.

Front row (l-r): Michael O'Dwyer, John Joe Bourke, Tommy Doyle, Richie Ruth, Cian Treacy, John Maher, Michael Gleeson, Michael Cahill, Jim Corbett, Mickie Lawlor (Mascot), Patrick McCormack, David Kennedy, Michael O'Brien, Aidan McCormack, Michael Collins, Pa Dunne.

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Tipperary Junior Football team



Tipperary Junior Football team defeated by Kerry in the Munster Championship in Nenagh.

Back l-r: Pat Halley, Adrian Walsh, Eoghan Ryan, Jack English, Benny Hickey, Martin Dunne, Danny O'Regan. Front l-r: Brian Quinn, Ger Mulhair, Gavin Ryan, Thomas Hanley, Robert Murphy, Richard Power, Michael O'Sullivan, Damian O'Brien



Thurles Sarsfields - Munster Senior Hurling Club Championship winners

Back l-r: Pa Bourke, David Kennedy, Johnny Enright, Lar Corbett, Ger O'Grady, David Maher, Denis Maher, Padraic Maher (Capt), Kevin O'Gorman, Michael Cahill. Front l-r: Michael Gleeson, Aidan McCormack, Jim Corbett, Declan Ryan, Patrick McCormack, Michael O'Brien, Stephen Maher.

Sarsfields rewrite the history books with provincial success

By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star)

For a club as celebrated as Thurles Sarsfields, there is not too much more history to be made. But the senior hurlers of the club did make history when they became the first from the famous Blues to win the Munster Club senior hurling championship on a wet November afternoon beside the River Lee.

Much has been said and written about Sarsfields wonderful victory over De la Salle of Waterford in Pairc Ui Chaoimh, but perhaps the one thing that has not been stressed too often is the sense of relief within the club that the provincial silverware has finally graced Arus na Sairsealaigh.

Sarsfields, back in the '50s and '60s would have been regarded as one of the provincial standard bearers and would frequently have rumbled with the likes of Blackrock and St Finbarrs of Cork, Ahane of Limerick and Mount Sion of Waterford. Back in those days they often played for suit lengths and with money at a premium, the chance of winning a new suit was indeed a major incentive.

There were no suits on offer in Pairc Ui Chaoimh, but what was on offer for Padraic Maher and his men was a unique opportunity to write themselves into the history books. Sure, the club has won 32 county senior hurling titles, but never before had the O'Neill Cup been won by the club in its 42 year history.

The tidalwave of emotion which greeted the final whistle from referee Shane Hourigan (Limerick) told its own story. This was Sarsfields uncorked and finally they could take their place alongside Toomevara, Borris-Ileigh, Roscrea, Kilruane MacDonagh, Cashel King Cormacks, and their divisional neighbours Moycarkey Borris and Loughmore Castleiney.

The lack of provincial silverware resulted in a slight hiatus in Sarsfields claim to being the premier club in The Premier County. With 32 titles to their name, their hold on the claim was difficult to argue with. But, having added the Munster crown, nobody can argue that Sarsfields are currently the premier club in The Premier County.

Winning back the Dan Breen Cup was Sarsfields main aim at the start of the year. Their campaign went without a hitch as they captured the Mid title, went on to win the county final after a superb encounter with neighbours Drom-Inch and then ventured out in the choppy waters of the provincial championship.

The final against Drom-Inch had helped the side to get to the necessary level of application and when it came to the severe test that was Kilmallock in Kilmallock, they were equal to it. Sarsfields had been tested and they would be again when they welcomed their namesakes from Cork to Semple Stadium for the Munster semi-final.

The challenge was a huge one but Sarsfields – the Thurles version that is – emerged with another strong finish seeing them over the line. So, it was back to Pairc Ui Chaoimh again for a second meeting with De la Salle in the final in three years. Another date with destiny. Another chance to rewrite the history books.

For those who made the journey to Pairc Ui Chaoimh, the day will linger long in the memory. It was the day when Sarsfields found a new comfort zone; were placed amongst the elite in the province; and announced their arrival on the scene.

The composure and experience which had been gained over the course of the last few seasons had stood to Sarsfields. And, funny enough, the experience of failure at this stage in 2010 and of failure in last years county championship also stood to them. They had tasted defeat – didn't like it's tang – and decided to swallow success instead. It was the pain of defeat and failure which drove the side on, steeled them for the fight and helped them to eke out victories in tight situations. That they finished the stronger side in all of their games this season speaks volumes for their sense of self belief and confidence. This side did not do panic no matter how close the contest.

Sarsfields season enters it's next phase now and having had time to savour their provincial success, they now move to the lofty heights of the All-Ireland club championship. Patrick's Day is just a day away and there is a quiet determination and confidence that they can go on rewriting history. They have shown plenty of knowhow, have gotten the breaks when they counted, and advance towards Croke Park with the hopes of a province behind them.

To emulate the feats of Kilruane MacDonagh, Borris-Ileigh and Roscrea would certainly be something. It's been a quarter of a century since Borris' won the title on that great day in Croke Park. It's time that a Tipperary club dined at the top table again.

Our hopes and good wishes go with Sarsfields on their journey.

Best of luck lads.

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O'Callaghan, Noel O'Mahoney

Front row left to right: Colman Kennedy, Stephen Buckley, Brian O'Hara, Colm Nolan, John Harney, Danny Madigan, Fergal Condon
(Capt.), Evan Comerford, Ian Barnes, Seamus Kennedy, Aldo Matassa, Luke Moore, Niall Kelly.

10th anniversary of the Sean Gael Awards

By Seamus J. King

The tenth presentation of the Sean Gael Awards will take place in the Dome, Semple Stadium on Sunday afternoon, November 18. It will occur without much fanfare, lacking any major hype and attracting modest publicity.

But, for the recipients, it will be a very special occasion, a recognition of a lifetime service to the G.A.A. and, for many of them, a belated honour for work done on behalf of the association, much of it unrecognised and, in most cases, poorly rewarded.

John Moloney

The idea of honouring older members of the G.A.A. originated with the late and great, John Moloney, who became aware of how many people, who had given a lifetime of service to the G.A.A., received scant recognition for their efforts. The idea of honouring such people had been working very well in Wexford

for years and why not in Tipperary.

The thinking behind the idea was that members of the association, who had reached the age of seventy years, would be honoured in some way by the county board for their lifetime of service.

John was given the go ahead by the county board and he picked his committee to identify the recipients and organise the presentation. It included John himself, who became chairman of the committee, plus Seamus King, Seamus McCarthy and Pat Moroney from the West division, Michael O'Meara from the South, who became the very efficient secretary of the group, John Costigan from the Mid and Noel Morris from the North.

John Moloney remained chairman until his sudden death in October 2006, when he was succeeded by John Costigan. Since then the committee has six members.

Presentations

The committee decided to hold the presentations in Brú Ború, Cashel because of the centrality of the venue. It also had the advantage of an excellent tiered auditorium, which was ideal for presentations. However, in the course of time this excellent venue began to reveal one major limitation for older people, accessibility: the steps down from the car park could be a bit trying for people in their seventies and the committee looked around for an alternative. Semple Stadium had been developed in the meantime and the development included the magnificent Dome, which became the new venue for the presentations in 2009. It has been a very popular venue since.

One of the decisions made by the committee at an early stage was to have a distinguished person as guest to make the presentations. This decision was based on the need to give the event an element of prestige as well as recognising the extent of the contribution made to the G.A.A. by the recipients.

The first guest speaker was the former president of the G.A.A, Joe McDonagh, and former Munster Council chairman, Jimmy O'Gorman, presented this year's awards.

The format of the



Mid Tipperary Sean Ghael award recipients and guests. Seated: (l to r) Paddy Cooney (Moycarkey-Borris), Archbishop Dermot Clifford (Patron of the GAA), Jimmy O'Gorman (Trustee of the GAA who presented the awards), Martin Dwan (Drom&Inch), John Dwyer (Boherlahan/Dualla). Standing: John Costigan (Sean Ghael Chairman), Michael Murphy (Thurles Sarsfields), Billy O'Grady (Moyne Templetuohy), Willie Barnaville (Gortnahoe Glengooile), Andy O'Gorman representing Sam Melbourne (Moycarkey-Borris) and Pat Cullen (Loughmore/Castleiney).



North Tipperary Sean Ghael award recipients. Seated: (l to r) Kevin Moloney (Roscrea), Tom McLoughney (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John Joe Bourke (Ballinahinch), Jimmy O'Gorman (GAA Trustee and former Munster Council Chairman who presented the awards), John Gleeson (Moneygall), Willie J Hogan (Shannon Rovers). Standing: John McGrath (North Board Chairman), Noel Morris (Sean Ghael Committee), Fr Seamus Gardiner (Portroe), Jimmy Cahill (Borrisokane), Archbishop Dermot Clifford (Patron of the GAA), Pat Cleary (Lahorna Handball) and Tim Floyd (County Board Secretary).

presentation was decided very early on. The event used to have a 6 pm start but now takes place on a Sunday afternoon. The recipients and their family and friends gather together about 3.30 for tea and sandwiches and a get-to-know-you reception. The formalities commence at 4.30 with a number of speeches followed by the presentations which are preceded by a citation on each recipient. The proceedings conclude with a speech by one of the participants.

A Mixture of Stars and Ordinary Members

Since the first presentation in 2003 the list of recipients has included a mixture of famous names as well as players and administrators not well-known outside their clubs. From the beginning the committee decided to recognise 10 people per division. This figure was reduced to 8 in 2008.

The list of recipients in 2003 included such well-knowns as George Pyke of Clonmel Commercials, Dick Cummins of

Fethard, Seamus O'Riain of Moneygall, Tony Reddan of Lorrha, Jim O'Donoghue of Arravale Rovers, Monsignor Christopher Lee of Cashel, Mickey Byrne of Thurles Sarsfields and Bob Stakelum of Holycross-Ballycahill. It also included numerous ordinary members of the association, who had given a great part of their lives to keeping clubs going throughout the county and were getting their first recognition on a county stage.

This formula has worked well and has continued in the meantime. Recipients of the honour greatly appreciate the recognition and make their best efforts to be present on the day. Part of the greatness of the occasion is that it brings together as equals, men and women who won the highest honours and achieved the greatest fame in the association as well as more lowly members whose achievements are indeed modest. For all of these people supported the G.A.A. and gave it a lifetime of service in their own particular way. Each person's contribution was important for the health and success of the G.A.A.

The local newspapers have been very generous with their

coverage of the Sean Gael Awards. They give advance publicity of who the recipients are going to be and also coverage of the presentation ceremony. The G.A.A. Yearbook also faithfully records each year's recipients. It is only right and fitting that this should be as all the recipients are worthy of such recognition for a lifetime of service to the Gaelic Athletic Association.

The 2012 awards were presented to the following: **Mid:** Willie Barneville (Gortnahoe-Glengoose), Michael Murphy (Thurles Sarsfields), Martin Dwan (Drom & Inch), Billy O'Grady (Moyne-Templetuohy), Pat Cullen (Loughmore-Castleiney), Sam Melbourne (Moycarkey-Borris), John Dwyer (Boherlahan-Dualla), Paddy Cooney (Moycarkey-Borris); **West:** Paddy Verdon (Solohead), Paul McCarthy (Cappawhite), Paddy O'Sullivan (Cashel/Rosegreen), Tom Buckley (Rockwell Rovers), John Cleary (Tipperary Town), Philip Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore), John Stapleton (Golden-Kilfeacle), Mike

Dawson (Emly); **South:** Eddie Ryan (St. Marys), Bertie Sweeney (Fr. Sheehys), Franko Whelan (Ballylooby-Castlegrace), Sean Connolly (Fethard), John O'Neill (St. Marys/Commercials), Dick Goldsboro (Ballingarry), Dick Tobin (Grangemockler-Ballyneale), Patsy Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir); **North:** Kevin Moloney (Roscrea), Jimmy Cahill (Borrisokane), John Joe Burke (Ballinahinch), Willie Joe Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Tom Moloughney (Kilruane-MacDonaghs), Pat Cleary (Kildangan), Fr. Seamus Gardiner (Portroe/Borrisokane), John Gleeson (Moneygall).



West Board recipients at the Sean Gael Awards ceremony were, front l-r; Paddy O'Sullivan, Cashel and Rosegreen, Paddy Verdon Solohead, Jimmy O'Gorman (GAA trustee who presented the awards), Paul McCarthy Cappawhite, Mike Dawson Emly. Back l-r: Seamus McCarthy, Michael Stapleton (representing John Stapleton Golden Kilfeacle), Philip Maher Clonoulty Rossmore, Tom Buckley Rockwell Rovers, John Cleary (Tipperary Town Handball) and Roger Kennedy (Board Chairman).



South Tipperary Sean Gael Award recipients with guests, front l-r; Sean Connolly Fethard, Eddie Ryan St. Marys, Jimmy O'Gorman (GAA Trustee guest of honour), Dick Tobin Grangemockler Ballyneale, John O'Neill, St Marys/Commercials. Back l-r: Sean Nugent (County Chairman), Patsy Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir Handball), Joe Brennan (South Board Chairman), Frank Whelan Ballylooby/Castlegrace, His Grace Most Rev Dr. Dermot Clifford (Patron GAA), Noel Byrne (South Board Secretary), Dick Goldsboro Ballingarry, Bertie Sweeney Fr. Sheehys.



Cyclists pictured prior to the start of the Sponsored Cycle organised by Friends of Tipperary Football.

Friends of Tipperary Football

The AGM of the Friends of Tipperary Football was held in Thurles on 28th March, 2012. Officers elected at that meeting were President Connie Ryan (Drom-Inch), Chairman Pete Savage (Ardfinnan), Vice Chairman Michael Power (Moycarkey-Borris), Secretary Eddie Lonergan (Cahir), Treasurer Eamonn Buckley (Lattin-Cullen) Assistant Treasurer Michael Power (Newcastle), PRO John Costigan (Cahir).

The All Ireland success of the Minor Footballers has resulted in a feel good factor in all aspects of football in Tipperary and we were all delighted to see these fine young players win a second Munster title in a row. The great run of success came to an end in Croke Park with a quarter final defeat by Mayo. The Connacht county was the better team on the day, but many people still feel that if Tipp had got over that game, a second All Ireland title was more than possible. However, the great run came to an end (for now) with a brilliant record of an All Ireland title and two Munster titles. Very well done to all concerned.

The two fundraisers for the year were the Sponsored Cycle and the Golf Classic, both of which were very successful. The cycle was held on the day that Tipperary defeated Antrim to qualify for the

last 12 of the All Ireland Football Championship for the first time since 2002. It was a tremendous success and this was due to the great work of the parents of the Minor Footballers and to the Management and Selectors of the Minor team and to the efforts put in by the Minor footballers themselves on the day.

The Golf Classic was held on 3 dates in July and August with qualifiers in Cahir Park, Thurles and Nenagh qualifying 6 teams for the Grand Final in Tipperary Golf Club. The weather made things difficult for the committee, but it went off well in the end. The Committee is giving consideration to having a different format for 2013.

The two fundraisers put the Friends in a sound financial position for the year and all monies raised are used for the benefit of all Tipperary football teams from Under 14 to Senior and for the advancement of football within the county.

We look forward to a successful year next year, both on and off the field and we believe that the extra help that can be provided by the Friends is of great benefit to all our teams and can, perhaps, be that little extra that helps to bring success to Tipperary.



Cyclists pass Semple Stadium.

Co-ordinators key to Tipp GAA Draw success

By Shane Brophy

The Tipperary GAA Clubs Draw which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year wouldn't have been such a success but for the coordinators within the hurling and handball clubs of the county.

Many coordinators have been there right from the start, way back on May 16th 1988 when the first Tipperary GAA Members Draw was launched.

The Draw was established to provide a source of finance towards coaching and schools projects as at the time all surplus finance was directed toward the preparation of inter-county hurling and football teams. There was also the problem of paying off the substantial debt that hung over Semple Stadium following the refurbishment works in the build-up to the centenary All Ireland Hurling Final in 1984.

The draw was established under then County Board Chairman Noel Morris, who had seen similar draws being successful in Lorrha and Nenagh, according to current Draw Committee member and Nenagh Eire Óg draw promoter Ger Gavin.

"Fr Tom Seymour who was in Lorrha at the time had just come back from the north of Ireland where he had seen similar draws taking place. Funds were needed to build the new church in Rathcabbin and he promoted this idea where funds would have to be raised outside the parish by getting other clubs to sell tickets at no risk"

"We in Nenagh bought tickets for the draw and when we were planning the development of our Complex in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh Eire Óg used the same idea of creating a prize fund and getting other clubs and organisations to sell tickets from where they could make money also."

With each club earning 50% commission for every ticket they sell, at the height of the draw over the past 25 years, Nenagh Eire Óg would have had 900 subscribers, yielding up to £/€45,000 per year which helped develop the Complex as well as the stand at MacDonagh Park.

"The biggest benefit of the draw for the clubs is that it is at no risk for clubs. For each ticket they sell they keep €50 with the County Board providing the prize fund.

"Despite the recession, the draw is still very appealing with very good prizes. People are still willing to join the draw but the key to get enough promoters to sell the tickets in each club," he said.

Tom Ryan, a coordinator in Portroe for 24 years agreed: "Clubs have to go out and promote the draw. People won't come looking for tickets and in fairness when they are asked they are usually very supportive.

"It is all about putting the carrot in front of them to draw them in, such as if they cant pay the €100 up front, they can pay €50 now and €50 later in the year.

"We have had great promoters over the years while our subscribers are loyal but we would find it difficult, as most clubs do, to get younger

people to join the draw and we have tried to target some of them this year," he said.

Portroe have been one of the more successful rural clubs over the years in terms of their high level of subscribers, even if it meant selling in areas belonging to neighbouring clubs.

"Our parish has been great to support it and we have averaged around 500 subscribers per year. We have also had great support from outside the parish as well as natives who live in other parts of the country who either subscribe to the draw or act as promoters and sell a few tickets.

"The Draw has funded a lot of development in the club down through the years including the clubhouse, stand, dug-outs and ball wall.

"It provides a great source of income without having to run many other fundraisers."

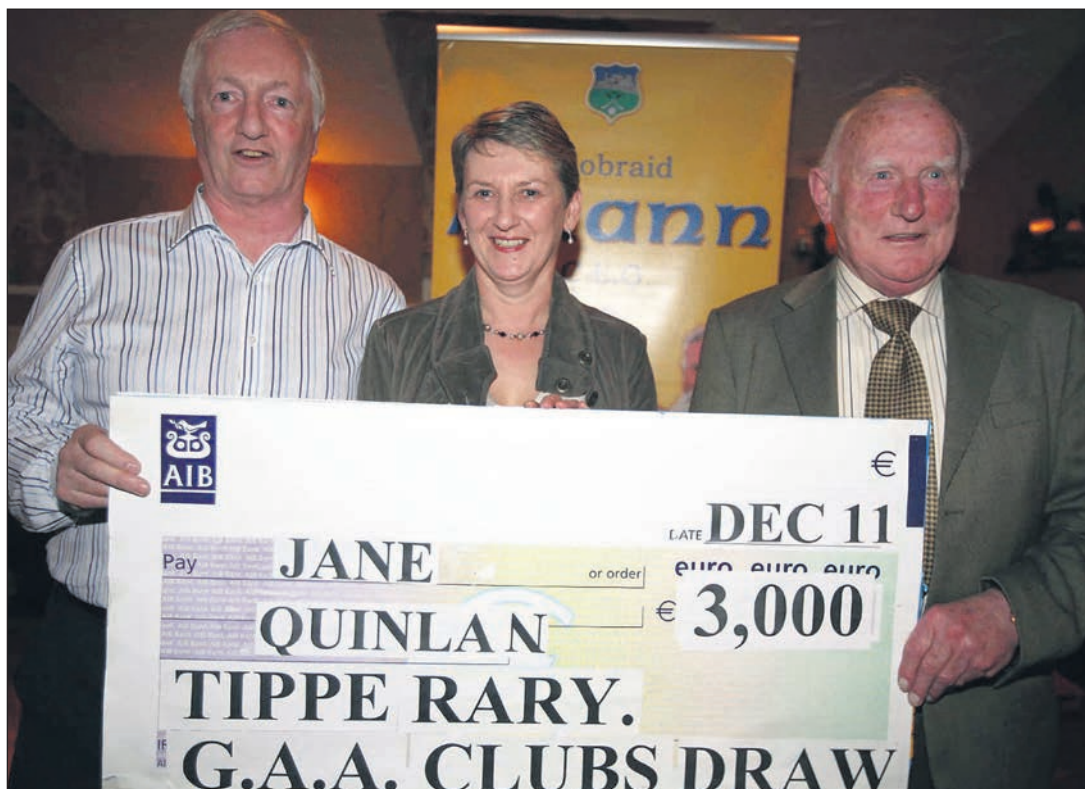
Others such as Margaret Gleeson in Lorrha and T.F. Stapleton in Borris-Ileigh have also been draw coordinators right from day one while current county secretary Tim Floyd was the first draw administrator, a role he held until, becoming county secretary in 2007 with fellow Newport man Ger Bradley taken over the role.

The first draw in 1988 saw tickets at €60 each with the clubs receiving a 33.3% commission. The committee exceeded its target of 6000 subscribers with 8,650 entered into the draw. The prize fund was raised to £150,000 the following year with the now customary car becoming the top prize. Commission to clubs increased to 45%, helping the membership jump to 13,710.

In 1990, Draw funds helped purchase The Ragg field from Drom & Inch GAA club, which in turn they presented on a long term lease to the Camogie County Board. Funds from the draw also helped clear the debt on Semple Stadium as well the development of the training grounds at Dr. Morris Park.

The success of the draw continued right up to the turn of the millennium which was the membership surpass the 20,000 mark, with the prize fund rising to almost €700,000.

The 25th edition of the draw began on Friday, 18th May with a prize fund of €500,000 with a guaranteed two Skoda cars as top prizes each month.



Jane Quinlan of Burgess GAA Club, received a cheque valued €3,000 as a prize winner in December. Her husband Michael Quinlan was Draw Promoter with Burgess. Also present Ger Gavin (Tipp Draw Committee).

Player welfare in the GAA

Ger Ryan Chairman, GAA Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee

The player is central to the GAA and all its activities. The skill and dedication of our players at all levels have captured the imagination of the public since the founding of the GAA and have been fundamental to the on-going success of the Association. The welfare of players is therefore of paramount importance to the GAA and its future success.

During the development of the GAA's Strategic Plan and Vision 2009-15, a key objective was the enhancement of the experience of all our players within the Association. Among the key areas of player welfare focus in the GAA are:

- Support for injured players through the Player Injury Scheme
- Injury prevention and recovery
- Best practice training and team preparation
- Education on nutrition
- Introducing practical initiatives to promote safety and well-being, e.g. compulsory wearing of helmets in hurling, forthcoming introduction of compulsory wearing of mouthguards in football, supply of defibrillators
- Monitoring and investigating medical and scientific research for new initiatives to benefit players
- Ensuring best practice injury treatment in a cost effective manner for players, clubs and counties
- Ensuring compliance with Anti-Doping requirements through education and monitoring

Before his appointment as Ard Stiúirthóir, Páraic Duffy was the GAA's Player Welfare Manager. This commitment to dedicating full-time resource to player welfare continues. Feargal McGill is Head of Games Administration and Player Welfare and Ruairi Harvey is Player Welfare Administrator. They work with the Association's Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee, which is comprised of medical professionals, players and administrators, to ensure that player welfare matters are kept to the forefront of priorities within the GAA. The primary responsibility of the Medical, Scientific and Welfare committee is to advise the Association on medical and general welfare matters relevant to our games and to drive Association policy in these areas.

Current initiatives being undertaken on the player welfare front include:

- 1) Continued support for the Injury Database and Surveillance programme which is administered in UCD by John Murphy and Dr. Catherine Blake. The collection of data for this programme is centred on inter-county hurling and football teams providing injury information. There are 16 teams between both codes providing information at present and it is planned to increase this. Apart from the information on injuries, this programme has identified ways to prevent injury and it is planned in 2013 to roll out a GAA specific warm-up regime that will help prevent lower limb injuries.
- 2) The 'Medical Emergency Bags for County Grounds' initiative allows the GAA to standardise the emergency medical equipment available in all primary County grounds and is part of a long-term project for the Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee to improve the standard of medical equipment and facilities at County grounds. It is planned to have these new standardised medical bags rolled out to each primary County ground in all counties in the coming months.
- 3) Preparation for the compulsory introduction of mouthguards in football from January 1st 2013 for all under 18 players and from January 1st 2014 for all over 18 players.
- 4) Programme to maintain and service defibrillators purchased through the GAA defibrillator scheme.

Finding out what players welfare needs are is of critical importance in planning welfare initiatives. The Medical,



Ensuring players can have a long career with minimal injury disruption is crucial for the game.

Scientific and Welfare Committee plans to survey a representative sample of players nationally in the coming months to get their input in preparing plans for the next couple of years. It will also seek feedback from counties where player forums are held.

Players deriving enjoyment from their participation in Gaelic Games is hugely important. Sometimes the enjoyment factor can be forgotten in the will to win, the desire to train harder than others, and the need to adjust family and work life to fit in with what can too often be unpredictable fixtures plans. These areas are a challenge for the organisation as a whole but are a priority from a welfare perspective.

Longevity is also important for players. Ensuring players can have a long career with minimal injury disruption is crucial and we need to look at the often unrealistic expectations we have of underage players to play multiple grades and multiple codes and in cases of elite players to do so with club, colleges and county teams.

Communications and access to information are essential to addressing player welfare. The GAA has a player welfare section on its website but this will be upgraded during the coming year. There will also be a move towards more video based dissemination of information that, for example, will allow players to play injury prevention video clips on smartphones. The aim is to get information directly to players in a manner they find easily accessible and not to rely on others to get it to them.

Sometimes player welfare is seen as something important for inter-county players alone. Inter-county players are of course very important but by and large, through the good work of many at county and national level and of course the GPA, their welfare is taken care of to a high standard. Welfare for club players must be equally important and focussing on it will be important in terms of building and maintaining loyalty of players and their families to the GAA.

The GAA can be proud of its overall record looking after its players. Of course there is room for improvement. Of course, it must continue to learn and develop new welfare initiatives as new challenges emerge. And it will do that.



At the presentation of an Education Bursary for 2012 - 2013 to inter-county camogie player, Brid Quinn, Silvermines by the Tipperary Association Dublin were (left to right): Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association Dublin, Brid Quinn and Pat O'Connell, Treasurer, Tipperary Association Dublin.

At the presentation of an Education Bursary for 2012 - 2013 to inter-county hurler, Noel McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney by the Tipperary Association Dublin were (left to right): Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association Dublin, Dr. Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, Sean Nugent, Chairman, Tipperary Co. Board, Noel McGrath and Pat O'Connell, Treasurer, Tipperary Association Dublin.



Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 2012



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



2012 was another terrific year for all associated with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. Our hurling finals staged over two hugely enjoyable days in Semple Stadium and The Ragg on June 7th and 8th were a huge success. This year we staged twenty six hurling finals over two days. This year saw a continuation of the "Go Games" Model for our Under 11 Competitions. The GDA officers were of tremendous 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. We have definitely achieved this target with increases in participating schools competing in hurling, camogie & football. More schools than ever got an opportunity to play in the Cathedral of Hurling and that is what we wanted to achieve. This year we had 49 different schools represented over the two days of hurling finals. Almost a third of Tipperary schools who participate in Cumann na mBunscol Activities got to walk out on the hallowed turf of Semple Stadium or The Ragg on County Final Day. Our football finals are scheduled to take place at different venues around the County from November 6th – 10th and these promise to be wonderful occasions for all involved. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol were also recognised at a National Level with awards for the County C6iste and Anacarty National School. In handball we had a huge number of schools participating. This ensured a very enjoyable and competitive handball competition. Sincere thanks to Paddy Collins for helping to co-ordinate the handball competition.

Approximately 170 schools are currently affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol in County Tipperary with a large number of schools contributing to our website: <http://cumannambunscol.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 website has proven very popular among pupils and teachers throughout the county. At the time of writing, our website has received in excess of 21,000 hits. We now also have a Twitter Account: @TippCumanNamBun which we set up over twelve months ago. Our Twitter following is steadily rising and we now have over 315 followers on Twitter. Twitter affords us the opportunity to get our message out instantly 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 and South Tipp Today for all the coverage they allocated to Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol in 2012.

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



Anacarty NS U11 D Camogie Winners



Ballagh NS U13 H Hurling Winners

luck to all the schools involved in this year's competitions and always remember: "Ní neart go cur le chéile".

Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol successful in National Awards By Aodan Wrenn Secretary Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol

Friday November 18th 2011 was a great day for Tipperary

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

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

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

We enjoy having older people watch us play.

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

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

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

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

We promise to respect the referee's decisions.

We ask the older people to do the same.

We promise to respect our opponents.

We shake hands before and after the game.

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Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. It was the night of the National Cumann na mBunscol awards. The awards ceremony took place in Croke Park, in the Mezzanine Suite, in the Hogan Stand. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol were nominated in two categories: Public Relations and Publication of the year. This in itself was a fantastic achievement, being nominated in the top four in each category out of all the counties in Ireland. A large crowd gathered in Croke Park for the annual Awards ceremony. There were representatives from every county, and every Province, in Ireland. Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael Christy Cooney was the guest of honour. In the Publication of the Year Category Tipperary were nominated along with Galway, Waterford and Limerick. When the results were called out Tipperary had come in first place! There was delight amongst the Tipperary contingent as this was the first time they had ever come first in a National Award. There was a second Award to contest on the night which saw us come second in the Public Relations Category. Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol's web-site, which was set up by our previous PRO Kate O'Connell, is maintained and run by John Manley. The website is the envy of the rest of many Cumann na mBunscol counties. The Award for Public Relations wasn't just for the web-site but the overall competence of Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol at PR level. The newspaper, radio, Use of Social Media and County Board coverage is also taken into account. Finally Anacarty N.S came second in the Games Promotion award, so it was a great evening for Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol! Allianz employee and former Dublin football legend Ciaran Whelan, along with GAA President Christy Cooney, presented the awards.

WELL DONE TO THE TIPPERARY MINORS

Well done to the Tipperary Minor Footballers and Tipperary Minor Hurlers on their respective Munster and All Ireland Title victories. Many of these players represented the Tipperary Primary Game teams as recently as 2008. Comhghairdeas.

PRIMARY GAME TEAMS

The Tipperary Primary Game Teams for the season's opening championship games were as follows: **Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Limerick** : 1. Mark O'Neill Kilruane, 2. Paddy Cadell St. Colmcilles, 3. Jay Culleton Dromakeenan, 4. Robert Quirke Ayle, 5. Donnchadh Quirke Clonoulty, 6. Conor Bowe Moyne, 7. Eoin Collins Barnane, 8. Billy Seymour Carrig NS, 9. Jack Ryan Ballagh NS, 10. Ray McCormack Borrisoleigh, 11. Darragh Woods Holycross NS. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Pat Buckley Ayle NS, Denis Kelly St. Colmcilles NS Templemore, Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa.

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME CAMOGIE TEAM V LIMERICK: 1. Eimear Ní Riain (Kildangan NS), 2. Caoimhe Quirke (Scoil Angela, Thurles), 3. Hazel Coffey (St. Marys, Nenagh), 4. Jane Grogan (Cashel GNS), 5. Katie Ryan (Upperchurch NS), 6. Anna Gavin (Holycross NS), 7. Aisling Carey (Templederry NS), 8. Amy Quinlisk (Kilruane NS), 9. Karen Hogan (Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea), 10. Laoise McGrath (Inch NS), 11. Eimear Meagher (Carrig NS). Roghnóirí: Michael Corcoran (Upperchurch NS), Tammy Cullen (New Inn NS), Julie Kirwan (Corville NS)

Tipperary Primary Game Boys Football v Kerry: Eoin Power, Clerihan, Mark O'Farrell, Carraig, Nenagh, Harry Byrne, Ballina, Eoghan Connolly, Cashel, Ryan Lambe, Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Jack Dolan, Moyglass, Oisín Napier, Rathkeevin, Ben Healy, Kilruane, Calvin O'Rourke, Gurtagarry, Luke Delahunty, St. Marys CBS, William Armshaw, Ayle. Roghnóirí: Liam O'Sullivan, Ardfinnan, Aodan Wrenn, Clerihan, Kieran Healy, Templemore, John Walsh, Clerihan, Padraig Fahey, Clerihan.

Tipperary Primary Game Ladies Football v Kerry: Bridín Ní Mhurchú, Gaelscoil Durlas Éile, Katelyn Fleming, Anacarty, Christina Brennan, Castleiney, Orla Maher, Ayle, Caoimhe O'Brien, Templemore, Lara O'Dwyer, Mount Bruis, Saoirse Fanning, Tankerstown, Rebecca Kenny, Killusty, Jane Seymour,



Boherlahan NS U11 B Camogie Winners



Boherlahan U13 C Camogie Winners



Borrisoleigh NS U11 C1 Hurling Winners

Carraig, Jenny Everard, Powerstown, Rachel Doyle, Ardfinnan. Roghnóirí: Ann Marie Landers, Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Katie Sweeney, Ardfinnan, Labhaoise Ní Chuinneagáin, Gaelscoil Durlas Éile

Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team V Cork: 1. Tim McCutcheon Templederry NS, 2. Paul O'Heney Emly NS, 3. Jack Connolly Ballyneale NS, 4. Jack Fallon Two Mile Borris NS, 5. Jordan Hayes Anacarty NS, 6. James Kirby Boherlahan NS, 7. Ross Bonner Cashel BNS, 8. Mark Stokes St. Peter & Paul's NS, 9. Niall Heffernan Thomastown NS, 10. Joseph Fogarty Dunkerin NS, 11. Rory Murphy Corville NS. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Pat Buckley Ayle NS, Denis Kelly St. Colmcilles NS Templemore, Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa.

Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Cork: 1. Aoife Ryan, Silvermines NS, 2. Clodagh Kinane, Drom NS, 3. Ciara Hickey,

Ballylooby NS, 4. Aoife Kavanagh, Boherlahan NS, 5. Leah Healy, Ballinahinch NS, 6. Avril Quirke, Clonoulty NS, 7. Eibhlís McDonald, Anacarty NS, 8. Daron Creamer, Portroe NS, 9. Amy Quigley, Lackamore NS, 10. Aoife Ryan, Donaskeagh NS, 11. Sarah Hickey, Dualla NS Selectors: Michael Corcoran, Upperchurch NS, Tammy Cullen, New Inn NS, Julie Kirwan, Corville NS

Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team V Waterford

Munster Final: 1. Dearbhla Slattery, Templederry NS, 2. Tara Mockler, Borrisoleigh NS, 3. Eimear Allison, Cashel GNS, 4. Katie Murphy, Clonoulty NS, 5. Laura Murphy, Dromakennan NS, 6. Mary Burke, Upperchurch NS, 7. Gillian McSherry, Ardcroney NS, 8. Laura Larkin, Dunkerrin NS, 9. Laura Tierney, Kilruane NS, 10. Tara Gayson, Kilvennon NS, 11. Annemarie Slattery, Gortnahoe NS. Roghnóirí: Michael Corcoran Upperchurch NS, Tammy Cullen New Inn BNS

Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Waterford Munster

Final: 1. Mark Fanning Moneygall, 2. Conor McCarthy Gaelscoil Nenagh, 3. Jack Moloughney Dualla NS, 4. Rory Meagher Lissenhall NS, 5. Ryan Hogan Carrig Birr, 6. Jack Hayes Killenaule NS, 7. Sean Kennedy Gaelscoil Clonmel, 8. Mark Downey Ballytarsna NS, 9. Billy Murphy Carrick CBS, 10. Sean Fitzgerald Mullinahone, 11. Niall Hocht St. Mary's Clonmel. Roghnóirí: Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Pat Buckley Ayle NS, Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa NS, Denis Kelly St. Colmcilles NS.

County Hurling Finals Report 2012

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals

The annual Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals took place in Semple Stadium Thurles and The Ragg over two days on Thursday, 7th June and Friday, 8th June. Despite the terrible weather conditions, the matches provided great entertainment for the large attendance on both days. This year proved to be one of the most challenging for those responsible for coordinating events, but ultimately everything ran off smoothly in the end thanks mainly to the cooperation and dedication of some very committed GAA people. Day 1 of our Finals was held in Semple Stadium. However, due to deteriorating weather conditions and in order to preserve the Semple Stadium sod, it was decided that we should seek an alternative venue for Day 2 of our Finals. The Ragg came to our rescue and thankfully we were able to complete our full schedule of 26 finals over the two days. Thanks are due to Semple Stadium 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. Indeed Andy and Jimmy even accompanied us out to The Ragg for Day 2 of the Finals. We were most grateful to have had them there as their experience proved invaluable in getting teams in and out of dressing rooms with the minimum of fuss, thus ensuring that everything ran like clockwork. Willie Clohessy and his wife Celine could not have been more accommodating to us when we had to relocate to The Ragg for Day 2 of the Finals. They put all the necessary arrangements in place for us at very short notice. A special thank you is also due to our referees Christy McLoughlin, Fergal Horgan, John Bob Ryan and John M. Geehan plus our very capable first year student 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 Chairman Paddy Kelly 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. 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. We would also like to thank all the spectators who donated so generously to our 'bucket' over the two days. We



Carrick CBS U11 A1 Winners



Carrig NS Nenagh U13 E Hurling Winners



Cashel BNS U11 B1 Hurling Winners

were astounded by the generosity and goodwill of people over the two days. Most importantly, special praise should also be afforded to all the talented boys and girls who graced both venues 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 2012 Hurling Finals are available from Michael Trehy Video Productions and all orders will be taken on 086 2755805. Teachers of the different schools can place their orders with Michael. Prices: Single Match: €20. Double Match Box Set: €25. All match reports and photos of the Finals are posted on the Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol website <http://cumannnambunscol.tipperary.gaa.ie/>. Chairman, Paddy Kelly would like to extend his thanks to Tipperary's County Board and of course to all those at Semple Stadium and The Ragg who contributed to making the Finals so successful.

DAY 1 THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE. VENUE: SEMPLÉ STADIUM.

Under 13A Camogie:

St. Marys Nenagh 9-03 Ballina 1-03

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

St Marys Convent Primary Nenagh: 1. Niamh Sheridan, 2.

Kristen Howard, 3. Rachel O'Connor, 4. Kate O Connor, 5. Ruth Hassett, 6. Liobhan Spillane, 7. Hazel Coffey, 8. Aisling Kennedy, 9. Becky McGrath, 10. Leah Sheedy, 11. Sarah Kennedy, 12. Ciara Phelan, 13. Ellen Sheehy, 14. Emma Leo, 15. Rita Bourke, 16.

Caoimhe Costello, 17. Emma Cahill, 18. Rachel Browne, 19. Leah Kelly, 20. Katie Manicle, 21. Lily Purcell, 22. Eva Duggan, 23.

Alannah Deering, 24. Saoirse Shanahan, 25. Aoife Duignan, 26.

Lauren Crowe.

Ballina Primary School: 1 Hannah Finnerty, 2 Kellie Fogarty, 3 Eve McCarthy Gilligan, 4 Claire Maguire, 5 Sophie McGrattan, 6 Ellen Lane, 7 Shona O'Sullivan, 8 Eimear O'Brien, 9 Anna Conway, 10 Sinead Dwyer, 11 Rebecca Power, 12 Aoife Graham, 13 Katie Dunne, 14 Lauren Gough, 15 Aideen O'Hagan, 16 Sinead Kennedy, 17 Aoibheann Rainford, 18 Rachel Foley. Principal: Margaret O'Sullivan, Teachers/Coaches: Mairead Keane, Paul O'Brien, Eamonn Power, Brid McMahon.

Under 11 A Hurling:

Scoil Ailbhe 7-6 Carrick CBS 3-1

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Scoil Ailbhe: 1. Cian Quirke, 2. Conor Stapleton, 3. Kieran Costello, 4. Fred Crowley, 5. Sam Rapaport, 6. Kieran Moloney, 7. Joe Dwan, 8. Jack Lanigan, 9. Cillian Donaghy, 10. Eoin Purcell, 11. David Mawe, 12. Jordan Fahey, 13. Taylor O'Meara, 14. Colin Quirke, 15. Thomas Stokes, 16. Oskar Lipinski. Coaches: Claire Grogan, Barbara Ryan, Norma Harrington, John Anderson, Fergal O'Reilly, Denis McCullagh. Principal: Miriam Butler.

Carrick CBS: 1. Cory Ryan, 2. Luke McNamara, 3. Conor Whelan, 4. Brad Murphy, 5. Christy Griffin, 6. Jack Murphy, 7. Cian Robinson, 8. Lee Costello, 9. Conor Reade, 10. James Daly, 11. Noel Anyanwu, 12. Aaron O'Sullivan, 13. Lee Keane, 14. Erin Cronin, 15. Kieran Daniels, 16. Ryan Kerwick. Principal: Pat Mansell. Coach: Tony Bolger.

Under 11 B-1 Hurling

Cashel BNS 3-5 Gaelscoil Durlas 3-3

Referee: John M. Geehan

St John the Baptist BNS: 1. Ross Whelan, 2. Cian Moloney, 3. Conor O'Dwyer, 4. T.J. Barron, 5. Ethan Gayson Molloy, 6. Eoghan Murphy (3rd), 7. Evan Moloney, 8. Jack McGrath, 9. Liutauras Skucas, 10. Jak Hays, 11. John Ryan, 12. Patrick O'Brien, 13. Dylan O'Dwyer, 14. David Ryan (captain), 15. Eoghan Murphy (5th), 16. Oskars Puzans. Principal: Will Ryan. Coaches Paddy Moloney, Sarah Costigan & Will Ryan.

Gaelscoil Bhríde Dúrlas Éile: 1. Eoin Ó Seannacháin, 2. Conchúr o Ceannuain, 3. Seosaimh Ó Baoighill, 4. Liam Ó Cionnaith, 5. Dean Ó Fainín, 6. Danny Ó Lionagáin, 7. Grace Ní Choimín, 8. Eoghan Ó Riain, 9. Dylan MacLochlainn, 10. James de Builéir, 11. Nathan Ó Fógartaigh, 12. Luke Ó Fógartaigh, 13. Éanna de Búrca, 14. Marc Ó Murchú, 15. Colm Ó Leathlobhair, 16. Eimear Nic Craith. Príomhoide: Séamus Ó Dubhgáin. Coaches: Niamh NicCraith, Eamon Ó Fainín & Labhaoise Ní Chuinneagáin.

Under 11 A-1 Hurling:

Carrick on Suir 8-5 Scoil Ailbhe 2-3

Referee: John Bob Ryan

Scoil Ailbhe: 1. Stephen Donovan, 2. Conor Fogarty, 3. Christopher Buckley, 4. Cian McDonnell, 5. Jack McGrath, 6. Luke Beresford, 7. Jack Murphy, 8. Jack O'Dwyer, 9. Keelan Graham, 10. Dominic O'Shaughnessy, 11. Shane Turner, 12. Ethan Blake, 13. Mark Martin, 14. Ben Buckley, 15. Daniel McCormack, 16. Martin Reilly, 17. Josh Moriarty, 18. Cathal McElgunn, 19. Aaron Dunne (injured), 20. Cian O'Dwyer. Coaches: John Anderson, Norma Harrington, Denis McCullagh, Fergal O'Reilly, Claire Grogan, Barbara Ryan. Principal: Miriam



Cashel BNS U13 B Hurling Winners



Clonoulty U13E Camogie Winners



Gaelscoil Nenagh U13 B Camogie Winners

Butler.

Carrick CBS: 1. Conor McGrath, 2. Dane Finn, 3. Richard Ryan, 4. Ben Rockett, 5. Dale Power, 6. Sean Daly, 7. Joshua Delaney, 8. Kian Ryan, 9. Ethan Kennefick, 10. Lee Kirwan, 11. Danny Murphy, 12. Aidan Waters, 13. Luke Prout, 14. James Morrissey, 15. Charlie Doyle, 16. Conor Whelan. Principal: Pat Mansell. Coach: Pat Mansell.

Under 11 B Hurling:

Scoil Eoin Naofa 5-10 Cashel 4-5

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

St John the Baptist BNS: 1. Dean O'Brien, 2. Luke White, 3. Jake Cotter, 4. Thomas Delaney, 5. Mikey Delaney, 6. Gabriel Saldanha, 7. Feargháil O'Donoghue, 8. Tomás Skeffington (captain), 9. Dean O'Brien, 10. Kevin Gayson Molloy, 11. Tommy Fitzgerald, 12. Aaron Moloney, 13. Tomás Burke, 14. Dylan Byrnes, 15. Daniel Moloney. Principal: Will Ryan. Coaches Paddy Moloney, Sarah Costigan & Will Ryan.

Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea: 1. Dean Pyne, 2. Maurice Walsh, 3. Jamie Ryan, 4. Tadhg Nash, 5. Darragh Tynan, 6. Conor Donovan, 7. Ryan Lee, 8. Martin Murphy, 9. Owen Tynan, 10. Bradley Neville, 11. Jamie Boland, 12. Vladislavs Bodrovs.

Principal: Mark McLoughlin. Coach Paddy Kelly and John Coughlan.

Under 13 D Hurling:

Powerstown 2-4 Gaelscoil Nenagh 2-1.

Referee: John Bob Ryan.

Powerstown N.S.: 1. David Bourke, 2. Jack Holohan, 3. Conor McGrath, 4. Luke Fogarty, 5. Cillian Crowe, 6. Glenn Cullinane, 7. Cathal McKeown, 8. T.J Quigley, 9. Brian Quirke, 10. Kieran Quirke, 11. Brian Lacey, 12. Shane O'Connor, 13. Thomas Hickey, 14. Séamas O' Brien, 15. Anthony Phelan, 16. Alan Boland, 17. James O' Donnell, 18. Jack Doolan, 19. Róisín Breen, 20. Emma Tobin, 21. Jenny Everard, 22. Riain Bolton, 24. Kellie Ryan. Principal: Eugene Fogarty. Coaches: Niamh Coffey & Noel Russell.

Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan: 1. Eoghan Ó Tincleir, 2. Killian Ó Maoileoin, 4. Fiachra Ó Ciardha, 5. Fiachra MacAn Starraí, 6. Cian Ó Grifin, 7. Chloe Ní Chonghaile, 8. Scott Ó Briain, 9. Manus Ó Éanáin, 11. Eoin Ó Gliasáin, 12. Conor MacCárthaigh, 13. Cian Ó Briain, 14. Jack Mac Giolla Laoire, 15. Brendan De Loingaigh, 16. Rory Ó Donnabhain, 17. Adam Ó Riain. Príomhoide: Inez Uí hÉanáin. Coaches David Minogue

Under 13 D Camogie:

Scoil Eoin Naofa 9-10 Rossmore 4-0

Referee : John M. Geehan.

Rossmore N.S.: 1. Róisín Ryan, 2. Derbhla Heffernan, 3. Michelle Ryan, 4. Jennifer Ryan, 5. Sinéad Ryan, 6. Rachel Ryan, 7. Lisa O'Neill, 8. Kayleigh Davern, 9. Saoirse Ryan, 10. Alison O'Keeffe, 11. Amy Ryan. Principal: Teresa O'Connor. Coaches Timmie Hammersley & Mary Shanahan.

Scoil Eoin Naofa: 1. Danielle Carson, 2. Shannon Moloney, 3. Chloe Keneally, 4. Karen Hogan, 5. Jessica Mitchell, 6. Kathleen Delaney, 7. Ciara Wynn, 8. Emma Kealy, 9. Katie Shanahan, 10. Niamh Moloney, 11. Tori Foyle, 12. Rachel Lynch, 13. Sommer Byrne, 14. Leah Wright, 15. Liga Litvaniece, 16. Sonita Wynn Doran, 17. Wicktoría Spyra, 18. Chloe Hutchinson, 19. Catherine O Connell. Principal; Mark McLoughlin Coaches; Rory McGrath and Paddy Kelly.

Under 11 D Hurling:

Upperchurch 2-7 Ayle 3-2.

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Upperchurch NS: 1. Padraig Ryan, 2. James Griffin, 3. Patrick Purcell, 4. A.J Shanahan, 5. Keith Ryan, 6. Luke Shanahan, 7. Darragh Bourke, 8. Joey O' Donoghue, 9. Patrick Burke. Principal: Alma Quinn. Coaches: Michael Corcoran & Tom Kennedy.

Ayle N.S.: 1. Michael OBrien, 2. Fionn O'Dwyer, 3. Connall Stokes Rodriguez, 4. Jill-Anne Quirke, 5. Ciarán Doody, 6. Cian Ryan, 7. Patrick O'Mahoney, 8. Patrick Barry, 9. Bob Purcell, 10. Eoin Murray, 11. Kaasim Alam Baloch, 12. Jack Armshaw. Principal: Seán Ó hAonghusa. Coaches: Pat Buckley and Shane O'Brien.

Under 11 E Final:

Skeheenarinky 4-9 Mount Buis 0-3.

Referee: John Ryan Bob

Mount Buis N.S.: 1. Jack Cunningham, 2. Jack O'Halloran, 3. Alan Quirke, 4. Tadhg Carew, 5. Timmy Corcoran, 6. Conor O'Dwyer, 7. Tony O'Neill, 8. Ciarán Healy, 9. Kevin Quirke, 10. Diarmuid Looby, 11. Shane Carew, 12. T.J. Cranley, 13. Anthony McGrath, 14. Ian Clarke. Principal: Cathy Cunningham. Coach Brian Devlin.

Skeheenarinky N.S.: 1. Dean Finn, 2. Vincent Fitzgibbon, 3. Mary Barrett, 4. Oisín Brennan, 5. Ricky Morrissey, 6. Tomás Vaughan, 7. Darragh Brennan, 8. Jack Murphy, 9. Joey Connolly, 10. Adam Dennehy. Principal: Catherine Doyle. Coach Eddie Maher.

Under 13 B Camogie :



Leugh NS U13 G Hurling Winners



Lissenhall U11 C Camogie Winners



Powerstown U13 D Hurling Winners

Gaelscoil Nenagh 5-4 Presentation Thurles 2-1.

Referee : John M. Geehan

Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan: 1. Emma Ní Dhonnabháin, 2. Hazel Ní Bhriain, 4. Sinéad Ní Cheallaigh, 5. Katie Ní Chofaigh, 6. Elena Ní Shithigh, 7. Chloe Ní Chonghaile, 8. Aoife Ní Dhuinn, 9. Niamh Ní Chinnéide, 11. Inez Ní Bhriain, 12. Megan de Grás, 13. Olivia Ní Chathaláin, 14. Sorcha Nic Airchinnigh, 15. Aoife de Grás, 16. Rachel Ní Chofaigh, 17. Roisin Ní Shuilleabháin, 18. Éire Nic Chartaigh, 19. Áine Ní Mhurchú, 20. Cáit Ní Dhonnchú. Príomhoide: Inez Uí hÉanáin. Coaches: Orla Ryan & Laura Reid.

Scoil Mhuire, Presentation Primary, Thurles: 1. Anna Dunne, 2. Leanne McGrath, 3. Amy Mc Govern, 4. Clíodhna Brennan, 5. Jennifer O'Mara, 6. Patrycja Gorczko, 7. Lillian Loughnane, 8. Shauna Jordan, 9. Emma Moore, 10. Tara Layden, 11. Sarah Hayden, 12. Zoe Lanphier, 13. Ciara Bracken, 14. Maira Upeniece, 15. Aoife Gleeson, 16. Emer Byrne, 17. Katie Hanafin, 18. Sinead Leahy, 19. Mariah McCarthy, 20. Amy McGrath. Principal: Anne Lanigan. Coach Louise Healy.

Under 11 D Camogie:

Anacarty 3-2 Ballinree 1-3

Referee: John M. Geehan

Anacarty National School: 1. Sarah Jane Furlong, 2. Catherina Coughlan (Captain), 3. Sarah Burke, 4. Gemma Fox, 5. Roseanne O'Donnell, 6. Rachel O'Dwyer, 7. Eva O'Dwyer, 8. Charlotte Curry, 9. Laura Heffernan, 10. Scarlett O'Brien, 11. Laura Looby, 12. Leah Heffernan. Principal: Olivia Ryan, Coaches: Marian Anderson and Sarah O'Neill, Watergirls: Ciara Kelly, Codie Deegan and Shaunagh Walsh.

Ballinree N.S.: 1. Ella Carey, 2. Lauren Ryan, 3. Margaret Quigley, 4. Caoimhe Cantwell, 5. Becky Kenneally, 6. Aisling McCormack, 7. Nicole Ryan, 8. Laura McCarthy, 9. Amy Bergin, 10. Kate Boyle, 11. Georgia Gudgeon, 12. Sarah McCarthy. Principal: Deirdre Boland. Coaches: Joe McCarthy & Nora Dwan.

Under 11 D-1 Hurling:

Rosegreen 8-3 Upperchurch 1-3.

Referee: Fergal Horgan.

Upperchurch NS: 1. Michéal McLoughlin, 2. Mikey Griffin, 3. James Treacy, 4. Thomas Purcell, 5. Sean Phillips, 6. Oisín Treacy, 7. Sean Ryan, 8. Joseph Burke, 9. Paraic Ryan, 10. Eoin Noonan. Principal: Alma Quinn. Coaches: Michael Corcoran & Tom Kennedy.

Rosegreen N.S.: 1. Elio Bonelli, 2. Christopher Geraghty, 3. Conor McLoughlin, 4. Cian Hayde, 5. Séan Ryan, 6. Michéal Quinlan, 7. Adam Ryan, 8. Jack Ryan, 9. Sean Lonergan, 10. Neil Ryan. Principal: John Lalor. Coach John Lalor.

Under 13 F Hurling:

Thomastown 8-13 Lissenhall 1-1.

Referee: Fergal Horgan.

Lissenhall N.S.: 1. Ryan McNeill, 2. Hugh Leamy, 3. Oisín Murphy, 4. Ciarán Timmons (Captain), 5. Darragh McKelvey, 6. Ruairí Maher, 7. Darragh Cleere, 8. Eoin Power, 9. Séan Spillane, 10. Paul Slattery, 11. Conor O'Sullivan, 12. Nigel Rafferty, 13. Shaun Hogan, 14. Cathal McGrath, 15. Oisín Richardson, 16. Dara Smyth, 17. Eoghan Tuttlebee. Principal: Donncha Ó Tuathail. Coaches: Ciaran Timmons, James Hayden & Damian Egan.

Thomastown NS: 1. Andy Byrnes, 2. Lorcan O'Dwyer, 3. Brian Barlow, 4. Niall Heffernan, 5. Tony Byron, 6. Adam McGrath, 7. Shane Farrell, 8. Robbie Byron, 9. Kevin Hally, 10. Martin Ryan, 11. Alex Ryan, 12. Jack O'Dwyer, 13. Christopher Farrell, 14. Jack Crowe, 15. Harry Barrett, 16. Alan Flannery, 17. Conor Farrell, 18. Lee Esmonde, 19. Eoin O'Sullivan, 20. Jack Kennedy, 21. Billy Ashford, 22. Darragh Kennedy, 23. Richie Crowe 24. DJ Cleary. Principal: Brian Cahill. Coaches: Siobhan Condon & Seanie O'Neill.

Under 11C Camogie

Lissenhall 4-02 Cashel 2-00

Referee: Fergal Horgan

St. John the Baptist Girls School Cashel: 1. Kate Purcell, 2. Millie Keane, 3. Clodagh O Dwyer, 4. Megan Hahessy, 5. Nora Quinlan, 6. Abi Muldoon, 7. Juliet Delahunty, 8. Jessica Fitzell, 9. Sorcha Ryan, 10. Laura McGrath. Coaches Frances Horan, Joe O Dwyer and Padraig Murray.

Lissenhall N.S.: 1. Katie Murphy, 2. Annie Ryan, 3. Ciara Grace, 4. Émer Tuohy, 5. Sarah Madden, 6. Rachel Shanahan, 7. Hannah Slattery, 8. Orla Maher, 9. Claire Ryan. Principal: Donncha Ó Tuathail. Coaches: Ciaran Timmons & Kathleen Fitzpatrick.

Under 11 B Camogie

Boherlahan 5-03 Burgess 0-02

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Boherlahan NS: 1. Sophie O'Shea, 2. Aisling Maher, 3. Claire Delaney, 4. Niamh O' Dwyer, 5. Ciara Dwan, 6. Ellie Ryan, 7. Aoife Linehan, 8. Katie Sherlock, 9. Ciara Mulcaire, 10. Kate Ryan. Principal: Mary O' Donnell. Coaches: John O' Dwyer &



Rosegreen U11 D1 Hurling Winners



Scoil Ailbe U11 A Hurling Winners



Scoil Ailbe U13A Hurling Winners

Sharon Clancy.

Burgess N.S.: 1. Agnes Mulqueen, 2. Heather Bourke, 3. Caoilfhionn Maher, 4. Danielle Boland, 5. Bríd Hayes, 6. Laura Tokarska, 7. Katie Grace, 8. Rebecca Curtin, 9. Seána Grace, 10. Megan Gleeson, 11. Niamh Slattery, 12. Miriam Looby. Principal: Bríd Slattery. Coaches: Majella McLoughlin & John Hogan.

Under 13H Hurling

Ballagh 8-06 Gurtagarry 7-02

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Gurtagarry NS: 1. Conor O'Farrell, 2. Stephen Frennd, 3. Thomas O'Farrell, 4. Calvin O'Rourke, 5. Jack Ryan, 6. Jack Cullen, 7. Brian Troy, 8. Eva Dunne, 11. Magan Tierney, 12. Grainne Ryan, 13. Joanne O'Farrell, 14. Aine Frennd, 15. Seamus O'Farrell. Principal: Margaret Harty. Coaches Eddie Ryan and D.J. Cleary.

Ballagh N.S.: 1. Aaron Kearns, 2. Jack Moriarty, 3. Oisín Fryday, 4. Kellie Quirke, 5. Jack Ryan (Capt), 6. Tommy Ryan, 7. Robert Doyle, 8. Edel Kearney, 9. Amy Jordan, 10. Anthony McCarthy, 11. Jake O'Donnell, 12. Matthew Cullen, 13. Christian Cullen. Principal: Joe Carmody. Coaches: Timmy Hammersley and John O'Keeffe. Mentors: Declan Ryan, Dan Quirke and Tom Ryan.

Day 2, Friday, 8th June. Venue: The Ragg
Under 11 A Camogie

St. Mary's Nenagh 9-00 Upperchurch NS 1-00

Referee: Fergal Horgan

St Marys Convent Primary Nenagh: 1. Grace Flaherty, 2. Corina Cantwell, 3. Aisling Moran, 4. Laura White, 5. Caroline Browne, 6. Lucy Spain, 7. Clara McGrath, 8. Eva McKeogh, 9. Clare Walsh, 10. Emily Morrissey, 11. Lily O'Brien, 12. Caoimhe Kennedy, 13. Maeve Hassett, 14. Siobhan Collins, 15. Leah Gleeson, 16. Ciara Sherlock, 17. Ciara Claffey, 18. Tara Byrne, 19. Eva Lawlor, 20. Ellie Spain.

Upperchurch NS: 1. MarieShanahan, 2. Alice Buckley, 3. Zara Bourke, 4. Eimear Hayes, 5. Jessica Dunne, 6. Katie Condon, 7. Clíodhna Fogarty, 8. Martha Ryan, 9. Michaela Shanahan, 10. Noírin Harty. Principal: Alma Quinn. Coaches: Michael Corcoran & Tom Kennedy.

Under 13 E Camogie

Clonoulty 1-05 Ballinaclogh NS 2-00

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Clonoulty N.S.: 1. Mary Therese Mockler, 2. Carrie Wade, 3. Katie Murphy, 4. Avril Quirke, 5. Ciara Quirke, 6. Eimear Bourke, 7. Anna Kennedy, 8. Millie Kearney, 9. Elena Quirke, 10. Katie Armstrong, 11. Molly McCarthy, 12. Saoirse Quirke, 13. Irene Slattery, 14. Allannah O'Donoghue, 15. Megan Crosby, 16. Mary Scholfield, 17. Kate McCarthy, 18. Aoibhinn Quirke, 19. Ella Murphy, 20. Emily Maher, 21. Meadhbh Mockler. Principal: Tom O'Brien, Coach: Michelle Horan.

Ballinaclogh N.S.: 1. Megan Maher, 2. Siobhán Corcoran, 3. Rebecca Forde, 4. Niamh Corcoran, 5. Ciara Dwan, 6. Ellen Maher, 20. Aoibhín Delaney, 7. Rachel McGrath.

Under 13 C Hurling

Two Mile Borris 3-07 Kildangan 1-03

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Two Mile Borris, Scoil Mochaomhog Naofa: 1. P.J. Tunstall, 2. Mark Heffernan, 3. Michael Murphy, 4. Daniel Ryan, 5. Jack Fallon, 6. Max Hackett, 7. Rory Darmody, Capt., 8. Steven Callanan, 9. Sean O'Meara, 10. David O'Donnell, 11. James Dillon, 12. Diarmaid Maher, 13. David Ryan, 14. Conor Cummins, 15. Darren Flood, 16. Michael Maher, 17. Pat Hackett, 18. Evan Coughlan, 19. Jack Morrissey, 20. Maria Lanigan, 21. Brian Long, 22. Bill Hackett, 23. Sean Mockler, 24. Kevin Hayes, 25. Andrew Alexander O'Shea, 26. Liam McDonagh, 27. Michael O'Donnell. Principal: Joan Doherty, Coaches: Liam McCullagh, Paddy Moore.

Scoil Chill an Daingin: 1. Liam Hayes, 2. Darragh Flannery, 3. Conor Culhane, 4. Martin Culhane, 5. Tom O'Meara, 6. Aoibheann Ryan (C), 7. John McGrath, 8. Regan Courtney-Bowler, 9. Eimear Ryan, 10. Ronan Ducie, 11. Sean Hayes, 12. Mark Gleeson, 13. Sean Creamer, 14. Daniel Daly, 15. Billy Connolly, 16. Cathal Ryan, 17. Peter Ryan, 18. Henry O'Neill, 19. Cathal Ryan, 20. Daragh Butler, 21. Robert Clarke, 22. Aidan Ryan, 23. John O'Meara, 24. Stephen Mulvihill, 25. Mark Quigley.

Under 13 E Hurling

Carrig Nenagh 9-02 Ayle 1-00

Referee: Fergal Horgan

Carrig NS: 1. Eoin McGrath, 2. Matthew Cleary, 3. Cian O'Farrell, 4. Mark O'Farrell, 5. Darragh Kinsella, 6. Bryan McLoughney, 7. Billy Seymour, 8. Luke Fahy, 9. Billy McGrath, 10. Kelum Harrington, 11. Eimear Maher, 12. Timmy Ray, 13. Kaitlin O'Halloran, 14. Aidan McCabe, 15. Jason Garland, 16. Lauren Tucker, 17. Jane Minehan, 18. Michael Reddan, 19. Jane Seymour. Principal: Mairead O'Halloran. Coaches: Gary Prout, Bertie Sherlock & Maeve Moloney.

Ayle N.S.: 1. Kaasim Alam Baloch, 2. Órnaith Hennessy, 3. Bob Purcell, 4. Fionn O'Dwyer, 5. Robert Quirke, 6. Ciarán Doody, 7. Cian Murray, 8. Cian Ryan, 9. William Barry, 10. Jill-Anne Quirke, 11. William Armshaw, 12. Patrick Barry, 13. Jack Armshaw, 14. Patrick O'Mahoney, 15. Diarmaid Duggan. Principal: Seán Ó hAonghusa. Coaches: Pat Buckley and Shane O'Brien.



Scoil Eoin Naofa U11 B Winners



Scoil Eoin Naofa U13 D Camogie Winners



Skeheenarinky NS U11 E Hurling Winners

Under 11 C1 Hurling

Borrisoleigh 5-03 Ardfinnan 2-00

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Borrisoleigh: 1. Jack Fitzgerald, 2. Micheál Ryan, 5. Oisín Stapleton, 6. Cathal Hogan, 7. Eddie Ryan, 9. Luke Cooney, 10. Adam Galvin, 11. Fintan Holland, 12. Bryan Murray, 13. Cian Stapleton, 15. Darragh Quigley, 18. Paul McCormack. Principal: Kay Ryan. Coaches: Michael Small & Michael Ryan.

Ardfinnan N.S.: 1. Liam Burke, 2. Eoin Wyse, 3. Morgan Lambert, 4. David Brannigan, 5. Aaron Carroll, 6. Ciarán Walshe, 7. Philip Betts, 8. Ben Doyle, 9. Cian O'Leary, 10. Cian O'Mahoney, 11. Rhys Byron, 12. Cian Landy, 13. Shane Ryan. Manager/Coach: Mr Kevin Leahy.

Under 11 C Hurling

Knockavilla 2-06 Ardcroney 1-00

Referee: John M. Geehan

Knockavilla N.S.: 1. Alan Butler, 2. Lorcan Carr, 3. Hugo Bourke,

4. Cormac Ryan, 5. Devon Ryan, 6. Stephen Browne, 7. Aaron Browne, 8. Joe Fitzgerald, 9. Barry McCarthy, 10. Ben Ryan. Principal: Eleanor O' Dwyer. Coaches: Kevin Moran, Joanne Horgan, Michael Shanahan.

Ardcroney N.S.: 1. Cian Spillane, 2. Katie Morris, 3. Colm Cleary, 4. Matthew Spain, 5. Laura Shinnors, 6. Kian O'Kelly, 7. Conor Ryan, 8. Páraig Coonan, 9. Barry Shanahan, 10. Óisín Carroll, 11. Daniel Costello, 12. Keelann McGrath, 13. Gosh Geoghegan, 14. Matthew Hodgins, 15. Devlin Courtney. Principal: Martin Ryan. Coaches: Len Gaynor.

Under 13 B Hurling

Cashel BNS 2-07 Tipperary CBS 1-05

Referee: John M. Geehan

St John the Baptist BNS: 1. Feargháil O'Donoghue, 2. Adam Skeffington, 3. Michael Morrissey, 4. Michael O'Meara, 5. Rodrigo Goncalves, 6. Jack Browne Corbett, 7. Ross Bonnar, 8. Eoghan Connolly, 9. Scott Scanlon, 10. Luke Quinlan, 11. Jamie O'Keeffe, 12. Murragh McDermott (captain), 13. Sean Ryan, 14. Gabriel Saldanha, 15. Tomás Skeffington, 16. Dean O'Brien, 17. Jak Hays, 18. Luke White, 19. Jack Ryan (Con), 20. Dean Quinlan, 21. Sean Quinlan, 22. Dylan Byrnes, 23. Evan Hynes, 24. Jake McCarthy, 25. Kevin Gayson Molloy, 26. Tommy Fitzgerald, 27. Aaron Moloney, 28. Tomás Burke, 29. Mikey Delaney, 30. Daniel Moloney. Principal: Will Ryan. Coaches Paddy Moloney, Raymond O'Sullivan & Will Ryan.

Tipperary CBS: 1. Dean Morrissey 2. Fearghus Halligan 3. Finn McCall 4. Tadhg O'Connor 5. Conor Leahy 6. Jordan Doyle 7. Matthew Moroney 8. Darren O'Dwyer 9. Brian Lowry 10. Jack Lowry 11. Jonathan Ryan 12. Christopher Ryan 13. Michael Sharpe 14. Aaron Ryan 15. Cian Tobin 16. Jason Murphy 17. Gavin Downey 18. Mark Donovan 19. Jack Quinlan 20. Jamie Lonergan 21. Raymond Hennessey 22. Adam Fowler 23. Cormac Kinnane. Principal: Pat O'Halloran Coaches: Paudie Reale, Aoife O'Brien.

Under 13 C Camogie

Boherlahan 4-04 Carrig Birr 0-01

Referee: Christy McLoughlin

Boherlahan NS: 1. Shaunagh Riordan, 2. Maria Ryan, 3. Aoife Kavanagh, 4. Orlagh Lacey, 5. Casey Hennessy, 6. Sarah Kate Delaney, 7. Ciara Dwan, 8. Katie Lonergan, 9. Ellie Ryan, 10. Sarah Jane O' Conner, 11. Kerri Fitzgerald, 12. Aoife Linehan. Principal: Mary O'Donnell. Coaches: John O'Dwyer & Tina Roche.

Carrig N.S.: 1. Michelle Maher, 2. Orla Killeen, 3. Bríd Ryan, 4. Emma Cleary, 5. Aoife Hctor, 6. Aoife Cogavin, 7. Ciara Brennan, 8. Cathy Fogarty, 9. Claire Hogan, 10. Laura Sampson, 11. Sarah Pingree, 12. Caoimhe Molloy, 13. Aoife Bond, 14. Saoirse Moran, 15. Michelle Fogarty, 16. Leah Egan, 17. Anna Dickson, 18. Sarah Brophy, 19. Grace Cashen, 20. Sinead Hctor, Principal: Tony Sampson. Coaches Tony Sampson & Ger Oakley.

Under 13 G Hurling

Leugh 5-05 Rearcross 1-00

Referee: John M. Geehan

Leugh NS: 1. Brídann Tierney, 2. Jack O'Reilly, 3. Patrick Scully, 4. Ciaran Connolly, 5. Barry McGrath, 6. Christopher Munroe, 7. Sadhbh Leahy, 8. Edmond Connolly, 9. Cormac Flynn, 10. Séan Collins, 11. Peter Wall, 12. Luke Brereton. Principal: Louise McCullagh. Coaches: Paddy Moore and Tony Lanigan.

Rearcross N.S.: 1. Pat Carroll, 2. Conor Nolan, 3. Aaron McMahon, 4. Pat O' Toole, 5. Niamh Sheldon, 6. Grace O' Toole, 7. Adam Hurley, 8. Philip Deegan, 9. James Rochford, 10. Thomas Butler, 11. Colm Carey, 12. Gillian Lyons, 13. Oscar Ottman, 14. Caitlin Hyde, 15. Lauren Mulligan, 16. Chloe O' Donnell. Principal: Michael Corcoran. Coaches: John Carey & John Sheldon.

Under 13 A Hurling:

Scoil Ailbhe Thurles 3-5 St. Colmcille's Templemore 0-9.



St. Mary's Nenagh U11 A Winners Camogie



Thomastown U13 F Hurling Winners



Two Mile Borris U13 C Hurling Winners

Referee: Christy McLoughlin.

Scoil Ailbhe: 1. Christopher Carew, 2. Kevin Bracken, 3. Donal Fitzpatrick, 4. Séan Butler, 5. Pádraig Blake, 6. Anthony Cooney, 7. Adam Derby, 8. Kieran Moloney, 9. Seamie Doyle, 10. Frank McKevitt, 11. Evan Moore, 12. Ronan McGuire, 13. Jack Lanigan, 14. Liam Power, 15. Darren Fahey, 16. Philip Ryan, 17. Patrick Bowden, 18. Shane Fitzpatrick, 19. Bill Shanahan, 20. Conor Loughnane, 21. Arthur Geronimo, 22. Dylan Costello, 23. Ben Murphy, 24. Jamie Donovan, 25. Stephen Dorney, 26. Arnold Arlauskas, 27. Fred Crowley, 28. Radek Siwonina, 29. Eoin Purcell, 30. Michéal Mulcaire, 31. Thomas Grimes. Coaches: Fergal O'Reilly, Denis McCullagh, Claire Grogan, John Anderson, Barbara Ryan, Norma Harrington. Principal: Miriam Butler.

St. Colmcille's NS Templemore: 1. Michael Fogarty, 2. Ben Collins, 3. Edward Bergin, 4. Darragh Doyle, 5. Kieran Hctor, 6. Eanna McBride, 7. Ciarán Byrne, 8. Paddy Cadell, 9. Shane Doyle, 10. Conor Cadell, 11. Andrew Ormond, 22. Nick Keane, 13. Aaron

Fogarty, 14. Ruairi Mockler, 15. Hugh Maher, 16. Lorcan Roche, 17. Michael Marnell, 19. Brandon Morrissey, 20. Noel Morrissey, 21. Jack Prout, 23. Kuba Beben, 24. Niall Sheedy, 25. Troy Costello, 26. Conor Keating, 27. Aaron Quinlan, 28. Paddy Martin, 29. Diarmuid Delaney, 30. Ali Aissou, 31. Mark Newman. Principal: Kieran Healy. Coaches Conor Doyle & Denis Kelly.

Under 13 Football

- A: Templemore beat St. Peter and Pauls
- B: Powerstown beat Cashel BNS
- C: Two Mile Borris beat Gaelscoil Clonmel
- D: Rathkeevin beat Ballina
- E: Gaelscoil Nenagh beat Moyglass
- F: Thomastown beat Corville
- G: Ballyneale beat Kilbarron
- H: Donaskeigh beat Burgess
- I: Kilcash beat Gurtagarry

Under 11 Football

- A: St. Marys CBS beat Tipperary CBS
- A1: Carrick CBS won the County Final Blitz.
- B: Clerihan beat Gaelscoil Durlas.
- B1: Cashel BNS won the County Final Blitz.
- C: Moycarkey beat Ardfinnan
- C1: Rosegreen beat Upperchurch
- D: Boherlahan won County Final Blitz
- D1: Borrisoleigh BNS beat Corville
- E: Ballagh won the County Final Blitz

Under 13 Ladies Football

- A: Ballylooby beat Our Ladys Cahir
- B: Mount Bruis beat Upperchurch
- C: Boherlahan beat St. Josephs Tipperary
- D: Rahealty beat Ayle.
- E: Castleiney won County Final Blitz

Under 11 Ladies Football

- A: Mount Bruis beat Ballyporeen
- A1: Gaelscoil Durlas beat Our Ladys Cahir
- B: Gaelscoil Durlas beat Sisters of Charity
- C: Boherlahan won County Final Blitz
- C1: Grange beat Upperchurch
- D: Rahealty beat Mullinahone

Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Handball Finals Results 2012

- Girls Under 11 Singles - Orla Molloy (Ardcroney) Bt Claire Ryan (Lissenhall) 11/0, 11/2
- Boys Under 11 Singles - Sean Hayes (Kildangan) Bt Matthew Spain (Ardcroney) 11/7, 11/8
- Girls Under 11 Doubles- Laura Shinnors/Katie Morris Maloney (Ardcroney) Bt Sarah Madden/Éimer Tuohy (Lissenhall) 11/0, 11/2
- BU11D: Cathal Conneely/Jack O Keefe(Youghal) Bt Ben White/Jack Mc Grath (Cashel) 11/3, 9/11 (20-14)
- Girls Under 13 Singles Gillian Mc Sherry (Ardcroney) Bt



St. Mary's Nenagh U-13 Camogie



Upperchurch NS U11 D Hurling Winners



Knockavilla NS U11 C Hurling



John Manley, PRO, Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol, Christy Cooney, Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael and Aodan Wrenn, Secretary, Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol

Eimear Meagher (Carrig) 11/7, 11/3

Boys Under 13 Singles John McGrath (Kildangan) Bt Daire Madden (Kylepark) 11/6, 11/10

Girls Under 13 Doubles: Síle Spain /Caroline Hill (Ardcroney) Bt Danielle Nealon /Katie O Flaherty (Youghalarra) 11/2, 11/8

Boys Under 13 Doubles: Sean Mc Adams/Peter Folan (Ardcroney) Bt Michael O'Meara/Tom Skeffington (Cashel) 11/9, 11/10.



2012 Tipperary Primary Game Ladies Football Team v Kerry



Tipp Primary Game Camogie Team V Limerick 2012



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team V Cork 2012



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Waterford 2012



Tipperary Primary Game Football Team v Kerry 2012



Tipperary Primary Hurling Team v Cork 2012.



Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Limerick 2012



Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Waterford 2012

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A Year to remember for Thomastown NS

Thomastown NS, while situated in the parish of Golden Kilfeacle, is located close to the clubs of Galtee Rovers and Knockavilla Kickhams and has pupils from all three parishes. Gaelic Games and Athletics has been an integral part of school life for many years now.

The academic year of 2011/2012 will always be remembered as a unique and exceptional year not just for the pupils and staff of the school but the entire community and surrounding parishes. It was in this year that the school won Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol county finals in hurling and gaelic football.

The school also won the first ever County Tipperary Primary Schools Hurling Skills competition, won the West Tipperary Primary Schools Quiz and competed in the first ever Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Primary School Blitz. Each child attending the school considers playing for the school team a privilege and an honour.

In November 2011, Thomastown NS Under 13 Boys Football team took the field against Corville NS, Roscrea in The Ragg. The game was close for long periods until Thomastown pulled away in the second half to win the county football title for the first time since 1997. To win one county title was a magnificent achievement but no one could have envisaged that we would be celebrating again this June.

Playing in Semple Stadium on county final day is where every team wants to be. We were playing Lissenhall NS and managed to get a couple of quick scores early in the first half and never looked back from there on. The under-13 Boys were celebrating again and the county hurling title was on its way back to Thomastown NS for the first time in the history of the school.

County Primary Schools Hurling Skills Competition

In May, four pupils, Tony Byron, Andy Byrnes, Niall



Thomastown NS Ladies Football team that participated in the Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Blitz held in June 2012



Thomastown NS – County Tipperary Primary Schools Hurling Skills Champions 2012



Thomastown NS - Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Under 13 Hurling and Football Champions 2011/12



Thomastown NS pupils and Galtee Rovers club members that won County Schools Hurling and Football titles along with the West and County Under 12 Football titles 2012 with their club

Heffernan and Shane Farrell from the school took part in the West Tipperary Hurling Skills final. This was a new initiative organised by the Tipperary County Board. The pupils had to complete a number of tests based on the skills of striking on the run, the solo run, the sideline cut and striking off our left and right sides. The pupils won the West final and they qualified for the county final held in Dr. Morris Park in Thurles. On the day, there were schools from all over Tipperary taking part. The boys competed wonderfully well and they were successful on the day and won a new laptop computer for the school. It was a great honour to be the first school in Tipperary to win the competition

West and County Tipperary Primary Schools GAA Quiz

In November, a team from the school took part in the West Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. On the night, Thomastown NS won the quiz and they had earned the right to participate in the county final which was held in the Sarsfields Centre in Thurles in December. There were some very tough questions on the night and the team finished 4th in the county final. The quiz team was Niall Heffernan, Jack O'Dwyer, Shane Farrell and Adam McGrath

Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Primary School Blitz

Thomastown NS ladies football team participated in the first ever Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Primary School Blitz. This was a pilot blitz for primary schools in both Tipperary and Waterford. This venture proved to be a great success and the only question being asked by those schools who participated was when the next blitz was going to be held. Of the five schools from Tipperary who played on the day, three of the schools had no ladies football club in their parishes so this was a new experience for many of the girls.

Tipperary Primary Go Games Hurling Team

On 24th June 2012, another unique piece of school history was created when Niall Heffernan became the first boy from the school to earn a place on the Tipperary Primary Go Games hurling team. Niall played on the team that took the field against the Rebels in the home of Cork GAA, Páirc Uí Chaoimh on what was a very proud day for Niall, his family and Thomastown NS.



Tipperary Ladies' Football

Tipperary Ladies football started 2012 with the appointment of new team management for our adult senior team. Sean O'Donovan (Moyle Rovers) took over as team manager and was joined by Eamon Ryan (Newcastle) as team trainer, with Una O'Brien (St. Patricks Cloneen/ Drangan) a former county senior player with Tyrone acting as selector. Joining them in the back up team were Kay Lyons (Moyle Rovers) liaison officer and Elaine Powell (Clonmel) physio.

Bord Gais Energy NFL Division 2

Date	Match	Venue	Result
05/02/2012	Tipp v Kerry	Cahir	Tipperary 1-10 Kerry 5-14
12/02/2012	Tipp v Cavan	Breffni Park	Cavan 1-9 Tipperary 1-5
19/02/2012	Tipp v Fermanagh	Templemore	Tipperary 4-12 Fermanagh 2-10
04/03/2012	Tipp v Mayo	Mayo Abbey	Mayo 2-12 Tipperary 2-8
11/03/2012	Tipp v Clare	Bansha	Tipperary 2-10 Clare 5-12
18/03/2012	Tipp v Galway	Pearse Stadium	Galway 4-12 Tipperary 0-12
01/04/2012	Tipp v Waterford	Templemore	Tipp 1-10 Waterford 2-15

Tipperary and Fermanagh are relegated to Div 3 for 2013.

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship

At the annual congress in March 2012 a decision was taken to restructure the Senior and Intermediate championships. Armagh, Down, Sligo and Tipperary were relegated to Intermediate.

TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Championship Group C

Date	Match	Venue	Result
01/07/2012	Tipp v Longford	Emmet Park	Longford 2-14 Tipperary 1-9
28/07/2012	Tipp v Sligo	Tourlestrane	Sligo 1-8 Tipperary 1-10
11/08/2012	Tipp v Cavan	Templemore	Tipperary 1-10 Cavan 3-12
18/08/2012	Tipp v Roscommon	Dr Hyde Park	Roscommon 1-14 Tipp 3-15
21/08/2012	Tipp v Cavan	Mountmellick	Tipperary 0-15 Cavan 2-11

Tipperary will retain their Intermediate status for 2013 due to their wins over Roscommon and Sligo.

Tipperary panel for 2012

Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Catriona Walsh (Moycarkey), Claire Carroll (Galtee Rovers), Sinead Delahunty (Foxrock/ Cabinteely), Teresa McGrath (Ballymacarby), Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite), Barbara Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Aoife Ryan (Cappawhite), Bernie Ryan (Upperchurch), Gillian O'Brien (Moyle Rovers), Shauna Ryan (Ballymacarby), Edith Carroll (Galtee Rovers), Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Edel Hanly (Aherlow), Katie Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Aine Staunton (Aherlow), Breda Feeny (Ballyporeen),

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All-Ireland Intermediate Championship

Tipperary 0-15 Cavan 2-11

Tipperary's involvement in this year's championship ended when they were defeated by Cavan on August 22nd in Mountmellick Sarsfields G.A.A grounds. Cavan may have won by two points but this Tipperary team can be proud of the effort they put in on the evening. Cavan had defeated Tipperary in Templemore two weeks previous in what was a very lacklustre



Tipperary Ladies Football Intermediate team 2012. Helen Kennedy, Catriona Walsh, Claire Carroll, Sinead Delahunty, Treasa McGrath, Sheelagh Carew, Barbara Ryan, Jennifer Grant, Aoife Ryan, Bernie Ryan, Gillian O'Brien, Shauna Ryan, Edith Carroll, Samantha Lambert, Edel Hanly, Imelda O'Donovan, Katie Lyne, Aine Staunton, Breda Feeny, Caoimhe Bowles, Rosemarie Carew, Grainne O'Gorman, Orla Meagher, Elaine Kennedy, Siobhan Condon, Mary O'Dwyer, Jessica Newman.



Tipperary Ladies Football Minor panel 2012: Fiona Rees, Denise Ryan, Marie Claire Murphy, Erin Connolly, Ellen Walsh, Aoife Meaney, Grainne Fennelly, Siobhan Heffernan, Amy Pollard, Niamh Myles, Clara Doheny, Sinead Kennedy, Danielle Hackett, Denise O'Donnell, Rachel Burke, Mary Meaney, Hannah Stapleton, Mary Ann McCarthy, Aoife Cosgrove, Josephine Connolly, Amy Sweeney.

display by Tipperary. This certainly could not be said of this team as on the night they fought tooth and nail for every ball. Some missed goal chances may have cost them on the night but Tipperary lost nothing in defeat. The score board may have shown a Cavan win but for this team their management team and supporters of Ladies Gaelic Football in Tipperary it will be classed as a well-deserved Moral Victory and presents a very bright future for this Intermediate team for 2013.

At the start of the league back in February in the first round against Kerry Tipperary found it difficult to field a team but as time went on Sean O'Donovan and his back room team have been building a team nice and steadily which will be the future of Tipperary football. Seven games in the League, two in the Munster championship and five in the All-Ireland championship was certainly a busy time for this team. Our thanks to all the players that committed to this team they can be proud of their commitment to the Tipperary jersey. To the team management of Sean O'Donovan manager, Eamon Ryan trainer and Una O'Brien selector for a wonderful effort at what was not an easy undertaking but they can take heart in the knowledge that they have set a good foundation for Tipperary football for the future.

Kay Lyons as administrator for the team worked tireless throughout the year to have everything in place for this team. Elaine Powell as physio for the team had the girls in tip top shape for all their games.

Team - Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite), Cathriona Walsh (Moycarkey), Jennifer Grant (Brian Borus), Sinead Delahunty (Foxrock Cabintelly), Katie Lyne (Moyle Rovers), Samantha Lambert (Ardfinnan), Bernie Ryan (Upperchurch), Aoife Ryan (Cappawhite), Barbra Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Aine Staunton (Aherlow), Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite), Siobhan Condon (Aherlow), Edith Carroll (Galtee Rovers), Edel Hanley (Aherlow), Gillian O'Brian (Moyle Rovers). Subs used Caoimhe Boles (Clonmel Commercials), Breda Feeney (Ballyporeen), Grainne O'Gorman (Templetohy), Shauna Ryan (Ballymacarby).

Under 16 All-Ireland

Cavan 4-11 Tipperary 5-6

Tipperary travelled to Banagher, Co. Offaly with high expectations of lifting a second Under 16 All-Ireland title in three years. In 2009 Libby Grogan, Derry Peters and Connor O'Dwyer



Tipperary Ladies Football Under 16 team 2012. Back Row: E. Fitzpatrick, L. Cadell, C. Walsh, M. Murphy, E. Bartley, A. Jordan, K. Halpin, S. McGeever, S. Murchan, D. Walsh, H. Shanahan, M. Curley, C. Casey, M. Kinane, E. Buckley, L. Ryan. Front Row: M. Burke, L. Dillon, B. Condon, S. Buckley, S. Ryan, A. McCarthy (Captain), R. Howard, N. Mackey, B. Barlow, S. Everard, M. O'Gorman.



Tipperary Ladies Football Under 14 team 2012. Emer McCarthy, Aine Dunne, Cliona Collins, Aisling Deely, Shania Dowling, Aoife Corcoran, Katie O'Donoghue, Aoife Hocht, Sinead Buckley, Aoibhe O'Shea, Caoimhe Condon, Michelle McMeel, Evreena Everard, Orla O'Dwyer, Jean Kelly, Claire Moore, Grainne Condon, Olivia Hogan, Laura Morrissey, Heather Phelan, Grainne Ryan, Eimear Loughman, Sarah Buckley, Chloe Frewen, Lara O'Dwyer, Aoife Crosse, Bronagh McGrath, Kate O'Meara, Sarah Duggan, Dearbhla Fitzgerald, Hazel McAuliffe, Roisin Finnane, Zoe Farrell.

guided Tipperary to a first Under 16 All-Ireland since 1983. After breezing through Munster and a very big win over Kildare Tipperary were hot favourites to lift this crown. Tipperary were slow to settle and did not register their first score until the 8th minute, a point from centre field player Megan Burke by which time Cavan had three points on the board. Mid-way through the half Tipperary were awarded a penalty which Ashling McCarthy dully converted and she followed it up with a pointed free. Cavan then had a dominant spell and scored a number of points. Tipperary finished the half well with two goals the first from Ashling McCarthy who was tormenting the Cavan back line and an Emmer Bartley goal from a rebound after good work by Sara Ryan. Half time score Tipperary 3-3 Cavan 0-10. With a two point lead and a fresh breeze at our backs for the second half our hopes were high of a win. The Cavan forwards were putting a lot of pressure on the Tipperary backs and sent a 12th minute penalty wide. Maria Curly replaced Megan Bourke and went to full forward with Ashling McCarthy going to centre field. Cavan scored four goals in the second half one from a penalty which Keely Halpin saved only for an in rushing forward to put it into the net. Sinead Buckley scored a point on the 20th minute our first score of the second half. Ashling McCarthy threw us a life line when she scored a wonderful individual goal two minutes later. A Sinead Buckley goal followed a point by Ashling McCarthy to give us a grand stand finish. Try as we could we could not get the scores to hail Cavan in and our last score was a pointed free from Ashling McCarthy. Final score Cavan 4-11 to Tipperary's 5-6.

The management team of Tony Fox (Manager), Martin Halpin, Karl McCarthy, Toss Condon, Frances Ryan, Garry Hallinan and Caroline Cadell had a long year and thanks to them .

Team - Keely Halpin (Cahir), Betty Barlow (Clonmel Commercials), Hazel Shanahan (Moyle Rovers), Maureen Murphy (Brian Borus), Maria Kinane (Moycarkey Borris), Niamh Mackey (Clonmel Commercials), Brid Condon (Aherlow), Megan Burke (Cahir), Laura Dillon (Ardfinnan), Sara Everard (Moyle Rovers), Ashling McCarthy (Cahir), Roisin Howard (Cahir), Sara Ryan (Clonmel Commercials), Sinead Buckley (Cappawhite), Eimear Bartley (Sliabh na mBan)

Subs used Maria Curley (Templemore), Emma Buckley (Cahir), Saoirse McGeever (Clonmel)

29/07/2012	Tipp v Waterford	Cahir	Tipperary 4-10 v Waterford 1-8
11/08/2012	Tipp v Kildare	Crettyard	Kildare 2-9 Tipperary 3-13
25/08/2012	Tipp v Cavan	Banagher	Cavan 4-11 Tipperary 5-6

U14 Munster Final

Tipperary's Ladies Under 14 teams effort at winning three in a row Munster titles came unstuck in wind swept Fraher Field Dungarvan on Saturday May 5th. Waterford won the toss and elected to play with the strong wind blowing in off the sea. Our girls contained the much taller and physical stronger Waterford girls for the first ten minutes of the game holding them scoreless. But the constant supply of ball to the Waterford forwards soon paid rich dividends. Tipperary forwards were guilty of missing



Cappawhite captain Mairéad Crowe accepting the senior championship cup from Tipperary Ladies Football Chairman Tommie Campbell

U16 'B' Championship

Date	Match	Venue	Result
04/04/2012	Tipp v Clare	Doonbeg	Clare 0-05 v Tipperary 5-12
11/04/2012	Tipp v Limerick	Bruff	Limerick 2-03 v Tipperary 6-13
28/04/2012	Tipp v Waterford	Fraher Field	Waterford 4-08 v Tipperary 2-10



Brian Borus Senior Ladies Football League winners. Back l-r - Frank O'Brien (who presented the new cup), Jackie O'Gorman, Trisha Hickey, Claire Grogan, Joanne Peters, Aisling Kenneally, Laura Keating, Nora Noonan, Mairead Morrissey, Linda Grogan, Michelle Slattery, Carmel Condon, Niamh Myles, John O'Gorman (Team Manager). Front l-r - Cliona O'Dwyer, Maureen Murphy, Emily Hayden, Orla Fleming, Alannah English, Karen Barry, Aoife O'Dwyer, Jennifer Grant and Aisling Condon.

some scoring chances with erratic shooting. Half time score Waterford 3-5 Tipperary 0-0. With wind assistance for the second half Tipperary soon found their rhythm and applied plenty of pressure on the Waterford defence. Our full forward Orla O'Dwyer from Boherlahan had the measure of the Waterford defence and scored 1-3 without reply. A great solo run from Sinead Buckley (Cappawhite) from her own half back line straight to the square at the other end of the field resulted in her being brutally pulled down for a penalty which also resulted in her picking up a nasty injury. The well struck penalty rebounded off the cross bar the in rushing Tipperary forward volleyed the ball wide. This seemed to sum up Tipperary's day, lady luck did not travel with them for this fixture and Waterford had bags full of luck on the day with every bounce of the ball been kind to them. Waterford's last score emphasized this when a shot for a point was held up in the wind and fell short to dip under the Tipperary cross bar, Final score Waterford 4-6 Tipperary 1-3.

Our thanks to all the girls who attended for trials, those on the team and the extended panel. I have no doubt that a lot of these girls will have a bright future in Ladies Football at club and county level in Tipperary. This was a very harmonious squad due to the charismatic approach of their manager Biddy Ryan (Ardfinnan), she was ably assisted by her selectors Mary O'Shea (Mullinahone), Sinead Condon (Emly), Paddy McMeel (Moyle

Rovers) and Ashling O'Dwyer (Moyle Rovers). A special word of thanks to the parents who gave of their time ferrying the girls to training and games. To all the G.A.A clubs who made their fields and facilities available for training. At their last training session the full panel were presented with a beautiful set of polo tops thanks to the generous sponsorship of an anonymous donor. The County Board sincerely thanks HIM HER or THEM for this magnificence gesture.

Team: Claire Moore (Moyle Rovers), Aine Dunne (Mullinahone), Cliona Collins (Moyle Rovers), Ashling Deely (Clonmel Commercials), Shania Dowling (Moyle Rovers), Aoife Corcoran Captain (Cahir), Laura Morrissey (Lattin-Cullen), Aoife Hocht (Templemore), Lara O'Dwyer (Lattin-Cullen), Aoibhe O'Shea (Mullinahone), Sinead Buckley (Cappawhite), Caoimh Condon (Brian Borus), Eimear Loughman (Cappawhite), Orla O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Jean Kelly (Cappawhite).

Subs: Emer McCarthy (Aherlow), Michelle McMeel (Moyle Rovers), Kate O'Donoghue (Lattin-Cullen), Evereene Everard (Moyle Rovers), Heather Phelan (Sliabh Na mBan), Grainne Condon (Aherlow), Olivia Hogan (Moycarkey Borris), Sarah Buckley (Templemore), Dearbhla Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Sarah Duggan (Arravale Rovers), Aoife Crosse (Boherlahan), Bronagh Mc Grath (Moyle Rovers), Roisin Finnane (Galtee Rovers), Hazel McAuliffe (Nenagh).



Cappawhite Senior Ladies Football Team 2012. Back l-r: GoGo Martin Butler, Derry Peters, Ann O'Dwyer, Tracy Maguire, Siobhan O'Neill, Shauna Quirke, Mary Claire Ryan, Deirbhle Hennessy, Sandra Barry, Helen Kennedy, Angie McDermott, Ciara Coughlan, Mary O'Dwyer, Sarah O'Neill, Tina Barry, Aoife Ryan, Catriona Fitzgerald, Tommy Peters, Triona Hennessy. Front l-r: Siobhan Costello, Niamh Loughman, Aisling Loughman, Clodagh Cummins, Mairead Crowe (Capt), Sinead Buckley, Joanne O'Doherty, Claire Mullins, Sheelagh Carew, Jayne Clancy



Cappawhite's Sheelagh Carew accepting the County Final player of the match award from Tipperary Ladies Football Chairman Tommie Campbell

County Senior Ladies Gaelic Football Championship Final Cappawhite 2-9 Brian Boru's 0-11

The Cappawhite Ladies Gaelic Footballers produced back to back County Titles for the first time after a comprehensive four point win over favourites Brian Boru's played out in Bansha in September. From the throw-in, Cappawhite took the game to their opponents with Sheelagh Carew, Anne O'Dwyer and Sinead Buckley in particular showing promise. An early score

from Sinead Buckley settled the holders before Trish Hickey replied for Brian Boru's. The Cappawhite midfield slowly began to dominate while the attack continuously carved openings into the Brian Boru's defence. Claire Mullins and Sheelagh Carew further added to the score board before Claire Grogan, Karen Barry and Trisha Hickey dissected the uprights at the other end to leave both sides deadlocked at the interval 0-7 apiece.

On the resumption, Cappawhite upped the tempo with Sinead Buckley and Jayne Clancy adding points. Brian Boru's struggled to breakdown the Cappawhite defence where Angie McDermott, Anne O' Dwyer and Deirbhle Hennessy came to the fore. On the three quarter hour mark, Claire Mullins rifled home Cappawhite's first goal to give the West side a psychological advantage leading 1-9 to 0-9. Trisha Hickey added a much needed free to bring the Clogheen side back into the game. Sheelagh Carew continued to influence the game at midfield from which incessant pressure resulted in Sinead Buckley finding the net once more to leave Cappawhite 2-09 to 0-10 clear. Brian Boru's failed to reduce the deficit as Cappawhite deservedly held firm to be crowned deserving winners, 2-9 to 0-11 at the final whistle.

Mr Tommy Campbell, County Chairman presented the Joe McGrath Cup to the winning captain Mairead Crowe. Tommy also presented the player of the match award to County Tipperary Intermediate team captain, Sheelagh Carew for her outstanding display in the game.

Cappawhite Team: Helen Kennedy, Ashling Loughman, Siobhan O Neil, Deirbhle Hennessy, Ann O'Dwyer, Angie McDermot, Mary O'Dwyer, Sheelagh Carew, Aoife Ryan, Karen Mullins, Siobhan Buckley, Mairead Crowe, Siobhan Quirke, Jane Clancy, Cloidha Cummins.

Subs used: Siobhan Costello, Caira Coughlan, Joan O'Doherty.

Manager: Derry Peters.

Scores - Siobhan Buckley 1-3, Karen Mullins 1-2, Sheelagh Carew 0-2, Mairead Crowe 0-1, Jane Clancy 0-1.

Brian Boru's team: Nora Noonan, Emily Hayden, Aoife O'Dwyer, Joanne Peters, Marie Clare Murphy, Jenifer Grant, Ashling Keneally, Orla Fleming, Mairead Morrissey, Linda Grogan, Claire Grogan, Eimer Myles, Sinead Kennedy, Patricia Hickey, Karen Barry.

Manager John O'Gorman.

Scores - Patricia Hickey 0-4 frees, Claire Grogan 0-2, Sinead Kennedy 0-2, Karen Barry 0-1, Jennifer Grant 0-1, Eimear Myles 0-1



Marie Halvey (Munster Ladies Football) making a presentation to Enda McDonnell after 5 years' service as Chairman of Tipperary Ladies Football. Olive McDonnell is also in the picture.



Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football newest club Thurles Gaels with their new set of jerseys. Back l-r: Mags Cosgrave, Brid McGrath, Deirdre Meagher, Eileen McCullagh, Carmel O'Gorman, Catriona Molumby, Irene Fitzgerald, Ruth Purcell, Chloe Purcell, Trisha Dooley, Gillian Linnane (Milleas Bar), Ciaran Linnane (Milleas Bar). Front l-r: Helena Bermingham, Elaine Molumby, Claire Bryan, Linda Ryan, Aishling Ryan, Yvonne Dunne, Deirdre O'Connor, Shelly Loughnane. Absent from photo - Edel Shanahan, Ann-Marie Kennedy, Ester Lowry, Orla Darmody, Anita Troy, Rachel Keane, Claire Dee, Liz Kelly, Tommy Dorney (trainer), Seanie O'Dwyer (trainer)



Tipperary's Claire Carroll

Sports Bursary

Congratulations to Claire Carroll (Galtee Rovers), a member of the Tipperary Ladies Football Senior Team on being selected by the Tipperary Dublin Association for a third level scholarship. Samantha is presently studying in the University of Limerick. Many thanks to Tipperary Dublin Association for honouring Ladies Gaelic Football.

Munster honour Jim Kennedy and provide 'pre-season' games in the Province

The inaugural Jim Kennedy Cup competition final took place in January 2012. This competition was initiated for Inter County teams and third level colleges of the Province and it is fitting that the name of Jim Kennedy, a Gaelic Football Association as well as being the Association's first President will don the cup forever more. All-Ireland champions Cork defeated the University of Limerick in the 2012 final with the Rebels winning by 0-17 to 2-9. This competition is a fitting tribute to the Munster man who played a major part in the founding of the association.



Jim Kennedy presenting the Jim Kennedy Cup to Cork captain Rena Buckley

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Middle Row (L to R): Paddy Shanahan (First Aid), Tadhg Gallagher, Niall Gleeson, Pairic Shanahan, Jack O' Flaherty, Niall Quigley (Joint Manager), Donach O' Donnell (Joint Manager), Mark Gennery (Backroom Team), Stephen Cleary, Jim Minehan, Kevin Gubbins, Senan Stanley, Mark Van Drumpt (Physiotherapist).

Front Row (L to R): James Mackey, Killian Gleeson, Eddie Hynes, Shane Nolan, Pascal Gray (Acting Deputy Principal), Jason Forde (Captain), Tony Slattery (Principal), Conor Leo, Jack Peters, Conor Delaney, Steven O' Brien.

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Colaiste Dun Iascaigh – All Ireland Junior 'A' champions. Back l-r: Jessica Myres, Megan Heffernan, Kirsty Downey, Kate O'Brien, Rachel Moloney, Rebecca English, Derbhla Buckley. Middle l-r: Denny Whelan (Manager), Megan Heffernan, Aoife Nugent, Caoimhe Condon, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Aoife Corcoran, Roisin Howard, Kailee Burke, Shauna Burke, Shane Ronayne (coach). Front l-r: Laura Dillon, Maureen Murphy, Roisin Costigan, Claire Walsh, Emma Corcoran (captain), Megan Burke, Aisling Moloney, Emma Buckley.

Cappawhite Ladies Football 1982: 30th Anniversary



Cappawhite - County Junior Football Champions 1982. Front l-r: Kathleen Ryan, Caroline Walshe, Mary Ita Buckley, Mary Ann McDermott (Capt), Geraldine Ryan (B), Angela Higgins, Diane Holmes. Back l-r: Ann Costello, Cecilia Walshe, Eileen Meehan, Rena White, Ann Cryan, Margaret Buckley, Kathleen McMahon, Mary Breheny (RIP), Mary Ryan (B), Genevieve Breen. Absent from photo – Peggy Cummins, Mary Breen, Bernie Butler, Geraldine Browne, Aileen Ryan, Ann Breen, Ann Buckley.

In the 1982 Tipperary junior football championship four teams took part, Clonmore, Poulmucka, Newinn and Cappawhite. Cappawhite defeated Clonmore easily in the first round on the score Cappawhite 7-09 Clonmore 0-00 in Cappawhite on 9 May 1982. They followed this up with wins over Newinn and Poulmucka to top the group and qualify to play Poulmucka in the final in Cashel on 5th Sept.

After a tremendous match Cappawhite were victorious on the scoreline of 3-03 to 2-02

Cappawhite: Ann Cryan, Cecilia Walshe, Caroline Walshe, Mary Breheny, Kathleen Ryan, Mary Ann Mc Dermott Capt,

Margaret Buckley, Ann Costello, Geraldine Ryan (B) Mary Ita Buckley, Kathleen Mc Mahon, Rena White, Eileen Meehan, Mary Ryan (B) Peggy Cummins, Ann Breen, Bernie Butler, Geraldine Browne, Ann Buckley, Aileen Ryan, Genevieve Breen, Diana Holmes, Angela Higgins, Mary Breen.

Officers of Cappawhite Club 1982

Chairman: Rev Fr Jim Egan C.C.

Secretary: Geraldine Ryan (B)

Ass. Secretary: Betty Walshe

Treasurer: Cecilia Walshe

Manager/Trainer: Willie Walshe.

Cahir Ladies Football

2012 proved to be another successful year in the clubs history. Our U12s reached the county semi final, the U14s reached the county final and our U16 team won the county championship making it 4 in a row. The club was also well represented at county level with Aoife Corcoran captaining the county U14s, Aisling McCarthy(captain), Emma Buckley, Roisin Howard, Megan Burke, Keely Halpin and Caral Casey all part of the county U16 team which won the Munster B championship and narrowly losing out on All Ireland glory when losing to Cavan by 2 points. Siobhan Heffernan and Fiona Reece were part of the county minor team.

Pride of place goes to the Intermediate team who won the County League title for the second time. In the championship they reached their third consecutive final and having lost out narrowly in the previous two finals they made the breakthrough when defeating Aherlow in the final. They then went on to represent Tipperary in the Munster Intermediate Club Championship. In the Munster semi final they defeated Sneem/Kenmare to reach the final where their opponents would be Eire Og, Cork. Going into the final as underdogs to a very fancied Cork team the girls showed great determination and team work to win on a score line of 2-6 to 10 points and be crowned Munster Champions. They have now

qualified for the All Ireland semi final which is to be played on the weekend 17th / 18th November. As a result of this achievement the club has also attained senior status.



Cahir players Caral Casey, Megan Burke, Keeley Halpin, Roisin Howard, Aisling McCarthy (captain) and Emma Buckley who were all members of the County U16 team.



Cahir- Munster Intermediate Football Champions: Back row (l to r): Derek Higgins, Tara Armitage, Aisling McCarthy, Cliona Doyle, Geraldine O'Donnell, Aisling O'Donnell, Orla Casey, Frieda Casey, Nicola Armitage, Siobhan Heffernan, Orla McEnity, Cliona Higgins, Emma Corcoran, Kirsty Downey, John O'Connor, Liam Shinnick. Front row (l to r): Martin Halpin, Karl McCarthy, Caral Casey, Keely Halpin, Aisling Moloney, Roisin Howard, Emma Buckley, Anne Marie O'Gorman, Aisling O'Connor, Lorna McEniry, Megan Burke, Aoife Casey, Leanne Barrett.



Aherlow U 14 Ladies Football Panel. Front: Victoria Brennan, Aisling O'Gorman, Aoife Callinan, Kate O'Meara, Niamh O'Brien, Anna Rose Kennedy, Una Carew, Sarah Ryan, Sarah O'Mullane, Marie Samson. Back l-r: Pat Frewen, Paul Ryan, Katie Cunningham, Megan Ryan, Grainne Condon, Grainne Ryan, Sarah Morrissey, Emer McCarthy (C), Dearbhla Donovan, Olivia Burke, Chloe Frewen, Eimear Hennessey, Pat McCarthy, Kathleen O'Sullivan. Absent from photo Ceileidh and Josephine Hennessey, John O'Gorman.

Aherlow Ladies Football

2012 was another busy year for Aherlow Ladies Football Club after the highs of contesting the Junior All Ireland in 2011. The girls matched the Intermediate standard in League and Championship and were narrowly defeated by Cahir in the County Final of the Championship.

The underage scene was active and saw great success for our younger girls particularly our u12s. A very successful Community Games campaign culminated in a Limerick county title as Galbally / Aherlow. Thereafter, after a keenly contested championship Aherlow took on Thurles in the U 12 A Tipperary County Final. This promised to be a hotly contested game and the large crowd were not disappointed. Aherlow raced into an early lead but Thurles rallied to score to leave the half time score Aherlow 3-2. Thurles 1-1. Thurles dominated the second half but could not break down the magnificent Aherlow defence. Final score Aherlow 3-2. Thurles 2-2. This was a terrific team performance by Aherlow who were well prepared by Seamie Morrissey (Manager), assisted by Johnny Morrissey, Hannah Ryan, Davey Casey and Pat Kennedy. Captain Anna Rose Kennedy lifted the trophy which Aherlow last won in 1995. Aherlow Panel: Katie O'Donoghue, Shelly Fahy, Una Carew, Jane Casey, Rachel Burke, Sarah Ryan, Eve Donovan, Anna Rose Kennedy, Caoimhe McMahon, Jayne Looby, Emma Morrissey, Cliona Reardon, Aisling Ryan, Caitlin Kennedy, Laura Morrissey, Shauna Frewen, Trinity Hammond, Robyn Hyland, Ciara Burke, Hazel Perry, Mary Ryan, Aine Morriarty, Ciara Mc Carthy. Mentors: Seamie Morrissey (manager), assisted by Johnny Morrissey, Hannah Ryan, Davey Casey and Pat Kennedy.

The U 14s had a busy year competing strongly in the County Féile competition, "A" Championship, Cahir Munster blitz, Fermoy blitz and the Kilmacud All Ireland 7's as well as boosting the u16 and Minor squads. While this group achieved no silverware their commitment matches their talent and a bright future looms ahead for them in Ladies football. Mentors: Kathleen

O'Sullivan, Pat Frewen, Pat McCarthy, Paul Ryan, John O'Gorman, Josephine Hennessey.

The Aherlow U16 team began the B championship with the aim of retaining their title. Having lost a number of players from 2011, we brought on many of our U-14 team, who proved a great asset during the year. Following our rounds matches we were on top of the table and qualified for the playoffs.

We again took on Brian Borus in the semifinal on a wild blustery day. Finally we took on Cappawhite on 13th May and were delighted to have achieved our goal : U16B Champions 2012. Congratulations to the team, parents, manager Trish Blackburn and selectors Eamon O'Meara, Stuart Moloney and Sara Bourke.

At the time of writing Aherlow minors are at semi-final level of the B Championship with mentors Eamon Mullins, Lar Ivory, Tom Richardson.

Aherlow players represented Tipperary at u14, u16 and Intermediate levels. At the other end of the spectrum of players the U10s and u8s had an active season of training, challenge matches and blitzes ensuring a vibrant future for Ladies Football in the locality.



Aherlow - County U16 Ladies Football Champions. Front l-r: Stuart and Nessa Moloney, Deirdre Mullins, Kate O'Meara, Olivia Burke, Megan Cleary (C), Grainne Condon, Grainne Ryan, Sara Morrissey, Bríd Condon, Ceileidh Hennessey. Back Row (L to R): Eamon O'Meara, Chloe Frewen, Kelly Peters, Maeve O'Gorman, Grainne Blackburn, Eimear Hennessey, Maeve O'Mahony, Megan Ryan, Amy Ryan, Emer McCarthy, Cliona McCarthy, Saoirse Ryan, Emma Burke, Aisling O'Gorman, Patrica Blackburn, Sara Bourke.



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Congratulations to our Minor Hurlers and management team on their All-Ireland success. Wishing the best of luck to all Tipperary teams for the coming year.



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Best wishes to Tipperary G.A.A. in 2013

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Ardfinnan Ladies Junior footballers. Back l-r: Cathal Hennessy (manager/trainer); Amanda Grace, Emma Whelan, Laura Nagle, Laura Dillon, Lisa Dillon, Barbara Hyland, Dawn Doolan, Amie Dudley, Suzie Savage, Michelle Walsh, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Niamh O'Mahoney, Samantha Lambert, Sean Lyness (selector). Front l-r: Paula Spillane, Emma Tobin, Laura Ryan, Claire Lambert (captain); Aishling Ryan, Maeve Murphy, Claire Lyness, Sarah Jane Burke, Team mascots – Jack Darmody, Carl Hennessy, Claire Hyland.

Ardfinnan Ladies Football Club Sevens team. Back l-r: Lisa Dillon, Barbara Hyland, Samantha Lambert, Dawn Doolan, Claire Lambert, Paula Spillane, Aishling Ryan, Laura Nagle, Michelle Walsh, Front l-r: Claire Lyness, Sarah Jane Burke, Laura Dillon.



Mullinahone - County Junior 'C' league champions. Back row (l-r): Fiona Fennelly, Eiren Connolly, Sarah Curran, Rebecca Meagher, Linda McGrath, Tanya St. John(jt capt), Roisin O'Meara (jt capt), Ailish O'Meara, Alison Fennelly, Niall Curran. Front row (l-r): Michaela Reilly, Eimear Horan, Laura Walker, Aimee Moloney, Sarah Skelly, Lorraine O'Shea, Aoibhe O'Shea, Jane Walker, Nicole Shelly.

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Mullinahone – County Under 16 ‘C’ champions. Front row (l-r): Helena O’Meara, Sophie Noonan, Sarah Corcoran, Lorna Cody, Valentena Kavanagh, Aisling Foley, Lena Butler, Jane Walker, Shauna O’Meara, Alison Fennelly. Back row (l-r): Noreen Horan, Shauna Moloney, Aine Dunne, Eiren Connolly (capt), Aoibhe O’Shea, Nicole Shelly, Orla Butler, Fiona Fennelly, Grainne Horan, Eimear Horan, Eimear Horan, Linda McGrath



Mullinahone – County Under 14 ‘C’ champions. Back row (l-r): Mary O’Shea, Meibh Maher, Caoimhe O’Shea, Alison Brett, Valentena Kavanagh, Aoibhe O’Shea(capt), Shauna Kennedy, Gemma Dunne, Aine Dunne, Kate White, Tara Gayson, Alice Browning, Jim White. Front row (l-r): Emma Cody, Jennifer Brett, Nicola O’Dwyer, Louise Fallon, Louise Lawlor, Eimear Horan, Grainne Horan, Michaela Moloney

Galtee Rovers / St Pecaun Ladies Football Club

(By Anne Whyte, P.R.O.)

Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun Ladies Football Club had a tremendous year in 2012.

The club were proud to have representations in the following championships: U12, U14, U16, Minor and Junior. We are also pleased to report that our U8's and U10's trained hard and participated in many Blitz during the year.

Our year kicked off to a great start with our Junior Team winning the County Plate competition against Emly. They went on to win the Junior 'D' County League against Cahir 'B' winning 3-7 to 3-5, with a line up of experienced campaigners, younger players and some talented newcomers. However, their greatest achievement in 2012 came in September when they won the Junior 'C' County Final against Gortnahoe. A great achievement for these women, their manager and trainers.

The U16 championship saw our girls out against strong opposition and it was not to be their year. But as a young team they gained a wealth of experience and will no doubt be up to the challenge again next year.

Our U14 squad played a thrilling 'D' County Final in New Inn when they beat a strong Moycarkey /Borris side. The final was a cracker as both teams had met each other previously in the championship and had drawn the previous match.

The U12 team, again a quite young side, brought honour to the parish securing another county title. On this occasion they

played Clonmel Commercial in the 'D' final in their own pitch in Bansha. The final score being 4-5 to 3-4.

The Minor squad are still engaged in the championship as I write and were moved up a grade during their matches from C/D to B. A big step for the girls but this team took on the challenge with enthusiasm.

Galtee Rovers St Pecaun's Ladies Club prides itself on the commitment of players and volunteers alike, along with an equal measure of enjoyment, craic and camaraderie when playing ladies football. Congratulations to all involved on a very successful 2012.



Galtee Rovers/St. Pecaun's County Under 12 'D' Champions: Back l-r: Aine White, Sarah McCarthy, Sarah O'Neill, Zoe Morrissey, Clodagh Bourke, Leah O'Meara, Saoirse Fanning, Kate Phelan, Ciara Halpin, Nicola Tobin, Shannon Sweeney, Sally Ann O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Megan Heffernan, Chloe Pollard, Emer Heffernan, Clodagh Fanning, Ellie Peters, Niamh Roche, Abbi Ryan, Michelle Ryan



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Galtee Rovers/St. Pekauns County Junior 'C' Champions: Back l-r: Rachel Moloney, Siobhan McCarthy, Katie Quirke, Rachel Bourke, Nicole O'Dwyer, Andrea O'Connell, Sharon O'Brien, Claire Carroll, Alison Loneragan. Front l-r: Denise Ryan B, Louise Murphy, Edith Carroll, Trish Healy, Jane Moylan, Aoife Nugent, Aoife Magnier, Darielle Ronan, Denise Ryan K.

Galtee Rovers/St. Pekauns County Under 14 'D' Champions:

Back l-r: Ruth Ronan, Siobhan McCarthy, Niamh Peters, Zoe Morrissey, Maria Magnier, Kate White, Sarah O'Neill, Roisín Finnane, Caoimhe Ryan, Saoirse Fanning. Front l-r: Leah O'Meara, Kate Phelan, Nicola Tobin, Bronagh Kelly, Ciara Halpin, Clodagh Bourke, Aine White, Chloe Pollard



Galtee Rovers/St. Pekauns County Junior 'D' League Champions: Back l-r: Michelle Hayes, Aoife Magnier, Denise Ryan, Aoife Nugent, Siobhan McCarthy, Nicole O'Dwyer, Rachel Bourke, Darielle Ronan, Sharon O'Brien, Deirdre Crowe, Claire Carroll. Front l-r: Denise Ryan, Rachel Moloney, Andrea O'Connell, Louise Murphy (Capt), Katie Quirke, Alison Loneragan, Ciara Eldridge, Edith Carroll.

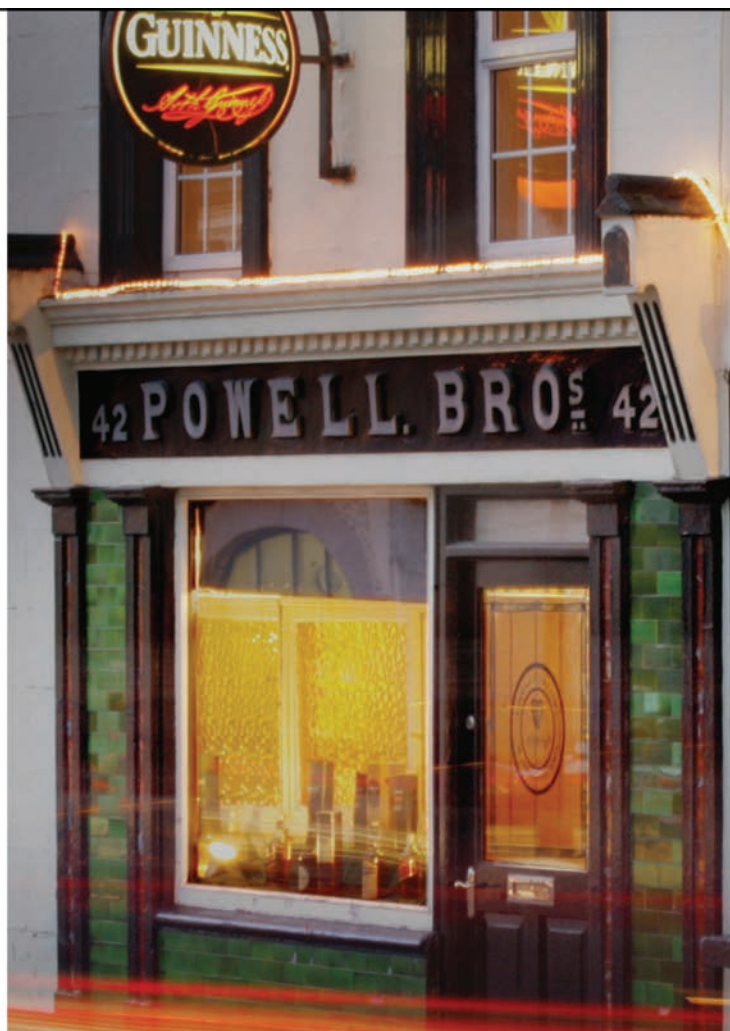
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Tipperary Referees' Committee

The Tipperary Referees' Committee held their first meeting this year on 9th January. At this meeting dates for In-Service courses, fitness and rule assessments were fixed. In-Service courses were held on 20th, 22nd and 27th February for all referees in the county. Rules and fitness assessments were held on 2nd March. Currently the committee is in the process of giving all umpires in the county training which is set down by Croke Park. Over the

course of the next few months the new referees' courses will take place. It is the aim of the committee that by 2014 every club in the county will have at least one referee. So it has been a busy year so far for us and we are looking forward to the same for the coming year.

Chairman- John Lonergan
Secretary-Paul Stapleton



Tipperary Camogie

Jim Symons, Tipperary Camogie P.R.O

Tipperary senior camogie team started the 2012 season without the services of Cashel and Tipperary star forward, Claire Grogan, four times All Ireland medalist and former Allstar. The Tipperary senior camogie team were also missing Drom & Inch's Michelle Shortt who is also an all Ireland medal winner. Both were badly missed. Manager John Lillis, along with selectors, Lennie Phillips and Carmel Harkin, started our league campaign by drawing from the successful minor team and rising stars such as Caoimhe Maher (Burgess/Duharra) Sarah Fryday and Clodagh Quirke (Conoulty /Rossmore), Alice Fogarty (Thurles Sarsfields) and Michaela Graham (Moycarkey/Borris) were all brought up to play on the senior panel. This was to be a steep learning curve and unfortunately, despite everyone's best efforts, Tipperary lost all games in the Daily Star Division 1 league campaign.

However, the team improved with each game and were well prepared for the All Ireland championship which started on 23rd June against defending champions Wexford. The game was played in the county camogie grounds at The Ragg and welcomed the return of Joanne Ryan (Drom/Inch) as captain. The Tipperary Team put up a brave fight on the day but lost to a stronger team in the end by 1.17 to 1-6. Our next match was in Semple stadium against a much fancied Clare team. The match was televised by R.T.E for inclusion in their Sunday Game programme. Tipperary were fired up for this match and captain Joanne Ryan goalied in the first minute and this was followed by a Tipperary scoring spree led by Jill Horan. The score at half-time was an unbelievable 1.09 to Tipperary 0.01 to Clare. Tipperary continued to control the match and when Cait Devane goalied the match was beyond Clare. Tipperary won 2.16 to 0.09 with Mary Ryan (Moneygall) a deserved winner of Player of the Match Award. Tipperary's next opponents were Kilkenny and this match was played in Nowlan Park. This was a match to remember. Tipperary started strongly with points from Siobhan McGrath and Joanne Ryan (Drom/Inch), Nicole Walsh (Borrisoleigh) and Alice Fogarty (Thurles Sarsfields) who had a great match for Tipperary. Tipperary led by three points at half-time. Kilkenny started strongly in the second half and it was nip and tuck until substitutes Michaela Graham, Sarah Fryday

and Noreen Flanagan turned the game Tipperary's way with a goal by Michaela , another by Noreen and points from Sarah clinching the game. Tipperary won by 2.15 to 1.15.

The final group match was against Offaly and this was a dogged affair with a goal from Tipperary's Caoimhe Maher sealing a hard fought win by 1-12 to 1-10. Normally Tipperary would have been in a semi-final but new competition rules dictated a play off with Cork in an exciting game Cork came out on top by 1-13 to 0-9 and Tipperary were out of the championship. All in all a disappointing way to end our season.

Intermediates

Manager Brian Boyle with selectors Martin Fitzpatrick and Mags Fanning used the league to give a lot of new players a chance to play at intermediate level. This included some of our All Ireland minor winners, namely Rosemary Hanafin and Andrea Loughnane (Thurles Sarsfields) Orla McNiry (Cahir) and Marianne Murphy (Moycarkey/Borris). Led by captain Caoimhe Kennedy (Lorrha), the intermediates started their league campaign with a win over Kilkenny but, unfortunately, lost to Cork and Meath.

These games brought this young team on very well and they were ready to give their all in the championship. Our first match was against champions Wexford at home and this ended in a very credible draw. Next up was Cork and our girls had a great win and were in great form for their trip to Kilkenny which was a double header with our seniors. Tipperary started very well and points from Aoife Shinnors (Newport), Aoife McGrath (Drom /Inch), and Brid Quinn (Silvermines) had Tipperary well in control. In the closing minutes Kilkenny scored a goal but Tipperary closed the game out to win by the narrowest of margins. Our final group game was a tremendous game against Galway and we came away with a very good draw to leave us with a semi-final match against Derry in Dublin. This match was a disappointing result for our girls as we were well beaten by a strong Derry side, Liz Power and Brid Quinn alongside Rosemary Hanafin tried valiantly to get Tipperary into the match but in the end Derry were easy winners by 3-18 to 0-6.

Juniors

We are only allowed to enter the Munster junior competition



Tipperary Junior camogie team -

Back row, left to right: Danielle Harrington (Nenagh), Kora Kerane (Thurles Sarsfields) Shauna Quirke (Annacarty), Jenny Logue (Ballingarry), Emma Carey (Thurles Sarsfields), Ruth Barry (Burgess/Duharra), Leah McKeogh (Portroe), Caitriona Kennedy (Drom/Inch), Niamh McGrath (Borrisoleigh), Noreen Stapleton (Borrisoleigh). Front row, l-r: Sarah Coonan (Kilruane McDonaghs), Ciannait Walsh (Annacarty), Antionette Kennedy (Drom/Inch), Brid Byrne (Moneygall), Louise McLoughlin (Silvermines), Roisin Ryan (Moneygall), Aishling Butler (Drom/Inch), Nora O'Brien (Borrisoleigh), Niamh Lillis (Drom/Inch).



Tipperary Senior camogie team -

Back l-r: Sarah Fryday (Clonoulty); Andrea Loughnane (Thurles Sarsfields); Sheila Ryan (Toomevara); Sabrina Larkin (Shannon Rovers); Julie McGrath (Cashel); Ruth Barry (Burgess / Duharra); Joanne Ryan (Captain - Drom & Inch); Mairead Luttrell (Windgap); Caoimhe Maher (Burgess Duharra); Aisling Carroll (Shannon Rovers); Clare Kennedy (Kilruane); Cait devane (Clonoulty); Michaela Graham (Moycarkey Borris); Caoimhe Kennedy (Lorrha); Sarah Coonan (Kilruane); Rita Burke (Shannon Rovers). Front l-r: Erena Fryday (Knockavilla); Clare Ryan (Cashel); Jill Horan (Cashel); Aoife McGrath (Drom & Inch); Nicole Walsh (Borrisleigh); Siobhan McGrath (Drom & Inch); Julie Kirwan (Moneygall); Alice Fogarty (Thurles Sarsfields); Marie Tynan (Toomevara); Mary Ryan (Moneygall); Noreen Flanagan (Holycross); Ally Lonergan (Cashel); Clodagh Quirke (Clonoulty); Louise McLoughlin (Silvermines).

as we are a senior camogie county. The team did very well, however, and reached the final of the Munster competition. Unfortunately, they lost out to Cork by 1-13 to 0-6 in a very entertaining game played at Lattin.

Minors

Tipperary minors were imperious in their defence of their Munster champions title and easily defeated Cork by 0-15 to 0-9 in the final held in Martinstown Co. Limerick. Captain Caoimhe Maher (Burgess/Duharra) was presented with Munster Minor trophy by Munster chairperson Eamon Brown.

The defence of their All Ireland minor title began with a fine win over Dublin followed by a very good win over Limerick before their final group match with Clare. The match was hard fought but saw Tipperary finally winning by five points. The semi-final played in Limerick against a strong Galway team saw Tipperary race into a big lead and they looked to be cruising to victory. However, Galway edged their way back into the match and in an exciting last quarter Galway managed to draw the match. The replay in Clare was just as exciting as the first match with Galway just edging Tipperary out of the final. All in all a

good year for Tipperary minors. Manager Tim Maher and selectors Maureen Connelly, Clodagh Loughnane and Pat Cremin can be proud of the effort the girls put in.

Under-16s

Defending their U16A Munster title Tipperary were easy winners over Cork by 6-10 to 1-10 to retain their title. Manager Ciara Ormond with selectors Siobhan Stapleton and Liam McGrath had the girls well prepared for this game. The defence of their All Ireland title unfortunately, ended in disappointment with Tipperary suffering defeats to Cork and Limerick teams they had previously defeated in Munster. Tipperary failed to qualify from the group stage.

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Tipperary, Under 16 'A' Tipperary Munster Champions. Back l-r: Liam McGrath Newport (selector), Siobhan Stapleton Borrisleigh (selector), Carly Wright St Cronin's Roscrea, Stephanie Kenny Moneygall, Aisling McCarthy Cahir, Lorna O'Dwyer Holycross, Cliona Ryan Toomevara, Laura Loughnane Thurles, Courtney Ryan Clonoulty, Toni Kennedy Portroe, Ellen O'Brien Toomevara, Shauna Curtin Newport, Ciara Cummins Thurles, Gillian McKenna Toomevara, Ciara Ormonde Templemore (manager). Front l-r: Eimear Cahill Drom/Inch, Alana Morris Nenagh Eire Og, Jenny Grace Burgess-Duharra, Mairead Teehan Moneygall, Mairead Eviston Drom/Inch, Niamh Treacy Drom/Inch, Siobhan Barneville Gortnahoe / Glengoole, Julie Anne Burke Toomevara, Roisin Howard Cahir.



Tipperary Minor camogie team, Munster Champions 2012. Back l-r: Anne Eviston Drom/Inch, Aileen Duggan Nenagh, Louise McLoughlin Silvermines, Mary Walsh Kilruane, Sarah Fryday Clonoulty, Micheala Graham Moycarkey, Clodagh Quirke Clonoulty, Maria Ryan Silvermines, Aisling Mulryan Newport, Aisling Cremin Burgess/Duharra, Jenny Logue Balingarry, Rosemary Hanafin Thurles, Jenny Grace Burgess/Duharra, Leah McKeogh Portroe, Marrianna Murphy Moycarkey, Ciannait Walsh Annacarty, Sarah Coonan Kilruane, Maria Ryan Silvermines. Front l-r: Aoife Ryan Toomevara, Elaine Murphy Silvermines, Julie Anne Burke Toomevara, Mairead Teehan Monegall, Andrea Loughnane Thurles, Ciara McGrath Nenagh Eire Og, Theresa Ryan Toomevara, Caoimhe Maher Burgess-Duharra, Tara Kennedy Burgess-Duharra, Roisin Ryan Monegall, Orla McEniry Cahir, Aoife McGrath Drom/Inch, Laura Loughnane Thurles, Edel O'Dwyer Boherlahan.



Tipperary Intermediate Team 2012 - All Ireland semi finalists. Back l-r: Patricia McGrath Drom & Inch, Marianne Murphy Moycarkey Borris, Sara Gleeson Holycross Ballycahill, Elaine Murphy Silvermines, Antoinette Kennedy Drom & Inch, Aisling Mulryan Newport, Rosemary Hanafin Thurles Sarsfields, Brid Quinn Silvermines, Maria Ryan Silvermines, Aisling Cremin Duharra, Siobhan Ryan Holycross Ballycahill, Teresa Ryan Toomevara, Aoife Moloughney Shannon Rovers, Julie Kelly Borrisoleigh, Aoife Shinnors Newport, Anne Eviston Drom & Inch, Mary Walsh Kilruane McDonaghs. Front l-r: Ena Meagher Annacathy Donohill, Andrea Loughnane Thurles Sarsfields, Lisa Cahill Kiruane McDonaghs, Megan O'Meara Lorrha, Ciara McGrath Éire Óg Nenagh, Orla McEniry Cahir, Sinead Corcoran Drom & Inch, Aoife McGrath Drom & Inch, Liz Power Templemore, Caoimhe Kennedy Lorrha (Captain), Niamh Kelly Toomevara. Absent from photo Chrissie Kenny Toomevara



Drom & Inch's Caoimhe Bourke representing Tipperary in the Feile skills star competition in Parnell Park on Friday July 6th 2012. She claimed second place in this All Ireland competition.



Burgess Duharra U18 'A' Camogie Champions



Brian Borus winners of County U13 camogie final. This was the first county title for the Brian Borus club.

Back l-r: John Reidy, Roisin Murray, Caoimhe Reidy, Laura Morrissey, Ciara Hickey, Michelle O' Halloran, Zoey Lynch, Jane Hyland, Linda Murphy, Helena Walsh, Emma White, Fiona Burke, Mikaela Rossiter, Liam Hickey. Front l-r: Nadia Keating, Caoimhe Ryan, Mary Barrett, Norma Kennedy, Shona Lang, Ciara Morrissey, Andrea Conway.

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The Borris-Ileagh Under 10 team that took part in the Tomas Max Memorial Tournament

Borris-Ileagh Camogie Club

The game of camogie is the fastest field sport for women in the world. The Camogie Club is Borrisoleigh's largest female sports organisation. Re-established in 2007, camogie is played from under 8 up to Junior A level.

Our committee and officers are: John Walsh (Chairperson); Joanne Cowan (Treasurer); Christine O'Brien (Secretary); Teresa Kiely (PRO); Denise Hogge (Child Welfare Officer). The Club thanks the outgoing officers and our trainers Jody Harkin, Siobhan Stapleton, Benny Harkin, Michael Kinnane, Fitz Ryan, Kathleen Scanlon, Joanne Cowan-Treacy, Carmel O'Brien, Nora O'Brien, Carmel Harkin, Denise Hogge, Paula Ryan, Caroline Harkin, Geraldine Delaney, Christine O'Brien, Declan Maher and Brendan Kenny.

Our under 8's, 10's and 12's took part in various blitzes throughout the year. They enjoyed these blitzes, learned new skills and improved throughout the season well done to the girls and trainers. Our under 12's got off to a great start in the championship winning their first match. The under 13's got as far as a quarter final in the championship, this was a great achievement. Our under 14 team had a good league campaign showing a huge improvement on last year; however the championship didn't go as well for them. The under 16 team also showed improvement on last year, however with all matches played in the height of summer we were never able to field our full team. The junior team competed in the league where they narrowly missed out on reaching the play-off stages. In April they travelled to London to compete in the London 7's senior competition, where they won the Coffey senior plate and Moira Dooley got player of the tournament. Thanks to the Community Relations Team of Procter and Gamble for the travel size toiletries for the journey. We also had a sevens team at the Daintree Paper All Ireland Camogie Sevens, they got through the play off stages, won their quarter final and were in hard luck to lose out at semi-final stage. The junior team's championship campaign got off to an excellent start, winning our first four matches to secure a semi-final place where we defeated Toomevara to qualify for the County Final which is fixed for 1st December.

In 2012 we hosted two tournaments The Linda O'Connor tournament on the 5th August. Six teams including ourselves

played on the day with Harps an intermediate team from Laois being the victors on the day. The Tomás Max (under 10) tournament on 7th September. Four teams including ourselves competed on the day with Roscrea going home with the shield.

The club would also like to acknowledge the following players who represented our club at County Level Nicole Walsh (Senior and nominated for All Stars Award), Noirin Stapleton (Junior), Nora O'Brien (Junior), Niamh McGrath (Junior), Clóda Scanlan (Under 16), Aoife Delargy (Under 15) and Sarah Kinnane (Under14).



Borris-Ileagh captain Michelle Ryan receiving plate at the Tara Seven's Camogie Tournament in London

Cappawhite Intermediate Camogie success 1987: 25th Anniversary

Cappawhite intermediate camogie team capped a marvellous year when they took their first ever county Intermediate title in 1987.

The championship was contested by four sides Cappawhite, Moycarkey, Borrisokane and Templederry/ Toomevara. It was run on a league basis with each team playing the others, both home and away and the top two contesting the final.

Cappawhite started in very impressive fashion beating Moycarkey at Cappawhite by 1-14 to 0-01. Scorers for Cappawhite Anne Costello 1-07 Martina Ryan 0-02 Geraldine Ryan 0-02 Hanna Ryan 0-02 and Mary Ita Buckley 0-01.

In the next round Cappa hopes took a knock when they lost 3-03 to 0-02 in Templederry. The scores came from Breda O'Neill and Geraldine Ryan.

It was obvious at this stage that training would have to be stepped up if further progress was to be made. This problem was seen to under the guidance of Willie Walshe and the team got back on the winning trail with an easy 3-09 to 0-01 win over Moycarkey at Littleton. Again the chief scorer was Anne Costello with 2-05 Geraldine Ryan got 0-03 Mary Ita Buckley 0-01 and Paula O'Dwyer 1-00.

In the next round Borrisokane were defeated by 1-06 to 0-01 in Cappawhite on July 7th Scorers were Anne Costello 1-02 Geraldine Ryan 0-04

On the 31st July the return game against Templederry was played at Annacarty before a large crowd. Scorers were fairly close in the first half but the move of Breda O'Neill from goal to full forward for the second half changed the game completely. Breda stamped her class on the game and proceeded to score 3-01 to help Cappa to a 3-08 to 0-06 win.

Others scorers were Geraldine Ryan 0-03, Anne Costello 0-02, Mary Ita Buckley and Paula O'Dwyer 0-01 each.

In their final game of the league Cappawhite defeated Borrisokane by 1-05 to 1-02 in Borrisokane to qualify for the final. The scorers were Anne Costello 1-02 and Jenny English 0-03.

The final against Templederry/Toomevara, played in Drombane on August 30th, was a cracker with play swinging from one end to the other before the North side opened the scoring with a point from a free by Ann Gleeson. They stretched their lead a few minutes later with another point from the same player. Cappa brought Jenny English out of goal and this changed the pattern of the game. Jenny quickly got her name on the score sheet and from here to the finish she was to prove a thorn in the opposing defence's side.

Geraldine Ryan was at this stage coming to grips with Anne Gleeson who was having the better of the early stages. Martina Ryan and Mary Ita Buckley were supplying their forwards with plenty of ball. Still the Templederry/Toomevara defence with Noreen Dwyer playing well were repelling the challenge and they could only add four points to their early score with Jenny English getting all four. This left Cappa ahead by 0-05 to

0-02 at half time.

The second half promised a thriller and this was with some great camogie from both sides which was a joy to watch. Templederry/Toomevara took the game to Cappa but the Cappa defence with Cecilia Walshe,

Hanna Ryan and Geraldine Ryan in form repelled many attacks.

Cappa were the first to open the scoring in the second half, with Anne Costello scoring some very nice points. The North side were beginning to tire midway through the second half and Cappa began to dominate proceedings and added goals from Breda O'Neill, Jenny English and Mary Quinlan and some delightful points from Anne Costello and Martina Ryan.

Templederry/Toomevara were not to be outdone and somehow found the energy to launch some very fine attacks which yielded a goal and three points. The goal from Sheila Delaney and the points before the finish from the stick of Jenny English and it left the final score 3-09 to 1-05 in Cappawhite's favour.

There were scenes of jubilation at the end when Marion Graham presented the Cup to the winning captain, Cecilia Walshe

Cappawhite also won the Ann Frazer Cup 1987. The final was played 17th January 1988 and Cappawhite defeated Roscrea by 3-02 to 1-02 in Durlas Og field, Thurles.

Cappawhite: Jenny English, Hanna Ryan, Cecilia Walshe (capt), Geraldine Ryan (B) Jackie Ryan, Mary Ita Buckley, Mary Ryan (B) Kathleen Fahey, Paula O'Dwyer, Margo O'Doherty, Anne Costello, Breda O'Neill, Caroline Walshe, Peggy Cummins, Mary Quinlan, Geraldine O'Doherty, Kathleen O'Callaghan, Breda Phelan, Kathleen Shanahan, Rena White.

Officers of Cappawhite Camogie Club 1987

Chairperson: Anne Costello

Vice Chairperson: Geraldine Ryan (B)

Secretary: Betty Walshe

Ass Secretary: Geraldine O'Doherty

Treasurer: Cecilia Walshe

Manager/Trainer: Willie Walshe.



Cappawhite - Intermediate Camogie County Champions 1987

1st row (children) Siobhán Costello & Kathleen Cummins. Middle l-r: Margo O'Doherty, Geraldine O'Doherty, Mary Ita Buckley, Breda O'Neill, Cecilia Walshe (Capt), Peggy Cummins, Ann Costello, Jackie Ryan, Padraig Ryan C. Back l-r: Betty Walshe, Kathleen Fahey, Hanna Ryan, Breda Phelan, Jenny English, Kathleen O'Callaghan, Caroline Walshe, Martina Ryan, Kathleen Shanahan, Mary Quinlan, Geraldine Ryan (B), Paula O'Dwyer, Willie Walshe. Missing from photo – Rena White



Moneygall Under 18 'C' Camogie champions. Back: Stephen Kenny, Ciara O'Brien, Grace Sutton, Grace Toohey, Emer Teehan, Monica Kirwan, Stephanie Kenny, Emer Ryan, Emma Healy, Leanne Larkin, Shauna Kirwan, Una Teehan, Julie Kirwan. Front: Aoife Flaherty, Margaret Cleary, Claire Hogan, Roisin Ryan (capt), Carol Hogan, Grainne Ryan, Anna Duane, Catriona Doughan, Mairead Teehan



Drom/Inch Senior Camogie County and Munster Club Champions 2011

Back l-r: Sinead Corcoran, Trisha McGrath, Ciara Johnston, Anne Eviston, Aisling Butler, Gillian Gleeson, Siobhan Bourke, Rosie Kenneally, Jane Ryan, Patricia McGrath, Joanne Ryan, Norma Harrington, Maria Eviston, Mairead Barry, Deirdre Dunne, Kristina Kenneally, Sinead O'Meara, Tara Johnston. Front l-r: Antoinette Kennedy, Siobhan McGrath, Geraldine Kinane, Eimear Shanahan, Niamh Harkin, Caitriona Shortt, Mary Looby (Capt), Therese Shortt, Lorraine Bourke, Michelle Shortt, Aoife McGrath, Niamh Connolly, Caitriona Kennedy.

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Nenagh Camogie

2012 has been another hugely successful year for Nenagh Camogie Club. We have won our first 'A' title with our U/14 team, our first U/16 title, reached two All Ireland Finals, competed in our first Adult County Final and have over 20 girls from our Club wear the Tipperary Jersey. We also have our Club represented on the County Board scene with Pat Sheridan, County Development Officer, Ger Morris, Fixtures Committee and Mark Hassett, Child Welfare Officer. Mike Ryan was also manager of the County U/14's with Martin Ryan and Mary Murphy as mentors.

Schools teams were also very successful during 2012. The Convent Secondary School senior team won the Munster A final and despite some great displays bowed out at the All Ireland Semi-Final stage. Nenagh had eight girls on the panel. The Convent primary school won u/13 and U/11 A finals with the Gaelscoil winning u/13 B final.

Our U/13 and U/14 teams were the standout performers throughout the year. A lot of this panel played for Tipperary during the year. Eight girls at some stage played for the Tipperary U/14 team which won five All Ireland Blitzes and the first Munster Final at this level. Also numerous girls played for Tipperary in the Primary School games. Our U/14 A team won our very first County A title in May. They played Newport in the semi-final in a very tight tough game. Our girls were always a little bit ahead but scores were hard to get and with only a few minutes left the teams were level. One final push came and a late free got our noses in front and we held out to set up a final meeting with Toomevara. While we went in as underdogs, we run out winners by 2-8 to 0-6. The girls really worked hard for this and great credit must go to them and their trainers, Noel Coffey, Kieran O'Brien, Maeve Moloney and Martin Ryan. They then went on in the County league which seen them go undefeated right through the group stages. We again had a great win over Toomevara in the Semi-Final on a score line of 5-08 to 0-04. The County Final was against Newport. Newport dominated the first half but in the second half, we got more in to the game. Despite winning the second half we could not pull back Newport's first half score and ended up losing by 5pts.

Panel: Anna Dillon, Saoirse Griffin, Rachel Spillane, Maeve Coffey, Hazel McAuliffe, Caroline Browne, Kirsten Howard, Nessa Tynan, Niamh Ryan, Niamh Sheridan, Lisa Darcy, Hazel Coffey, Kate O'Connor, Rachel O'Connor, Leah Sheedy, Sarah Kennedy, Emer Ryan, Laura Tierney, Rebecca McGrath, Ciara Phelan, Fiona Hennessey, Saoirse Whelan, Sarah Quigley, Grace O'Brien, Alica Hanlon, Clodagh Ryan, Aisling Kennedy, Saoirse Shanahan, Emer Daith.

Our U/13 teams also had a great year. First was our Community games team. They had some great wins en route to the County final against Cashel in Semple Stadium. The girls again showed their class in running out winners. They then went on to represent Tipperary in the Munster Finals. This was a



Nenagh U/14 A County Champions



Nenagh Community Games County and Munster Champions

tough experience with semi-finals and finals on the one day but the girls put in a super effort and ran out worthy winners beating Enniskean of Cork in the final. They now went on to the All Ireland up in Athlone. On the Saturday they played the Ulster champions and won well in the end. That put them in the All Ireland Final against the Connacht champions from Galway. This was a game of the highest quality and everything that you could want from an All Ireland Final. We started well and got a lead that we held for nearly all of the game. With nearly the last puck of the ball they got a goal to level the match and send it in to extra-time. Disaster struck right on full time when they scored to win the match. This was truly heartbreaking for this team who from one to sixteen gave everything for the cause. But this is an excellent team and they showed this by winning all their matches in the County league. They beat Drom in the County semi final to set up another showdown with Newport in the County Final. They showed their class with an excellent display running out winners on a score line of 2-5 to 0-0.

Panel: Niamh Sheridan, Kate O'Connor, Rachel O'Connor, Nessa Tynan, Sarah Kennedy, Kirstan Howard, Hazel McAuliffe, Meave Coffey, Hazel Coffey, Caroline Browne, Rebecca McGrath, Laura Tierney, Leah Sheedy, Ciara Phelan, and Fiona Hennessey.

They also went to Dublin to represent the club in the All Ireland 7 a side. Again they put in some great displays beating clubs from Offaly, Derry and Dublin to reach the final against Sarsfields of Galway. While the girls played well, Sarsfields were the better team on the day and had more experience at 7 a side matches than our girls who were playing it for the first time.

Our U/16 team also had a great year. This has always been a fine team, reaching County finals at u/12 and u/14 level. We had three girls picked for the County U/16 panels with Alana Morris winning the Munster A final with Tipperary and three for the U/15 panels who also won some of the U/15 All Ireland Blitzes. Hopes were high at the start of the year and we won our first game against Silvermines. This was followed by a narrow defeat to Moneygall. A good win against Kilruane and a walkover against Clonoulty gave us a semi-final against Moneygall. The girls really hurled well and took the scores when they came along for a fine win. The final was against Kilruane. The girls had trained hard under the guidance of Louise Hickey, Kieran O'Brien and Mikey McNamara. The hard work really paid off, despite a tense start, Nenagh pulled away and really gave a commanding performance to win on a score line of 3-6 to 0-1. While we have reached a couple of U/16 finals, this was our first silverware at this level and another sign of how the girls are progressing.

Panel: S Quigley, A Heffernan, R Maher, K Mulqueen, R Spillane, Z Gratton, A Morris, S Gleeson, E Slattery, M Collins, A O'Brien, G O'Brien, J Moylan, S O'Connor, H O'Brien, L Maher, P Ryan, C Curran, A Long, M Sheridan, H McAuliffe, N Ryan, A Hallinan, C Ryan, M Coffey.

Newport/Ballinahinch Camogie

2012 was a most successful year for Newport/Ballinahinch Camogie Club, where we had unprecedented success winning an All Ireland Title with our U14 Feile team. We also won the U14A County League and our U13 contested County League Final. We had teams at U8, U10 and U12 representing the club on the playing fields and our Junior A team were unlucky not to reach a county semi final.

U14 – The U14 had the most wonderful year, bringing home two trophies to the club, including the All Ireland Feile title.

The journey for Feile began in March where we played Nenagh in the first round in Lacken Park, Newport and won by a couple of points. Following this we beat Toomevara and played Drom in the final on 1st April winning by 2-3 to 1-0. The Feile was due to be held in Dublin on first weekend in July so the fundraising drive started in earnest. We had Table Quiz, Bag Packing and a Bingo night and due to huge support from the businesses and people of local area we were successful in raising the funds.

Our host club were Lucan Sarsfields and our first match was on Thursday against Lucan at Twelfth Locke pitch. We were somewhat familiar with Lucan as we had visited them for challenge match for the previous two years. After a titanic match we emerged victorious on a scoreline of Lucan 3-2 Newport/Ballinahinch 1-12. After this it was on to the Parade in Croke Park which was a fantastic occasion and one that will live in the memory for a long time.

Our second match was on Friday against St. Judes which we won comfortably. We then played Kilkenny champions Piltown winning by a narrow margin. With three wins behind us we then faced the Dublin Feile Champions Ballyboden Gaels in the semi-finals to be played at the Perigrine GAA grounds. This was a tight battle under wet and testing conditions but the girls showed their true grit and won this tough encounter by 2-0 to 0-3.

The final was scheduled for 1pm on the Saturday at Croke Park. The girls were so thrilled to have reached the final but ecstatic at the prospect of playing on the sacred sod at Croke Park. For a while it looked like this dream might be dashed as an appeal from the other semi-final looked like causing a deferment. But after a three and a half hour delay the final went ahead with Davitts of Galway as opposition. It was a close game all through until our girls scored two goals in the final minutes to end up worthy winners on a score line 3-3 to 0-2.

Emotional scenes followed and to watch Caroline Mullaney and the girls climb the steps of the Hogan Stand to collect the



Newport/ Ballinahinch - All Ireland Under 14 Feile na nGael champions: Katie Jones, Shannon Ryan, Ciara Floyd, Leah Healy, Caoimhe McGrath, Caroline Mullaney, Thea Curtin, Emma Hennessy, Amy Quigley, Chloe Lenihan, Chlogadh Sheldon, Emma Flanagan, Keely Lehihan, Jane Jones, Cora Troy, Elizabeth Floyd, Grace Allen, Roisin Allen, Ellen McKeogh, Shauna Cooke, Izzy Ryan, Niamh Sheldon, Ciara Ryan, Trudy Hurley.



Caroline Mullaney (Capt), Newport/ Ballinahinch, accepting the Purcell Cup, following her team's win in the All Ireland Feile na nGael final at Croke Park.

Purcell Trophy was a scene that will live in the clubs memory for many years to come.

Well done to each and every one of the twenty four girls on the panel who were a credit to themselves and their families and represented the club with such distinction. They have put in huge efforts into training and matches over the past 12 months and have proven what hard work and commitment can achieve.

To their mentors Liam McGrath, Bill Mullaney, Eddie Quigley, Breda Floyd and Rosari Ryan who have put their heart and soul into this team and have given huge commitment and dedication to the cause we say a sincere thanks. Huge thanks to Christine Hennessy who looked after all the cuts and knocks and to Mary Troy who liaised with the host families and looked after all the players. Thanks to Andy Ryan for taking a number of training sessions during the year, to Philip Kelly for help with training and for refereeing our pre Feile Tournament and to Dinny Ryan for helping out with training in the lead up to Feile and in Dublin. To James and Edel Flannagan who were a great help to the team in Dublin even using their contacts to get the team gear washed and dried.

The club would especially like to acknowledge the welcome and generosity shown by our host club Lucan Sarsfield. They really gave us wonderful hospitality and then great support in the semi-final and final.

Many thanks to our sponsors, who have contributed generously over the last few months, it really is appreciated. To the girls parents and families for all their support and especially for making the journey to Dublin.

Finally to our club committee ably led by Cora Moroney who put huge effort into organising fundraisers, gear and transport and anything else that was needed and to the local community who came out in such support for the homecoming. What a great sight to see the bonfires blazing at the Long House field on way over from Birdhill and the crowd in the square in Newport.

The U14 girls finished off a great year by capturing the U14A County League title by defeating Nenagh at The Ragg on Sunday 14th October. The final score was 1-07 to 1-02.

The panel for the year was Katie Jones, Shannon Ryan, Ciara Floyd, Leah Healy, Caoimhe McGrath, Caroline Mullaney, Thea Curtin, Emma Hennessy, Amy Quigley, Chloe Lenihan, Chlogadh Sheldon, Emma Flanagan, Ciara Ryan, Keely Lenihan, Trudy Hurley, Jane Jones, Cora Troy, Elizabeth Floyd, Grace Allen, Grace O Toole, Ellen McKeogh, Shauna Cooke, Izzy Ryan, Niamh Sheldon, Roisin Allen.

County titles for Cahir

Cahir won their first County Junior 'B' title following a 2-8 to 1-6 win over Nenagh. After a great win in the semi-final against Portroe the previous week Cahir Junior B team were in the county final against Nenagh Eire Og on Sunday 21st October. This was a historic occasion for Cahir as it was their first county final at this level. This final was played in The Ragg and the Cahir girls were led by manager Marie Casey.

At the end of a very entertaining hour it was Nenagh Eire Og who had to give way to a stronger and hungrier Cahir side who had built up a comfortable lead at the break. Great credit to the Cahir side who never gave up but fought with sheer determination and a will to succeed approach that was to see them crowned champions. Cahir too didn't have it all their own way though and an early second half come back from Nenagh saw one point separate them for a short while until Cahir rearranged their troops which helped them to pull clear.

When the referee blew the final whistle there were great scenes of jubilation from the Cahir followers. Aoife Bourke as Cahir captain was delighted to accept the cup from the County Chairman Joe Cahill. Well done to all the girls and especially to team manager Marie Casey and selector Mary Howard on a historic win for Cahir Camogie club.

Team: Orla McEniry, Shauna O'Donnell, Lorna McEniry, Aoife Bourke (Captain), Aoife Casey, Jackie Heffernan, Aisling O'Connor, Emma Buckley, Aisling McCarthy, Aisling Condon, Sinead Kennedy, Laura Dillon, Rachel Doyle.

Subs: Megan Heffernan for A. Bourke, Laura Keating for J. Heffernan, Clara O'Donnell for S. O'Donnell and Donna Casey.

Management: Marie Casey & Mary Howard

Under 16's win County title for the first time

After winning the U14A Championship and All Ireland Feile in 2011 Cahir had moved up to 'A' in the U16 category. Cahir U16 team had a fantastic win against old rivals Toomevara in the 'A' county final in The Ragg on Wednesday 29th August 2012. Cahir had won the U16B championship last year and were now competing in the 'A' championship for the first time.

Team: Keeley Halpin, Clara O'Donnell, Ellen English, Claire



Cahir – County Under 16 'A' Champions: Back (l to r): C. Keating, M. Howard, A. O'Gorman, G. Quirke, K. A. Corcoran, J. Arbuckle, R. O'Donnell, M. English, R. Costigan, S. Bourke, K. Arbuckle, K. Halpin, C. Condon, Front (l to r): M. Casey, M. Murphy, E. Flannery, C. Doyle, E. Buckley, C. O'Donnell, A. McCarthy, R. Howard, A. Moloney, C. Casey



Cahir – County Junior 'B' Champions: Back (l-r): Marie Casey (manager), Megan Heffernan, Laura Keating, Sinead Kennedy, Aisling Condon, Jackie Heffernan, Rachel Doyle, Laura Dillon, Clara O'Donnell, Mary Howard. Front (l to r): Orla McEniry, Shauna O'Donnell, Lorna McEniry, Aoife Bourke (Captain), Aoife Casey, Aisling McCarthy, Aisling O'Connor, Emma Buckley, .



Cahir captain Annmarie O'Gorman receiving the Munster Intermediate trophy.

Doyle, Emma Buckley(captain), Eileen Flannery, Aishling Moloney, Grainne Quirke, Aisling McCarthy, Joye Arbuckle, Roisin Howard, Maureen Murphy, Aoife Corcoran, Roisin O'Donnell, Eadaoin O'Gorman, Caoimhe Condon, Kirsty Arbuckle, Shauna Burke, Carol Casey, Roisin Costigan, Laura Dillon, Katie Farrell and Claire Walsh.

County Scene

We were represented by Orla McEniry as goalie on the Tipperary Minor and Intermediate teams. Cahir were well represented on the u14 county team by Eileen Flannery, Kirsty Arbuckle and Caoimhe Condon. We had four representatives on the County u16 team Aisling McCarthy, Roisin Howard, Emma Buckley and Keeley Halpin. This team won the Munster Championship with a good victory over Cork. Unfortunately the Tipperary team were later knocked out of the All Ireland by the same Cork team.

Caral Casey represents Cahir on the U15 county team.

Burgess-Duharra Camogie Club

2012 saw Burgess-Duharra return to the top of the tree when they regained the Bernie O'Dowd cup as Senior County Champions for only the second time in our history, while our minors captured the A Championship after a titanic battle with Toomevara. From U8s to Senior, we have had teams competing throughout the year and all in the 'A' division.

Seniors:

Our Seniors competed in the County League, Munster Senior League and County Championship and Munster Club Championship and reached the finals of all of these competitions. Their year began in February, ended in November and there was much success throughout this long journey.

In winning the County League, we played several competitive group matches before defeating Drom in the final by four points in a very tough game. Next up was the Munster Super League and once again we made it through to the final after a fine run of matches. There we played Milford, a team we would encounter later in the year. Only two points separated both teams at the end of an uncompromising match, but unfortunately we were on the wrong end of the score-line. The championship began with a victory over Drom and that was followed with a defeat of Toomevara and we then received two byes which set up a semi-final against Toomevara which we won comfortably. Drom would be our opponents in the final and in a very tense match which looked to be going our way before a Drom goal brought them right back into it, Amy Kennedy stepped up to pop over a delightfully taken winning point. Scenes of joy followed the final whistle as our captain, Trish O'Halloran lifted the cup for a second time in our history.

This win saw us into a Munster Club final where we would face Milford in Lattin-Cullen GAA grounds on the 3rd of November. It was not to be for the girls on this occasion as Milford claimed their first Munster Club title but full credit must

go to the panel and their management for the joy and excitement they brought to the club all year.

Juniors:

Our Junior team competed in both the League and Championship and this young panel of players performed



Burgess/Duharra – County Senior Camogie Champions. Included in the photo are Nessa O'Driscoll, Elaine King, Aisling Cremin, Eimear Dwan, Deirdre McDonnell, Trish O'Halloran [Capt], Jenny O'Halloran, Caoimhe Maher, Aine Mulcahy, Ruth Barry, Sheena Howard, Sara Hayes, Tara Kennedy, Eimear McDonnell, Amy Kennedy, Ciara Holohan, Ciara McKeogh, Gemma Grace, Maeve Moloney, Aideen Nealon, Mary Ryan, Amanda Egan, Niamh O'Donoghue, Aisling Gregan, Karen O'Brien, Claire Kearns, Geraldine Conroy, Sinead Daly Dillon, Aine O'Halloran, Aisling O'Halloran, Jenny Grace, Sinead Quigley, Danielle Curtin, Claire Murphy, Sorcha Holohan.

exceptionally well which bodes well for the future of the club.

Juveniles:

Our Minors had a great year, winning the 'A' Championship as well as the inaugural Munster Summer 7s tournament in Cork. In the Championship final we defeated a very good Toomevara team by two points in a pulsating game. The Munster 7s was a great competition and our girls performed brilliantly throughout the group stages before defeating Sixmilebridge in the final where the two teams put on a display that was a credit to both clubs. Our U14 panel improved as the year went on and this culminated in them reaching the 'B' League final where they were defeated by a stronger Silvermines team. There was also great strides made by our U12s who applied themselves brilliantly all year and made it through to the League final where they were beaten by Neangh Eire Og but not before an epic battle. This team also got to play in Croke Park when they competed in the Caman to Croker tournament in the summer.

At U8 and U10 level, we had 30 plus players who participated in several Blitzes and tournaments throughout the year. Great credit must go to Frances, Eric and Kevin for the work that they put in with this very important group of players who are the future of the club.

We had several players who played on Tipperary teams over the season, U14 we had Ciardha Maher and Una Quigley, U15 Shona O'Donoghue, Amy Seymour, and Aine Gillespie, U16 Jenny Grace and Danielle Curtin and U18 Caoimhe Maher, Aisling Cremin and Tara Kennedy. While on the Intermediate team Aisling Cremin was our representative and Ruth Barry and Caoimhe Maher were on the Senior panel.

Finally many thanks to our committee and supporters for everything they did throughout the year for the club and our sponsors Barrys Pub, Bobby Reidys Pub, Ashlawn Nursing Home, Irish Slate Supplies and Roy Breens Pub for their continued support.



The Burgess-Duharra U-12 team pictured in Croke Park before they participated in the Caman to Croker Go Games Blitz.



Clonoulty/Rossmore U18B Championship finalists. Back l-r: Niamh Hayes, Catherine Mockler, Kate Ryan, Eva Ryan, Sarah Fryday, Aimee Quinn, Courtney Ryan, Shannon Quirke, Ellen Dunne, Manger Jason Forrester. Front l-r: Aisling Ryan, Aoife Kinane, Anne Marie O'Connor, Sarah Ryan, Clodagh Quirke, Sinead Kennedy, Julie Murphy.

Clonoulty/Rossmore U14 Camogie team who were finalists in both the U14C Championship and U14B League. Back l-r: Megan Ryan, Eimear Loughman, Ciara Quirke, Sinead Ryan, Moria Kinane. Middle l-r: Katie Murphy, Avril Quirke, Rachel Ryan, Kellie Quirke. Front l-r: Caoimhe Quirke, Anna Kennedy, Sinead Ryan, Mary Theresa Mockler.



Ballina win U13 'B' Co. Final

Ballina 3-01 Kildangan 0-02

Ballina captured their first county title since the club reformed six years ago in a thrilling game against Kildangan under lights in Puckane in November.

The sides were evenly matched throughout a fast moving first half. Kildangan took the lead early in the game with a well taken point by midfielder Sinead Meagher and they held this lead until half time. Ballina came into the match early in the second half and were soon level. Following some hard work by Laura Storan

in midfield, the ball was fed through to wing forward Anna Conway who pointed from distance. Defences on both sides were on top, and the game was in the balance as it entered the final stages when Ballina finally went in front. A long range free from Grace Keely dropped in around the goal, and following a real goalmouth scramble, Michelle Lotter finished the ball to the net. Ballina pressed on and hard working centre forward Ellen Lane fed Anna Conway who finished to the roof of the net. The same player scored her second goal with a looping shot from a tight angle that deceived the Kildangan goalie. Kildangan showed great fight and refused to give up, working the ball downfield for Sinead Meagher to score a superb long range point. Shortly afterwards though the referee blew the final whistle. There were

jubilant scenes after the game when Ballina captain Sophie McGrattan stepped up to accept the trophy.

The Ballina team was as follows... Hazel McMahon, Katie Dunne, Kellie Fogarty, Eve McCarthy Gilligan, Sophie McGrattan, Grace Keely, Clare Maguire, Michelle Lotter, Shona O'Sullivan, Anna Conway, Ellen Lane, Hannah Finnerty, Aideen O'Hagan, Maeve O'Leary, Laura Storan. Subs: Ciara Collins, Edel Ryan, Rachel Foley, Lauren Gough, Eimear O'Brien, Aoife Graham, Aine Sherin, Leah O'Brien, Laura Wallace.





UCC captain Shane Bourke accepting the Fitzgibbon Cup from GAA President Christy Cooney. Shane Bourke from the JK Brackens club captained University College Cork to win the centenary Fitzgibbon Cup Universities senior hurling final played at UCC in March. Shane was joined on the winning team by Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane) and Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh). UCC defeated Cork IT in the final on a scoreline of 2-15 to 2-14 after extra time. Following their standout performances during the 2011/2012 Third Level competitions, Stephen Maher (UCC), Paddy Stapleton (UL), Sean Curran (Mary I) and Shane Bourke (UCC) were named on the Irish Daily Mail Hurling Future Champions team of the year.



Our Lady's, Templemore, Croke Cup panel who defeated Thurles CBS in the final.

LIT Tipperary GAA Club

Academic Year 2011 – 2012 proved to be a very exciting year for LIT Tipperary. This was the first year of participation for the 3rd Level Tipperary College (formerly Tipperary Institute) under the LIT banner. Coming under the LIT banner has brought a great deal of professionalism to sports in the college and success will follow.

In this academic year the College footballers under the guidance of Jimmy Sweeney and Ferghal McDonnell reached the Corn na MacLeinn quarter final narrowly losing out to a strong Mater Dei team. The college footballers also reached the All-Ireland League quarter finals losing out to NUI Galway by one point after extra time.

The Ladies footballers under the tutelage of Aidan Dwyer and selectors Sarah O'Connell and Ruth Bergin reached the All Ireland Quarter Final narrowly losing out to IT Blanchardstown in a hard fought game in Thurles.

The hurlers managed by Liam Kennedy competed in Division 2 of the National League and acquitted themselves well against Ryan Cup finalists IT Tralee and Mary Immaculate College. When the Fergal Maher Cup kicked off LIT Tipp were in full swing and had a very tough run to the final beating St Mary's Belfast and IT Tallaght in the quarter and semi-finals respectively. The final, held during Fitzgibbon Cup Weekend

and hosted by UCC, was to be an interesting battle between LIT Tipp and St Patrick's College Thurles with LIT Tipp coming out on top on a score line of 2-6 to 0-8. LIT Tipp captain Seamus Lawlor collected the Fergal Maher Cup and also the Man of the Match Award.

It was a very proud day for the management team of Liam Kennedy (manager), Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell (selector) and Wayne Fanning (sports officer).

LIT Tipperary Team: David Reddan (Kilruane MacDonagh), Niall O'Sullivan (Moycarkey Borris), Aidan Dwyer (Borris-Ileigh), James McDonnell (Na Piersaigh, Cork), Ian Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Cathal Bergin (Killenaule), Fergal Brennan (Cloneen), Seamus Lawlor (Fourmilewater, Waterford CAPTAIN), Micheal Coen (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Tom Dorney (Thurles Gaels), James Logue (Ballingarry), Adam McCarthy (Cobh, Cork), Denis McGrath (Moyle Rovers), James McCormack (Fethard), Martin Fitzgerald (Ardclough, Kildare), Kevin Smith (Thurles Sarsfields), Ciaran O'Shea (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Fahy (Killimor, Galway), Jim Nelligan (Inniscara, Cork), Phil O'Sullivan (Eire Og, Cork), Eoin Kinnane (Templederry), Mick Carroll (Castlecomer, Kilkenny), Diarmuid Brennan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Tom McEvoy (Clonad, Laois), Barra O'Nuallain (Ballyboden, Dublin).



LIT Tipperary Maher Cup winners.

Nenagh CBS join Colleges hurling elite

by Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

The most satisfying success story in Tipperary GAA in 2012 has to go to Nenagh CBS and their historic run to a first ever All Ireland Colleges Senior 'A' Hurling title.

It was the most unlikely of successes as Nenagh CBS weren't seen as a contender for the Munster Colleges title at the outset but with each game they gathered momentum and despite set-backs along the way, they proved to be the last team standing in Semple Stadium on 31st March last when they defeated Kilkenny CBS in the All Ireland Final.

Nenagh CBS negotiated a relatively easy group quite comfortably before Christmas with wins over Kerry Colleges and Castletroy College to top the three-team group and progress to the quarter finals as a top seed.

However, they appeared to have drawn the short straw in those quarter finals when they were paired with Tipperary rivals, Thurles CBS. Losing full back Niall Gleeson with a serious knee injury was a massive blow and giving up a five-point lead late on in Dolla, all the momentum was with Thurles going into the replay. However, Nenagh again stuck grimly to their task and a late Jason Forde penalty proved the difference on a horrible wet day in The Ragg.

The reward for getting past Thurles CBS was to take on two-time defending champions Ardscoil Rís from Limerick. Again Nenagh looked to have thrown their chance away when a two-point lead in injury time was erased as a replay was required once again.

As they had done against Thurles CBS, Nenagh again took the positives from the drawn game and trailing by two points with seven minutes remaining, captain Jason Forde conjured a goal and with the game tied in injury time, fired over from long range to send Nenagh into the Harty Cup final.

Nenagh CBS had never won the Dr Harty Cup in three previous final attempts and a bumper crowd packed into Leahy Park in Cashel for the decider against Colaiste na nDéise, despite the poor scheduling which saw it clash against the Allianz Hurling League opener between Kilkenny and Tipperary in Nowlan Park just forty minutes away.

Once again it was to be bitter disappointment for Nenagh CBS as the West Waterford combination made a blistering start, leading 2-5 to 0-1 after sixteen minutes, a gap Nenagh couldn't bridge despite a brave effort.

Such was the mental effort put into the Harty Cup final, the All Ireland series didn't seem much of a consolation and with the Ulster champions opting not to field, Nenagh were then paired with the mighty St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi-final in the The Ragg on St. Patrick's Day.

Better teams in the past have been beaten before they take to the field against the famed Kilkenny hurling nursery, many spooked by the mere name and the great history the marble city college has in colleges hurling but Nenagh weren't sucked in by it and outthured their opponents on merit, finishing the stronger in the second half to record a three-point victory.

Nenagh's final opponents were also Kilkenny city opposition in the form of Kilkenny CBS. As in the Harty Cup final, Nenagh made a disastrous start and trailed 1-3 to 0-1 after the opening quarter with the goal being cheaply conceded indeed.

Their heads could have dropped but they slowly worked their way into the game and two goals in as many minutes from Paudie Fogarty and Jason Forde turned the game on its head before half time. A second Jason Forde goal early in the second half put Nenagh five points in front and they continued to hold a comfortable lead through points from Steven O'Brien, James Mackey and Killian Gleeson to keep Kilkenny at arms length.

An injury time goal ensured a nervy final few minutes the final whistle sounded and Nenagh CBS dramatically added their

name to the illustrious role of honour as winners of the Croke Cup.

As well as their great hurling ability, the character of the Nenagh guys shone throughout the campaign. In the drawn games against both Thurles CBS and Ardscoil Rís, it was their opponents that had the momentum going into the replays having come from behind but Nenagh had the fortitude to finish the job at the second time of asking.

The manner in which they responded to the Harty Cup final defeat to Colaiste na nDéise said everything about the mental toughness within the squad and the superb management of Donach O'Donnell, Niall Quigley and the remainder of the backroom team to pick the team up for the All Ireland series.

In many ways, Nenagh might not have won the All Ireland final but for the experience of the Harty Cup final. In that game as they did against Kilkenny CBS they fell behind early on but crucially they didn't panic and hung in the game until they found their feet and when they settled to their task they proved to be the better team and were more comfortable than the two-point margin suggested.

As well as the set-back against Colaiste na nDéise, injuries failed to derail the Nenagh express with full back Niall Gleeson ruled out with a cruciate knee injury in the drawn quarter final against Thurles CBS but Kevin Gubbins and Jack O'Flaherty filled in more than capably.

Losing your centre back for an All Ireland semi-final would be considered a massive blow but All Ireland minor winning defender Jack Peters wasn't missed with his younger brother Darragh, captain of Nenagh's U15 team (Munster U15 'B' winners), starring against St Kieran's College at wing back.

The management can also take much of the credit for the success with the excellent physical preparation of the team, which got better with each passing game. Tactically they got the positioning of their team spot on, using an extra man in defence when required, and also playing a brand of hurling which suited the players at their disposal.

This success is now the starting point for Nenagh to contest for Munster and All Ireland honours on a consistent basis with the next target being the annexing of their first Harty Cup. In fact Nenagh CBS have become the first school to win the All Ireland title without having won their provincial championship.

Heady days for Nenagh CBS indeed and ones to be cherished!

PATH TO THE TITLE

Munster Round 1: Nenagh CBS 0-15 Kerry Colleges 0-6

Will Power; Stephen Cleary, Jack Peters, Jack O'Flaherty; Eddie Hynes, Niall Gleeson, Conor Leo; Jack Loughnane, Killian Gleeson; Tadhg Gallagher (0-2), Stephen O'Brien, Jason Forde (0-7); Padraic Shanahan (0-2), Paudie Fogarty (0-3), Shane Nolan (0-1).

Munster Round 2: Nenagh CBS 2-10 Castletroy College 1-8

Munster QF: Nenagh CBS 0-16 Thurles CBS 1-13

Will Power; Donnacha Quinn, Niall Gleeson, Stephen Cleary; Eddie Hynes, Jack Peters, Jack O'Flaherty; Jack Loughnane (0-1), Tadhg Gallagher (0-1); Padraic Shanahan (0-1), Conor Delaney, Stephen O'Brien (0-1); Jason Forde (0-9), Paudie Fogarty (0-2), James Mackey (0-1).

SUBS: Conor Leo for Gleeson (inj); Killian Gleeson for Mackey.

Replay: Nenagh CBS 1-7 Thurles CBS 0-8

Will Power; Donnacha Quinn, Jack O'Flaherty, Stephen Cleary; Eddie Hynes, Jack Peters, Killian Gleeson; Jack Loughnane, Tadhg Gallagher; Stephen O'Brien, Jason Forde (1-5), Padraig Shanahan (0-1); Paudie Fogarty, Conor Delaney, James Mackey (0-1).

SUBS: Sean Geaney for Delaney; Conor Leo for Cleary (inj).

St. Joseph's CBS, Nenagh - All-Ireland College Champions



St Joseph's CBS Nenagh are crowned All Ireland Colleges Senior Hurling 'A' Champions for the first time ever after defeated a gallant Kilkenny CBS team in the Final at Semple Stadium. Front l-r: Sean Geaney, Jack Loughnane, Jack O'Flaherty, Killian Gleeson, Donnacha Quinn, Jason Forde (captain), Senan Stanley, Jack Peters. Middle row: Niall Quigley (management), James Mackey, Paudie Fogarty, Aaron Mulqueen, Steven O'Brien, Eddie Hynes, Kevin Gubbins, Conor Delaney, Mark Tuite (water-carrier), Mark Gennery (management). Back row: Dean Ray, Podge Shanahan, Will Power, Conor Leo, Willie Duggan (water-carrier), Ciarán Quilligan, Shane Nolan, Conor Byrne, Darragh Walsh (water-carrier), Niall Gleeson, Jim Minehan, Stephen Cleary, Tadhg Gallagher, Darragh Peters, Garry Howard, Donagh O'Donnell (management).

Munster SF: Nenagh CBS 1-11 Ardscoil Rís 2-8

Will Power; Donnacha Quinn, Jack O'Flaherty, Stephen Cleary; Eddie Hynes, Jack Peters, Killian Gleeson; Jack Loughnane, Tadhg Gallagher (0-2); Conor Delaney, Jason Forde (0-7), Stephen O'Brien (1-1); Pdraig Shanahan, Paudie Fogarty (0-1), James Mackey.

SUBS: Sean Geaney for Mackey; Kevin Gubbins for Gleeson.

Replay: Nenagh CBS 1-11 Ardscoil Rís 0-13

Will Power; Donnacha Quinn, Kevin Gubbins, Stephen Cleary; Eddie Hynes, Jack Peters, Jack O'Flaherty; Jack Loughnane, Tadhg Gallagher; Conor Delaney, Jason Forde (1-10), Stephen O'Brien (0-1); James Mackey, Podge Shanahan, Paudie Fogarty.

SUBS: Sean Geaney for Shanahan; Killian Gleeson for Mackey.

Munster Final: Nenagh CBS 1-10 Colaíste na nDeise 2-14

Will Power; Donnacha Quinn, Kevin Gubbins, Stephen Cleary; Jack O'Flaherty, Jack Peters, Eddie Hynes; Jack Loughnane (0-2), Tadhg Gallagher (0-3); Conor Delaney, Jason Forde (1-4), Stephen O'Brien; Paudie Fogarty, Pairic Shanahan (0-1), James Mackey.

SUBS: Sean Geaney for Mackey; Killian Gleeson for Delaney.

All Ireland SF: Nenagh CBS 0-17 St Kieran's College 0-14

Will Power; Donnacha Quinn, Kevin Gubbins, Stephen Cleary; Eddie Hynes, Jack O'Flaherty, Darragh Peters; Jack Loughnane,

Sean Geaney; Tadhg Gallagher, Stephen O'Brien, Killian Gleeson (0-1); Conor Delaney, Jason Forde (0-14), James Mackey.

SUB: Paudie Fogarty (0-2) for Delaney (42).

All Ireland Final: Nenagh CBS 3-10 Kilkenny CBS 2-11

Nenagh CBS: Will Power; Stephen Cleary, Kevin Gubbins, Donnacha Quinn; Eddie Hynes, Jack Peters, Jack O'Flaherty; Jack Loughnane, Sean Geaney (0-1); Killian Gleeson (0-2), Tadhg Gallagher, Stephen O'Brien; James Mackey (0-3), Jason Forde (2-2, 0-2f), Paudie Fogarty (1-0).

SUBS: Darragh Peters for Quinn (52 inj); Conor Delaney for Gubbins (59).

Nenagh CBS Panel: Steven O'Brien (Ballina); Jack O'Flaherty (Burgess); Tadhg Gallagher, Jack Loughnane, Jim Minehan (Kildangan); Stephen Cleary, Darragh Peters, Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Sean Geaney, Killian Gleeson, Kevin Gubbins, Gary Howard, James Mackey, Donnacha Quinn, Dean Ray (Nenagh Eire Óg); Conor Byrne, Niall Gleeson, Conor Leo, Ciaran Quilligan (Portroe); Paudie Fogarty, Jason Forde, Aaron Mulqueen, Will Power, Senan Stanley (Silvermines); Eddie Hynes (Templederry Kenyons); Conor Delaney, Shane Nolan, Pairic Shanahan (Toomevara).

Management: Donagh O'Donnell, Niall Quigley.



Ballad Section



CD by Jonathan Cullen

Jonathan Cullen is a well known figure in GAA circles in county Tipperary and he is currently secretary of the Mid Tipperary GAA Board.

Jonathan's love for music and singing goes right back to his primary school days in Castleiney NS when his then teacher, Annie Scott encouraged him to sing and perform at every available opportunity. After leaving school Jonathan became a member of the Moyne Variety Group and played leading roles in numerous musicals and plays. It has always been a dream of Jonathan's to record a CD of some of his favourite songs and now thanks to the help of sponsorship he has put together this eleven track CD in aid of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

Jonathan chose the Jack and Jill foundation because of the huge help and support it has been to him and his wife Mairead since their son Harry was diagnosed with cerebral palsy in April 2010 when he was just four months old.

The CD is widely available in stores throughout Tipperary including Lar Na Pairce and on Jonathan's website www.jonathancullenmusic.com and includes songs such as Bright Blue Rose, Ellis Island, Wonder Child and Slievenamon.

Tipperary - All-Ireland Minor Hurling Champions 2012

'Twas in the year of twenty
twelve
In Croke Park that famous
ground
We went to see the replay
Where great crowds they did
abound
'Twas the Minor Hurling Final
Between Tipperary and the
Dubs
Where young men from both
these counties
Came to represent their clubs

In the drawn game Tipperary
Were caught right on the hop
So we hoped on this occasion
That Dublin's run we'd stop
And so it did turn out that
way
As Tipp turned on the style
And with class and craft they
won the day
By the old proverbial mile

Paul Maher was our custodian
No. 1 on this great team
The full backline was Ronan
Maher
Jack Peters and Mikey Breen
Tomás Hamill and Barry
Heffernan
And Tom Fox were our half
backs
They hardly let a sliothar pass
Such was their skill and craft

Our captain was Bill Maher
In the centre of the field

Stephen Cahill was his partner
And not once did these two
yield
Our half forwards were Seán
Maher
John McGrath and Dylan
Fitzell
This surely was their finest
hour
As anyone could tell

Tadhg Gallagher in the corner
Not once did lose a race
While Jack Shelly at full
forward
Showed vision and great pace
Mark McCarthy too was in
great form
He made sure the job was
done
And our substitutes we praise
them all
Their day will surely come

So let's give thanks to these
young lads
Whose deeds indeed were
brave
I'm sure they'll take these
memories
Right to their very graves
In years to come when they
look back
On their great day in the sun
They'll remember with pride
and joy
The All-Ireland they have
won.

Johnny B & Seamus Doran



Slievenamon Rock On

(The Song was written by Johnny B, a hurley maker from Cahir, and Seamus Doran from Roscrea).

For more information see

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I joined the flying column back in 1989
in terraces all over Ireland, good and bad times,
In the wet, on the dry, kept the flag flying high,
For The Rattler, Nicky English and the Galtee mountain boy!
We go to all the games, bus, bike and train
every hurling mother, father, boy and girl
so arise and take a bow, brave sons of Kncok na Gow
does anyone here know how to hurl?
We know How!!

Pre chorus

We bet the yellow belies, Deisea and Rebels
The Biffos, the Banner and the Dubs
Shannon siders Tribes men, umpires and lines men.
Cats, Dogs, fields, bogs, hurling night and day

Chorus

Come on, Come on, you boys to Slievenamon
Blue and gold pumping through our veins
Come on sing along Alone all Alone
One for all, all for wan..... Rock on Slievenamon!
Our battle cry it rings from Cashel of the kings
reverberates from Clonmel to Roscrea
And we strive to bring that crown each year to Thurles town
fear nobody that tries to block our way... no way!

We bet the yellow belies, Deisea and Rebels
The Biffos, the Banner and the Dubs
Shannon siders Tribes men, umpires and lines men.
Cats, Dogs, fields bogs, hurling knight and day
Come on, Come on, you boys to Slievenamon
Blue and gold pumping through our veins
Come on sing along Alone all Alone
One for all, all for wan..... Rock on Slievenamon!

Reel instrumental

Boogie Boogie Boogie, Oi Oi Oi !!
Boogie Oi, Boogie Oi,
Bonner Bonner Bonner, Oi Oi Oi
Bonner Oi Bonner Oi

Against the cats, underdogs, in fields, in bogs
Dodgy knees and handy frees, having rows with referees
Pull'n, grind'n, cursing, blinding.
Hurling knight and day
Come on, Come on, you boys to Slievenamon
Blue and gold pumping through our veins
Come on sing along Alone all Alone
One for all, all for wan..... Rock on Slievenamon!
Slievenamon rock on!
Slievenamon rock on!

Burgess men help London to remarkable third Croke Park final victory in seven years

By Larry Cooney

London's hurlers were the toast of all Exiles on Saturday June 9th when they lifted their first Christy Ring Cup after a sensational ten-point victory over Wicklow at Croke Park. And Burgess men Jonathan Maher and Tony Dunne, who were among the seven Tipperary players involved for the Exiles, both played a key role in London's fourth consecutive Croke Park final appearance when London became the first county to win Nicky Rackard and Christy Ring Cups in consecutive years.

London had many heroes among their spirited campaign which eventually resulted in this year's surprising but thoroughly deserved Christy Ring Cup final victory including their hat-trick hero Jonathan Maher, who scored 3-4 of London's



Burgess duo: Jonathan Maher and Tony Dunne were among the seven Tipperary men involved in London's historic Christy Ring Cup success on June 9th this year.

4-18 total, and long serving stalwart and Corkman Martin Finn.

After losing their opening round game to Meath a month earlier, manager Eamonn Phelan successfully regrouped his squad beginning with a victory over Mayo in Ruislip. That victory was followed by a tremendous victory over an in-form Derry in Celtic Park a week later. However their semi-final performance over Down in Newry which enabled them to draw after extra-time before they completed the job a week later in Ruislip to set up their fourth consecutive Croke Park final appearance.

Speaking about London's Christy Ring Cup achievement Jonathan Maher said: "This is huge for everyone in London. We thought we were on an upward curve all year, game to game. We won the Nicky Rackard as a group of players last year with Eamonn (Phelan) over it and it was his intention to get us towards the Liam McCarthy Cup competition next year so that's what we wanted to do."

Meanwhile Cork man Martin Finn, who battled a serious knee injury, had the look of real satisfaction as he accompanied the Christy Ring Cup after the presentation.

"I always felt that if we had the belief we could do it and winning this cup is among the highlights of London hurling career," said Finn.

After the game which London won on a score of 4-18 to 1-17, GAA President Liam O'Neill presented the Christy Ring Cup to London captain and Clare native Colm Quinn. Lee Mackey, David Maher, Matt Ryan, Eoin Gleeson and Lorrha's Tony Hogan were the other Tipperary players involved.

Just a few weeks after London's historic triumph, Tony Hogan was involved in a serious road traffic accident from which he is still recovering. Thankfully Tony is showing some encouraging signs of improvement and hopefully will eventually make a full recovery.



Tony Hogan: Lorrha man making progress after serious road traffic accident just a few weeks after helping London win an historic first Christy Ring Cup.



The London team winners of the Christy Ring Cup.

Jim Holohan Volunteer Extraordinaire

Christmas time for most people is usually a happy time of celebration and enjoyment of the festive season but for Kilsheelan's Club secretary Jim Holohan Christmas 2011 was destined to be his darkest hour. Having been hospitalized just prior to Christmas his medical reports outlined a bleak and uncertain future and instead of enjoying the festive season he had to contemplate the crisis that suddenly had enveloped him. Like all the challenges he had faced in his lifetime as a farmer as a player and as a long serving club administrator he faced this one with fortitude and courage and in the witty way he had of putting things into perspective he called his bad news his Christmas present.

Jim developed a great love affair with the G.A.A which began as a young lad in Killurney N.S where he was in the company of some of the great stars of later years at club and county level. The rough and tumble of those lunchtime hurling and football games no doubt prepared him well for the challenges that were to come in later life and he came to appreciate at an early age the value and importance of playing for and participation in his local club.

The death of his father at a young age robbed the family of the breadwinner but Jim then just a young teenager stepped into the breach and with his strong and resourceful mother Nora they managed the family farm in a way that anyone could be proud off. Jim combined his busy farming life with a deep involvement and love of Gaelic games. The early years were just puckarounds in the neighbours fields but then Kilsheelan Sportsfield beckoned and thus began an involvement as a player at all levels, as a club committee member and extended to a long serving administrator as club secretary. He excelled in the role of club secretary, his strong work ethic, his attention to detail, his fundraising activities, his match reports and his lining of the field and maintaining it plus his club notes and allocating of match tickets stand him out from the crowd as a G.A.A Club volunteer extraordinaire. He combined all this work with being chairman of Killurney Sports and Social club, member of the United Sports panel, member of the G.A.A County Yearbook committee and also an excellent quizmaster for so many entertaining quiz night's around the parish and beyond.

Jim attended matches all over Ireland, stewarded in Semple Stadium, saw Tipperary play in the Skydome in Toronto and was at the early compromise rules games in Australia. He was an avid reader of G.A.A books and magazines and match programmes and had an in-depth knowledge of G.A.A affairs. He loved his involvement with the Tipperary Yearbook as it gave him an opportunity to pen little stories on one thing or another. His Cill Beag Gaels article in last year's yearbook tells the story of the early years of a fictitious club but when studied closely it was not so fictitious at all.

His marriage to Brigid who hails from Waterford was undoubtedly the greatest event of his life and was to usher in a whole new era for Jim. They were the perfect couple. They enjoyed life together with the G.A.A very high on both their agendas. They enjoyed the friendly rivalry between Tipperary and Waterford and both flags flew proudly side by side on the pole outside the gate. When Jim took on the role as club secretary Brigid was by his side to render her help and expertise as she did with all other aspects of his life. The club deeply appreciated her contribution.

Jim was immensely proud of his Club Kilsheelan Kilcash and cherished the medals he won in senior football and intermediate and junior hurling as a player. He was proud of all those who wore the county jersey especially from the club and his joy was immense when Bill Maher came back to Kilsheelan with an All Ireland football minor medal in September 2011. He had great respect for all G.A.A administrators at every level.

The 20th of March 2012 was a sad day for the club and parish



Jim Holohan

but particularly for Brigid and the Holohan family when after a short illness he passed to his eternal reward. Many tributes were paid at his funeral Mass to his deep faith and Christian values, values that shone out in his work and sporting activity and in his contribution to community life in his parish. His values of loyalty, honesty and integrity will be remembered whenever his name is mentioned.

Nobody could know it at the time but his greatest tribute was yet to come and it came on Sunday 30th of September when Bill Maher captained the Tipperary minor hurling team to All Ireland honours and it came again on Sunday the 18th November in the greatest way of all when his beloved Kilsheelan Kilcash won the county Junior Hurling Championship 'A' title, the first adult hurling title ever won by the club. One could imagine his guiding hand from above with hurley held aloft and hand ready to grab that dropping ball as he did in many a great victory for the club in the past. He will undoubtedly be the guardian angel of Kilsheelan Kilcash teams as they battle for greater honours in the years ahead.

Seamus Ó hUallachain, Fear mór, Fear laidir, Fear an-íontacht ar fad.

Go nDeana Dia trocaire ar a anam uasal

*Seán Ó Nuinseain [Cumann Cill Siolain Cill Chais].
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Thiobrad Árann*

Donal O'Brien – An unsung star goalkeeper of Tipperary's 'Golden-Era'

By Larry Cooney

Almost fifteen months after the passing of hurling legend John Doyle Tipperary's hurling fraternity lost another member from the teams of that same 'Golden Era' for the Premier County. The sudden death of New York-based Knockavilla native Donal O'Brien (73) in London earlier this year on Monday April 9th has deprived Tipperary of another genuine former hurling great and a goal-keeper to match the quality of the legendary Tony Reddan.

But while the name of Donal O'Brien might not trip off the tongues of many hurling nostalgia enthusiasts in the same way as Tipperary hurling giants such as the late John Doyle, Kieran Carey and Pat Stakelum those who were privileged to know him and admire his prowess and amazing feats between the posts at club and county level will openly admit that he was more than a match for their kind of company. The curse of emigration denied Donal O'Brien a much longer inter-county career than his goal-keeping skills deserved but at least his curtailed senior inter-county career was punctuated by a perfect back-to-back of All-Ireland final success in 1961 (Dublin) and 1962 (Wexford).

And what a 'swansong' performance the flame-haired Donal O'Brien gave that day against a fancied Wexford team in Croke Park on September 2nd 1962. It was the first ever All-Ireland hurling final to be televised live on the then Telefís Éireann before an attendance of 75,000 at a sun-drenched GAA HQ.

Two years after Tipperary succumbed to the Yellowbellies on a day to forget for all followers of the blue and gold, Jimmy Doyle led Tipperary to an unforgettable two-point victory on a score of 3-10 to 2-11 after a classic decider. Wexford may have caused a surprise two years previously but it was Tipperary who rattled their opponents on this occasion with two early goals. However the battling Slaneysiders were still well in contention until a third goal from Killenaule's Tom Ryan 'Tipped' the balance. Ryan's goal understandably captured the headlines but two match-winning saves by Donal O'Brien also broke many Wexford hearts on that memorable day for all Tipperary supporters.

Donal O'Brien's performance in the 1962 All-Ireland final was therefore a fitting finale to a short inter-county career of just seven senior appearances that began at minor level in 1957 when Tipperary went on to win the All-Ireland title. He was also eligible on the following year but on both occasions Donal was an understudy to the late Terry Moloney from the Arravale Rovers club.

But following an injury to Terry before the 1961 Munster championship Donal O'Brien took full advantage of his opportunity to make his senior inter-county debut. In his debut Munster final a clean sheet which included a stunning save from Christy Ring in Tipperary's 3-6 to 0-7 victory over Cork also earned him a Man-of-the-Match and Sport Star of the week accolades.

At club level Donal O'Brien also played a significant role during the most successful era of the Knockavilla Kickhams club including winning the 1959 and 1960 West Finals. After dominating hurling in West Tipperary for well over a decade the men in black and amber then amazingly failed to win another senior divisional title until 1997.

But Donal O'Brien continued his playing career in the Big Apple for many years where he was joined by his brothers Liam and Michael. He did return to Ireland for a period in the eighties



Donal O'Brien

and played outfield for his club, by then a man in his forties playing on the 'forty', which was quite remarkable. However like so many other returned emigrants it would appear that he found it hard to settle back to the pace of life in Ireland and eventually returned to New York.

But Donal O'Brien never lost his gra for Lisloran, Knockavilla and Tipperary and made many visits across the Atlantic over the past five decades to visit family and friends. In 2001 the West Tipperary GAA Board launched its history.

JJ Kennedy's excellent publication also coincided with the naming of the West Division's hurling and football teams of the Millennium selected by a special committee. After seeing off some stiff competition Donal O'Brien was present in Dundrum House on the evening of Friday May 25th to receive his accolade for the goal-keeping position.

It was my great pleasure and privilege to meet my boyhood hero – Donal O'Brien that evening. Back in the early 60's Donal deservedly commanded as much local adulation as did showjumper Tommy Wade riding that small wonder horse named after the local village of Dundrum.

On that evening of sheer nostalgia eleven years ago I could still clearly recall that afternoon in early September 1962 when accompanied by my uncle and a few other locals we watched Tipperary win their 19th All-Ireland title against Wexford on a black and white 17" TV set at Philly Kennedy's Garage (now Quirke's) in Dundrum. I can still hear that loud cheer when local hero - Donal O'Brien made that late miraculous match-winning save from Ollie 'Hopper' McGrath. Thanks for those great memories, Donal.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

May he rest in peace.

Culbaire - still 'the man' for GAA analysis

(By Michael Dundon)

In April 1961 a young secondary school teacher presented himself, en foot of a letter to the Editor of the *Tipperary Star*, in the office of the late Bill Myles at Friar Street in Thurles, inquiring about the possibility of contributing a weekly article on Gaelic games. The meeting was brief, very informal, but positive. Thus was born the "Culbaire" column which for more than half a century has entertained, informed, at times annoyed, even incensed, readers, but which, to this day, remains an integral element of the diet of G.A.A. followers, not only in Tipperary, but reaching to the furthest parts of the globe.

To some, Bill Myles' decision might have seemed hasty – but such was not the case. The aspiring correspondent had an impressive track record with the caman as a culbaire of the highest standing, and came from a family steeped in the tradition of the game, going back to "The Captain", Tom O'Grady, of Archerstown, who was joint captain of the Tipperary team which "invaded" the United States in 1888, a tour to promote among exiles a love of Gaelic games.

To compliment this, John was a teacher of English, with a great fondness for the language and its writers. He had a particular "gra" (and still does) for the top sports writers of the time in a wide variety of disciplines. "Carbery", Paddy Mehigan of the *Cork Weekly Examiner*, was a great favourite, his simple but evocative turn of phrase, imbued with the wisdom and perception of a very well-grounded countryman, finding a kindred spirit in the Moycarkey-Borris schoolteacher.

This was not surprising. John O'Grady grew up in a farming household where the daily topics of conversation were things agricultural, politics, and above all, hurling. Moycarkey-Borris were on the crest of the county's hurling wave in the formative years of the young "Culbaire", winning county senior hurling titles in '32, '33, '34, '37, and again in 1940. What else would any young lad from the parish aspire to but to follow in the footsteps of his local heroes, and to go on to wear the Blue and Gold with the distinction that such as the Ryan brothers, Johnny, Paddy "Sweeper", and Mutt and Phil Purcell, had brought to the colours.

For this young Moycarkey lad the dream came true. As a student at Thurles CBS, his prowess between the posts earned him his place on the successful Mid selections which won county minor titles in '46, '47, and '48. John was sub-goalie on the county minor team in 1946, which included his brother Jim, and which lost to Dublin in the All-Ireland final. He was first choice goalkeeper the following year when Tipperary beat Galway in the final, but in 1948, the Tipperary team lost to a hugely talented Waterford team in the Munster final. That Waterford team included such future stars as Martin Morrissey, Tom Cunningham, and Mick Flannelly who captained the side.

John's crowning moment as an underage player came when he captained the Tipperary team which won the *Irish Press* Cup, beating Kilkenny in the 1949 final, the first leg of a rare Tipperary double, as the seniors also triumphed that day over Laois. By that time he was a student at U.C.C. whom he represented in the Fitzgibbon Cup competition for four years without success. On graduating, he began his teaching career at Sullivan's Quay, then a colleges hurling stronghold in Cork, and threw in his lot with Blackrock hurling club. Great friendships forged and many happy memories, but no joy in terms of trophies won – defeat by the Christy Ring inspired Glen Rovers

in the 1954 Cork county final being the closest he came to the top honours.

Some inspired performances earned him recognition on the Cork County selection which annually played the county champions in a highly-regarded charity game. And, a rare distinction for a non-native, John played in goal for Cork in a game against Antrim to mark the opening of Casement Park, Belfast. Regular goalies Dave Creedon and Mick Cashman were unavailable, and so the opportunity, at the invitation of legendary Cork trainer, Jim Barry, to wear the red jersey on a memorable occasion.

In 1956, John took up a teaching post at his alma mater, Thurles CBS, going on to be Vice-Principal at his retirement.. Thurles CBS won the Harty Cup, Munster Colleges senior hurling title that year, and John recalls pucking balls at lunch time with Jimmy Doyle, then the star of the CBS team, and soon to be John's colleague on the 1958 All-Ireland winning Tipperary team.

His "exile" in Cork delayed his elevation to Tipperary senior goalkeeper and even an excellent display in a county trial in 1957 did not bring county selection. However, his hour was not far off and, with Tipperary in the doldrums without a Munster title since 1951, John availed of the Millar Shield, an inter-divisional hurling competition, to stake a claim for the number one shirt that could not be ignored.

A number of good showings in the National league in the Spring of '58 brought about inclusion in the championship squad along with other newcomers such as Donie Nealon and Kieran Carey. An initial win over a very fancied Limerick, who had impressed against Wexford in the National League final, was a huge boost, followed by Tipperary's first Munster championship win over Cork since 1951 in the semi-final. Then came Munster final honours, defeating Waterford. A record 55,000 attendance at Croke Park, with the Hogan Stand under renovation, saw Tipperary end Kilkenny's challenge, and secure a place in the final against Galway.

Galway were appearing in the final without having played a game, and proved no match for Tipperary who won by 4-9 to 2-5.

A month later, John O'Grady dropped a bombshell, announcing his retirement, a decision brought about by difficulties with his eyesight in the days before contact lenses became popular. John wore glasses playing, a huge risk in the pre-helmet days, when forwards tackling the goalkeeper as a regular and very popular feature of hurling.

The invention of plastic lenses prompted a later return to the Moycarkey-Borris colours, but a county medal eluded him as the all-conquering Sarsfields team of the time, dominated the club scene. A one point defeat in the 1962 final at the hands of "The Blues" was a major disappointment, and John finally brought down the curtain on his career in 1964.

By then his "Culbaire" column was firmly established in the *Tipperary Star*. His informed analysis, and fearless commentaries on the issues of the day, leavened with a droll sense of humour, were compulsive reading for an ever-growing following, and, inevitably, involved him in controversy, generally with the authorities in the association. Readers of a certain vintage will recall his crusade for the removal of Rule 27, infamously known as "The Ban", which precluded GAA people from playing so-called "foreign games" – soccer, rugby, cricket – and also barred GAA clubs from organising fund raising dances other than

those featuring Irish music – requirements ignored for the most part, but which surfaced from time to time as the occasion demanded. John was among a handful of writers, nationally, who challenged the relevance of the rule, including Dublin's Tom Woulfe and Mayo football star, Eamon Mongey, and largely through their initiative, The Ban was removed from the rule book.

Those were exciting times as the Culbaire column highlighted the inner-circle's efforts to stifle the democratically declared wishes of the vast majority of club members to remove The Ban. In one instance a club's delegates turned up at convention, mandated to vote for the removal of the rule, only to find that other club "delegates" were already been accredited, and the appointed duo were refused admission.

In another instance, a club voted to table a motion seeking The Ban's removal, only to discover that the motion would not be appearing on the convention agenda, having been ruled out of order on technical grounds, despite being presented by a very experienced administrator. Such material made for absorbing, debate-provoking reading, and the fame of the Culbaire column spread.

The column has a history of championing the cause of the underdog, particularly in disputes with "the top table". John's extensive knowledge of the rules of the association, and his exceptional ability in presenting and arguing his case, made him a formidable opponent in board-room battles. His assistance to clubs such as Killea, the old St Patrick's club in Thurles, and Templetuohy-Moyne spring to mind. On another occasion he was denounced off the pulpit over his remarks regarding a club.

His commitment to fair-play and justice did not always endear him to the authorities, but his integrity, courage, and command of his brief were recognised far and wide, and admired.

Another popular feature of his column for some years was his annual Christmas ballad – which recorded in verse, and with humour, the events of the year. A typical example, related to the victory of Sarsfields over Carrick Davins in the county final replay of 1964 –

*Quite soon 'twas seen, that the Sars machine, had lost a lot of power,
And at Holycross, the Thurels loss, was Moycarkey's finest hour,
For Tipp, one Mick, had done the trick, by a fine fullback return,
So in grave distress, the SOS went out for Mickey Byrne.*

*In the Clonmel mire, there was skill and fire, and Roche's exhibition,
And like Tony's book, the hurlers took us to a second edition,
An awful shame, that before the game, Carrick ignored his volume,
Had they struck the ball, ala Tony Wall, 'twould have helped the scoring column.*

*The replay came, a different game, in very different weather,
For the supreme test, the county's best, had pulled themselves together;*

And the lesson is clear, for the present year, to thwart the boys in blue,



John O'Grady receiving the Sean Ghael Award from former President GAA Sean Kelly

You must do more than lock the door, you must bar the back one too.

John says without hesitation that while he enjoyed the cut and thrust of the debate in these matters he never courted controversy. Personalised criticism of players or administrators was never his style, but he was never afraid to take issue with the association's bosses on the wider issues of its affairs. Yet, he was also a willing and able association member, serving as chairman of the Moycarkey-Borris club for a number of years, and also editing The Tipperary Year Book for a period, while contributing annually to it.

His own reflections on the Culbaire column – being involved through it keeps my interest in the games and the association at a high level. For most people in Tipperary, hurling and GAA affairs are an important part of their lives. In writing the column I have always felt a responsibility to respond in an informed and honest way to that interest.

"I am amazed at the length of time it has been going. I have never found it a chore. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to comment publicly on a game and association that is very dear to me. Some times the column can be more inspired than others, depending on what is going on, but I would never want it to become routine. We do not appear to have the big issues now compared to before – no real provocative motions at conventions which have become rather tame", he says.

And the good news is that John has no intention of decommissioning his pen(he still presents his copy through pen and paper). "I enjoy doing it, and being involved, so why would I stop now", he says.

Long may he continue to do so.



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Silvermines – Munster Intermediate Hurling champions 2012



Silvermines Intermediate hurlers celebrating the Munster title by accounting for Ballyduff (Kerry) in a thrilling final. Standing: (l to r) Liam Flannery (assistant coach), Paddy Moore (manager), Eddie Hynes (physio), Peter Kennedy (with son Craig), Damien Egan, Ryan Toohey, Sean Quinlan, Will Power, Paul Sherlock, Aaron Mulqueen, Donal Keogh, Willie Powell, Owen Lillis, Adrian Young. Middle row: Orrie Quirke, Kevin Cunneen, Paudie Fogarty, Maurice Leamy, Kieran Fogarty, Gary Toohey, Cathal Gleeson, Daniel Keogh, Jack Corcoran, Noel Quirke. Front row: Willie Keogh, David Keogh, David Boland, Brendan Timmons, Cathal Sherlock, Ronan Sherlock, Jason Forde, Sean Quirke, Shane Horan, Damien Boland, Alan Ryan.

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

2012 will stand along side 1974 as the greatest years in Silvermines GAA club history.

38-years-ago, the 'Mines claimed their one and only North senior hurling title which sat proudly the top of the roll of honour. This year's vintage can now sit with the club's greats as not only have they restored the club to the senior grade, they have done so by leaving the Intermediate grade behind in the best way possible!

Anyone with an association with the club at the foot of Keeper Hill will have a smile on their face, pep in their step following their remarkable final victory over Kerry senior champions Ballyduff in the Munster Final in Semple Stadium, Thurles on 24th November last, which rounded off a remarkable year for the club.

Trailing by three points at half time suggests that Silvermines didn't have much ground to make up in the second half doesn't tell the whole story. If Ballyduff has been twelve points in front at half time, the 'Mines would have had few complaints, such was the manner in which they were outplayed all over the field.

However, in hurling you must strike when the irons hot and going in at half time, you felt that if Silvermines could find their way into the game, they would make Ballyduff pay dearly for their profligacy in front of goal and that's how it proved with 'Mines making their dominance count, 0-11 to 0-2 in the second half to run out comfortable winners in the end.

Few within the Silvermines club will trade what this run of success to North, County and Munster titles has done for morale in the club and as captain Cathal Gleeson said afterwards, Silvermines might never reach a Munster Final again, as they head into senior grade (for the foreseeable future if they keep this level of performance up) and days like these need to be cherished.

When they started out in the defense of their North Intermediate title on a grey day in Nenagh last June against Ballina, even the most optimistic of supporters in the areas of Ballinacough, Dolla, Capparoo and Silvermines village would have dreamed of winning a Munster Final.

The single aim was to regain their senior status, last held in

2003. Since then, each year they have been touted among the favourites for promotion and bar North titles in 2006 and 2011, disappointment was their lot in the county championship.

The North Championship was relatively straight forward with group stage wins over Ballina, Ballinahinch, Shannon Rovers and Newport, which set-up a semi-final rematch with Newport, which Silvermines dug out with five points to spare.

Due to the All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship Final going to a replay, a backlog in fixtures ensured the North Final would be delayed with both the 'Mines and final opponents Ballina progressing to the county quarter finals, in which both progressed, ironically after extra time against Moyne-Templetuohy and Clonakenny respectively on what was a great value for money day in Moneygall.

Silvermines 20-point destruction of St Mary's of Clonmel in the semi-final left no one with any doubt as to their credentials as Intermediate winners and they proved it in emphatic fashion, defeating Ballina, 2-21 to 0-10 in the final on October 14th at Semple Stadium.

Six days later, the sides met yet again in the rearranged North Final in Nenagh and while the final margin was a lot closer, the result was the same with Silvermines winning by five points.

The game was the ideal come down from the County final success which was the ultimate goal but the extension of the Intermediate Championship to provincial and All Ireland level over the last ten years has been a wonderful addition to the fixture list, giving clubs the ambition to go the whole way, many of whom wouldn't get a chance to do so at senior level.

Tipperary representatives over the years in the Munster Championship haven't covered themselves in glory with only Kildangan emerging as winners in 2004 with Kilruane MacDonaghs (2003) and Borrisokane (2010) the only other teams to reach the final.

Silvermines let their intentions known with a comfortable win over Clare champions Ruan in Sixmilebridge. In a portent of their final experience, Silvermines trailed by three points at half time against Waterford champions An Rinn in the semi-final on home turf in Dolla, only to turn things around to win by two, leading to November 24th never to be forgotten Munster success, and quite possibly more to come.

North Tipperary Review

Senior Hurling Championship (Frank McGrath Cup)

Portroe 3 – 16 Toomevara 1 - 19 in Nenagh

Referee: Anthony Sherlock, Kildangan.

Intermediate Hurling Championship (Fr Hewitt Cup)

Silvermines 1 – 12 Ballina 0 – 10 in Nenagh

Referee: Philip Kelly, Ballinahinch.

Junior 'A' Hurling Championship (O'Keeffe Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 1 – 19 Moneygall 1 - 16 Toomevara.

Referee: Kieran Delaney, Toomevara.

Junior 'B' Hurling Championship (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Roscrea 4 – 13 Templederry Kenyons 1 - 15 in Moneygall

Referee: T P Sullivan, Nenagh Éire Óg.

Minor 'A' Hurling Championship (Michael 'Spike' Nolan Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-14 Kildangan 1-9 in Moneygall

Referee: Pat Gibson

Minor 'B' Hurling Championship (Nealon Trophy)

Portroe 3 – 15 Ballinahinch Gaels 1 – 12 in Dolla

Referee: Michael Murphy, Toomevara.

Junior 'B' Hurling League

Roscrea 2-7 Portroe 2-11 in Toomevara

Referee Michael Murphy

Senior Football Championship (Louis Maher Cup)

Thomas McDonaghs 0-15 Fr John Kenyons 0-10 in Dolla

Referee: Tom McGrath, Loughmore Castleiney.

Under 21 'A' Football Championship (North Board Cup)

Burgess 1 – 06 Kildangan 1 - 05 in Dolla

Referee: Michael Hayes, Ballina.

Under 21 'B' Football Championship (North Board Trophy)

Borrisokane 1-11 Shannon Rovers 2-03 in Lorrha

Referee: T P Sullivan, Nenagh Éire Óg.

Minor 'A' Football Championship (Gunnell Cup)

Nenagh Éire Óg 4 – 06 Lorrha Rovers 3 – 07 in Puckane

Referee: Dan Darcy, Kilruane McDonaghs.

Minor 'B' Football Championship (Burke Cup)

Inane Rovers 0-08 Borrisokane 1-04 in Ballingarry

Referee: John Cleary, Knockshegowna.

Senior Hurling (Hogan Cup)

Moneygall 1-09 Kilruane McDonaghs 1-06 in Cloughjordan

Referee: Noel Coffey.

Junior 'A' Hurling League (North Board Shield)

Nenagh Éire Óg 3 – 21 Toomevara 4 – 18 in Toomevara

Referee: Pat Gibson

Replay: Nenagh Éire Óg 0 – 19 Toomevara 0 - 16 in Nenagh

Referee: Dan Darcy

Junior 'C' Hurling League (North Board Shield)

Ballinahinch 1 – 21 Portroe 0 – 10 in Newport

Referee: James Lees

Competitions not complete:

Under 21 'A' Hurling

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Portroe - North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2012



Portroe senior hurlers - North champions for the first time. Back row: (1 to r) Ian O'Donnell, Andrew McCloskey, Darren Ahern, Conor Leo, Pdraig Malone, Colm Gleeson, Noel O'Halloran, Simon Kelly, Jimmy Creamer, Dermot O'Halloran, Mark Gennery, John Sheedy, Justin Conroy, Damien Ryan, Pdraig Hickey, Shane Creamer, Dinny Hogan, Nigel Kennedy. Kneeling: Darren Gleeson, Nicky Ryan, Nigel Flood, Stephen Kennedy, Cathal O'Brien, Jack Keating, Christopher O'Riordan, Michael Creamer, James Ryan, John Ryan, Kevin O'Halloran, Michael Sheedy, Joseph Knight, Shane O'Brien, David Gleeson.

Portroe 'living the dream' 2012

As 2012 draws to a close all Portroe people everywhere are looking back on a most successful year for our club. To win anything for the first time is always a great achievement and Portroe senior hurlers created their own piece of history when they won the North Senior Hurling Championship for the first time ever, this year. With twelve teams taking part, it was a very competitive competition and after great wins over Templederry, Borrisokane and Lorrha and a draw with Toomevara, we reached the quarter final where we defeated Roscrea. Five days later we played Nenagh Eire Og in the North semi-final in Dolla and after a titanic battle, we emerged victorious by the slender margin of one point.

We had now reached the North final where we would face the Kingpins of club hurling in North Tipperary-Toomevara. This game was played in Nenagh on Sunday 22nd of July and after playing with a strong breeze in the first half, things did not look great when Toome led by one point at half time. But this team were not to be denied and a great second half during which we scored 2-9 saw us secure victory by three points. After the game amid great scenes of jubilation, our captain Jimmy Creamer, accepted the Frank McGrath cup, and the party lasted late into the night. All the panel of players are to be congratulated on their dedication and effort in securing this great victory. It certainly never ceases to amaze this scribe to see these amateur players give so much time and energy in representing their club and making everybody so proud to be from Portroe. To the team manager John Sheedy, selectors Fr. Seamus Gardiner and John Hogan and our wonderful coach Liam Sheedy (Tipp's loss was Port's gain), a big thank you and of course all the other backroom people from Nora, our kit woman, to Lilly, our tea lady, who helped in any way in securing this famous victory. Also of course our loyal band of supporters who followed us through thick and thin. They

certainly deserved their day in the sun.

Sadly the team never reached the heights of their North Championship performances when they were beaten by a well drilled Eire-Og/Annacarty team in the county quarter-final, after a nine week break. But the team regrouped and the following week they won the County Senior Hurling League Division 2 crown, when they defeated Killenaule in The Ragg by one point in another great game. This brought the curtain down on the senior hurlers year and with two trophies in the cabinet, everyone involved can feel happy with their achievements.

In case anyone thinks Portroe G.A.A. Club is all about our senior hurlers, all other teams performed with distinction during the year. Our Junior 'B' hurlers reached the Championship semi-final and beat Roscrea in the League Final. Our Junior 'C' hurlers reached the League final and are still involved in their Championship. Our U-21 'B' hurlers are hoping to defend their crown won in 2011.

Another highlight of our year, was the great victory of our Minor 'B' hurlers in the North Final against Ballinahinch Gaels. This team improved with every game and saved their best performance for the final and all involved are to be congratulated, especially Manager Tim O'Halloran and his selectors Brendan Shanahan and Joe Sexton.

As you can see Portroe hurling field and clubhouse was a hive of activity all year and all involved can take great credit for the successes achieved to date. A special word of praise also to our Juvenile Club who continue to work tirelessly with the youth of our parish. Their input to our senior success should not be forgotten. Finally, we sympathise with all who lost loved ones during the year and may 2013 be another successful year on and off the playing fields for Portroe C.L.G..



Silvermines - North and County Intermediate Champions. Back row: (l to r) Owen Lillis, Damien Egan, Kevin Cunneen, Jack Corcoran, Paudie Fogarty, Gary Toohey, Orrie Quirke, Brendan Timmons, Cathal Sherlock, Cathal Gleeson, Donal Keogh, Sean Quirke, Damien Boland, Paul Sherlock, Aaron Mulqueen, Peter Kennedy, Shane Horan, Alan Ryan. Kneeling: David Boland, Ryan Toohey, Kieran Fogarty, Adrian Young, Ronan Sherlock, Willie Keogh, Maurice Leamy, Jason Forde, Noel Quirke, David Keogh, Daniel Keogh, Sean Quinlan, William Powell.



Burgess U-21 footballers celebrate winning the North 'A' title after a narrow win over Kildangan. Back row (standing): Damien Maher, Jason Kelly, Jack Flaherty, Peter Gill, William Ryan, Johnny Mulqueen, John O'Dwyer, Brian Sherlock, Cian Comerford, Kevin Flaherty, Sean Flynn (selector), Tommy Walsh, Niall McGrath (selector). Middle (kneeling): Timmy Hogan (selector), Colm O'Brien (manager), Brian McGarry, Sean Fogarty, Bill Flaherty, Tommy Coughlan, Tony Hogan, Kieran Ryan, Kevin Seymour. Front row (sitting): Danny Ryan, Declan O'Donoghue, John O'Brien (captain), Mike Flaherty, Brian Carroll, James Coady, Eoin Hogan, Stephen Murray



Borrisokane U21 'B' football team with trophy after victory over Clonmel Óg in the Co Football Final. Back l-r - Eoin Larkin, CJ Gavin, Andrew Nevin, Ger Reddan, Sean Brennan, Enda Brennan, Brian Dooley, David Coen, Gary Power, Brian Donnelly, Paddy Gavin, Shane Stapleton, Shane Dooley, Paul Darcy, Tina Coen, John Harnett & Darragh McKenna. Front l-r: David Coen, Barry Ahern, David Kennedy, Sean Hartnett, Peter McSherry, Seamus Moriarty, Andrew Austin (Captain), Brian Davis, Eanna Dooley, Shane Nevin and William Brooks.



Thomas MacDonaghs - North Tipperary Senior Football champions and County finalists. Back: Liam England, Niall O'Meara, Tadhg Gallagher, Aaron Ryan, Alan Hannigan, Shane Dooley, Andrew Austin, Declan Barrett, Joe Carroll, George Hannigan, David Young, Joe Gallagher, Rory Whelan. Front: Keith McMahon, Philip Austin, Diarmuid Cahill, Seamus Hennessy, David Buckley, Jim McDonnell, Padraic O'Meara, Martin Minehan, Ruairi Gleeson, Fergal Hayes, Tommy Connors, Peter MacSherry



Borrisokane, North and County Junior 'A' Football Champions. Back l-r - Conor Darcy, John Hartnett, Enda Brennan, Peter McSherry, Brian Donnelly, Andrew Austin, David Coen, Sean Hartnett, Gordon Harding, William Brooks, CJ Gavin, Robert Raleigh, Rob Davis, Shane Dooley, Cathal Dooley, Viv Dooley, Paul Darcy, Edward Lillis. Front l-r: Shane Stapleton, Brian Davis, Conor Forde, Shane Nevin, Tadhg Slevin, Seamus Moriarty, Seosamh Cleary, Philip Austin (captain), Enda Forde, Gary Power, Colm Larkin, Eanna Dooley, Paddy Gavin.



Roscrea, North and county Junior 'B' Hurling champions. Back l-r Colm Ryan, Paul Kirwan, Daryl Ryan, Paul Breen, Pat Fitzgerald, Riley Collins, Sam Conlon, Alan Conlon, Jim McDonnell, Jack Ryan, Cian Rigney, Michael Campion, John Ryan, Shane Davies, Aaron Ryan, Selectors Neil O'Connor and Fergus Hogan. Front l-r Roddy Teehan, Brian Dooley, Ruairi O'Conchubhair, Darragh Loughnane, Paddy Klely, James Maher (Capt) Bru O'Lone, Darragh Fletcher, Charlie Carroll, Conor Egan, Chris Neville and Colm Monaghan.



Portroe, North Minor 'B' Hurling champions. Back Row: Sean Nightingale, Kyle Creamer, Joey Knight, Michael Malone, Ciaran Quilligan, Conor Leo, Corey Mulrooney, Cormac Keating, Nigel Flood, Shane Ryan, Ian O'Donnell, Niall Gleeson. Front: Michael Quilligan, Conor Byrne, Andrew Duggan, Robert Byrne, Kevin O'Halloran, Jack Keating, Ruadhan Mulrooney, David Lumbroso, Billy Donnellan, Dylan Fluck.



Moneygall Hogan Cup winners. Back l-r: Brendan Toohey, Patrick Egan, Sean Ryan, Willie Greene, Alan Maher, Keith Maher, Donal Doughan, Michael Cahill, Diarmuid Kennedy, Phil Fanning, Michael Ryan, Michael Hogan, Ger Kirwan, Cathal Kennedy, Michael Kirwan, Eamonn McCormack, Tommy Devereux. Front: Ciaran Quinlan, Paddy Devereux, Martin Deane, Eoin Greene, Stephen Maher, Conor Ryan, Pajo Troy (captain), Paddy Fanning, Michael Bergin, John King, Paul O'Brien.



Nenagh Eire Óg North Junior 'A' League champions. Back: Michael Ryan (mentor), Niall Cahill, Barry Heffernan, Kevin Flynn, Mark Tuite, Barry O'Connor, Michael Collins, Daire Gleeson, Shane Maher, Willie Bolger, Bob O'Brien, David Hickey, Adam Gratton, John Flannery, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Christy McLoughlin (mentor), Paddy Harrington, Gary Howard, Dean Ray, John O'Donoghue. Front Row: Donnacha Quinn, Paul Ryan, Alan Kelly, Brian Quinn, James Mackey, Killian Gleeson, Niall Madden, David Hackett (capt) Stevie Ryan, Darragh Walsh.



Nenagh Eire Og North Junior 'A' Hurling Championship winners. Back row: (l to r) John O'Donoghue, Christy McLoughlin (selector), Kevin Gubbins, Conor Kirwan, Michael Collins, Kevin Flynn, Christopher Ryan, Mark Tuite, Darragh Walsh, Dean Ray, Paul Slattery, Niall Cahill (Coach), Michael Ryan (selector), Martin Morris (manager). Kneeling: Donnacha Quinn, Aidan Healy, Mark Higginbotham, Eddie Darcy, Niall Madden, Willie Bolger, David Hackett (captain), Paddy Harrington with son Conor, Stephen Ryan, Gary Howard, Brian Quinn, Bob O'Brien, James Mackey.



Nenagh Eire Óg, North Minor 'A' Football champions. Back l-r: Gary Howard, Greg Browne (mentor), Christopher Ryan, Daire Gleeson, Gavin O'Connor, Barry O'Connor, Barry Hogan, Niall Kennedy, Adam Gratton, Michael Hallinan, Aidan Healy, Aodhan Geaney, Dylan Walsh, Killian Gleeson, Brian Gubbins, Donnacha Quinn. Front l-r: Michael McNamara (mentor), Bob O'Brian, Jack Nolan, Paul O'Leary, Michael Collins, Shane Hennessey, Barry Heffernan, Conor Ryan, Gerard O'Gorman, Luke Kennedy, Andrew Coffey, James Mackey, Con Morris (mentor), Philip Hickey.



Nenagh Eire Og Minor hurlers North and County 'A' champions. Seated: (l to r) John Cahalan, Andrew Coffey, Ger O'Gorman, Shane Hennessy, Paul O'Leary, Michael Collins, Bob O'Brien (captain), Barry Heffernan, Donnacha Quinn, Killian Gleeson. Middle row: Phil Hennessy (selector), Luke Kennedy, James Mackey, Adam Gratton, Aodhán Geaney, Aidan Healy, Niall Kennedy, Jack Nolan, Gavin O'Connor, Darragh Gleeson, Con Morris (selector). Back row: Greg Browne (manager), Conor Ryan, Philip Hickey, Brian Gubbins, Michael Hallinan, Barry O'Connor, Barry Hogan, Christopher Ryan, John O'Brien, Gary Howard, Michael McNamara (coach).

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Burgess U-21 North 'A' Hurling Champions 2011



Burgess U-21 hurlers - North 'A' Champions 2011. Back row: (l to r) Damien Maher, Brian Sherlock, Michael O'Flaherty, John O'Brien, Johnny Mulqueen, Cian Comerford, Kevin Seymour, Tony Hogan, Kevin O'Flaherty, Brian Carroll, Kieran Ryan, John O'Dwyer, Jack O'Flaherty, Peter Gill, Sean Flynn (selector). Kneeling: Eoin Fogarty, Vincent Kearns, Danny Ryan, Declan O'Donoghue, Niall McGrath (selector), David Seymour, Eoin Hogan, Willie Ryan, Stephen Murray, Tadhg O'Halloran, Paddy Looby (Captain), Thomas Walsh, Robbie Mulqueen, James Coady, Timmy Hogan (Selector).



Inane Rovers North and County 'B' Minor Football Champions. Front l-r Peter Wright, Joe Moloney, Alan Tynan, Chris Neville, Enda Moloney, Michael Campion(Capt), Riely Collins, Robbie Ryan, Fergal Flanagan, Niall O'Connor. Back l-r: Jim McDonnell, Liam England, Brendan Wright, Ciaran Guilfoyle, Eithan Flynn, Colin Hassett, Cian Rigney, Daryll Ryan, Simon Meagher, Sam Conlon, Brian Kealy, Darren Wren, Brian Abbott, Keith Doheny, Tom Shiels.

Great success for Inane Rovers in 2012

It has been a long time since Inane Rovers had a year like 2012. In an area of hurling dominance the young men of Roscrea this year have proved their talents with the big ball. No fewer than six titles have been captured in a year that was more successful than anyone in the club could have wished for. Our U-10 footballers captured their 3rd County Community games title in a row! A fantastic achievement that hopefully bodes well for future success.

Inane's U-14 B footballers captured a first ever title at this grade defeating Borrisokane in a closely contested North final. Unfortunately we met a very strong Ardfinnan side in the County Semi but a North title is a great reward for all the hard work this group of players put in.

The U-16s this year delivered both North and County 'B' championships. This team played a lovely brand of football

throughout the year but it was their determination and appetite for hard work that saw them overcome a strong Holycross/Ballycahill team in the County final after extra time. 1999 was the last time Inane won a U-16 County title which makes this group's achievement all the better.

The third County title for the club was delivered this year by our Minor B footballers. After a hard fought one point win over Borrisokane in the North final the lads transformed a two points half time deficit into a ten points win over a fancied Drom & Inch side in the county semi.

The county final against South champions Cahir was played in wet and windy conditions. In a low scoring match Inane battled to a one point victory. A first Minor crown was secured for the club since 1995 amid great scenes of joy. Indeed 2012 will live long in the memory for all in Inane Rovers.

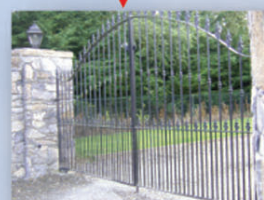
Ballinahinch - North Junior 'C' Hurling League Champions. (Back row l-r): Thomas Kennedy, John Skehan, Brendan Healy, Sean Finn, Sean Sheehy, Des Kelly, Tommy Kelly, William Lynch, James Younge, Edward Ryan, Colin Hogan, Kevin Mulcahy, Barry Crosse, Cathal Ryan, Daragh McGrath (with Aaron McGrath). Front row l-r: Joseph Fitzgerald, Martin Ryan, Paddy Berkery, Sean Berkery, Frank Troy, Raphael Ryan, Paddy Kelly, Adrian Kelly, James Healy, Shane Fitzgerald, Michael Lynch, Michael Fitzgerald (Captain).





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Great year for Ballina both on and off the field

Purchase of Land for New Playing Field

During the summer, the club celebrated the acquisition of 3.3 acres of land adjoining the current field which will be the site of a much-needed second playing field. The evening itself was a family-based barbecue with music, fun and food for all. Like all successful teams, a combination of youth and experience was called on to drive through the wall into the new field. Ballina's Tipperary Minor representatives Mike Breen and Steven O'Brien together with County Camogie player Mary Power were handed the sliothars and footballs by club Presidents and stalwarts John Joe McKeogh, John Joe Maher and Patsy Nevin.

With over 300 juvenile players in the club, space is at a premium and the club's Development Committee have put in a huge effort to get this project to completion. Thanks to the efforts of many previous committees over the past decade, an opportunity to complete the deal was created. This paves the

way for the next generation of Ballina GAA players to develop and grow and it is a significant step in the club's development.

U16B Hurling County Champions

2012 was a great year for the U16 hurlers who brought home the county trophy after defeating Knockavilla Kickhams in the final held in Borrisoleigh. In truth it was a one-sided affair in the county final but Ballina had their share of drama en route to the final. The North semi-final was a very closely-fought tie with a young Kilruane MacDonagh's side putting up huge resistance. In fact they spurned two chances to win the match before Ben King scored the winning point for Ballina. If that was close then the North Final was even closer with Ballina needing a last-minute equaliser from Phelim O'Hagan to force extra time. This group has been training hard since early in the year and it was just reward for the hardest-working U16 team in Tipperary !



Ballina U-16 hurlers - North & County 'B' Champions. Back row: (l to r) Ben King, Bill Floyd, Thomas McGrath, Brian Connolly, Phelim O'Hagan, Conor Maguire (Captain), Mark Acton, Adrian Power, James Murtagh, Ronan Bourke, Michael Hurley, Thomas Conway, Jamie O'Dea, Liam McGrattan, Conor O'Leary, Gearoid Slattery. Kneeling: Jason Slevin, Terry O'Halloran, Michael Lane, Jamie Collins, David Bradshaw, David Kelly, Eoin Slattery, Patrick O'Donovan, Pierce Nash, Louis Kennedy, Enda Sheehy.

Portroe - North Tipperary Junior 'B' Champions



Portroe North Tipperary Junior 'B' League Champions. Back row: Joe Sexton, Padraig Hickey, Padraig Malone, Dinny Hogan, Cormac Shouldice, Conor Byrne, Michael Malone, Andrew Mc Closkey, Nicky Ryan, Conor Leo, Cathal O'Brien, Shane Creamer, Damien Ryan, Ciaran Quilligan, Nigel Kennedy, Ian O'Donnell, Liam Sheedy, Tim O'Halloran (selector). Front row: Brendan Shanahan (manager), James Seymour (selector), Joey Knight, Shane O'Brien, Nigel Flood, Anthony Freeman, Jack Keating, Stephen Kennedy, Kevin O'Halloran, John Hogan (captain), Darren Ahern.

Mid Tipperary Review

2012 Mid Final Winners

Club Name	Grade	Code
Thurles Sarsfields	Senior	Hurling
Loughmore-Castleiney	Senior	Football
Clonakenny	Intermediate	Hurling
Moycarkey Borris	Intermediate	Football
Moycarkey Borris	Junior A	Hurling
Holycross-Ballycahill	Junior B	Hurling
Drom-Inch	Junior A	Football
Moycarkey Borris	Junior B	Football
	Under 21 A	Hurling
	Under 21 B	Hurling
Loughmore-Castleiney	Under 21 A	Football
Clonakenny-Moneygall	Under 21 B	Football
Thurles Sarsfields	Minor A	Hurling
JK Brackens	Minor B	Hurling
JK Brackens	Minor A	Football
Drom-Inch	Minor B	Football
Drom-Inch	Cahill Cup	Hurling
Thurles Sarsfields	Junior Hurling League Div 1	Hurling
Upperchurch-Drombane	Junior Hurling League Div 2	Hurling
Holycross-Ballycahill	Junior Hurling League Div 3	Hurling

Thurles Sarsfields - Mid Senior Hurling champions.



Back l-r: Kevin Smith, Jim Corbett, Ger O'Grady, Padraic Maher, Denis Maher, Kevin O'Gorman, Pa Bourke, David Maher, John Joe Bourke, Rory O'Shea, Lar Corbett, Aidan McCormack, Tommy Doyle, Tom King, Alan Kennedy. Front l-r: John Maher, Johnny Enright, Michael O'Brien, Stephen Maher, Stephen Lillis, Michael Gleeson, David Kennedy, Michael Cahill, Richie Ruth, Eoin Russell, Cian Treacy, Patrick McCormack, Barry O'Dwyer, Michael Collins.



The Clonakenny panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Roadstone Provinces Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Championship Final. Back l-r: Allen Abbott, Walter Byrne, Willie Ryan, Donnacha Murray, Stephen Russell, Prionsios Matthews, Conor Ryan, John Costigan, Nicky Ryan, Martin Joe Murray, Michael Costigan, Joe Shelly, Ger Byrne. Front l-r: Willie Costigan, Bobby Bergin, David Crampton, Michael John Carroll, Pa Ryan, Donal Greed, Tom Carroll, John Joe Ryan, Eoin Ryan, Niall Matthews, Jim Costigan



The Drom Inch panel that defeated JK Brackens in the C.M. Signs Cahill Cup Final. Back l-r: David Collins, Padraig Stapleton, Shane Delaney, Joe Lupton, James Ryan, David Butler, Nicky Ryan, Paul Collins, Eddie Costelloe, Eric Woodlock, Paul Stapleton, Kevin Butler, Seamus Callinan, Enda Walsh, Philip Looby, Micahail Butler, Paddy Kennedy, Pat Lupton. Front l-r: Michael Campion, Shane Hassett, Seamus Butler, Michael Costelloe, Liam Ryan, Eamon Buckley, Damien Young, Matthew Ryan, James Woodlock, Joe Egan, Jamie Moloney, Johnny Ryan Captain, Martin McGrath, Cathal Ryan.



The Upperchurch Drombane panel and selctors that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid Tipp Junior Hurling League Div 2 Final.



Moycarkey-Borris County Intermediate Football Champions. Back l-r: John Kelly, Eamon Clohessy, Conor Hayes, Jeff Fallon, Robert Doran, Phil Kelly, Pat Carey, Brian Moran, James Bourke, Joe O'Sullivan, John Bergin, Eamon Flanagan, Jamie Fanning, Kevin Moran, Michael Roche. Front l-r: Paul Dempsey, Kieran Morris, Mossy Bracken, David Morris, Daniel Kirby (captain), Micheal Cussen, Rory Ryan, Anthony Healy, Ciaran Clohessy, Niall O'Sullivan, Paudie Doran, Pat Molloy.

Moycarkey Borris County Intermediate Football Champions 2012

New Innings:

The Moycarkey Borris success in this year's Intermediate championship can in large part be traced back to the team's brilliant county quarter final performance and win over Ballyporeen on a cold dry night in New Inn on October 11th last year. Moycarkey Borris after several years in Junior football were re-graded to Intermediate in the spring of 2011. The team qualified for the Mid final but after an abysmal performance in the final were decisively beaten by Holycross. It was no surprise therefore that Moycarkey were rank outsiders in New Inn and with a mere fifteen players and no substitutes a winning margin of 4-5 to 0-9 was a real shock. But in that game the Moycarkey performance was excellent as the team employed new tactics and an intense work-rate that fostered enjoyment and confidence. Even though Moycarkey lost out after extra time in the 2011 County semi final the seeds of belief were firmly planted for 2012.

Mid Champions 2012:

Moycarkey began the Mid Championship this year on a quiet June 15th evening in Littleton versus Upperchurch. After a dour and even contest the sides were separated by a mere two points, Moycarkey 0-8, Upperchurch 0-6.

The next round in Templemore on a sunny July 27th saw the team qualify for the Mid final with a 5-11 to 1-15 win over JK Brackens. Eamon Clohessy in goal and James Bourke at full back replaced Daniel Kirby and Paul Dempsey who were both abroad at that time.

The Mid final versus Upperchurch was played under lights in Templetuohy on September the 25th. The margin between the sides at full time was the bare minimum as Moycarkey took the title on a scoreline of 0-7 to 0-6. Both defences dominated and Moycarkey needed substitutes Pat Molloy and Conor Hayes to edge to victory.

Could the 1980 win be emulated?

As Moycarkey embarked into the County championship for the second year in succession there was no expectation that the team could win this championship for the first time since 1980.

The general consensus in late September was that the performance of the 2012 team in the Mid Championship was not good enough to win the county title. The 1980 team included inter-county footballers Harry Mulhaire and Sean Sherlock plus John Flanagan the great inter-county hurler. In the early 1980's building on the Intermediate football win Moycarkey had a golden era including two County Senior Hurling Titles and a Munster Senior Hurling title. The 1980 team was represented by two of the 2012 Moycarkey selectors Pat Flanagan and Michéal Clohessy who both played in the 1980 team.

But there were reasons for optimism too in 2012. Tipperary Minor football All Ireland winning corner back of 2011 Niall O Sullivan was a cornerstone of a settled and tight defence that also included Paul Dempsey, Brian Moran, Michéal Cussen, David Morris and John Kelly. Captain Daniel Kirby filled the goalies jersey confidently in the tradition of great Moycarkey names like Harry Ryan RIP, Conor Kennedy RIP and Fr. Paudie Moloughney.

Quarter Final and Semi Final:

Moycarkey won the County quarter final in Clonoulty under lights with a 5-8 to 1-3 win over Newport. The highlights of the game were provided by Anthony Healy's rediscovery of his goal scoring touch.

In the County semi-final played in sunny Boherlahan on October 13th Moycarkey faced the formidable challenge of Moyle Rovers. As juveniles the Moycarkey players had frequently competed with Moyle Rovers in County football semi finals and finals so they did not under estimate the challenge ahead.

A great start with two early goals from centre forward Paudie Doran and mobile mid-fielder Patrick Carey was the perfect start. A brilliant save by Daniel Kirby kept Moycarkey in front at the interval despite a strong Moyle Rovers recovery. A Ciarán Clohessy goal in the closing stages secured a great win and a place in the county final.

Upperchurch defeated Cashel with a very impressive performance after extra time in the other semi-final to set up an all Mid final and a third meeting with Moycarkey in this

championship.

County Final:

The Moycarkey V Upperchurch County final on October 20th in Holycross was a great contest and a great game of football. The standard of football played by both sides was vastly improved on the Mid final. Goals once again proved vital for Moycarkey. Early in the final Moycarkey playmaker in chief Kieran Morris floated a probing foot pass in front of Paudie Doran who deftly finished it to the net. Pat Molloy was the best forward on view and scored the decisive second goal in the second half. Young Conor Hayes who was having a great final was injured in the first half but this setback for Moycarkey was nullified by the constructive play of his replacement Mossy Bracken. Rory Ryan had a great game in mid-field, Michael Roche and Eamon Flanagan came on in the last quarter to help secure the victory.

The single biggest factor in winning this championship for Moycarkey was the in depth strength, commitment and discipline of the panel. Jeff Fallon, Kevin Moran, Phil Kelly, Robert Doran, Jamie Fanning, Joseph O Sullivan, John Bergin, Peter Kinane, Ciaran Maher and Eoin O Dwyer all played a significant part in the Moycarkey victory.

Veteran Moycarkey selector Eddie Ryan made a winning return to service and was ably assisted by fellow selectors Tim Kelly, Pat Flanagan, Michéal Clohessy, Joe Moran and coach Ray Ralph. As in their golden era of the early 80's Moycarkey will return to Mid Senior football next year.



Norl Morris, chairman of Tipperary Football Board, presenting the Barrett Cup to Moycarkey-Borris captain Daniel Kirby.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Seamus O Riain Cup Final. Back l-r: Gerard Carey, Paul Dempsey, Kevin Moran Capt, James Power, Patrick Carey, David Sheppard, Brian Moran, Ciaran Clohessy, Mossy Bracken, Kieran Morris, Robert Doran, Eamon Clohessy, Daniel Kirby, Anthony Healy, Gerry McGuire. Front l-r: Niall O'Sullivan, Rory Ryan, Phil Kelly, John Kelly, Pat Molloy, Albie Power, John Bergin, David Morris, Joe O'Sullivan, Conor Bourke.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the County Tipperary Division 1 Hurling League Final. Back l-r: James Doran, Gerry McGuire, Daniel Kirby, Eamon Clohessy, Paul Dempsey, Kevin Moran Capt, Patrick Carey, Mossy Bracken, James Power, Ciaran Clohessy, David Morris, Brian Moran, David Sheppard, Robert Doran, Eamon Flanagan. Front Row L to R Rory O Regan, Ailbe Power, Pat Molloy, Niall O Sullivan, Rory Ryan, Kieran Morris, Phil Kelly, John Kelly, Pat Ralph, John Bergin, Anthony Healy, James Bourke.



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipp Minor A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Matty Stakelum, Jack Carey, Liam Moloney, Shane Skelly, Jack Skehan, Malachy Gavin, Shane Ryan, Ciaran O'Dwyer, David Carroll, Brian Hanrahan, Paul Morris, Thomas Slattery Fitzgerald, Ray Nally, John Croke, Peter Gavin, Callum O'Connor, Jamie Hornett. Front l-r: Luke O'Meara, Ciaran Maher, Conor Ryan, Gavin Shelly, Padraig Russell, Sean Nally Capt, Pa O'Dwyer, Jamie Woods, Tom Quinlan, Donal Mulcahy, Aaron Ryan.



The Holycross Ballycahill Panel that defeated Killea in the Donal and Rose Younge Mid Tipp Junior B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Eoin Burke, David Lowry, Donal Duggan, Mark Fogarty, Brendan Ryan, David Carroll, Eamon Cornally, Kevin O'Dwyer, John Lacey, Brian Hanrahan, Tom Quinlan, Aidan Medley, John Joe O'Connor, Padraic Russell, Edward Kennedy. Front l-r: Martin Bourke, Thomas Hayes, Philip Ryan, Alan Joyce Capt, Raymie Nally, Dan Murphy, Padraig McGrath, JK Butler, Shane Lanigan, Thomas Fitzpatrick, John Fogarty.



The Drom Inch panel and management team after they defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the County Senior Hurling League Premier Division Final.



The Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Clonakenny after extra time in the Templetuohy Bus and Cab Hire Mid Tipperary Junior Hurling League Div 3 Hurling Final.

Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated by Loughmore Castleiney in the Roskeen Construction Mid Tipp Junior A Hurling Championship. Eamon Clohessy, Joe O'Sullivan, Peter O'Brien, James Doran, Ger Carey, Jeff Fallon, Robert Clancy, Gerry McGuire Capt, Conor Hayes, Gary O'Connell, Paudie Doran, David Maher, Timmy Ryan, Stephen Kirwan, Michael Roche. Front l-r: Rory O'Regan, Jamie Fanning, Pat Molloy, Ciaran Maher, Peter Kinane, Daniel Kirby, Willie Dempsey, Conor Bourke, Paddy Shanahan, Donie Bergin, Cathal Ryan.



JK Brackens panel that defeated Clonakenny Moneygall in the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Joe Kennedy, Niall Bourke, Niall Martin, Brian Roche, Eamon Kennedy, Conor Bourke, James Bergin, Seam Geurins, Dean McEnroe Capt, Karl Stakelum, Liam Murphy, Darragh Kennedy, Michael Kelly, Dylan Moloney, Cathal O'Sullivan. Front l-r: Martin Delaney, Brian Kennedy, Tommy Brett, Jordan Moloney, Paddy Morrissey, Colin O'Riordan, Jack Fogarty, Mikey O'Meara, Dylan McLeish.



Clonakenny panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoolie in the Roadstone Provinces Mid Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Final 2011. Back l-r: David Crampton, Bobby Bergin, Walter Byrne, William Ryan, John Costigan, Jonathan Cody, Nicky Ryan, Michael John Carroll, Prionsios Matthews, Allen Abbott, Brian Mullally, Joe Shelly, Eoin Ryan. Front l-r: Stephen Carroll, Conor Ryan, Tomas Carroll, Donnacha Murray, Donal Greed, Martin Joe Murray, Pa Ryan, Niall Matthews, Jim Costigan, Liam Mullally, Padraig Bourke. Mascot in front Conor Nesbitt.



Clonakenny Moneygall U/21 panel and selectors that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Thurles Wholesale Cash and Carry Mid Tipp U/21 B Football Final. Back l-r: Padraig Nesbitt, Sean Fogarty, Anthony Devereux, Padhraic Bourke, Brian Teehan, Cian Murray, Michael John Carroll, Brendan Quinlan, Patrick Egan, Brendan Tuohy, Ciaran Quinaln, Cathal Kennedy, Liam Mullally, Noel O'Meara, Eamon Egan Selector. Front l-r: Pat Murray Selector, Enda Quinlan, John Joe Ryan, Paul Bergin, Liam Carroll, Stephen Russell, Pa Ryan Capt, Willie Costigan, Bobby Bergin, Martin Joe Murray Selector, David Crampton Selector. Missing from photo PJ Madden and John Sutton.



Loughmore Castleiney panel celebrate after winning the County U/21 'A' Football Final when they defeated Arravale Rovers in Holycross. Back l-r: Richard Maher, Lorcan Egan, Thomas Maher, Eamon Connolly, Eamon McGrath, Padraig Egan, Martin Meagher, Denis Brereton, John Ryan, Evan Egan, Craig Cleary, Dara Butler. Front l-r: Josephy Nyland, Brian McGrath, Tomas McGrath, Henry Maher (Capt), John McGrath, Liam Treacy, Kevin O Connor, Joseph Hennessy, Willie Eviston, Padraig Hennessy. Sitting in front Liam McGrath, Aidan McGrath, John Meagher.



Drom Inch Panel that defeated Clonakenny Moneygall in the Murphy Office Supplies Mid Tipp Minor 'B' Football Final. Back l-r: Damien Larkin, Ciaran Ryan Capt, Brian Hennessy, James Butler, Colm Kinnane, Joey Maher, Thomas Ryan, Paul Kennedy, Rory O'Dwyer, Kevin Ahearne, Michael Campion, Tommy Nolan. Front l-r: Michael Connors, Brendan Larkin, Emmet Moloney, Jamie Bergin, Robert Ryan, Paul Hennessy, Richard Kennedy, Rory Kinnane, Cathal Ryan, Robert Long.



Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Gleeson Quarries Mid Tipperary Senior Football Final. Back l-r: Derek Bourke, Paddy Moynihan, John Ryan, Evan Sweeney, Liam Treacy, David McGrath, Shane Hennessy, Lorcan Egan, David Kennedy, John Meagher, Tommy Long, Joseph Nylan. Front l-r: Eamonn Connolly, Willie Eviston, Cian Hennessy, John McGrath, Tom King, Liam McGrath, Noel McGrath, Ciaran McGrath, Eddie Connolly, Tomas McGrath, John Scully.



The JK Brackens panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Murphy Office Systems Mid Tipp Minor 'A' Football Final. Back l-r: Dylan Loughnane, Thomas Morrissey, Martin Scully, Paddy Morrissey, James Bergin, Thomas Brett, Liam Murphy Capt, Sean Patrick Guerins, Karl Stakelum, Conor Burke, Jack Fogarty. Front l-r: Brian Roche, Colin Taylor, Eamon Kennedy, Brian Kennedy, Jordan Moloney, Colin O'Riordan, Dean McEnroe, Lee Fennell, Niall Martin, Dylan McAlish, Sean Maher Coonan.



Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Jim and Ann Kennedy Mid Tipp Junior 'B' Football Final. Back l-r: Peter O'Brien, Robert Doran, Robert Clancy, Joe O'Sullivan, Paul Kelly, Kevin Moran, Peter Kinnane, Conor Hayes, Timmy Ryan. Front l-r: Ailbe Power, Aidan Maher, Paddy Shanahan, Ciaran Maher, Alan McCarthy, Willie Dempsey, Pat Molloy, Rory Regan, Jamie Fanning Capt. Absent from photo Conor Bourke, Garry O'Connell, Stephen Kirwan.



Kilsheelan/Kilcash – South Junior 'A' Hurling winners. Back (l-r) : John Roche, Tommy Ryan, Jimmy Ryan, Ian Coughlan, Alex Harte, Shane Prendergast, Kevin Guiry, Niall Walsh, Senan O Halloran, Paul Kennedy, Bill Maher, Eoin Kehoe and Kevin Larkin. Front (l-r): Willie Ryan, Eddie Sweeney, Keith Robinson, Pakie Larkin, John Kehoe, Conor Murphy, David Corcoran, Tadgh Lonergan, Aaron Larkin, Sean Ryan and Niall Cloona.



Fethard – South Junior Football 'B' Champions.

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South Board Roll Of Honour 2012

Grade	Teams and Scores		Venue	Referee
(1) Senior Hurling				
July 29th	C J Kichams 1-17	Carrick Swans 2-9	Clonmel	Paddy Ivors
(2) Clonmel Oil Senior Football				
Sept 8th	Killenaule 0-17	Moyle Rovers 1-12	Kilsheelan	Martin Doyle
(3) Clonmel Credit Union Intermediate Football				
Sept 22nd	Moyle Rovers 1-10	Ballyporeen 0-11	Ardfinnan	Brian Tyrell
(4) Martins Fruit & Veg Intermediate Hurling				
Sept 16th	Ballybacon Grange 1-13	St Marys 0-11	Cahir	Andy Moloney
(5) John Quirke Junior Hurling A				
Oct 7th	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 2-21	Skeheenarince 4-6	Clonmel	N Cosgrove
(6) Garrabridge Lighting Junior Football A				
Oct 14th	Newcastle 1-17	Ardfinnan 1-4	Clonmel	Donie Cahill
(7) Europlan Junor Hurling B				
Sept 16th	Cahir 1-9	Killenaule 0-9	Fethard	Miceal O'Donnell
(8) Mulcahy Construction Junior Football B				
Oct 14th	Fethard 1-13	Cahir 2-8	Ned Hall Pk	Derek O'Mahony
(9) O'Donoghues Motor Factors U21 Football A				
Final	Clonmel Commercials Rec W/O	Ballyporeen		
(10) Hall Alarms U21 Football B				
March 19th	Clonmel Og 1-7	CJ Kichams 0-6	Monroe	Seanie Lonergan
(11) U21 Football C				
March 19th	St Patricks 5-13	Fr Sheehys 2-12	Monroe	Paul Guinan
(12) Bob Fitzgerald Hardware U21 Hurling 'A'				
(13) Pat Cleere U21 Hurling B				
(14) Pat Cleere U21 Hurling C				
Sept 29th	Grangem/Ballyneale 2-12	Frsheehys2-10	Ned Hall	Pk M O'Donnell
(15) Sureprint Minor Football A				
July20th	Commercials 2-18	Kilsheelan Gaels 0-5	Ned Hall Pk	Seanie Lonergan
(16)Minor Football B				
May 20th	Cahir 0-12	Killenaule 1-8	Ned Hall Pk	Miceal O'Donnell
(17) Minor Football C				
May5th	Carrick Davins 3-8	Ballyloobycastlegrace 2-7	Marlfield	G Ryan
(18) Chadwicks Minor Hurling A				
Oct 21st	St Marys 4-17	Moyle Rovers 1-11	Kilsheelan	Willie Barrett
(19) Minor Hurling B				
Oct 7th	Ballybacon Grange 2-10	Killenaule 2-5	Clonmel	Gerry Ryan
(20) Minor Hurling C				
Aug 12th	Davins 1-16	Ballylooby/Castlegrace 2-11	Clonmel	S Mullins

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Ballybacon/Grange - South Intermediate Hurling winners. Back l-r: Brendan Cummins, Donal McCarthy, Shane Mason, Jonathan Ryan, Philip Murphy, Daniel O'Regan, Noel Fitzgerald, Aaron Lonergan, Gerry Cronin, Stephan Lambert, Tom Kirwan, Eoin Walsh, Karl Costigan, Michael Goonan, Aaron Cowan, Martin Ryan, Jackie Walsh, Barry O'Gorman, Alex Kirwan, Lar Walsh, Thomas O'Leary. Front l-r: Peter Hally (Capt), Brian Dillon, Nigel Carrigan, Alan Condon, James O'Mahoney, Alan O'Gorman, Michael O'Sullivan, Sean Nagle, Billy Hewitt, Craig Carrigan, Brian Lonergan, Aiden Savage, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Michael Phelan, Johnny English.

Minor and Intermediate titles for Ballybacon/Grange

Our year commenced with Road Hurling Competition on April Bank Holiday Monday to raise funds for coming season. Our first action on playing fields took place in Cahir in April in 7 a side tournament organised to commemorate Liam Kiely R.I.P. We won our way to final against host club Cahir. Cahir were in front for much of game but we rallied well in last few minutes to get vital goals to snatch victory and it was great honour for our Club to win this inaugural event. There were great celebrations when cup was presented by Philly and Willie Kiely.

The Intermediate Championship kicked off with victory over St Marys in first round. We won our way to semi final and defeated Fr Sheehys to qualify for final against old rivals St Marys. This match took place in Cahir and scores were very close all through with a goal from Brendan Cummins from 20m free in second half giving us advantage which we never lost. It was very unusual year for our Intermediate team after getting re graded in April from senior status after very drawn out relegation saga and to go on to win divisional championship five months later with very young team.

Our Minor hurling team began campaign with heavy defeat to

Cahir but they trained well and ended up meeting Cahir again in semi final in Clogheen. We were playing second fiddle to strong Cahir team for long periods of this game but as end of match approached we finally began to hurl well and amid great excitement we got two vital points to win match and to qualify for South final. Killenaule were the opposition in final played in Clonmel and we hurled very well all through to win this Championship which augers well for future of hurling in Club. We await winners of West Division in County Semi Final.

In under 21 hurling we played Carrick Swan in opening match and it ended in draw. Our juvenile teams also competed very well during year getting to South Final in U 16 and were defeated in semi finals in U 14 and in U 12. Our under 10 and under 8 teams took part in blitz competitions during summer.

We thank all involved in training and looking after our teams in past year in both adult and in juvenile grades. We also thank our supporters for their ongoing support in Tipperary Members Draw and in Annual Golf Classic.

Brendan Cummins won Munster Senior Hurling Championship medal with Tipperary and Tom Kirwan won Munster medals in both Minor codes along with All Ireland minor medal in hurling. Michael Hogan Michael Barlow and Gavin Whelan were on various Tipperary juvenile panels in past year and we wish all our players and supporters success in coming year.

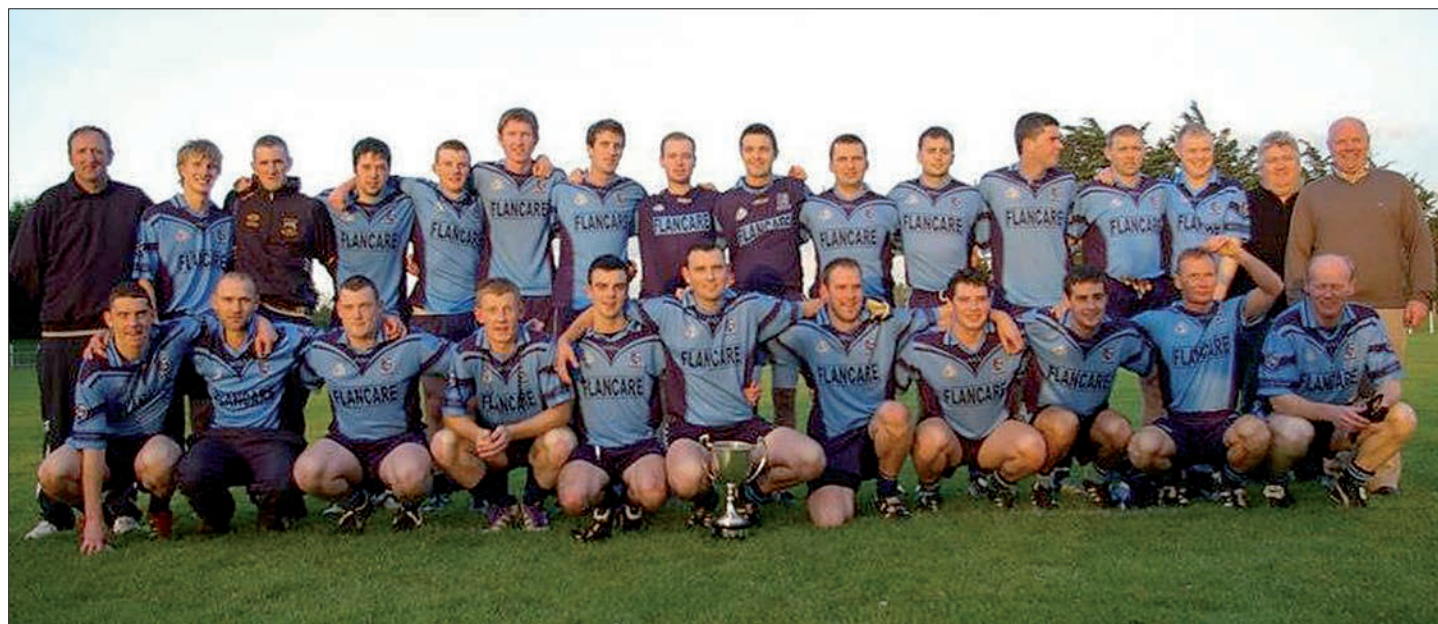


Ballybacon/Grange team which won the Cahir 7-a-side in honour of Liam Kiely: Back row (l to r): Eoin Walsh, Aiden Savage, Aaron Cowan, Brian Dillon, Aaron Lonergan, Daniel O'Regan, Thomas O'Leary, Lar Walsh. Front row (l to r): Jackie Walsh, Donal McCarthy, Johnny English, Martin Ryan, Alan O'Gorman, Peter Hally.



Grangemockler/Ballyneale – South Under 21 'C' Hurling Champions: Back row (r to l): Shane Comerford, Andrew Comerford, Michael Meagher, Dean Hallinan, Thomas Grinsell, Greville Madden, Andrew Bolger, Sean Bates, John Crowley, Conor Fogarty, Tommy O' Hanlon, Jack O' Hanlon, Kieren McGuire, Bernard Fogarty. Front row (l to r): Aaron O'Donovan, Ian Morris, Wayne McGrath, Cian O'Shea, Stephen Foley, Thomas Norton (Captain), Conor Hahessy, Jack Phelan, Luke McGuire, Darragh Lamb.

Moyle Rovers South Tipperary Intermediate football Champions 2012



Moyle Rovers - South Tipperary Intermediate Football Champions:

Back row (l to r): Kevin O'Connor, Conor Conneally, Eoin O'Connor, Sean Boland, Rian Clancy, Philip Quirke, Ciaran Lorigan, James Cahill, Ciaran Kenrick, David Conway, Conor Cooney, Cathal Quigley, James Williams, Anthony Burke, MJ Browne, Brendan Foley.
Front row (l to r): Paul Shanahan, Gary Moore, Liam Carey, Craig Condon, Shane Heffernan, Edmund Burke, Kevin Morrissey, Darragh Dwyer, David McGrath, Mark Ryan, Liam Cronin.

History was made when the Moyle Rovers defeated Ballyporeen in the South Intermediate football Final. The game itself was probably the outstanding football final in the South Division in 2012. Both teams traded scores throughout the game with the Moyle Rovers emerging victorious by two points at the final whistle.

In recent decades the Moyle Rovers club has had great success particularly in football competitions. However the only other success at intermediate football level was in 1966 a time span of

46 years. This Intermediate team had a great mix of youth and experience with the current minors and a couple just out of minor ranks. Being from a club with a senior team the intermediate grade is used to blood young players and give them experience.

Some of these intermediate players were promoted to the senior team for the later stages of the championship.

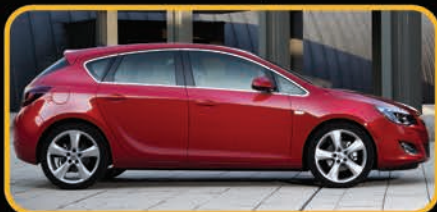
To the players and mentors we say well done, This was a huge achievement .

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Carrick Davins – South Minor 'C' Hurling Champions. Back l-r -Joe Crowe, Josh Moroney, David Walshe, Raymond Cooke, Mark O'Dwyer, Stephen Moroney, Kurtis Walsh, Jake Power, Adam Foran(capt), Adam Keyes, James Croke, John Ryan. Front l-r: - Liam Butler, Dean Furey, Darragh Foley, Cian Murphy, Daryl Walsh, Trevor Murphy, Billy Roche. In front -Jodie Butler.



Clonmel Og - South U21B Football Champions

Back l-r: John Crotty, Jim Cleary, Noel Walsh, Paddy Power, Cian Hogan, Michael Lynch, Cíanan O'Sullivan, Eric Smith, Dean Kelleher, Shane Fehilly, Evan Crotty, Brian Bates, Ivan McMenamen, Neil Fox, Mark Gregory. Front l-r: Stephen Aylward, Jason Hahessy, Conor Arrigan, Colm O'Connell, Eddie Power, Graham Quinn, Matthew Norris (capt), Darragh Kearney, Dean Horton, Marc Ahearne, Aaron Arrigan

JohnnyB manages Cahir to historic hurling title

JOHNNYB better known for his Tipperary hurling songs, completed his three year stint as manager of the Cahir Junior 'B' hurling team with a historic win over fancied Killenaule in the South final.

Cahir caused quite an upset in the final as, Killenaule had defeated Cahir in the League Section by 24 points some six weeks previously, so it was quite an achievement by the Cahir lads to overturn this result and win on a score of 1-9 to 0-9. Cahir, captained by Tom O'Gorman played with tremendous heart and determination especially in the final, and manager, JohnnyB was ably assisted by James Swords. Cahir had just 17 players togged out for the final as the team was decimated by emigration during the year. The victory was the culmination of three years work by JohnnyB, his selectors and the players. The last adult hurling title to come to Cahir was back in the year 2000, and many players had never won a hurling medal, so the win was especially welcome by all the players and club members.

On the music front, JohnnyB released a new Tipperary hurling song and video written and recorded by himself and Seamus Doran. The song was played regularly on Tipp FM and helped in the build up for Tipperary championship matches. Johnny also did his bit to support the Irish team in Poland when he



Cahir – South Junior 'B' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Kieran Carroll, James Swords, Oisín Moloney, Kieran Davis, Robbie Costigan, Kieran O'Donnell, Liam O'Gorman, Daniel Moloney, Padraig Hyland, James Hyland, Gavin Berry. Front l-r: Johnny B. O'Brien, David Purtill, Michael Tobin, Eoin Donaghy, Tom O'Gorman, Paddy O'Flaherty, Willie Reidy, Liam Howard

recorded a very successful song and video for the Irish team called 'JOHNNYB GREEN ARMY'.

Besides playing music and hurling, JohnnyB (John O'Brien) continues to run his very successful hurley making business in Cahir. He has a hectic lifestyle, but Johnny is determined to make a life for himself here in Tipperary and avoid emigrating like so many of his friends.



Cahir – South Minor 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: Aaron Murphy, Eirebhoin McCarthy, Brendan Donaghy, John Casey, James Walsh, Stephen Duggan, Cian Farrell, Cormac Looby, Bartosz Opala, Liam Casey, Neville Flynn, Oisín Moloney, Gavin McCarthy, Niall McKenna, Paul Lonergan, Barry O'Brien, Richie Quirke. Front l-r: Tony Donaghy, Brian Littleton, Eoin Donaghy, Mikey O'Connor, Stephen Dooley, Conor Casey, Keelan Hickey, Liam Howard, Daire O'Brien, Ryan Murphy, Paddy Flynn.

Busy and successful year for Killenaule

2012 was you would have to say a very busy and successful year for our Club competing in both codes at various levels. Starting the year by competing in the Senior Hurling League and continuing unbeaten up to the Final where we lost out to Portroe by the narrowest of margins. Entering the County Football League and progressing up to the semi-final only to lose again by the narrowest of margins to Eire Og Anacarty.

At divisional level the Senior Hurlers won all first round games and reaching the South semi final v Carrick Swan only to concede victory in the last few seconds of the game, a cruel blow.

Senior Football Championship, what a year for the footballers, winning the South Senior Football Championship for the very first time claiming victory over Moyle Rovers, had to be the game of the year, a massive lift for both Club and Parish. Qualifying for the County Football Semi-Final v Thomas McDonaghs we failed to avail of opportunities and had to concede victory.

In Senior Hurling at county level awe fell to Kildangan in a tough encounter.

Our Junior B Hurlers reached a South Final after a long absence from the business end at this level, conceding victory to

Cahir.

Our Junior B Footballers performed very well during the year barely missing out on the business end and showing great promise for the future.

Our Minor hurlers reached a South Final only to concede to Ballybacon/Grange.

Our Minor footballers reached a South Final and had to concede to Cahir.

Minor footballers reaching a County Final League again having to concede to Cahir.

Our u-16 Hurlers reaching a South Final and claimed victory over Ballybacon/Grange another great boost for our Club and great credit to our young players, management and mentors.

Our u-14 footballers on reaching the South Final had a spectacular win over our great rivals Clonmel Commercials but losing out to a bigger Newport Gaels team in the county semi-final, well done to all involved.

Having reached so many Finals and Semi-Finals during 2012, great credit is due to all management and mentors and we look forward to continued success in 2013



Killenaule – South Senior Football Champions. Back l-r: Jonathan Gleeson, John O'Dwyer, Gregory Henry, Stephen Hannigan, Eddie O'Brien, Declan Fanning, Joe O'Dwyer, Cathal Bergin, Gerry Kennedy, Thomas Keaveney, Niall Bergin, Stephen Browne. Front l-r: Niall O'Dwyer, Paddy Codd, Michael Fitzgerald, Tony Doyle, Matthew O'Donnell, Declan Ryan, Kieran Bergin, James Feehan, Arron Conron, Daniel Guinan, Kenneth Browne, Michael Doyle.



Mullinahone - South Senior Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Edward Fennelly, Jackie Bolger, Andrew Cashman, John Croke, Victor Direen, Richie Walsh, DavidWalzer, Joe O'Meara, Sean Curran, Alan Walsh, Denis Connolly, Luke Mullally, Philip O'Shea, Diarmuid O'Halloran, Donal Cody, Brian Treacy, Gary Cronin, Eoin Fennelly, Edwin O'Meara, Johnny Kennedy. Front l-r: A J Cronin, Jack Shelly, Kevin Walzer, Sean Walzer, Eoin Kelly, Alan Curran, Colin Kinnane (mascot), Paul Kelly, Cathal Horan, Paul Curran, Niall Curran, James Connolly, Eddie McCarthy, Albert Curran



Newcastle – South Junior 'A' Football Champions. Back l-r: Tommy Sweeney, Diarmuid Devaney, Niall Morrissey, Alan Sweeney, Frank Hallinan, Michael Kennedy, Will Kennedy, Daniel Kennedy, Caoimhín McGrath, Shane Hickey, Emmet Prendergast, Ray Hallinan, Barry Hickey, Ciarán McCarra. Front l-r: Darren Goonan, James Fitzpatrick, James Lonergan Jnr, Conor Grant, John McCarra, Brian Sweeney, Tomás O'Dwyer (captain), Brian Hyland, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Johnny Hallinan, Cormac O'Flynn, James Lonergan, Thomas Lonergan.

Ballybacon/Grange – South Minor 'B' Hurling winners. Back l-r: Michael Shone, Gerry Cronin, Colin O'Gorman, Darragh Boyle, Sean Nagle, Mike Hogan, Tom Kirwan, Evan Burke, Stephan Lambert, Michael Tobin, Danny O'Mahoney, Jason Ryan, Jack Ahearne, Christopher Lambert, Donal McCarthy, Cathal Boyle, Brian Coffey. Front l-r: Bobby Carrigan, Eoin O'Brien, Shane Keating, Colm O'Shaughnessy, Josh Pickering, Adam Ross Lambert, Aaron Lonergan, Alan Condon, James Shine, Philip Walsh, Jason Burke, Sean Maher, Declan Walsh



Carrick Davins – South Minor 'C' Football champions. Back l-r - James Croke, Adam Keyes, Kurtis Walsh, Billy Roche, Cian Murphy, Eric O'Neill, Mark O'Dwyer, Daryl Walsh, Jake Power, Scott Murphy, Adam Foran, Josh Moroney, Dean Power, Callum McElliot. Front l-r: Edward Power, Conor Mackey, Joe Crowe, Danny Fitzgerald(capt), Stephen Moroney, Darragh Foley, Dean Furey, Raymond Cooke, Trevor Murphy, John Ryan, Gavin Lyons. In front - Liam Butler.

St. Mary's - South Minor 'A' Hurling winners. Back l-r: Richie Gunne, Ross Dennehy, David O'Callaghan, Darren Cass, Christopher Walsh, Sean Gunne, Eric Walsh, David Collins, Robert Lyons, Ciaran Bready, Sammy Ryan. Front l-r: Coleman Kennedy, Cathal McKeever, Liam Murchan, Brian Walsh, Jason Lonergan (capt), Padraig Looran, Liam Ryan, Michael Boland, Ross Peters.



Newcastle– South Tipperary Junior 'A' Football Champions

In what proved to be a long and busy year for Newcastle G.A.A. club, the highlight of the year was capturing the South Junior A Football Championship for the second time in two years. The junior A footballers played their first game in the championship against St. Patricks in Ned Hall Park, Clonmel, on Saturday, May 12th. A very strong wind blowing straight down the field created the proverbial game of two halves. Newcastle played with the wind in the first half and opened up a lead of 3-5 to 0-3 at half time.

St. Patricks came back into the game in the second half but another goal from Brian Sweeney sealed the result. Final score was Newcastle 4-6, St. Patricks 1-12.

The second round was played against Clonmel Commercials in Goatenbridge, on Friday, May 18th. Despite poor weather conditions, Newcastle played well to emerge victorious by 1-14 to 0-5. As a result of these three victories, Newcastle topped their group and proceeded to the South semi-final.

The semi-final, against Clonmel Commercials, was played in Cahir on Saturday, September 1st. After a slow start, Newcastle became the dominant team in the first half opening up a half time lead of 0-10 to 0-4.

Having played some very good football, Newcastle was well worthy of this 6 point lead. In the second half, the game became tighter, with Commercials playing an extra defender. However, this did not prevent the Newcastle forwards from increasing their lead.

The final score was 1-13 to 0-09. The South final was played in the Sportsfield in Clonmel on Sunday, October 14th, against Ardfinnan. On a cold and bright day, Newcastle played against the breeze in the first half and got off to a great start leading by 7 points to 1 at half time. During the first half, Newcastle showed great teamwork and deservedly lead. Special mention must be given to goalkeeper Darren Goonan who made two great saves and saved a penalty during the first half.

The second half started in great fashion with a Newcastle point in the first minute. This was quickly followed by a flowing moving resulting in Barry Hickey blasting a pile driver off the crossbar. However, Barry was in the right place to pick up the rebound and score a great goal. After that score, Newcastle dominated for the remainder of the game. Goalie, Darren Goonan, followed up the saved penalty in the first half with another in the second half and ensured that there was no way back for Ardfinnan. The Newcastle forwards added on a number of scores to leave the final score Newcastle 1-17, Ardfinnan 0-5.

After the victory in the south final, the team progressed to the county quarter final against West runners-up, Arravale Rovers, in Cahir on Sunday, October 21st. Newcastle emerged victorious by one point, 0-10 to 1-6, after a hard fought match. Whilst the overall performance was not as spectacular as in the South final, this was a well earned win and proved that the team are capable of playing good football on a regular basis.

Next up was the county semi-final on Sunday, October 28th against Borrisokane in Holycross. Newcastle led by 1-5 to 1-3 at half time.

On the restart Borrisokane, playing with the wind, started to dominate around the centre of the field and gradually went ahead with points. From there to the end, hard as they tried, the Newcastle team could not make inroads into the Borrisokane lead and eventually went out of the championship on a scoreline of 2-9 to 1-6.

The panel of players involved during the championship was

Darren Goonan, Niall Morrissey, Tomás O'Dwyer, Emmet Prendergast, James Fitzpatrick, Brian Sweeney, Cormac O'Flynn, Conor Grant, Diarmuid Devaney, Barry Hickey, Michael Kennedy, Brian Hyland, Andrew Fitzpatrick, James Lonergan, Daniel Kennedy, Alan Sweeney, Caoimhín McGrath, Tommy Sweeney, John McCarra, Johnny Hallinan, Will Kennedy, Thomas Lonergan, Frank Hallinan, Anthony Condon, Ray Hallinan, Ciarán McCarra, Shane Hickey and Liam Devaney. Well done to all the players and mentors, Michael Guiry, Shirley Ryan, Anthony O'Dwyer and John O'Halloran, on their efforts throughout the year.

As in 2011, Newcastle combined with Kilsheelan/Kilcass to form Kilsheelan Gaels in the minor hurling and football championships. This team reached the South final in the Minor A football championship, but were unfortunately defeated. The Newcastle players involved were Diarmuid Devaney, Brian Hyland, Anthony Condon and James Lonergan.

It has also been a busy year of action for the juvenile players. Training sessions throughout the year have been very well attended across all the grades. The under 6 and 8's played a number of challenge matches with good success. The players have gained excellent skills and are putting a great effort into their training.

The under 10's have been involved in a series of Go Games and blitzes in which they performed to a high standard. The under 12's played a series of games in the Premier Games in both hurling and football and competed extremely well. The highlight of their year was participating in a blitz in Páirc Uí Chaoimh against teams from Cork and Waterford. The under 12's also produced a great display to win back the Michael Kennedy Perpetual Cup against Clerihan.

This year the under 14 hurlers combined with Fr Sheehys in the championship. They proved to be a very strong combination progressing to the semi final, where they only lost out after extra time in a replay.

Another major milestone during the year was the re-establishment of the Girls Football team. Under the guidance of coach Ann Marie McCarra the girls have played a couple of friendly matches and blitzes and have done very well. The club also ran a very successful Cúl camp in August where over 50 children attended and had a great week of skill and fun. A big thank you to all the players for their efforts during the year and also to the mentors who give of their time to look after the teams.

Off the field, the first Road Hurling competition to be organised by the club was held on the May Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May. It was a new and novel event for the club and was very successful.

20 teams registered and completed the course with the winning team of Alan Cullinan, John McCarra and Paul Clarke covering the course in 41 pucs. A big thanks to all the teams who took part and those who gave sponsorship, especially the main sponsor, the Bridge Bar.

In 2011, one of the stalwarts of the Newcastle club was a recipient of a Sean Ghael award that was too late to include in last year's yearbook. Tommy Hally has been involved with the club in many roles for a number of years, as player, club officer and supporter. In recognition of his longstanding contribution, Tommy was nominated by the club for this award and was duly recognised for the award. Congratulations to Tommy on behalf of the officers and members of Newcastle GAA club.



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John O'Keeffe, Clonoulty Rossmore Captain, receives the O'Dwyer Cup from West Board Chairman Roger Kennedy, on right is Matt Quinlan, Chairman Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu,,representing the sponsors of the West Senior Hurling Championship.

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At the presentation of sponsorship to the West Board from Tipperary Co Op Super Valú. From left: John O'Keeffe, Captain Clonoulty Rossmore; Tom Moher, Trading Manager Tipperary Co Op; Matt Quinlan, Chairman Tipperary Co Op; Roger Kennedy, Chairman West Board; Pierce Gordon, Manager of Co Op Super Valú; Padraig O'Dwyer, Vice Captain Éire Óg and Michael Long, secretary West Board.

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We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors for their financial support and we ask all the Gaels in the Division to support these local enterprises, and especially now in this harsh economic environment. We thank our main Championship sponsors, Tipperary Co-Op Super Valú for their generous sponsorship over many years. Indeed they have also made a major contribution also to the economy and sporting activities of West Tipperary and beyond over this period

West Tipperary Finals 2012

Tipperary Co-Op Super Value West Senior Hurling Championship

26.08.2012 in Golden: Clonoulty/Rossmore 1.22 Eire Óg 2.11

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25.08.2012 in Dundrum: Rockwell Rovers 2.12 Sean Treacys 1.10

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08.09.2012 in Cashel: Clonoulty/Rossmore 1.05 Kickhams 0.13

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27.10.2012 in New Inn: Rosegreen 1.17 Cashel King Cormacs 1.13

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29.10.2012 in Dundrum: Cashel King Cormacs 1.15 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1.07

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04.11.2012 in Golden: Arravale Rovers 3.06 Eire Óg 1.11

Ballinalard Transport Ltd. West Senior Football Championship

14.10.2012 in Lattin: Eire Óg 1.09 Arravale Rovers 1.07

Rea Clarke Hennessy West Intermediate Football Championship

24.10.2012 in New Inn: Cashel King Cormacs 2.08 Kickhams 0.04

A I B Tipperary West Junior "A" Football Championship

16.10.2012 in Cappawhite: Sean Treacys 1.05 Arravale Rovers 1.04

Rea Clarke Hennessy West Junior "B" Football Championship

05.10.2012 in Dundrum: Cashel King Cormacs 0.07 Rockwell Rovers 0.06

McGrath Oil West Under 21 "A" Football Championship

24.03.2012 in Bansha: Arravale Rovers 2.10 Golden/Kilfeacle 1.07

McGrath Oil West Under 21 "B" Football Championship

24.03.2012 in Bansha: Cashel King Cormacs 1.05 Rockwell/Rosegreen 0.05

Bridge House Golden West Minor "A" Football Championship

28.08.2012 in Sean Treacy Park: Aherlow/Lattin-Cullen 3.09 Golden Kilfeacle 1.07

Pa Sheehy Butchers West Minor "B" Football Championship

12.09.2012 in Dundrum: Clonoulty/Rossmore 2.14 Emly/Treacys 3.03

O'Dwyer's Steel West U21HC 'A'

02.12.2012 in Golden: Clonoulty Rossmore v Cashel KC

Ollies Bar West U21HC 'B'

02.12.2012 in Cashel: Golden/Kilfeacle v Emly/Treacys



Clonoulty Rossmore - Gleeson Concrete West JH 'A' Champions

Back l-r: Darren Corcoran, R.D. Martin, Kenny Ryan (manager), Kevin Maher, Shane Kinane, Seamus Carew, Aidan White, Aaron Ryan, Bonny Kennedy, John Heffernan, Liam Devane, Kieran Carroll, Ned O'Dwyer (selector), Paddy Ryan, Anthony Kearney. Front l-r: Will Ryan (selector), Kieran Ryan (C), James Horan, Niall Shanahan, Paul Hayes, James Ryan (W), Donncha Ryan, Shaun Coffey, Thomas Lyng, Patrick Hennessy, Micheál Coen.



Clonoulty Rossmore –West MF B Champions. Back l-r; James Horan, Adam Fryday, Jerry Kennedy, Paul Ryan, Shane Kinane, Fintan Kearney, David Dunne, Patrick Hennessy, Declan O' Dwyer, Cathal Moriarty, Sean Maher, Ger Mockler. Front l-r; Paul Hayes, Ronan Heffernan, Stephen Quinn, David Egan, Shawn Coffey, Michael Ryan, James Ryan, Denis Murphy, Enda Heffernan, Gary Donnelly, Jimmy Maher, Philip Fitzpatrick, Cailem Loughman.



Cashel K.C. McGrath Oil West U21F 'B' Champions. Back l-r: Andrew Wallace, Cathal Minogue, Seamus Readse, Dylan Fitzelle, Jonathan Grogan (Captain), Owen Quirke, Paddy Morrissey, Billy Minogue, Niall Fitzgerald, Eoghan Ryan, Alan Coughlan, Alan Cummins. Front l-r: Brian Quinlan, Brian Laffan, Donal Davern, Niall Anglim, Simon Delaney, Gearóid Slattery, Robert Anglim, Adrian O'Dwyer, Michael McDermott, Mark Wallace and Michael K.O'Dwyer.



Cashel K.C. – Dundrum House Hotel West MH 'A' Champions Back l-r: Pat O'Donoghue (selector), Niall Laffan, Dylan Fitzelle, Cormac Ryan, Fionnain Ryan, Kevin Shiels, Pádraig O'Donoghue, Conor Devitt, Cathal Minogue, Daniel Bowes, Thomas Grogan, Shane Ryan, Niall Anglim, James Maxwell, Conal Bonnar and Michael Perdue (selectors). Front l-r: Aidan Butler, James Cummins, Gearóid Slattery, Alan Cummins, Shans Murphy, Colin Bresnan, Simon Delaney, Ramie O'Leary, Adrian O'Dwyer, Jonathan Walsh, Brian Quinlan and Michael Butler (selector).

New facilities at Sean Treacy Memorial Park

Arravale Rovers officially opened their new facilities at Sean Treacy Park and celebrated 50 years at the former "old Barracks site", on Sunday 16 September. It was an historic day of action on and off the pitch.

The great day began with a welcome from our Chairman, Richard O'Connor, who hoped everyone would enjoy the day. He thanked all the visiting teams and guests and spoke of the hard work of those who acquired and developed the site that became Sean Treacy Park. He paid tribute to those who refurbished the Park in recent times, to produce the fine new present facility. Then there was holy Mass in the new building celebrated by Rev. Fr. Christy O Dwyer, a renowned Rovers player in his youth. The packed congregation heard Christy in his lovely homily, recall the hard work and enthusiasm of those who had the foresight, vision and courage to take on the development of the Barracks site, in the 1950s and '60s. There were chuckles heard as he described his efforts to sell lines for the club fund-raising draw In Cork, in the late 1950s : " I wasn't much good...I'd prefer to eat grass"!

Following Mass the Official Opening of the new facilities was performed by Richard Meagher, Life President of Arravale Rovers, who was Hon. Secretary or Runai at the time of the first Official Opening of Sean Treacy Park on 3 June, 1962. It was a moving moment to see Richard cut the black and amber ribbon surrounded by his family and club supporters, in the company of the four young men who master-minded the refurbishment, Niall Considine, Peter Gleeson, Bill Gleeson and Mattie Doherty. Fr. Christy Blessed the new facilities and all those who built and would use them. A presentation to Richard to mark his life-time of service to Arravale Rovers was made to warm applause. With the official duties done the guests took the opportunity to explore the new Sean Treacy Park with its all new dressing rooms, referee's, committee and medical rooms, new toilets and upstairs, the vast indoor playing pitch with artificial grass surface. Outside the clubhouse people who remembered the old bank at the tower side admired the new pitch that's now there; likewise the extra car parking space available where the railway end bank stood, was also seen as a practical step towards better safety standards. The enlarging of the lower flood-lit pitch, the roofing of the stand as well as the widening of the entrance were seen as real enhancement of the club facilities.

Refreshments were in order at the end of the site tour so the



Richard Meagher cutting the tape to open the new Dressing Room Complex.



At the 50th celebration of the opening of Sean Treacy Park were members of the original Field Development Committee. At back from left: Tommy Greene, Seamus Culbert, Joe Moloney while in front with Richard Meagher is current Club Chairman Richard O'Connor..

throng repaired to the old clubhouse, as the Rovers' ladies football, camogie and under 14 footballers took the field against Oola, New Inn and Galtee Rovers, respectively. Indoors a presentation was made to Sean Hayes, the club's All Ireland referee, who was the man in the middle when Kerry met Meath, 3 June 1962 at Sean Treacy Park. Then good food and teas or coffees were the order of the day, with the hum of conversation and good banter, interspersed with camera flashes, signalling major social activity of the best sort. Old stories were swapped; remembrances skipped decades in a flash as the fund raising activities of the 1950s were vividly recalled with the trips to Clones, Cork, Killarney, Dublin and many other venues in the club car-Austin A40- brought into sharp focus. Old friends had catching up to do and new friends were made then, where did the time go, the young players their games ended, flooded into the clubhouse. Somehow all were amply fed and the sounds of jollity hit new levels as the generations communicated: players of the 1940s, '50s and '60s found themselves shoulder to shoulder with the 2012 Rovers and the millennium-gap melted into a mutual black and amber identity. It was something to behold and experience.

The minor hurling tie between Rovers and Knockavilla Kickhams preceded the sporting highlight of the day as Meath champions senior football champions; Summerhill faced Tipperary stalwarts Moyle Rovers. The first half was even and at half-time the Arravale Rovers underage boys and girls had their own primary games. The second half of the senior football game rounded off the proceeding with the Meath men taking the spoils in fine style, over a gritty Moyle Rovers team. Both teams were invited to The Kickham House for a hearty meal. It was a great, historic day for Arravale Rovers.



Photo taken at the Official Opening of Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary Town 50 years ago, on June 3, 1962.



After mass and the blessing by Dean Christy O'Dwyer are from left, Rita Lowry, Jackie Hayes, Michael Ryan, Dinny McGrath, Joe Power, Joe Moloney and Tommy Greene.



At Arravale Rovers Social from left Paddy Maher, Richie Lohan JHC 'B' Captain, Timmy Dalton SFC Captain, Richard O'Connor Chairman, David Power County Minor Football Manager, guest of honour, Darren Lowry U21FC 'A' captain, David Power MHC 'B' Captain and Tadgh Duggan Co. MF selector.



Rosegreen – West Junior Hurling B Champions. Back l-r : Danny Hallissey, Pairic O'Brien, Brendan Hayde, Richie Corcoran, Pat Cummins, BJ Goold, Paul Gooney, Eoin Howard, Mark Harnet, Mick Mackey, John Paul Byrnes, Keith Phelan, Nick Maher, Daniel Hayde, Cathal Ryan, David Hayde, Paddy Ryan, Ger O'Connor, Garry Martin, David Quirke, John O'Grady, Michael Griffin, Cormac Ryan and Pakie Hallissey. Front l-r: James Walsh, Ger Cummins, Tony Kerwick, Jimmy Kelly, Mick Kelly, John O'Dwyer, Adrian Gleeson, Frank Culleton, Sean Cormack, Joe Breen (Capt) Vinny Downey, Killian Ryan, Trevor Downey, Donal Coman, John Paul Peters, Jack Bourke, Tom Shelly and Eoin McGrath.



Rockwell Rovers --- Tipperary Credit Union West IH Champions

Back l-r: Michael Fahy (selector), Patrick Prendergast, Kevin Halley (manager), Donal Moloney (selector), David Brennan, Eoin Ryan, Brian Riordan, Diarmuid Lonergan, Eoin Byrne, Stephen Quirke, Shane Ryan, Ml O'Donnell (goalie), Eoin Shine, Paul Halley, Barry Shorthall, David Halley, James Heffernan, Tommy Flynn(selector). Front l-r: Robert O'Donnell, Colm Heaney, Kevin Heaney, Gavin Ryan, T.J. Ryan, Liam Lonergan, Alan Moloney (captain), Pat Halley, Stephen Boland, Aidan Barron, Willie Flynn.

History made with Rockwell Rovers' historic win

What a great day the club had last Saturday 25 August in Dundrum, winning their first ever West Intermediate Hurling Championship title.

This was a fantastic victory over Sean Treacys to secure the Leahy Cup. Rovers led by 0-7 to 0-3 at half time and were level on three occasions in the second half before a T.J. Ryan goal gave Rovers some breathing space from where they kicked on to win by five points--- the full time score 2-12 to 1-10. Alan Moloney scored 1-7 of Rockwell's tally to cap a brilliant season. This team was full of character and leaders, with some of the younger players really catching the eye. They knew how to dig deep when the pressure was on and team spirit was excellent.

There was a great turn-out from the parish and a carnival atmosphere prevailed when the final whistle was blown by referee Paddy Russell. Well done to all the players, panel and management team and all involved in any way with this fine team.

Team as lined out; Michael O'Donnell; Stephen Quirke, Eoin Shine, Kevin Heaney; Diarmuid Lonergan, Pat Halley, Liam Lonergan; Paul Halley, Barry Shortall (0-1); Eoin Byrne (0-1), Gavin Ryan (0-1), Aidan Barron; Stephen Boland (0-1), Alan Moloney (capt) (1-7), Colm Heaney. Substitution made: T.J.Ryan (1-1) for Colm Heaney



Arravale Rovers - Bewleys West MH 'B' Champions
 Back l-r: James Hogan, Conor Kissane, Ray Kelly, Ciaran Lowry, Ted Lowry, Darragh Coughlan, Gary O'Callaghan, Tony Byrnes, Seamus Kinane, Darragh Crowe, Emmett Fitzpatrick, Pearce Richardson, Julian Lenk.
 Front l-r: Paul Jones, James Kinane, Gerard Halligan, Peter Mulhair, Eoghán Lonergan, Tommy Lowry, Johnny Lowry, Paul O'Connor.

West Croscu Cup Finalists – Cappawhite Winners and Kickhams Runners Up

Back l-r: Kickhams; Rodger Kennedy West Board Chairman, Dean Thompson Paudie Slattery (child is Evan Slattery), Aiden Butler Kevin Griffey Cathal Morrissey Tommy Comerford Shane Morrissey Thomas Ryan David Butler And Darragh Browne, Billy Ryan, Quinn.
 Front Cappawhite: l-r: Matthew Ryan, Matthew Kennedy, Kevin Stapleton, Donagh Heffernan, Ross Dunne, Ger Ryan (P), Francis Quinn, Jim Carr, Michael O'Neill, Tom Treacy and Thomas Costello.



Lattin Cullen Aherlow West MFC 'A' Champions. All Lattin Cullen except where designated Back l-r: John O'Haney, Eoghán O'Connell, James Landers, Ger Kiely (selector), Saeen Cunningham, Anthony Leahy, Mark Russell, Conor Maher, Cormac O'Donoghue, Peter Moloney (Aherlow), Stephen Moloney, David O'Hewney and Pat Frewen (Aherlow selector). Front l-r: Eamon O'Meara (Aherlow selector), Thomas Ivory (Aherlow), John Vallence (Aherlow), Shane Ryan, John Moloney (Aherlow), David Cooney, Ed O'Meara (Aherlow), Tommy Frewen (Aherlow), Thomas O'Donoghue, Jamie Franks and Liam Cunningham.
 Insert Darren Neville.

Historic first for Éire Óg Annacarty/Donohill

West Senior Football Champions 2012

By Eileen Ryan

Éire Óg Annacarty/Donohill won their first West Senior Football title on Sunday 14th October 2012 beating the holders Arravale Rovers by two points in the dying moments of an epic encounter. This was a highly charged game, being the third meeting of the sides in six weeks. Éire Óg won the first game played on September 7th by two points on the score-line 1.12 to 2.07. During this game a serious knee (cruciate) injury occurred to corner-back, Diarmaid Ryan who has been side-lined since. Other players also out due to injury were Gearoid Ryan and Patrick Aherne. The next game was the second round of the county championship, played on September 29th which Arravale won by just one point 0.09 to 0.08.

Éire Óg played this game six days after beating Portroe in the County Senior Hurling Quarter Final and eight days before the County Senior Hurling Semi-Final. Just one week following their defeat to Thurles Sarsfields almost the exact same fifteen players won the West Senior Football Final. Little wonder that there were scenes of unbridled joy and tears of happiness on the pitch in Lattin at 1.42pm on that fateful day when referee, Paddy Russell blew the final whistle five minutes into injury time. It was an eagerly awaited victory and a long time in the offing.

Considered to be predominantly a hurling club some football was played in the junior grade during the late thirties and early forties but without any success. The forties was the era of great hurling, winning four West titles and the county title in 1943. A lean period ensued in the early fifties for all Éire Óg teams. A notable victory in a Minor Football game over Arravale Rovers happened in 1956 when Paddy Corbett gave a display that stamped him as a footballer of class. The score was Éire Óg 3.05 Arravale Rovers 4.01. 1959 was the first year that U/21 Football

was played in the West Division with Éire Óg losing to Emly.

In 1962 Éire Óg won their first football title beating Solohead in the West Junior Football Final by four points on the scoreline 2.04 to 1.03. They lost the county semi-final by six points to Grangemockler. Having won the junior championship, a Senior football team was affiliated in 1963, reaching the semi-final only to lose to Galtee Rovers by five points. The West Junior Football title was won again in 1964, beating Arravale Rovers by 3.06 to 1.02 and the County semi-final was lost to Moneygall. A West Senior Football League Final was won in 1965, beating Galtee Rovers.

The next major breakthrough in football was in 1974 when Éire Óg known as Multeen Rovers won the West and County Junior Football titles. On the path to the county final they defeated Cappawhite, Cashel, Kickhams (West Final) and Nenagh before accounting for Ballylooby in the final on the score 2.03 to 0.04. The men in charge were Thady O'Carroll, Liam O'Dwyer and Fr. John Walshe, whilst the captain was the late Tom O'Dwyer, uncle of Michael (Squire) and Donal O'Dwyer, a formidable footballer in his day too. Playing in the senior grade for the next six years, but without success they affiliated in Intermediate Football in 1981 and 1982 and dropped back to junior level again in 1983. They succeeded in capturing both the West and County titles, beating Arravale in the West Final, Moneygall in the County semi-final by a point in a replay and Thurles Sarsfields in the County Final by a point in an extremely low scoring game 0.04 to 0.03. The selectors were Thady O'Carroll, Tom O'Dwyer and Kevin Fox (manager of 2012 team), while the captain was Matthew Ryan.

Ten years later in 1993 Éire Óg won the West and County Junior Football titles beating Golden in the West and in the



History makers, Éire Óg Annacarty panel and supporters after their historic first time winning of the West SFC title in Lattin. Back l-r; Kevin Fox (manager), Ray Kennedy (selector), Eileen Ryan (Secretary), Sandra Molloy (Physio), Christopher Breen, Seanie Ryan, Gearoid Ryan, Philip McGrath, Josh Quinn, Darragh Mooney, Jeremy Furlong, Willie O' Neill, David Breen, Diarmaid Ryan, Paul Downey, Dan Hogan, Padraic O'Dwyer, Richard O'Doherty, Richard Ryan, Michael Bradshaw, Liam Óg O' Dwyer (child), Brian Fox, Liam O'Brien (selector), Arnold O'Dwyer, Jack Ryan. Front l-r; Vinny Ryan (Chairman), Eoin Bradshaw, Damian O'Brien, Tom Fox, Donal O'Dwyer, Ronan O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer, Eoin Kennedy (captain), Donie Horan, Kev Fox, Oisín O'Dwyer, Conor O'Brien, Michael McGrath, Micheal O'Dwyer, Connie Bradshaw, Conor Devlin. Children at front: David Fox (in front of Donal O' Dwyer), Donie Horan's niece, Cian Ryan, Paudie Bradshaw, Paul Devlin, Stephen McDonald, Paul Burke, Darragh Kelly. Missing from photo: Trainer Paul Sexton



Presentation of West SFC Cup to Eire Óg captain, Eoin Kennedy by West Vice-Chairman, Tom English of Eire Óg.

County Final. Progressing to Intermediate Grade Éire Óg won West titles in 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001. They also won junior football titles in 2000 and 2001. In fact in 2001 Éire Óg won County titles in both Intermediate and Junior Football, beating Newport and Commercial's respectively. Senior status beckoned again and we've remained there since, contesting and losing four West finals: 2003 to Galtee Rovers, 2007 to Aherlow by a point in extra time, 2008 to Galtee Rovers and 2011 to Arravale Rovers. We won our first senior football title on August 12th 2011, beating Arravale Rovers in the County Final of the Premier Division on the scoreline 0.15 to 1.07.

Hugs, backslapping and warm handshakes were the order of the day between players, mentors, supporters and many past Eire Óg players such as D. J. and Tom Gleeson, Curry Hanly, Matthew Ryan, Seamus and Pat Fox, Anthony Crosse, Jacko Breen, Bill Burke, Liam O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan to name but a few who had donned the blue and white and played both hurling and football with Eire Óg. The presentation of the O'Carroll Cup to captain Eoin Kennedy by West Vice-Chairman and Eire Óg man, Tom English was met with rapturous applause and roars. Long-serving goalkeeper Donie Horan raised the cup aloft with the captain as testimony to his lengthy time as custodian.

The significance of the name of the cup did not go un-noticed as it was felt that former club president and the main football man in Annacarty/Donohill for many years, Thady O'Carroll was smiling down from his heavenly home.

Kevin Fox is the manager of both football and hurling and the trainer of both is Limerick man, Paul Sexton who now finds himself domiciled in Donohill. They were ably assisted by selectors, Liam O'Brien and Ray Kennedy and where would they be without Ballingarry woman Sandra Molloy, the club's physio.

The basis for this team has evolved from two county final wins: Minor "B" Football 1998 and U/12 "B" Football 2001. In 1998 the Minor footballers had victories over Aherlow and Lattin Cullen and were awarded the West title, followed by victories over Boherlahan and Moyle Rovers, in the County Final, the latter

going to a replay. Players and substitutes from that team are: Pat Aherne, Damian O'Brien, Ronan O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer and Philip McGrath

The U/12 team of 2001 won the West title beating Clonoulty, going on to beat Burgess in the County Semi-Final and Gortnahoe in the County Final by 2.10 to 1.05. Players and substitutes from eleven years ago are: Eoin Kennedy, Pádraic O'Dwyer, Kev Fox, Diarmaid Ryan, Jeremy Furlong, Oisín O'Dwyer, Willie O'Neill, Eoin Bradshaw, Gearoid Ryan, Darragh Mooney, Seanie Ryan and Richard O'Doherty.

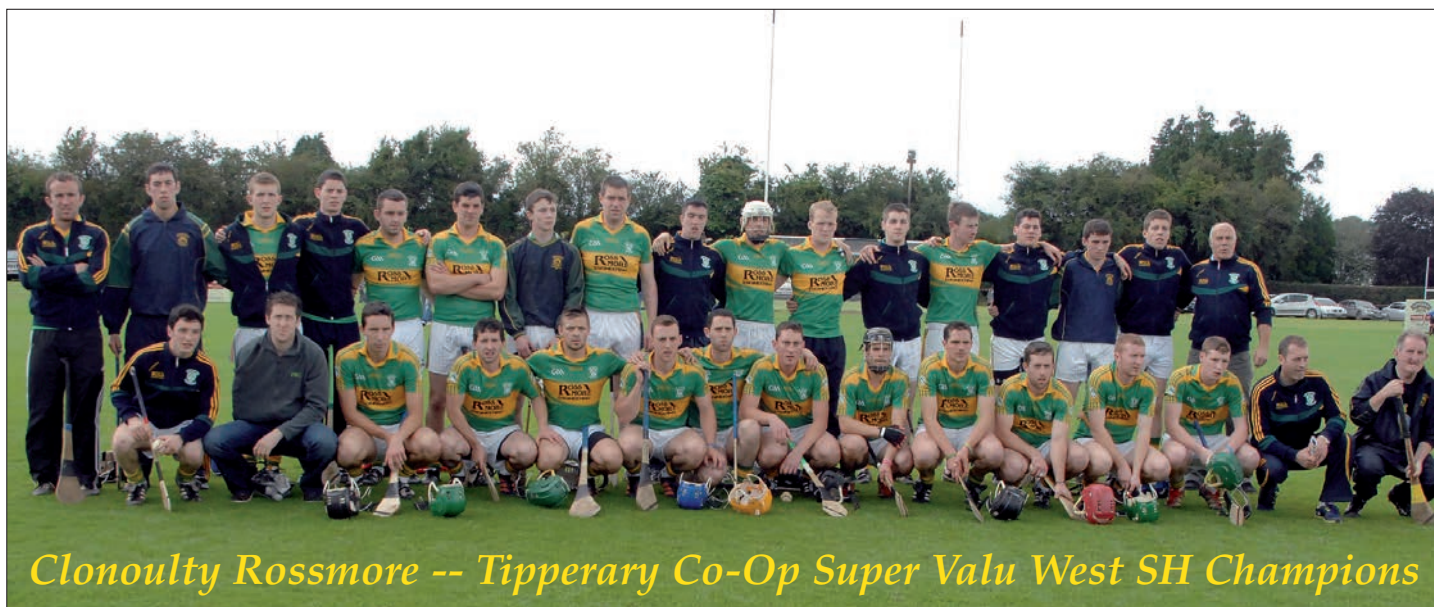
Add to that Tipperary Senior footballers, Brian Fox and Richard Ryan, Tipperary senior hurler, Conor O'Brien and Tipperary Minor hurlers, Donal O'Dwyer and Tom Fox.

Players that have come through 2001 County Intermediate and Junior teams are Donie Horan, Dan Hogan and Michael McGrath.

From the 2011 squad they lost Wesley Ryan and Finian Waters to emigration to Australia and Patrick Horan to a long term ankle injury.

Eire Óg played 2011 county champions Thomas McDonaghs in the county quarter final, a game which went to a replay following extra time. Eire Óg lost the replay by three points 0.10 to 0.07. Ten highly competitive games from August 26th to October 26th finally took their toll and they exited the County Championship with their heads held high, but I've no doubt they'll be back as a force to be reckoned with in 2013.

The historic winning team and subs: Donie Horan, Michael O'Dwyer (Squire), Conor O'Brien, Oisín O'Dwyer, Ronan O'Brien, Pádraic O'Dwyer, Kev Fox, Richard Ryan, Eoin Kennedy, Dan Hogan, Brian Fox, Jeremy Furlong, Philip McGrath, Damian O'Brien, Donal O'Dwyer, Tom Fox, Paul Downey, Darragh Mooney, Michael McGrath, Diarmaid Ryan, Gearoid Ryan, Parrick Aherne, Seanie Ryan, Willie O'Neill, Micheal O'Dwyer, Richard O'Doherty, Eoin Bradshaw, Cathal Coughlan, Dinny Crosse, Josh Quinn, David Breen, Michael Bradshaw, Christopher Breen.



Clonoulty Rossmore -- Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu West SH Champions

Back l-r: Niall Shanahan, Padraig Heffernan, Kieran Quirke, Aidan White, Anthony Kearney, Tom Butler, Jimmy Maher, Conor Ryan, Seamus Carew, Jason Forrestal, Paddy Ryan, Martin Sadlier, Seán Maher, Aaron Ryan, Kieran Carroll, Paul Hayes, Andrew Fryday (selector). Front l-r: James Ryan, Declan O'Dwyer, John Devane, Fiachra O'Keeffe, John O'Neill, John O'Keeffe, Paudie White, James Heffernan, Conor Hammersley, Timmy Hammersley, Joey O'Keeffe, Andrew Quirke, Seán O'Connor, Liam Cahill (coach), R.D. Martin

Clonoulty-Rossmore's historic year

On Tuesday 26th August 2012 at Golden, Clonoulty- Rossmore won the 83rd West Senior Hurling title. By doing so they created their own bit of history. This was a record sixth title-in-a-row. They had already equalled Knockavilla Kickhams' record of five-in-a-row, won between 1952 and 1956. These are celebrated times for the club but things haven't always been so.

After the glory days of the two county final victories in 1989 and 1987 and contesting a county final in 1998, there followed some lean years for the club, a West final win in 2002 being the exception. In 2003 we had to battle relegation against Moycarkey. That was a low point in our club's history but we were lucky enough to pull through. If we had gone down that day one wonders where would we be now. We have seen clubs strenuously resist relegation because of its negative connotations.

Nevertheless the foundation for the success that was to follow was being laid and coming events were well signposted. At U12 level we won a hat trick of County Finals in '03 '04 and '05. At U14 level county success was ours in '08. In 2009 our U16's brought another county title to the club. The minor and U21 team were winning more than their share of West titles. The production line looked healthy. Clearly we had found a successful template which ensures a conveyor- belt of talent to re-inforce our profile within the West and beyond.

The mentors of teams who, year in year out, work tirelessly to keep players motivated and ready for the fray deserve our gratitude. The management squads of less successful teams deserve no less praise than their successful counterparts as their contribution is equally valuable. Tom Ryan had a winning system in place in the Primary schools during this time also. We are fortunate that current senior players, Timmy Hammersley and John O'Keeffe have stepped into Tom's shoes to ensure that the primary schools are well catered for.

How The West Was Won

2007 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-18 Knockavilla Kickhams 0-11

2007 set the ball rolling with victory over arch rivals Knockavilla Kickhams in Cashel. We dictated the pace of the game and we were ten points up at half time. Kickhams closed the gap to six points in 2nd half but we were able to step up a gear and ran out comfortable winners on a score line of 1-18 to

0-11.

The team: Diarmuid Cullen, Kevin Horan, John Heffernan, Joey O'Keeffe, Liam Devane, Aidan Butler (0-3), James Heffernan, John Devane, Tom Butler(0-2), Paudie White, John O'Keeffe (0-2), Timmy Hammersley (1-11), Fiachra O'Keeffe, Conor Devane, Jason Forrestall. Subs used: Conor Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Micheál Coen, Kenny Ryan, James Ryan [H].

2008 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-13 Éire Óg 0-09

This match was played in Dundrum in excellent conditions. The sides had already drawn earlier in the league section and the fans were expecting another close encounter. However the game did not live up to expectations and Clonoulty /Rossmore retained the west title.

The team: Declan O'Dwyer, Kevin Horan, James Heffernan, Brian Ryan, Joey O'Keeffe, John Heffernan, John Devane, Conor Ryan, John O' Keeffe (0-1), Timmy Hammersley(0-7), Aidan Butler (0-1), Thomas Butler, Fiachra O'Keeffe (1-1), Conn O'Keeffe, John O' Neill (0-2). Subs used: Jason Forrestall (0-1), Seán O Connor.

Team management: Philip Quirke and Will Ryan were selectors in both of these years with Donagh O'Donnell as coach.

2009 Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-11 Cappawhite 0-12

The miserable weather conditions cleared up in Golden to give a very pleasant evening for the match. A very slick Cappa were ahead of a sluggish Clonoulty by ten points to four at the interval .A dramatically improved Clonoulty had 2-2 scored with only four minutes elapsed in the 2nd half. Cappa tried to recover the initiative but failed to do so. The game is remembered for a nasty accident that saw their full back, Thomas Costello, fracture his leg in a collision with John O'Neill. Clonoulty-Rossmore won their 3rd West final in-a-row.

The team: Declan O'Dwyer, Kevin Horan, Padraig Heffernan, Joey O'Keeffe, John O' Keeffe, John Devane, Seán O'Connor, Conor Ryan, Liam Devane, Timmy Hammersley (1-5) , Tom Butler (0-1), Paudie White, Fiachra O'Keeffe (0-1) ,Thomas Butler (0-2), John O' Neill(1-2). Subs used: James Heffernan, Micheál Coen , Bonny Kennedy.

2010 Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-15 Eire Óg 1-9

The day was perfect at Seán Treacy Park for this eagerly

anticipated game. Both teams met in the first round of the championship when a highly motivated Eire Óg were victorious. But it was a below par performance from Eire Óg in the final. Clonoulty-Rossmore were in command for almost all of the game as the winning margin of 9 points suggests.

The team: Declan O'Dwyer, Joey O'Keeffe, James Heffernan, Kevin Horan, Pdraig Heffernan (0-1), John Devane, Liam Devane, Tom Butler (0-6), Seán O'Connor (0-1), John O'Neill (0-3), Thomas Butler, Paudie White, Fiachra O'Keeffe (1-2), Timmy Hammersley (0-2), Jason Forrestall. Subs used : Conor Ryan (1-0), Micheál Coen, Conor Hammersley.

2011 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-26 Cappawhite 0-13

In the days before the final there was the usual talk of the 'drive for five' and the pressure that such a target brings in its wake. In this case there was no doubt from the throw-in that Clonoulty-Rossmore were well up for the occasion and that only an extraordinary performance by Cappawhite could prevent them achieving it. The well-oiled Clonoulty-Rossmore retained the title easily.

The team: Declan O'Dwyer, Joey O'Keeffe, Pdraig Heffernan, Kevin Horan, John O'Keeffe, John Devane, Anthony Kearney, Paudie White (0-3), Seán O'Connor, Tom Butler, Conor Ryan (0-2), Thomas Butler (0-2), Fiachra O'Keeffe (0-1), Timmy Hammersley (0-13), John O'Neill (1-3). Subs used : Conor Hammersley (0-1) James Heffernan, Aidan White, Jason Forrestal (0-1)

2012 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-22 Eire Óg 2-11

On a well prepared venue at Golden, Clonoulty-Rossmore won their historic sixth-in-a-row West title. They gave an impressive performance and the O'Dwyer Cup was once again back in the parish.

The team: Jimmy Maher, Joey O'Keeffe, James Heffernan, Andrew Quirke, John Devane, John O'Keeffe, Seán O'Connor, Conor Hammersley, (0-1) Tom Butler, Conor Ryan, Seán Maher

(0-3), Fiachra O'Keeffe (0-1), Timmy Hammersley (0-13), John O'Neill (1-2). Subs used: Martin Sadlier, Jamie Moloney (0-2).

Team management: TJ Ryan replaced Philip Quirke as manager in 2009 and has managed the team for the last four years. In 2009/10 Micheál Ryan served as selector and Conor Gleeson coached the team. Andrew Fryday joined the selectors in 2010 and has been a selector since. Liam Cahill replaced Conor Gleeson as coach in 2011 and has guided the team successfully in the last two years.

Captains

- John Devane has the distinction of captaining the team on two occasions in 2007 and 2011.
- John Heffernan had the honour of holding the O'Dwyer Cup aloft in 2008.
- Declan O'Dwyer led the team to victory in 2009.
- Senior team stalwart, Tom Butler, graciously accepted the trophy on behalf of his team-mates in 2010.
- The latest recipient of the famed trophy was John O'Keeffe in August on the wonderful occasion of our sixth-in-a-row.

Interesting Facts

- Remarkably only four players started in all six finals, John Devane, Fiachra O'Keeffe, Timmy Hammersley and Joey O'Keeffe.
- Of these, three played the entire match in all six finals, John Devane, Timmy Hammersley and Joey O'Keeffe.
- Although Fiachra O'Keeffe misses out on that accolade he has the distinction of lining out in all six finals wearing the same number, No.13.
- Our regular custodian Declan O'Dwyer won four-in-row on the field of play from 2008 to 2011, unfortunately missing out in '07 and '12 through injury.
- Tom Butler and Paudie White would have played in all six finals but injury dictated otherwise in 2008.
- Kevin Horan was a rock of consistency at corner-back from 2007 to 2011.
- John O'Keeffe was flying the Clonoulty-Rossmore flag in Boston and was unavailable for the 2010 final.
- John O'Neill has started in the last five finals from '08 to '12, being a little too young for the senior grade in 2007.
- A young Thomas Butler made his debut also in 2008 but missed out on this year's final due to a cruciate ligament injury.
- James Heffernan and Conor Ryan lined out in four of the six finals but played some part in all six victories.
- Seán O'Connor was a constant for the last four finals.
- Timmy Hammersley's total score from the six finals was an excellent 2- 51

We have a vibrant modern club in place now. Developing a second full-size pitch and modernising our facilities has been a major undertaking in recent years. The success of our teams on the playing fields has given the club the confidence to undertake a major development programme, costing in excess of €1,000,000 over a seven year period. The club is the envy of many within and outside the west division, but one burning ambition remains – a county senior title to finally gild the historic six-in-a-row.

Let's hope that in twenty thirteen We get the rub of the green!



Clonoulty-Rossmore captains 2012



Cappawhite 1962 West SH Champions Reunion

Front l-r; Michael English, Michael Ryan (for Wm Ryan (decd.)), Noreen Buckley (for James Buckley (decd.)), Bridget Carew (for John Carew (decd.)), Tom Joe McGrath, Pauline Collins (for Fr Joe Ryan (decd.)), Jack Breen (for Fr Tom Breen), George Furlong, Siobhan Carberry (for Jerry Ryan (deceased.)), Tom Ryan. Back l-r; Morgan O'Neill (for Fr Dan O'Neill), John Joe White, Willie Buckley, Larry Kelly, Marcella McGrath (for Jim McGrath (decd.)), Jack Hogan, Eamonn Hayes, Denis Bergin, Paddy O'Connor, Paul McCarthy, Harry Bradshaw, Con Ryan, Mickie Barry (for Michael Barry (decd.)), Paddy Lonergan.

Cappawhite as West Junior Champions in 1961 were promoted to the senior ranks with success in 1962. In the senior hurling first round Suir Rovers were defeated, with veteran Bingo Barry in goals. Solohead were defeated in the semifinal and Kickhams were the final opponents in September. Cappawhite were now short the two clerical student s, Dan O'Neill and Joe Ryan(P). Cappawhite led 1-3 to 0-2 at the break and the game after a scrappy second half ended all square, 1-4 apiece.

In the replay Cappawhite showed their class to completely overwhelm the Kickhams on the final scoreline, 5-8 to 2-1. In the County quarter final Kilruane McDonaghs, with Tom Moloughney and the youthful Len Gaynor, defeated Cappawhite 2-13 to 2-3. The Kilruane McDonaghs goals came from twenty one yard frees late in the first half.

Cappawhite Team: Paul McCarthy; Paddy O'Connor, John Carew, William Ryan(G); Tom Ryan (S), Larry Kelly, Con Ryan; William (H) Bradshaw, Jack Hogan; Jim Buckley, T.J. McGrath, Jim McGrath; J.J. White, Paddy Lonergan, George Furlong. Subs; Denis Bergin, M. Bingo Barry and Jerry Ryan (S). Not available: Dan O'Neill, Joe Ryan (P), Eamon Hayes and Tommy Breen.



Sean Treacys West IH Runners Up

Back l-r: Seamus Carey, Seanie O'Dwyer, Paudie Carey, Donnchadha O' Brien, Seamus Butler, Declan Hickey, Dinny Stapleton, Paul Shannon, Seamus Costello, Tom Hickey, Joey Ryan, Jody Ryan, Front l-r: Ger O'Toole, Andy O'Brien, John Butler, Sean Kennedy, Liam Nolan, Sean Ryan, Simon Kennedy, Tom Ryan, Paudie Ryan, Willie Ryan, Jamie O'Toole.

Solohead Group on visit to Billa Stapleton at the Deerpark Nursing Home. Back l-r; Pat Ryan, Jimmy Kennedy, Hilda Franklin, Joe Moloney, Michael Ryan (Cooper), Mickey Cunningham, Paddy O'Keeffe, Mattie Ryan, Lar O'Keeffe, Mary Stapleton, Con Ahearn, Jimmy Ryan (Rookie), Aidan O'Dwyer, Paddy Verdon, Pakie O'Dwyer, Seamie O'Keeffe, Willie Horan, John Kirby, Seanie O'Riordan. Front l-r; Oliver Coffey, Timmy O'Dwyer, Liam Greensmyth, Michael Kennedy, Donie Nolan, Padraic Maher, Bill Stapleton, Tommy Fitzgerald, P.J. Burns, Nicholas Lonergan, John Ryan.





Aherlow Senior Hurling 2012—Historic first time for Club in 2012

Back l-r; Peter Moloney, Kieran O'Mahoney (selector), John Hennessy, Peter Mc Knight, Bernard O'Brien, Danny Noonan, Brian Moroney, Paddy Hennessy, Sean Dillon, Cooper Fahey, Cathal Dillon, James Carroll, Seanie Peters, Gordon Peters, Anthony Moroney Manager. Front l-r; Cathal O'Shea, Seamus Grogan, John Moloney, Thomas Hanley, Sean Mullins, Mark Hanley, Ed O'Mara, Mark O'Shea, Laurence Coskeran, Conor O'Shea, Denis O'Shea.

The promotion of hurling in Lisvernane and the Juvenile successes in the mid eighties was part of the platform for Divisional and County success in the late nineties and into 2010. A fine crop of players brought Minor, U21, Junior and Intermediate Hurling success to the Glensmen. This led to promotion to Senior Hurling in 2012 for the first time in the clubs history.

This achievement allied to their successful participation at all levels in football was an extraordinary accomplishment. We have only to compare the work of GAA promotion in this half

parish alongside the present position, where super amalgamations are required in much more populated regions of the county to achieve success at the expense of the Aherlow's of this world.

Unfortunately time, emigration and other demographic changes have now taken their toll. However the 'on field' exploits of this small club will be celebrated at home and abroad for many years to come and with hard work, dedication and the infusion of new blood, Aherlow will strive to return again to their glory days, in the not too distant future.



Arravale Rovers --- McGrath Oil West U21F 'A' Champions Back l-r: Killian Ryan, Micheal Ryan, Diarmuid O'Donnell, Johnny Lowry, Morgan O'Brien, Ted Lowry, Pearce Richardson, Brian Kissane, Pet Mulhair, Sean O'Meara, James Hogan, Gary O'Callaghan, Paddy Dalton. Front l-r: Sean Kilcoyne, Paul O'Connor, Ciaran Leahy, James Kinane, Eoghan Lonergan, David Heffernan, Tony Byrnes, Niall Donovan, Gerard Mulhair, Fintan, Cathal Donovan, Donough Leahy, Ciaran Leahy, (Absent Shane Leahy)



Rosegreen --- Tipperary Co-Op Super Valu West JH 'B' Champions. Back l-r: Danny Hallissey, Pairic O'Brien, Brendan Hayde, Richie Corcoran, Pat Cummins, B J Gould, Paul Gooney, Eoin Howard, Mark Harnet, Mick Mackey, John Paul Byrnes, Keith Phelan, Nick Maher, Daniel Hayde, Cathal Ryan, David Hayde, Paddy Ryan, Ger O'Connor, Garry Martin, David Quirke, John O'Grady, Michael Griffin, Cormac Ryan and Pakie Hallissey. Front l-r: James Walsh, Ger Cummins, Tony Kerwick, Jimmy Kelly, Mick Kelly, John O'Dwyer, Adrian Gleeson, Frank Culleton, Sean Cormack, Joe Breen {Capt} Vinny Downey, Killian Ryan, Trevor Downey, Donal Coman, John Paul Peters, Jack Bourke, Tom Shelly and Eoin McGrath.

John Currivan

John Currivan is after giving a large part of his life to the service of his club Golden Kilfeacle. He grew up in a house steeped in the voluntary traditions of the GAA, where his father John was prominent in the club and the West Tipperary Divisional Board.

His father (John) was a prominent player, referee and later caretaker in the Golden field, he was also a West Board delegate and gate checker for many years. He introduced the young John to the many chores of the caretaker in the hard times of seventies and eighties. He had to prepare the grounds, often at short notice, line and flag the field, mend the nets and then often called to do umpire at the game. So John had started coming to the field at a very early age to help his father. John has played Hurling and Football at every level in the club from U12 to his retirement at the age of 40. He won three West Tipperary Senior Football Medals in 1988, 1995 and 1996. He also won one West Tipperary Senior Hurling Medal with the Golden/Eire Óg amalgamation in 2004. In 1995 he won a County Tipperary Intermediate medal.

John was elected to the position of secretary of Golden/Kilfeacle GAA club in 1986 at the age of nineteen and still holds that position today after twenty seven years and has served under ten chairmen. He has been a selector and coach to all teams from Minor to Senior in both hurling and football. In 1991 when additional land was required to extend the playing facilities, John was to the fore in this project and later in 1995 he was instrumental in the provision of floodlighting on the main pitch -- one of the first clubs in the county to do so. He later was prominent in a finance committee and club Lotto committee to finance the development of the new sports complex in the club. Phase One of this development was completed in 2009 at a cost of over one million euro. He is presently the County Board Draw Coordinator for his club.

A former West Board official, who had worked with John over all these years, described this true club volunteer as an amiable, personable and helpful official, and as 'Mr. GAA in Golden'. He never misses a game and his car full of players young and old is a regular at all the Golden Kilfeacle games. He also has provided the Divisional secretary and various PROs in West Tipperary with accounts of games for the local press. He was also on the advisory committee that spearheaded the publication of the Parish history 'Golden Kilfeacle the Parish and its people'.

The Currivan family home in the village was a welcoming



John Currivan secretary, Golden Kilfeacle, receiving the President's Prize for Volunteerism from President Christy Cooney in March 2012

meeting place for many GAA folk before John moved to his new home in Sergeants Lot. John is married to Lorraine and has two young sons, Jack and Ben following in their fathers footsteps.



The Munster and All Ireland Minor Hurling Cups on a visit the Abbey School, Tipperary --- in centre are panellists, Tom Fox Éire Óg, Sean Ryan Sean Treacys and Donal Ryan (Abbey) and Éire Óg.



Arravale Rovers County MHC 'B' Winners. Front l-r; Eamon O'Dwyer (selector), Julian Lenk, John Hickey, Paul O'Connor, Ciarán Lowry, Darragh Crowe, Eoghan Lonergan, Tommy Lowry, Andy Cummins, James Kinane, Ger Halligan, Ollie Griffin (physio). Back l-r; Kevin Crowe and Michael Lonergan (selectors), Peter Mulhair, Ted Lowry, Ray Kelly, Seamus Kinane, Pearse Richardson, Tony Byrnes, Emmett Fitzpatrick, Conor Kissane, Darragh Coughlan, Gary O'Callaghan, Johnny Lowry, Capt., James Hogan, Paul Jones, Jimmy Lowry, Damien Quinlan (manager), Stephen Spillane (selector)

Arravale Rovers take first minor hurling 'B' title

Arravale Rovers won their first ever minor hurling B title when they defeated J. K. Brackens by 1-9 to 1-8 in the final played at Boherlahan on November 24, 2012. They had contested the final once before, in the inaugural year of the championship in 1984, when they had to give best to the winners, Drom Inch.

Arravale's victory was fashioned from grit, determination, work rate and no mean measure of skill. There was never much between the sides during the game. Arravale were a point to the good, 0-3 to 0-2, at the end of the first quarter but J. K. Brackens were ahead at the interval by 0-6 to 0-5.

It was tit for tat during the opening minutes of the second half. Johnny Lowry brought Arravale level after ten minutes but Brian Kennedy restored Brackens advantage soon after.

Then Arravale struck a purple patch, scoring 1-3 without reply and it seemed they were well on the road to victory leading by 1-9 to 0-7 with only ten minutes remaining. The crucial goal came thirteen minutes into the half. Ciaran Lowry sent a long ball into Darragh Crowe and his shot across the Brackens goal was snatched by Eoghan Lonergan and sent to the back of the Brackens net. But Brackens weren't gone by any means. Their fight back raised the tempo of the game and brought their loyal

band of supporters to their feet. However, with four minutes remaining they still trailed by four points. At that stage they got a penalty which Brian Kennedy duly converted to leave only a point between the sides.

The final minutes were extremely exciting. Brackens had a long range free to level in the last minute but it fell short and was cleared to the delight of the Arravale Rovers players, mentors and supporters, who were able to celebrate an historic victory.

Arravale Rovers: Gary O'Callaghan, Tommy Lowry, Pearse Richardson, Ted Lowry, Gerard Halligan, Emmett Fitzpatrick, Tony Byrnes, Seamus Kinane, Darragh Coughlan, Ray Kelly, Darragh Crowe, Ciarán Lowry (0-7), Eoghan Lonergan (1-0), Johnny Lowry (capt.) (0-1), Conor Kissane, Subs: James Kinane (0-1) for Ray Kelly.

J. K. Brackens: Sean Patrick Guerins, Niall Martin, Conor Burke, Liam Murphy, Jack Fogarty, James Bergin, Eamon Kennedy, Dean McEnroe (capt.), Thomas Brett (0-1), Jordan Moloney (0-2), Brian Kennedy (1-5), Karl Stakelum, Brian Roche, Colin O'Riordan, Michael O'Meara. Sub: Martin Delaney for Eamon Kennedy.

Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield).



Cashel K.C. Hennessy West JF 'B' Champions: Back l-r; Brian Minogue, Ger Slattery (Co Manager), Seamus Foley, Kevin O'Sullivan, Billy Mminogue, Robert Doherty, Niall Fitzgerald, Noel Frewen, Martin Hickey, Jason Connolly, Michael Ryan, Alan Coughlan, Brian Laffan, Paul Hoare, Donie O'Donoghue (Co Manager) and Seanie Barron. Front l-r; Tommy Fitzgerald (Masseur), Brian Quinlan, Gavin Manton, Shane Murphy, John Darmody, Adrian O'Dwyer, Robert White (Captain), Gavin Browne, Niall Anglin, Cathal Minogue, Michael K. O'Dwyer and Liam Barron.



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Another year's activity has come to a conclusion and affords many officer boards and participants alike with an opportunity for some reflection. For some it will be a joyful recollection of the success achieved and for more a mind gatherings exercise on how to improve their lot for a new year ahead.

All in Bórd na Nog however can be satisfied that a lot of good close encounters were witnessed and great credit is due to so many of our unsung heroes who give up so much of their time in assisting and mentoring such large number of young players, many of whom no doubt will be seen on a bigger stage in the future.

2012 AT A GLANCE

Our County U/15 hurlers and footballers did the county proud by winning both the Carrigdhoun hurling and Humphrey Kelleher football competitions which were staged in Cork.

The games for our U 12s namely the Premier 12s now in its second year under the new format went off rather well in both codes. Unfortunately Semple Stadium was only available for the opening part of our football which resulted with Moyne/Templetuohy hosting the completion of the football and Moycarkey/ Borris playing hosts for the hurling.

Bill Maher who only two years ago was a winning Kilsheelan/Kilcash captain did our county proud in lifting the All Ireland Minor Hurling trophy last September and graced us with his presence at our medal presentations evening on November 2nd along with winning manager, William Maher.

Both gave very interesting addresses to our young audience.

Kilruane lift their second ever Feile Iomanníocht title in ten goal thriller.

The North Division hosted the U/16 All Ireland A & B inter county Hurling games, our thanks to the following clubs Eire Og Nenagh, Burgess, Moneygall and Puckane for hosting the A games.

To Silvermines and Toomevara for hosting the B games our

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<i>PRO</i>	Neil Ryan	<i>Holycross/Ballycahill</i>
<i>Representative to Senior Bórd</i>	Sean Creamer	<i>Portroe</i>

sincere thanks..

Premiers 12s

Football: This was the second year of the changed system regarding the structure setting for our U 12 Games. This year it was the Mid v North and South v West at semi final stage. 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 finals day at the end of June. Semple Stadium was available for the quarter final series of games both the semi finals and finals concluded in Templetuohy.

Medals were presented to all contestants after the conclusion of each series of games on the day

Hurling: When it came to the hurling in September the Bórd sought the facilities of the Moycarkey/Borris club in Littleton for the first Saturday of the month. Similar to the football the events went off extremely well despite the weather showing its ugly side for some of the afternoon. Medals were presented to every participant on the day and full credit to all in Littleton for providing some much appreciated refreshments.

From an organizational point of view everything went off without any major difficulty and of course the Bórd endeavors to



Officers and guests at the County Tipperary Bord na nOg Convention. Back l-r: Kieran Hogan (South Bord na nOg Secretary), Sean Creamer Outgoing Co Bord na nOg Chairman, John Smith Tipp Co Board Youth Officer, Mike Flynn North Bord na nOg Chairman, Joe O'Sullivan Mid Bord na nOg Chairman, Tom Dawson West Bord na nOg Chairman, Martin Cody South Bord na nOg Chairman. Front l-r: Marian Minahan North Bord na nOg Secretary, Niall Ryan PRO County Bord na nOg, Catherine Gleeson Treasurer Co Bord na nOg, Joe Kennedy Chairman Co Bord na nOg, Ann McGrath Secretary Co Bord na nOg, Sally Younge Secretary Mid Bord na nOg, Ann Flemming South Bord na nOg Rep.



Tipperary Under 15 football – Munster champions

Back l-r: Tommy Ryan selector, Conor Clancy St Patricks, Bill Floyd Ballina, Enda Heffernan Clonoulty Rossmore, Ross Peters Clonmel Commericals, Jamie Moriarty Gortnahoe/Glengoele, Emmet Moloney (Capt.) Drom/Inch,, Liam Fahey Rockwell Rovers Jack Skehan Holycross/Ballycahill, Charlie Manton Fethard, Liam Powell Clonmel Commericals, Jamie Bergin Drom/Inch, Simon Meagher Inane Rovers, Jack Kennedy Clonmel Commericals, Bill Johnston Moyle Rovers, Stephen Quirke Moyle Rovers, Kieran Healy Selector, Tommy Sheehan selector. Front l-r: Nicola Lonergan physio, Tommy Lowry Arravale Rovers, Sean Moloney Moyne/Templehouhy, Michael Gohery Borrisokane, Alan Tynan Inane Rovers, Craig O'Connell Rockwell Rovers, Cathal Mahoney St. Patricks, Mike Hogan Ardfinnan, Eric Fanning Moycarkey/Borris, Jordan Moloney JK Brackens, Danny Owens Moyle Rovers, Jody Sheehan Fethard, Adam Fitzgerald Fethard, Michael Connors Drom/Inch, Tommy Nolan Drom/Inch, Ciaran Thorpe Drom/Inch, Maeve Johnson Physio.

make further improvements for next year. We sincerely hope that the Premier 12s is both being beneficial and enjoyable for our young participants.

County Championship Scene

Football:

U/14A: The contestants in the semi finals which were staged in Dundrum were Newport Gaels and Killenale with the north champions proving too strong for their southern opponents qualifying for the final on a score of 3-10 to 1-07. The other semi final saw Mid champions J.K. Brackens take on the West champions Galtee Rovers in a contest that produced eight goals. Victory went to the Mid representatives on a concluding score of 5-08 to 3-11.

Dundrum was the venue for all the finals in this age group. The 'A' final changed dramatically at the mid way period as Newport struck the Brackens net on two successive occasions to take a 2-01 to 0-02 lead. From this point onwards the game ended as a meaningful contest as Newport were in total control ending the first half on a score line of 3-07 to 0-02.. Upon the resumption the Newport scoring machine continued and despite two Brackens goals the North champions were convincing winners on a final score of

Newport Gaels 7-10 J.K.Brackens 2-04. This win had Newport bridging a fourteen year gap as they last won the title in 1998.

U/14 B: The semi final pairings for this grade were the West's Inane Rovers pitched against Ardfinnan from the South. Inane were truly out of their depth in this affair as Ardfinnan qualified for a final spot on a score of 3-11 to 0-03. In the other semi final pairing Loughmore Castleiney from the Mid played Rosegreen representation the West. Like the other contest the vanquished Rosegreen fell to a similar fate as Inane Rovers going down to Loughmore on a score of 1-10 to 0-03.

In the final the South boys were first to get on the score board with the opening point and they went on to lead by 1-5 to 0-3 at the interval. Upon the restart Ardfinnan continued their dominance. While Loughmore tried their utmost the day however belonged to Ardfinnan who had brilliant warriors in all areas of the pitch and clinched the title on a final score of Ardfinnan 2-11 Loughmore Castleiney 0-06. Victory was exceptionally sweet for Ardfinnan as they lost out at the final hurdle in extra time last year

U/14 C: In this grade there were no representatives from the North with Fr. Sheehys qualifying from a round robin series. In the semi final Thurles Gaels took on Emly from the West. This

contest which had to go into extra time produced a total of thirteen goals and twenty four points with victory going to Emly on a score of Emly 6-20 Thurles Gaels 7-04.

The final however proved to be a totally mismatch as Fr. Sheehys were far superior in all sections of the pitch and at the interval had a 100% defensive record with a score board reading 3-07 to 0-00.

Upon the resumption it was a continuation as they increased their tally by three points before Emly registered with three unanswered point to put the score at 3-10 to 0-03. However Sheehys took off again adding another 2-07 while conceding a single point to win the title on a concluding score of Fr. Sheehys 5-17 Emly 0-04

U/16 A: In the first semi final Holycross hosted defending champions Clonmel Commericals against Eire Og Nenagh. In this contest the defending champions showed from the very start that they meant business in keeping their tile and qualified for the final placing on a finishing score of 2-19 to 0-01.

In the other semi final which took place Dundrum Drom/Inch who had won the U14 title last year proved too strong for Galtee Rovers and gained their final spot on a score of 5-11 to 2-03..

The U 16 A, B & C finals took place in Cashel on Saturday June 30th.

In the A contest South champions Clonmel Commericals continued their dominance in this grade clinching their fourth title in succession overcoming Drom Inch by thirteen points on a score of 2-15 to 1-05

It was an historic day for Clonmel Commericals and indeed for this particular grade in winning four titles in succession and great credit has to be accorded to all involved in the club.

U/16 B: In the first semi final Inane Rovers were paired against Cahir in Holycross. This contest was a fairly evenly balanced affair for most of the game. It produced a total of six goals with victory going to the North representatives on a score of 4-06 to 2-05.

In the other semi final which was played in Dundrum West combination Emly/Sean Treacys took on the Mid boys from Holycross/Ballycahill. Once again this a closely contested affair with the Mid boys advancing to the final on a score of 2-10 to 1-08.

The B final between Inane Rovers and Holycross/Ballycahill was a close affair as predicted.

Holycross Ballycahill having won the toss decided on enjoying

the wind advantage in the opening period. And they led by four points at the interval. On the resumption the North champions wasted no time with the wind in their backs clocking up a five point lead. Holycross rallied again to take the lead and once again Rovers clawed back to level proceedings. At the final whistle the sides were level on a score of Inane Rovers 2-09 Holycross Ballycahill 3-06. In the extra time the North representatives added five points to their account while conceding a single point to win the title on a score of 2-14 to 3-07

U/16C: There was no North representation in this competition which meant that there was only one semi final. Mid champions Durlas Og played their West opponents Rosegreen in Littleton in a game that was very evenly balanced throughout. At the final whistle it was Durlas Og who had qualified for a final placing on a score of 3-04 to 2-05 to gain the right to play Carrick Davins the South champions.

The C final between Durlas Og and Carrick Davins proved to be a non event with the south champions far too strong for their Mid opponents dominating every area of the pitch to win the title 9-15 to 0-02

Hurling

U/14A: The semi final between two hurling strong holds Durlas Og and Clonoulty/Rossmore took place in Golden. The game hung on in the balance at different times. At the final whistle only a single point separated the sides with victory going to the West boys on a score Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-11 Durlas Og 3-04.

The other semi final took place in Holycross with Newport Gaels who were going for the double as they had secured the football title in this grade back in June were pitched against South representatives Ballingarry.

When the game came to its conclusion Newport had booked their place in the final on a score of Newport Gaels 1-11 Ballingarry 0-05

In the A final West champions Clonoulty Rossmore were bidding to bridge a four year gap while their opponents from the North Newport Gaels were striving for a first title. There were few scores in the first half and at the interval the West champions held a 0-03 to 0-02 lead. On the restart proceedings would appear to

favour the North champions as they were now the beneficiaries of an increased breeze. The sides were level inside the opening minutes. The decisive score of the half was a Clonoulty goal with ten minutes remaining. The West boys held on to run out winners by 1-05 to 0-05.

U/14 B: Kildangan were paired against South champions Mullinahone which was hosted by The Ragg. Kildangan proved too strong for their southern opponents and qualified for the final on a score of 3-11 to 1-09. In the other semi final which took place in Golden West boys from Cappawhite were far superior for their opponents Gortnahoe/Glengoole representing the Mid. They recorded a victory on a score of 3-11 to 1-02

The final took place in The Ragg on September 15th. The first half was close and Kildangan held a 0-05 to 0-02 half time lead. Midway through the second half the sides were level but two late Kildangan points gave victory to the North champions on a final score of Kildangan 0-10 Cappawhite 1-05.

U/14 C: Carrick Davins were in devastating form against their opponents Lorrha/Dorrha representing the North cruising to the final on a score of 8-14 to 2-02. The other semi final between Clonakenny representing the Mid and West lads Rosegreen was a more balanced contest with victory going to Rosegreen on a score of 1-11 to 2-05.

The U14 C final which took place in Ned Hall Park, Clonmel. Carrick Davins who had a comprehensive win in their semi final encounter continued their dominance with the game only ten minutes old had clocked up a score of 2-02 and went on to lead by 5-04 to 1-01 at the interval. When proceedings resumed the South champions continued their trail of destruction adding a further 3-06 while conceding a solitary point for a finishing score of 8-10 to 1-02. Even though the score board gave an unpleasant reading for the boys from the West Rosegreen had showed real skill with blocking, catching and often gaining possession. They tried their hearts out and had come up against a very formidable South side. Full credit to both sets of players for the manner they played the game.

U/16 A: The Ragg hosted the two semi final the first of which comprised of South champions St. Mary's playing Eire Og



The Tipperary U/16 B Hurling panel that took part in the Tipperary Supporters Club U/16 B Hurling Tournament. Back l-r: Enda Moloney Roscrea, Conor Ryan Nenagh Eire Og, Aodhan Geaney Nenagh Eire Og, Conor McGuire Ballina, Gavin O'Halloran carrig Swans, Seanie O'Halloran Golden, David Egan Clonoulty Rossmore, Billy McCarthy Durlas Og, Sean Butler Durlas Og, Robert Long Drom Inch, Gerard Halligan Arravale Rovers, Kevin Ahearn Drom Inch. Front l-r: James Morgan Ballylooby, Andy Dunne Burgess, Philip Hickey Nenagh Eire Og, Ronan Teehan Gortnahoe Glengoole, Killian Loughman Knockavilla Kickhams, Brian Norris Moyle Rovers, Thomas Sheehan Durlas Og, Andrew Duggan Portroe, Jonathon Walsh Cashel King Cormacs, Erick Walsh St Marys.

Tiobraid Arann Bórd na nOg Results 2012

Football Championships

Grade	Team & Scores		Venue	Referee
U 14 A	Newport Gaels 7-10	J.K.Brackens 2-04	Dundrum	Sean Lonergan
U 14 B	Ardfinnan 2-11	Loughmore Castleiney 0-06	Dundrum	Paddy Russell
U 14 C	Fr. Sheehys 5-17	Emly 0-04	Dundrum	Liam Shanahan
U 16 A	Clonmel Commercials 2-15	Drom & Inch 1-05	Cashel	Derek O'Mahoney
U 16 B	Inane Rovers 2-14	Holycross Ballycahill 3-07Aet	Cashel	David Grogan
U16 C	Carrick Davins 9-15	Durlas Og 0-02	Cashel	John Ryan Bob
Féile Péil Fé 14	J.K. Brackens 3-09	Clonmel Commercials 2-11 Aet	Cappawhite	Paddy Russell

Hurling Championships

U 14A	Clonoulty Rossmore 1-05	Newport Gaels 0-05	The Ragg	Liam Shanahan
U 14 B	Kildangan 0-10	Cappawhite 1-05	The Ragg	P.J.Nolan
U 14 C	Carrick Davins 8-10	Rosegreen 1-02	Ned Hall Park	John McCormack
U 16 A	Drom & Inch 1-16	Eire Og Nenagh 2-11	Templederry	John O'Brien
U 16 B	Ballina 2-20	Knockavilla Donaskeigh 1-07	Borrisoleigh	P.J.Nolan
U 16C	Carrick Davins 3-17	Upperchurch Drombane 1-10	New Inn	John Ryan Bob
Féile Iomanníocht Fé 14	Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-06	Durlas Og 3-05	Borrisoleigh	John McCormack

Inter Divisional

Hurling

U 14 Peadar Cummins	Mid Tipp 5-09	South Tipp 0-05	Borrisoleigh	Liam Shanahan
U 14 Shield	North Tipp 3-15	West Tipp 4-05	Borrisoleigh	John Butler
U 15 Roger Ryan Cup	Mid Tipp 0-09	South Tipp 0-08	Toomevara	Kieran Delaney
U 15 Roger Ryan Shield	West Tipp 0-13	North Tipp 2-06	Toomevara	Niall McGrath
U 16 Garda Cup	North Tipp 2-14	Mid Tipp 0-04	Littleton	Liam Shanahan
U 16 Garda Shield	South Tipp 1-09	West Tipp 1-08	Littleton	Kevin Butler

Football

U 14 Friends of Tipp	South Tipp 6-05	Mid Tipp 0-05	Ballylooby	Martin Doyle
U 14 Shield	West Tipp 6-06	North Tipp 4-05	Ballylooby	Daniel Moloney
U 15 Nagle Cup	Mid Tipp 2-11	South Tipp 2-07	Bansha	David Grogan
U 15 Shield	West Tipp 2-12	North Tipp 1-03	Bansha	Mark Ryan
U 16 Friends of Tipp	Mid Tipp 1-03	South Tipp 0-06	Littleton	Martin Ryan
Both Mid & South drew after extra time and shared the title			Littleton	

No North team

Inter County

Hurling Munster

Carrigdhoun U 15 Hurling tournament Cup final	Tipperary 0-15	Cork 1-09	
Munster U 16 A	North Tipp 2-09	Limerick East 0-07	Mallow
Munster U 16 B	Imokilly 2-12	South Tipperary 0-07	

Football –Munster

U 14 Jim Power Cup Final	Kerry South 4-06	Tipperary 4-06 Aet	Waterford
After Penalty shoot	Kerry South 2-00	Tipperary 1-00	
U 15 Humphrey Kelleher Cup Final	Tipperary 3-12	Corcaigh 1-07	Millstreet
U 16 Munster Cup Final	Corcaigh 1-11	Tipperary 1-04	Gaelic Grounds

Nenagh from the North. After a game of four goals victory went to the North representatives on a score of 2-12 to 2-05. The other semi final was comprised of West stronghold Clonoulty / Rossmore and Drom / Inch from the Mid. In this contest the Mid champions were the more skillful outfit which amassed a total of twenty two points to qualify for the final with a four point margin on a score of 0-22 to 3-09.

Drom / Inch bridged a fifteen year gap in capturing the U16 A Hurling title. They managed to hold off the efforts of Eire Og Nenagh in a pulsating final. At half time they were ahead by two points on a score of 0-10 to 1-05. In the last five minutes they got a goal to give them some breathing space and as the last whistle was sounded they were ahead by two points to clinch the title they last held in 1997. .

U/16 B: North champions Ballina took on Killenaule from the South in The Ragg and proved superior to their opponents qualifying for the final on a score of 1-17 to 0-11. The other semi final between Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams from the West had to go to extra time against Loughmore / Castleiney from the Mid. Victory went to the West boys on a concluding score of 4-10 to 2-13.

Borrisoleigh hosted the final. The scene was set for 12noon start and all present were blessed with the weather conditions which were cool and dry with the odd addition of sunshine. However little sunshine was on the West boys as it was to prove to bit a gruelling test right throughout the contest. Ballina held a 1-11 to 0-06 half time lead. Upon the resumption Ballina continued their dominance right from the throw in giving no opportunities to their opponents and went on to be crowned county champions on a final score of Ballina 2-20 Knockavilla / Donaskeigh Kickhams 1-07. Ballina were indeed worthy champions and were at ease in all sectors of the pitch and had numerous individual performers.

U/16 C: South boys from Carrick Davins were in devastating form against Rosegreen in qualifying for the final on a score of 6-17 to 2-05. The other semi final between Upperchurch / Drombane and Clerihan was another one sided affair with the Church getting their right to the final on a score of 3-12 to 1-10 .

Carrick Davins proved to be a handful for Upperchurch in the final. The opening exchanges were even with missed chances on both sides. The teams settled down and at the half time whistle the Davins held a 1-09 to 0-04 advantage. Two Davins second half goals and some excellent points gave them the initiative against

an Upperchurch side that never gave up. Davins ran out winners on a score line 3-17 to 1-10.

Inter Divisional Competitions

Peadar Cummins U/14 hurling tournament.

This tournament is hosted annually by Borris-Ileigh Juvenile club in honour of a great Borris Gael of yesteryear Peadar Cummins who passed to his eternal reward in 1983, and who gave lifetime of dedicated service in nourishing one of our great sports. This tournament has served as the spring board for many of our former and future stars. Borris-Ileigh Brendan Maher who is a former winning captain in 2003 is now an established member of Tipperary Senior hurling team.

The Mid were convincing 5-09 to 0-02 winners over the West in their semi final and South had a narrow 1-06 to 0-07 win over the North in the other semi final. The Mid bridged a four year gap when they scored a 3-09 to 0-05 win over the South in the final.

Roger Ryan Memorial Cup U/15 hurling tournament

This tournament was staged in Toomevara. Both semi finals proved to be very one sided contests. The Mid and South scored wins over the West and North respectively. The final was a close affair with the Mid scoring a one point victory on a final score of Mid 0-09 South 0-08.

Garda Cup U/16 Hurling tournament

The Garda Cup U16 Hurling tournament was staged in Littleton. Both semi finals were a total anti climax.

The Mid in their contest with the West proved far superior for their opponents dominating throughout the entire game finishing on a final score line of Mid 2-12 West 0-06. In the other decider between North and South it was more of the same with victory going to defending champions on a score of 3-10 to 0-03.

The stage was set for what most spectators would have rightly expected to provide a decent final. However from the throw in the defending champions produced both the skill and strength in abundance. By half time the game was wrapped up as a contest with the North scoring 2-06 while conceding a mere two points. Upon the resumption they held control conceding a further two points while adding seven points to their final tally to successfully defend their title on a score of 2-13 to 0-04.

U/14 Football

The opening action of County Bórd Na Nog 2012 activity was the staging of the Inter divisional football tournaments which took



Tipperary U16 A Hurling panel that took part in the Tipperary Supporters Club U16 A Hurling Tournament. Back l-r: Peter Gavin Holycross Ballycahill, Gavin Ryan Upperchurch Drombane, Shane Lonergan Moyle Rovers, Willie Coffey Toomevara, Padraig Hogan Templederry Kenyons, Mark Grace Toomevara, Ronan Heffernan Clonoulty Rossmore, Brian Hogan Lorrha, Andrew Coffey Nenagh Eire Og, James Cummins Cashel King Cormacs, Conor Floyd Newport, Robert Houlihan Newport, Paul Ryan Toomevara, Paul Sammon Durlas Og. Front l-r: Stephen Quinn, Clonaoulty Rossmore, Brendan Larkin Drom Inch, Michael Dunne Mullinahone, Chris McCullagh Moycarkey Borris, Kieran Maher Borrisoleigh, Pa Ryan Newport, Willie Connors Kildangan, Dylan Carey Templederry Kenyons, Paul Maher Kilsheelan Kilcash, Shane Luttrell Moyle Rovers.



South Tipperary U/16 Football panel that shared the County Bord na nOg U/16 Interdivisional Football Competition with Mid Tipperary.



Loughmore NS who were 3rd in the 2011 County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Liam Hogan Youth Committee, Andy O'Gorman Youth Committee, Jean O'Connor Youth Committee, Connie Costigan Thurles Centenary Co-op Sponsor, Michael Cahill Special Guest, John Smith Co Youth Officer. Front l-r: Conor Ryan, Michael O'Connor, Darren Hayden, Jack Ryan.



Thomastown NS who were 4th in the 2011 County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Liam Hogan Youth Committee, Andy O'Gorman Youth Committee, Jean O'Connor Youth Committee, Connie Costigan Thurles Centenary Co-op Sponsor, Michael Cahill Special Guest, John Smith Co Youth Officer. Front l-r: Siobhan Condon, Shane Farrell, Jack O'Dwyer, Niall Heffernan, Adam McGrath.

St Colmcilles Templemore who were 5th in the 2011 County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Liam Hogan Youth Committee, Andy O'Gorman Youth Committee, Jean O'Connor Youth Committee, Connie Costigan Thurles Centenary Co-op Sponsor, Michael Cahill Special Guest, John Smith Co Youth Officer. Front l-r: Conor Doyle, Paddy Cadell, Andrew Ormonde, Eanna McBride, Ciaran Byrne.



Monastery NS Tipp Town Runners Up in the 2011 County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Liam Hogan Youth Committee, Andy O'Gorman Youth Committee, Jean O'Connor Youth Committee, Connie Costigan Thurles Centenary Co-op Sponsor, Michael Cahill Special Guest, John Smith Co Youth Officer. Front l-r: Micheal Sharpe, Niall Sharpe, David Kelly, Jordan Doyle.



Scoil Iosagain Upperchurch winners of the 2011 County Tipperary GAA Primary Schools Quiz. Back l-r: Liam Hogan Youth Committee, Andy O'Gorman Youth Committee, Jean O'Connor Youth Committee, Connie Costigan Thurles Centenary Co-op Sponsor, Michael Cahill Special Guest, John Smith Co Youth Officer. Front l-r: Aaron Ryan, Darragh Ryan, Denis Ryan, Stephen Carr.



North Tipperary Garda Cup & U-16 Munster winners

Standing: John Sheedy (Portroe selector), Conor Floyd (Newport), Enda Moloney (Roscrea), Conor McGuire (Ballina), Andrew Duggan (Portroe), Dylan Carey (Templederrey), Willie Coffey (Toomevara), Brian Hogan (Lorrha), Aobhan Geaney (Nenagh), Eamon Corcoran (Silvermines), Keiran Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Mark Grace (Toomevara), Coileann Conroy (Kilurane), Liam Fogarty (Toomevara), John Kennedy (Templederrey), Lee Cashin (Roscrea), Robert Houlihan (Newport), Padraig Hogan (Templederrey), Eddie Hynes (physio), Len Gaynor (Kilurane selector). Kneeling: Conor Ryan (Nenagh), Andy Dunne (Burgess), Andrew Hayden (Silvermines), Philip Hickey (Nenagh), Andrew Coffey (Nenagh capt), Pa Ryan (Newport), Shane Hennessy Nenagh, Paul Ryan Toomevara, Brian Seymour Silvermines, Keiran Fogarty Toomevara, Willie Connors Kildangan, Ronan Bourke Ballina, Jamie Collins (Ballina). Absent from picture is Ken Dunne (Toomevara selector).

place in three venues on Bank Holiday Monday March 19th. Mid and South defeated West and North respectively in the semi finals. In the Cup final the South continued their dominance in the contest with the defending Mid champions. At the interval they had recorded 3-05 while conceding two points from frees. Upon the resumption of proceedings the South dominance continued in all areas of the pitch adding three more goals to their final tally. Final score South 6-05 Mid 0-05.

U/15 Football

Bansha was the venue for the U/15 Football and similar the U14s the Mid were the defending champions. They scored a 4-11 to 1-08 win over the West in the semi final and South defeated North by 1-11 to 0-03.

The cup final produced a cracking game with the Mid edging out the South by 2-11 to 2-07 to retain the title.

It was a game of periods of control by both sides from time to time, however the Mid always appeared to have the capacity to up the tempo when danger lurked.

U/16 Football

1ST Game Mid 3-08 West 1-07

2nd Game South 4-10 West 4-03

3rd Game Mid 1-03 South 0-06 (after extra time)

Unfortunately the North division failed to field a team in this tournament. In the opening game the Mid proved too strong for the West on a score of 3-08 to 1-07. The West took on the South in the second game and once again they were at the receiving end of a heavy defeat and exited the tournament. The third and final game between the Mid and South proved to be a very closely contested affair and ending in a draw after extra time. As per Bórd ruling 20 metre frees were to prevail but both sides decided to share the title on the day.

Inter County Tournaments

Hurling

Tony Forristal U/14 A Tournament

This tournament which is hosted by Waterford has brought many success stories to Tipperary over the past years but unfortunately we were prohibited from any success this year. In their opening game Tipperary came up against a strong Kilkenny side going down on a score of 2-06 to 0-03. In their game Tipp managed to score more heavily against Limerick clocking up 2-05 but unfortunately leaked 5-09 thereby ending their interest in the

tournament.

Sonny Walsh U 14 B Tournament Again this tournament is hosted by Waterford and in the opening game Tipperary had a six point victory over Dublin on a score of 1-12 to 1-06. Unfortunately however despite their gallant efforts against Cork they failed narrowly to qualify for the final.

Tipperary clinch U 15 Carrigdhoun Title

Our U 15 A team participated in the Carrigdhoun Tournament, in Cork. This tournament always provides a gruelling experience as it consists of four rounds. In the opening game against the hosts Tipp were almost home and dry when in the last moments Cork struck the net to win by a single point on a score of Cork 1-05 Tipperary 0-07. In their second game Tipp had a four point victory against Waterford on a score of 1-08 to 0-07. Next up Clare provided the opposition and this time Tipp clinched victory on a score of Tipperary 1-07 Clare 0-07. The last league round game was against Limerick with Tipp finishing with a two point winning margin on a score of 1-10 to 1-08. Tipp were up against Cork in the final but duly made amends for their previous slip clinching the title on a final score Tipperary 0-15 Cork 1-06.

U/16 Inter County Hurling John Doyle Perpetual Cup

The North division hosted both tournaments and the Bórd wishes to fully acknowledge the huge effort put in by the many clubs involved.

The A action consisted of four groups of three counties with the top team qualifying for the semi finals of the John Doyle Perpetual Cup and the second team from each group going into the shield semi finals.

The pitches for this competition were Moneygall, Kilcolman, Puckane and Nenagh. Tipperary who were in Group 3 with Antrim and Limerick played in Nenagh. In their opening game against Antrim which provided no test of any measure winning by a margin of 4-04. Next up was Limerick and played the opening period with the assistance of the breeze finished with just a two point advantage on a score of 1-04 to 1-02. In the second period the Treaty opposition proved to be more determined in their approach to the task at hand. Within ten minutes the sides were level at 1-04 apiece. Limerick continued to be more fruitful with the possession and clocked up a three point lead. It took Tipp fifteen minutes into the second period before they registered an addition to their tally by way of a point. Another came two minutes later to reduce the gap to a single score, but Limerick replied with what was to be the last point of the game to put an end to Tipps cup aspirations on a final score of Limerick 1-08

Tipperary 1-06. It was a disappointing performance from a Tipp point of view but any neutral could see that they were coming off second place in many of the encounters.

Tipperary suffered another two point defeat to Kilkenny in the Shield semi-final thus ending this year's involvement in the tournament.

In the B competition which was hosted by Toomevara and Silvermines clubs Tipperary was in Group 1 accompanied by defending champions Cork, Clare and Kilkenny. In their opening game against the Rebels of Cork, Tipperary went down by three points on a score of 2-07 to 2-03. Next opposition came from the Banner county of Clare and once again the opposition proved too difficult and had to give way on a concluding score of 2-10 to 0-06. In their game which was against Kilkenny they came up against a scoring machine as the Nore men clocked up 5-07 while allowing Tipp to register only 0-04.

This year was the twenty fifth year of the A tournament and another new name joined the role of honour list as Limerick recorded their first success to join Tipperary, Galway, Kilkenny, Wexford, Clare and Cork.

Cork who were dual champions in 2011 managed to hold on to their B title and only lost by a single point to the eventual cup champions Limerick in their semi final encounter proving to be a good outing for them.

Our thanks to Nenagh, Burgess, Kildangan, Moneygall, Silvermines and Toomevara clubs and their hard working officers and members, all of whom had pitches in excellent condition and ensured that refreshments were available to all. To all the referees and their officials for a job well done. Our gratitude to the Semple Stadium committee for making the pitch available for our finals on Sunday. To the Tipperary Supporters for their continued support since 2006 many thanks.

Football

The U14 footballers travelled down to Waterford as reigning champions of the Jim Power tournament. It was the 20th hosting of this tournament and Tipperary were in Group 1 accompanied by Waterford, Cork and Kerry North. Their league games were held at Dungarvan Club grounds. In the opening games Tipp were pitched against Kerry North and after an opening evenly contested got on top of affairs in the last period of the game to win on a score of 1-09 to 1-05. In their encounter against Waterford Tipp totally dominated from start to finish and at end only

conceded two points while amassing a total of 7-11. Going into the final league game against Cork in the knowledge that a draw was sufficient to qualify for the final they did not ease off. Their opponents commenced with the aid of the breeze but could not overcome the power and determination of the men in the blue and gold and at the interval Tipp were in front on a score of 1-06 to 0-05. Upon the resumption Tipp held Cork to a single point while adding seven more points to put the final score at Tipp 1-13 Cork 0-06.

In the final Tipperary were up against Kerry South who had topped Group 2. After a thrilling contest the teams were level at 4-06 each at the full time whistle. A penalty shoot out ensued which was to prove a disappointment as Tipp went down two goals to one.

U/15 Football

Our U/15 Footballers competed in the Humphrey Kelleher tournament which took place in the Millstreet area of Cork on Saturday July 14th. Tipperary played their opening game against Kerry South in Cullen advancing to the next round on a score of Tipp 1-08 Kerry South 0-10. In their next encounter Tipp played Cork and qualified for the final on a score of Tipperary 2-07 Cork 0-09. In the final which took place in Millstreet Tipp were up against Cork Rebel Og. Tipp held a two points advantage at half time and they went on to dominate the second half and went on to win on a final score of Tipperary 3-12 Cork Rebel Og 1-07.

Full credit to the management team of Tommy Sheehan, Kieran Healy, Tommy Ryan and Tommy Landers for a job well executed.

U/16 Football

Our U 16 team were in action in Rathkeale and their first encounter was against Waterford. This was a game that failed to raise any green flag. Nevertheless Tipp managed to raise fourteen white flags and defeated their opponents on a score of 0-14 to 0-07. This win put them into the cup semi final against Corcaigh. This game produced two goals but Corcaigh proved too strong for our boys and won the title with a seven point margin. The final score line reading Corcaigh 1-11 Tipperary 1-04

Buiochas : Our thanks to all the clubs and referees for their much appreciated assistance during the past year To our divisional colleagues thank you all for your contribution at our many meetings and ensuring that our busy schedule got completed on time.



Tipperary U15 Hurling panel that won the Carrigdown Munster U15 Inter County Hurling Tournament.



The victorious County Championship winning captains who received their medals on behalf of their clubs at the County Bord na nOg presentation Night. Back l-r: Joe Moloney Inane Rovers U16 B Football, Dan O'Meara Kildangan U14B Hurling, Colin English Fr Sheehys U14 C Football, Pa Ryan Newport Garda Cup, Ciaran Thorpe Drom Inch Mid U15 Football, William Maher Tipperary Minor All Ireland Winning Manager (Special Guest), Jack Delaney Newport U14 A Football, Jamie Moriarity Gortnahoe Glengoole Mid U15 Hurling, Bill Maher Tipperary Minor Hurling All Ireland Winning Captain (Special Guest). Front l-r: Conor Lillis Kilruane McDonaghs Feile na nGael, Dylan Quirke Clonoulty Rossmore U14 A Hurling, Raymond Cooke Carrig Davins U16 C Hurling, Brendan Larkin Drom Inch U16 A Hurling, Conor McGuire Ballina U16B Hurling, Michael Whelan Carrig Davins U14 C Hurling, Aidan Coffey JK Brackens Peil na nOg.



Tipperary Under 15 'B' hurling panel: Back l-r: Jamie Moriarty, Jack Delaney, Padraig O'Sullivan, Lorcan Ryan, Kevin Hassett, Aidan Buckley (Capt.) Jack Cooke, Jack Derby, Jamie Curtis, Eric O'Halloran, Eoin Keogh, Matt Barlow Eoin Stapleton. Front l-r: Tadhg Fitzgerald, Cathal Ryan, Cathal Mahoney, Ciaran Torphe, Michael Ryan, Sean Moloney, Karl Collins, Rory Purcell, Brendan Martin, James Hammersley



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Best wishes to all Tipperary teams



The Tipperary U15 Football panel that won the Humphrey Kelleher Munster U15 Inter County Football Tournament.



Tipperary – winners of the Todd Nolan Under 17 Hurling Tournament. Back l-r: Ollie Kelly, John Joe Ryan, Noel Vaughan, Graham Maher, Fionán O'Sullivan, Dale O'Hanlon, Cathal Kennedy, Daryl Ryan, Austin Tierney, Shane Ryan, Kevin Dunne, Sam Conlon, Brian Kennedy, Jack Lineen, Seán Corbett (selector). Front l-r: Lee Wall, Seán Ryan, Joey Knight, Conor Lanigan, Killian Gleeson, Caley Maher, Jamie Woods, Rory O'Regan, Aidan Moloney, Michael Boland.



St Ailbhes Tipperary Town who attended 2011 Tipperary GAA Youth Forum in The Dome Semples Stadium Thurles. Left to right: Colin White, Morgan Cleary, Michael Bradshaw, Tommie Childs, Lauren Maguire, James Nash, Owen Brennan, Maeve O'Gorman.



Partician Fethard who attended 2011 Tipperary GAA Youth Forum in The Dome Semples Stadium Thurles. Left to right: Aobh O'Shea, John Paul Fitzgerald, Karen Hayes, Michelle Walsh.



Thurles CBS who attended 2011 Tipperary GAA Youth Forum in The Dome Semples Stadium Thurles. Back l-r: Jamie Woods, Jack O'Dwyer, Paul Sammon, Tom Skehan, Ramie Nally, Cathal Ryan, Mark Dunne. Front: Sean Ryan, Brendan O'Loughlin, Tom Moloney, Patrick Whelan, Rober Larkin, Matthew Ryan.



Rockwell College who attended 2011 Tipperary GAA Youth Forum in The Dome Semples Stadium Thurles. Left to right: Liam Casey, Lisa Buckley, Chloe Lyons, James Feehan.

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Results 2012

Date	Grade	Team	Team	Venue	Referee
13/9/12	U14A Plate	Toomevara 3-8	Roscrea 3-2	Moneygall	Martin Griffin
4/10/12	U14B Plate	Borris-Ileagh 1-8	Burgess 0-3	Borrisoleigh	T.P Sullivan
14/5/12	U14A Football	Newport Gaels 5-11	Kildangan 2-3	Portroe	T.P Sullivan
28/5/12	U14B Football	Inane Rovers 4-7	Borrisokane 4-3	Moneygall	Stephen Kenny
18/8/12	U14A Hurling	Newport Gaels 2-7	Kilurane 2-4	Nenagh	Ger Fitzpatrick
17/8/12	U14B Hurling	Kildangan 0-10	Borrisokane 0-6	Ballinderry	John Cleary
10/5/12	U16A Football	Nenagh Éire Óg 2-11	Newport 3-6	Portroe	Ciarin Timmons
10/5/12	U16B Football	Inane Rovers 1-9	Kildangan Gaels 1-5	Ballingarry	Jimmy Cahill
08/9/12	U16AHurling	Nenagh 4-21	Roscrea 0-9	Cloughjordan	Micheal Murphy
22/9/12	U16BHurling	Ballina 4-14	Burgess 2-15	Nenagh	Christy Morgan

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Review

Peadar Cummins Tournament was held in Borris-Ileagh on Saturday May 26th.

Semi Finals South Tipp 1-6 North Tipp 0-07

Shield Final North Tipp 4-05 West Tipp 4-05

North Tipp Panel Dylan McDonald Roscrea, Barry Hogan Kildangan, Michael Dolan Lorrha, Brian Doughan Moneygall, Jack Flynn Nenagh, Drew Boland Burgess, David Kelly Ballina, Martin Grace Kilurane MacDonaghs, Jack Moloney Portroe, Ciaran Kelly Kildangan, Cian Darcy Kilurane MacDonaghs, Kealon Floyd Newport, Jack Delahunty Newport, Adam Hogan Moneygall, Stephan Bourke Shannon Rovers, Thomas McGrath Kilurane MacDonaghs, Mark Daniels Silvermines, Dylan Maher Moneygall, Liam Dooley Borrisokane, Josh McCarthy Toomevara, Declan McGrath Kildangan.

Mentors: Kevin Maher Moneygall, Noel Coffey Éire Óg Nenagh, Mark Gennery Portroe.

The Roger Ryan Memorial Tournament.

The U-15 Inter-Divisional Hurling Tournament was held on Saturday 16th April 2012 .

Rd 1 South Tipp 1-09 North Tipp 0-06

Shield Final West Tipp 0-13 North Tipp 2-06

North Tipp Panel Alan Tynan Roscrea, Shane Hennessy Éire Óg Nenagh, Darragh Peters Kilurane MacDonaghs, Gavin O'Connor Éire Óg Nenagh, Liam McCutheon Templederry, Micheal Goherty Borrisokane, Eoin Stapleton Borris-Ileagh, Darragh Carey Templederry, James Cleary Kilurane MacDonaghs, David Gleeson Ballinahinch, Cormac Keating Portroe, Jack Delaney Toomevara, Garry Ryan Borrisokane, Simon Meagher Roscrea, Conor Gill Burgess, Michael Brislane Toomevara, James McCormack Kilurane MacDonaghs, Anthony Walsh Éire Óg Nenagh, Graig McGrath Borrisokane, Sean Hogan Shannon Rovers, Paul Kennedy Knockshegowna, Andy Loughnane Kildangan, Stephen Ryan Silvermines, Micheal Brislane Toomevara, Naill McIntyre Lorrha, Naill Shinnors Kilurane MacDonaghs, James Quigley Kildangan.

Selectors Tommy Ryan Kildangan, T.P. Sullivan Éire Óg Nenagh

Garda Cup Inter – Divisional Hurling Tournament

Semi Final North Tipp 3-09 South Tipp 0-03

Final North Tipp 2-14 Mid Tipp 0-04

North Tipp Panel

Andrew Coffey Nenagh Éire Óg, Conor Floyd Newport, Mark Grace Toomevara, Keiran Meagher Borris-Ileagh, Conor Ryan Nenagh Éire Óg, Pa Ryan Newport, Willie Coffey Toomevara, Dylan Carey Templederry Kenyons, Philip Hickey Nenagh Éire Óg, Robert Houlihan Newport, Paul Ryan Toomevara, Padraig Hogan Templederry Kenyons, Enda Moloney Roscrea, Lee

Cashin Roscrea, Sean Kennedy Templederry Kenyons, Andy Dunne Burgess, Andrew Duggan Portroe, Brian Hogan Lorrha, Conor Maguire Ballina,, Eamon Corcoran Silvermines, Willie Connors Kildangan, Brian Seymour Silvermines, Aobhan Geaney Nenagh Éire Óg,

Mentors: Len Gaynor Kilruane MacDonaghs.

North Tipp took part in the U-16 Munster 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 1-09 Mid Tipp 1-07

Tipperary Supporters Club U-16 Hurling Tournaments

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg hosted the U- 16 Inter-County Tournament on Saturday September 1st in both grades. This year again was the staging of two teams from each County. North Tipp members of the A panel : Brian Hogan Lorrha, Mark Grace Toomevara, Padraig Hogan Templederry Kenyons, Andrew Coffey Nenagh Éire Óg, Dylan Carey Templederry Kenyons, Willie Connors Kildangan, Conor Floyd Newport, Pa Ryan Newport, Willie Coffey Toomevara, Robert Houlihan Newport, Keiran Maher Borris-Ileagh.

Selector: John Sheedy Portroe.

North Tipp members of the B panel: Enda Moloney Roscrea, Aobhan Geaney Nenagh Éire Óg, Andrew Duggan Portroe, Conor Maguire Ballina, Philip Hickey Nenagh Éire Óg, Andy Dunne Burgess, Conor Ryan Nenagh Éire Óg.

Selector: Ken Dunne Toomevara.

U-14 Divisional Football

Paddy Dunne Shannon Rovers, Kevin Shinnors Kilurane MacDonaghs, Jack Delahunty Newport, Jordan Donovan Inane Rovers, Paul Hogan Newport, David Kelly Ballina, Sean Quealy Inane Rovers, Martin Grace Kilurane MacDonaghs, Tadgh Ryan Silvermines, Michael Dolan Lorrha, Cian Flanagan Newport, Cian Darcy Kilurane MacDonaghs, Liam Doran Lorrha, Darragh Carroll Newport, Liam Dooley Borrisokane, Lealan Floyd Newport,, Colin Floyd Newport, Adam Healy Nenagh Éire Óg, Jason McKenna Nenagh Éire Óg , Dom O'Brien Nenagh Éire Óg, Dylan Maher Moneygall, Michael Breen Portroe, Anthony Burke Portroe, Jack Moloney Portroe,

Selectors: T.P. Sullivan Éire Óg Nenagh, David Russell Inane

Rovers, Shane Gavin Newport.

U-15 Divisional Football

Ian McNamara Nenagh Éire Óg, Michael Gohery Borrisoakne Alan Tynan Inane Rovers, John McNerney Toomevara, Jack McLougney Shannon Rovers, Niall McIntyre Lorrha, Brendan McAdams Kilurane MacDonaghs., Ben King Ballina, Aniel Carew Newport,, Robert Byrnes Portroe, Niall Shinnors Kilruane MacDonaghs, Emmet Moran Shannon Rovers, Gavin O'Connor Nenagh Éire Óg, Michael Gavin Borrisokane, Garry Ryan Borrisokane, Dylan Carroll Inane Rovers, Keith Nealon Burgess, Cathal Whelan Shannon Rovers, Terry O'Halloran Ballina, William Fogarty Burgess, Craig McGrath Borrisokane, Aaron Hogan Nenagh Éire Óg, Pauric Coen Borrisokane, Byron Cottam Burgess, Simon Meagher Inane Rovers, Padraig Keeshan Borrisokane.

Selector: Tommy Ryan Kildangan,

U-12 North Football End Games All Games in Newport 12th May 2012

- Group 1 Toomevara 2-5 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-0
- Group 2 Silvermines 3-7 Borris-Ileigh 2-4
- Group 3 Ballinahinch 2-6 Lorrha 2-5
- Group 4 Toomevara 1-6 Inane Rovers 1-1

U-12 North Hurling End Games All Games in Ballinderry 11th August 2012

- Group 1 Kildangan 4-6 Roscrea 3-3
- Group 2 Borris-Ileigh 4-6 Silvermines 1-5
- Group 3 Lorrha 1-6 Moneygall 1-3
- Group 4 Roscrea 5-7 Kilurane 0-6

Compiled by Marian Minehan Secretary.



Inane Rovers U-16 North and County 'B' Football Champions
Front: Fergal Flanagan. Middle l-r: Alan Tynan, Evan Fitzpatrick, Ciaran Guilfoyle, Lee Cashin, Shane Fletcher, Brian Davis, Enda Moloney, Joe Moloney (capt), Tom Aherne, Kyle Cahir, Craig Ryan, Dylan Carroll. Back l-r: Pat Carroll, Ger Fitzpatrick, Evan Hassett, Ian Treacy, Eoin Hobbs, Simon Meagher, Jamie Ryan, Luke Fitzgerald, Caellum Moore, Roddy Ryan, P.J. Hassett. Absent: Callum McCormack.



Inane Rovers U-14 North 'B' Football Champions
Front l-r Darragh Loughnane, Shane Fletcher, Fionn Ryan, Daryl Ryan, Cian Fletcher, Ben Spencer. Middle l-r Liam Seacy, Graham Hogan (capt.), Conor Booth, Ray Fuller, Michael Fletcher, Philip O'Rourke, Sean O'Rourke. Back l-r: Emmet Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, Sam Queally, Jordan Donovan, Coleman Treacy, Jake Carey Cunningham, Thomas McCarthy, Jason Gilmartin, Daniel Ryan, Josh Neville, Aaron Moloney.



Kilruane MacDonaghs North & County Féile Champions. Front: Kevin Oakley, Devlin Courtney, Sean McAdams, Ben Healy, Tommy Dooley, Conor Lillis, Oisín O'Meara, Craig Morgan, Mark O'Neill, Alan Spain, Jack Dunne, Eoghan Mulcahy, Sean Quinlan, Jerome Cahill, Brian O'Meara (selector) Back: Justin Cahill (selector), Martin Grace, Nathan Ryan, Liam Hannon, Jake O'Kelly, Cormac Mannion, John Blagdon, Rob Banaghan, Luke Deroan, Christopher Moyles, Kevin Shinnors, Cian Darcy, Rory McCarthy, Aaron Conroy, Seamus O'Meara, Ned Darcy (selector). Michael Reddan (selector)



Newport Gaels - North U14 'B' H. Front l-r, Jack Connolly, Dade Rickard, Kevin Connolly (Captain) Kealon Floyd, Paul Hogan, Niall Harrington, Brian Keane, Thomas Floyd, Back l-r, James Flanagan (Trainer) Greg O'Gorman, Harry Sheehy, Darragh Carroll, Corrie Mooney, Jack Delahunty, Colin Floyd, Anthony Floyd (manager) Aaron O'Neill, Sean Belfry, Michael O'Gorman, Cathal Floyd, Sean Moloney and Joe Floyd (trainer).



Ballinahinch - North Under 12 Group 3 Football Winners. Back l-r: Mike Keane (team selector), Shane McSheera, Cathail Ryan, Karl Kelly, Cathal Cooney, Michael Talbot, Joey Kelly, Ger O'Reilly (Manager). Front l-r: Adam Ryan, Sean Carolan, Brian Keane (Capt.), Brendan Quinn, James Lynch, Liam King, Sarah Hennessy, Shane Harrington.



Newport Gaels - North and County U14A Football Champions.

Front l-r: Niall Harrington, Aaron O'Neill, Jonathon Coyle, Cian Flanagan, Corie Mooney (capt), Tiernan Ryan, Sean Belfry Walshe, Cathal Floyd, Greg O'Gorman. Back l-r: James Flanagan (mentor), Jack Delahunty, Kevin Connolly, Anthony Floyd (mentor), Dara Carroll, Kealon Floyd, Dade Rickard, Paul Hogan, Harry Sheehy, Sean Moloney, Colin Floyd, Michael Gorman, Cieran Ryan and Joe Floyd (mentor).



Kilruane MacDonaghs North & County Féile na nGael Champions: Front (l-r): Kevin Oakley, Sean McAdams, Devlin Courtney, Seamus O'Meara, Mark O'Neill, Tommy Dooley, Craig Morgan, Sean Quinlan, Eoghan Mulcahy and Rob Banaghan. Middle (l-r): Ben Healy, Alan Spain, Cormac Mannion, Christopher Moyles, Oisín O'Meara, Conor Lillis, Luke Dervan, Jerome Cahill and Jack Dunne. Back (l-r): Liam Hannon, Cian Darcy, Rory McCarthy, Kevin Shimmers, Arran Conroy, Jake O'Kelly, John Blagdon, Martin Grace and Nathan Ryan.

North Tipperary Bord na nOg Premier 12 Hurling Finals



Kilruane with mentors Gilbert Williams, Timmy Walsh, T. MacDonald, Cian Williams, Eoin Williams.



Roscrea 'A' with mentors L. Cashin, D. Gilmartin, S. Moloney, D. Synott, K. Fletcher, S. Carroll.



Moneygall with mentors John Bolger and John Kirwan.



Lorrha with mentors James Dunne, Derek Mannion, Louise Mannion, Des Clancy.



Borris-Ileigh with mentor Michael Delaney.



Silvermines with mentors James Hayden and Declan Nolan.



Kildangan with mentors Darragh Egan, Niall McGrath.



Roscrea 'B' with mentors L. Cashin, D. Gilmartin, S. Moloney, D. Synott, K. Fletcher, S. Carroll.



Borris-Ileigh U12 Hurling Group 2 Premier County and Divisional End game winners. Back l-r: Michéal Ryan, Fintan Holland, Joseph Boyle, Dirk Leimhlechner, Oran Bergin, Seamus Ryan, Alvis Danko. Front l-r: James Kelly, James Devaney, Raymond Mc Cormack (captain), John Mc Grath, Kevin Maher, Dan Ryan, Absent Aaron Rabbitte, Micheal Delaney (manager), Paddy Ryan (selector)

Borris- Ileigh U14B Hurling North Tipperary Plate winners Back l-r: Christy Reid (selector), Jack Prior, Oran Bergin, Aaron Reid, John Ryan, David Mc Cormack (captain), Patrick O'Connell, Dan Brooks, Nicky Cooney, Seamus Ryan, Fintan Holland, Conor Keane, Denis Kelly (manager). Front l-r: Hugh Hurley, Aaron Donnelly, Alvis Danko, Kevin Maher, Jamie Corcoran, Gerry Kelly, Aaron Rabbitte, Dylon Molloy, Raymond McCormack.



Borris-Ileigh U12 Group 2 football team who participated in the Premier County End Games in Semple Stadium Back l-r: Harry Younge, Dan Ryan, John Mc Grath, Aaron Rabbitte, Joseph Boyle. Middle l-r: Oran Bergin, Pauraic Stapleton, Kevin Maher, Front Row L-R: Hugh Hurley, Alvis Danko, James Devaney, Seamus Ryan, Raymond Mc Cormack, Dylon Molloy. Absent from photo Liam Ryan.

Kildangan North & Co U14 'B' Hurling champions. Back Row: Joe Gallagher (selector), James Ryan (selector), Tom O'Meara, Matthew Cleary, Darragh Kinsella, Barry Hogan, Liam Hayes, Shane Butler, Eoin Sharkey, Ronan Ducie, Darren Ryan, Colm Cawley, Martin Culhane, Ruairi Gleeson (selector), Michael Quigley (selector). Front: Darragh Molloy, Oisín Ryan, Brian McLoughney, Declan McGrath, Dan O'Meara (Capt), Ciaran Kelly, Billy Seymour, Darragh Flannery, John Gleeson, Mark Quigley, Oisín Conaty, John McGrath.



North Tipperary Bord na nOg Premier 12 Football Finals



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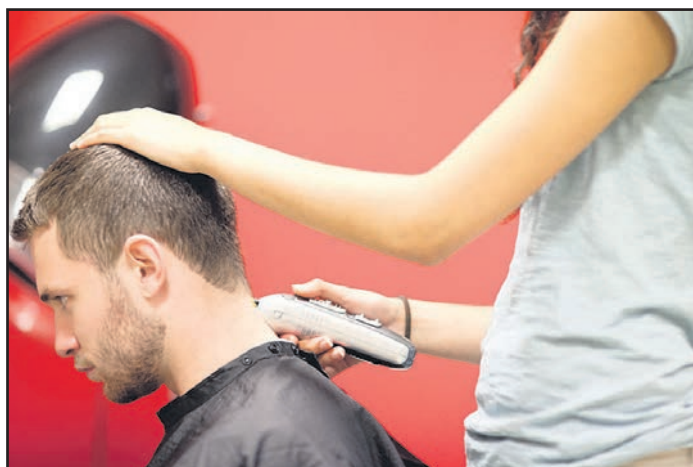
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Championship & Shield Finals 2012

Hurling

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
07-4-2012	Féile Jimmy Coppinger	Durlas Og	2-8	Holycross/Ballycahill	1-5	Templemore	Kevin Butler
23-9-2012	U-12 G1 Shield Pat Cullen	Moycarkey/Borris	1-6	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-8	Littleton	Liam Shanahan
23-9-2012	U-12 G2 Shield	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-8	Moycarkey/Borris	3-1	Littleton	Andy Murray
26-9-2012	U-12 G3 Shield	Upperchurch/Drombane	0-7	JK Brackens	0-2	The Ragg	Edward Costello
23-9-2012	U-12 G4 Shield	Drom/Inch	3-4	Moycarkey/Borris	2-5	Littleton	Pat Cullen
01-10-2012	U-14 A Shield	Holycros/Ballycahill	3-10	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	1-3	Littleton	Willie Clohessy
22-9-2012	U-14 B Shield	Clonakenny	1-4	Boherlahan/Dualla	4-3	The Ragg	Willie Clohessy
20-09-2012	U-14 C Shield	Durlas Og	1-9	Upperchurch/Drombane	1-5	Pairc na nog	Sean Everard
18-8-2012	U-12 G1 Centenary Co-Op	Boherlahan/Dualla	1-12	Moycarkey/Borris	2-9 aet	The Ragg	Martin Ryan
20-8-2012	U-12 G1 Centenary Co-Op Replay	Boherlahan/Dualla	2-3	Moycarkey/Borris	1-2	The Ragg	Willie Clohessy
18-8-2012	U-12 G2 Snap Printing	Drom/Inch	2-8	Moycarkey/Borris	1-5	The Ragg	Martin Ryan
18-8-2012	U-12 G3 Murphy Office Supplies	Thurles Gaels	3-5	Durlas Og	3-2	The Ragg	Edward Costello
18-8-2012	U-12 G4 Joe O'Sullivan Bus Hire	Durlas Og	9-2	Moyne/Templetuohy	0-4	The Ragg	Edward Costello
16-8-2012	U-14 A Spain Family	Durlas Og	4-10	JK Brackens	3-8	Boherlahan	Liam Shanahan
16-8-2012	U-14 B Stakelums Off. Supplies	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-4	Gortnahoe/G lengoole	3-2	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
16-8-2012	U-14 C Doran Oil Ltd	Clonakenny	5-7	Durlas Og	0-2	Boherlahan	Kevin Butler
18-9-2012	U-16 A Kevin Darmody	Durlas Óg	1-9	Drom/Inch	1-16	Holycross	John Butler
15-9-2012	U-16 B Stakelums Hardware	Boherlahan/Dualla	2-15	Loughmore/Castleiney	5-12aet	Holycross	John Butler
09-9-2012	U-16 C John Ryan Bus Hire	Upperchurch/Drombane	4-26	Thurles Gaels	3-1	Kickham Park	PJ Nolan
16-9-2012	U-16 C Mid /West league	Upperchurch/Drombane	6-9	Rosegreen	1-15	Pairc Ciceim	Michael Heffernan

Football

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
10-03-2012	Peil Jimmy Coppinger	JK Brackens	10-6	Moycarkey/Borris	1-2	Templetuohy	John Butler
12-05-2012	U-12 G1 Seamus Hanafin Furniture	Boherlahan/Dualla	4-8	Moycarkey/Borris	1-8	Boherlahan	Liam Shanahan
12-05-2012	U-12 G2 Liam Young Plant Sales	Moyne/Templetuohy	8-11	Loughmore/Castleiney	0-1	Boherlahan	Liam Shanahan
12-05-2012	U-12 G3 Doran Oil	Moycarkey/Borris	4-2	Thurles Gaels	2-2	Boherlahan	PJ Nolan
12-05-2012	U-12 G 4 Hayes Hotel	Moycarkey/Borris	5-7	Moyne/Templetuohy	4-0	Boherlahan	PJ Nolan
31-05-2012	U-14 A John Ryan Bus Hire	JK Brackens	5-13	Holycross/Ballycahill	0-1	Killea	Denis Curtis
31-05-2012	U-14 B Gleeson Quarries	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-11	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	3-4	Templetuohy	Michael Heffernan
25-05-2012	U-14 C Murphy Office Supplies	Thurles Gaels	4-3	Durlas Og	4-2	The Ragg	Eddie Costello
14-05-2012	U -16 A Templemore Jewellers	Drom/Inch	2-9	JK Brackens	1-5	Littleton	Tom McGrath
14-05-2012	U- 16 B Darmody Fencing	Holycross/Ballycahill	4-13	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	0-7	Littleton	John Butler
01-05-2012	U16 C Joe O'Sullivan	Durlas Og	3-6	Upperchurch/Drombane	2-3	Drombane	Johnathan Cullen
19-06-2012	U-16 C Mid /West league	Durlas Og	3-4	Rosegreen	2-5	Littleton	



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The on field action started on March 11th 2012 with the Premier U-12 football and finished on October 1st 2012 with the final of the U14 A Hurling shield. During these dates three hundred and forty five juvenile games were played between the thirty one competitions including Feile, Peil, championship and shield covering both hurling and football.

This year the division was successful in achieving four county titles, Moycarkey/Borris won U12 G1Hurling and U12 G3 Football, JK Brackens won county Peil and Drom/Inch won U16A Hurling.

The divisional teams were successful in achieving titles in U14 and U15 hurling and U15 and U16 football and we thank the players and mentors for their efforts.

Interdivisional football

The Inter-Divisional football tournaments took place on Monday 19th March and the Mid division had a share of the success on the day. The U14 panel got through to the final where they were beaten by the South. The U15 panel reversed that result by capturing the U15 title accounting for the South in this one, while Mid and South couldn't be separated in the U16 tournament and rather than have it decided by sudden death, both sides agreed to share the title.

Inter-Divisional Hurling

Roger Ryan Interdivisional U15 tournament

The first interdivisional hurling action of the year took place on Saturday 21st April with the staging of the U15 Divisional Hurling tournament. In getting their hands on the Roger Ryan Cup for the first time the Mid had to overcome a very strong outfit from the South as they claimed this year's title on the scoreline Mid Tipperary 0-09 South Tipperary 0-08

Garda Cup Interdivisional U16 tournament

The Garda Cup U16 Hurling tournament was played in Littleton on Saturday 21st April

As similar to the U 15 contest the pairings were Mid v West and North v South. Both semi finals were a total anti climax. The Mid in their contest with the West proved far superior for their opponents dominating throughout the entire game. The final score line of Mid

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2-12 ,West 0-06. In the other decider between North and South it was more of the same with victory going to defending champions on a score of 3-10 to 0-03.

The stage was now set for what most spectators would have rightly expected to provide a decent contest. However from the throw in the defending champions produced both the skill and strength in abundance. By half time the game was wrapped up as a contest with the North scoring 2-06 while conceding a mere two points. Upon the resumption they held control conceding a further two points while adding seven points to their final tally to successfully defend their title on a score of 2-13 to 0-04.

Peadar Cummins interdivisional U14 Tournament

The Mid bridged a four year gap to lift the Peadar Cummins Cup played in Borrisoleigh on the 26th of May

The pairings for the semi finals were Mid v West and North v South. Both semi finals went off simultaneously .In Templederry the Mid were in devastating form against the West qualifying for the final on a score of 5-09 to 0-02.In the other decider played in Borrisoleigh defending champions South edged out the North in a very close contest to gain their passage to the final on a score of South 1-06 North 0-07.

The cup final between defending champions South and the Mid resulted in a win for the Mid by 3-09 to 0-05.



Mid Tipperary – Under 14 Peadar Cummins winners

The Mid Tipperary U14 Hurling panel and selectors that defeated South Tipperary in the final of the Peadar Cummins U/14 Hurling Tournament in Borrisoleigh. Back l-r: Jack Fogarty selector, TJ Butler, Conor O'Meara, Tom Murphy, Radek Natkawec, Diarmuid Ryan, Bill Darcy, Diarmuid Leahy, Fionn McCartan, Mark Purcell, Matthew Kelly, Gearoid Fahy, Conor Moore, David O'Shea, Keane Hayes, Kevin Butler Selector. Front: Conor Sheedy, Jamie Morrissey, Fionn Cleary, Gavin Dunne, Lyndon Fairbrother, Stephen Flannigan, Brina McGrath Capt, Pauric Campion, Conor Stakelum, Eoin Hayes, Philip Fogarty, Michail Butler Selector.

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Officers and guests at the Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg Convention in Hayes Hotel. Back l-r: Joe Bracken PRO, Willie Clohessy Vice Chiarman, Mattie Ryan Mid Senior Board Chairman, Jonathan Cullen Mid Senior Board Secretary, Front l-r: Joe Kennedy Outgoing Chairman, Sally Young Secretary, Joe O'Sullivan Chairman, Tim Shanahan Treasurer, Andy O'Gorman President

The Munster U/16 hurling Blitzes took place on Saturday May 5th 2012 with the following results

Mid Tipp 0-11 Avondhu 1-07

Mid Tipp2-11 East Clare 5-05

Mid Tipp 0-09 City /West Limerick 3-14

Feile Skills and Long Puck results

The Mid division had a clean sweep in the county final stage with Brian McGrath Loughmore/ Castleiney winning the U14 skills, Bill Darcy Durlas Og winning the U-14 long puck in Pairc na nOg and Gavin Ryan Upperchurch/ Drombane winning the U-16 Long Puck in Semple Stadium.

Referees

On behalf of Mid Bórd na nÓg I would also like to thank each and every referees in the Division for their co-operation. Games cannot go ahead if we have no referees and with the age profile of the current referees there will be a crisis in refereeing in the not too distant future if no new people are recruited.

Thanks to

John Moloughney who has captured the winning teams and captains throughout the year which is an important record for Mid Bord na nOg.

John O'Loughlin who has helped out on a few occasions when finals clashed.

The management and staff of Hayes Hotel for their courtesy.

The *Tipperary Star* who continue to give Mid Tipperary Bord na nOg great coverage with the notes and photographs.

John Devane, Johnathan Cullen and Jim Max our senior Bórd colleagues for their help and co-operation as we both strive to fulfil very busy schedules.

To all the club delegates for their co-operation and help in getting games played to schedule and their attendance at meetings throughout the year.

The sponsors of our Mid championships and the Mid divisional teams

Andy Ryan, Games Development Administrator, for his running of the U-8 and U-10 blitzes throughout the year and for his help to the Board.



The Drom Inch panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Templemore Jewellers sponsored Mid Tipp U/16 A Football Final. Back l-r: Liam Dempsey, Kevin Ahearne, Emmet Moloney, Brendan Larkin, Jamie Bergin, Stevie Nolan, Kevin Hassett, Thomas Nolan, Tomas O'Meara, Michael Connors, Conor O'Meara, Paul Kennedy, Paul Hennessy. Front l-r: Paul Bergin, Michael Clohessy, Andy Purcell, Pauric Campion, Ciaran Thorpe, Robbie Long Capt, Eoin Collins, Colm Kinnane, Ruairi Kinane, Aidan O'Meara.



The Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Liam Young JCB Sales sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Group 2 Football Final. Back l-r: Kieran Larkin, Aaron Maher (Capt), Gearoid O'Connor, Sean Hayes, Jack Taylor, Conor Bowe, Dean Lawlor. Front l-r: Barry Ryan, Shane Lowe, Ben Ryan, Martin Ryan, Bill Hogan, Nathan Bowe, Ciaran Lloidy.



The victorious Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Hayes Hotel sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Group 4 Football Final. Back l-r: Tom Maher, Luke Corbett, Kyle Shelly, Daniel Brown, Brendan Looby, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Sean Tunstall. Front l-r: Dylan Stapleton, Danny Lanigan, Shane Fitzpatrick, Ben O'Dwyer (Capt), Louis Kearney, Liam Hayes, Andrew Alexander, Eoin Sheridan.



The Upperchurch Drombane panel that defeated Thurles Gaels in the John Ryan Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipp U/16 C Hurling Final. back l-r: Patrick Bourke, Cathal Purcell, Toby Clancy, Gavin Ryan Capt, Jack Buter, Conor Ryan, Loughlin Ryan, TJ Butler, Ronana Gleeson. Front l-r: Denis Ryan, Darragh Brennan, Patrick Buckley, Eanna Ryan, Callum Murray, Dean Carey, Niall Grant, Michael Lavery, Patrick Lavery



The Thurles Gaels panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Murphy Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini Hurling League Group 3 Final. Back l-r: David Dunne, Damien Munroe, Chris Buckley, Thomas Grimes, Joey Dee, Alan Heaney, Shane Ryan, Zoe Lanphier, Aerton Ryan-Casey, William Carroll, Declan Murphy. Front l-r: Brian O'Halloran, Mark Murphy, Chris Munroe, Dylan Molumby, Ronan McGuire, Luke Brearton, Lauren McCormack, Jack Murphy, Paudie O'Gorman



Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengooole in the Mid Tipperary U14 A Hurling Shield Final. Front l-r: Alex Murphy, Colin Nolan, James Ryan, Brian O'Mara, Stephen Flanagan(capt.), Mikey Nally, Jack Dwan, Dara Woods. Back l-r: Sean Stakelum, David Croke, Ewan Burke, Gavin Dunne, Edward O'Gorman, Fionn McCartan, Daniel Matthews, Niall Condon, Philip Fogarty, Sean Spillane.



Moyne Templetuohy panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipp U/12 Group 1 Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r - Kieran Larkin, Conor Bowe, Jack Taylor, Sean Hayes, Dean Lawlor, Gearoid O'Connor, Ciaran Lloyd. Front l-r: Shane Lowe, Ben Ryan, Bill Hogan, Jamie Kiely, Nathan Bowe, Barry Ryan.



Gortnahoe Glengooole panel that defeated Loughmore Castleiney in the Stakelums Office Supplies Mid Tipperary U14 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: David Butler, David Nolan, Keane Hayes, Thomas O'Mahony, Jake Kelly, Eamon Troy, Bill Phelan, Sam Atkinson, Gearoid Fahy, Mark Mullally, Karl Campion. Front l-r: John Rafter, Patrick Hogan, Jack Moore, Eoin Troy, Philip Purcell, Aidan Ryan Capt, Fionn Clery, Oran Holohan.



Drom Inch panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Snap Printing sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini Hurling League Group 2 Final. Back l-r: Fintan Purcell, Niall Fogarty, Ben Stapleton, Lorcan Campion, John Ryan, Clodagh Kinane, Aaron Ryan. Front l-r: John Campion, Jamie Ryan Capt, Paudie Kinane, Jimmy Mullen, Rory O'Dwyer, Andy Mullen, Niamh Long.



Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris after a replay in the Centenary Co-op sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini Hurling League Group 1 Final. Back l-r: Casey Hennessy, Stephen Walsh, Luke Kevin, Tom Clarke, Padraic Clarke, Patrick Dwyer, Niall O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Euan Ryan, John Ryan Capt, Martin Paul Dwyer, Mark Downey, Jack O'Riordan, Cian Bargary, Kevin O'Connor



Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated Clonakenny in the Mid Tipperary U14 B Hurling Shield Final.



TDrom Inch panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipp U12 Group 4 Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Paul Glasheen, Ethan Blake, Darragh Kennedy, Eimer McLoughlin, Donnacha Barry, Kirsty Cunningham Capt, Grainne Long, Jack Shanahan. Front l-r: Jack Lillis, Jimmy Kennedy, Peadar Hassett, Diarmuid Brennan, Brian Moore



Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Mid Tipperary U12 Group 2 Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Michael O'Connell, Darragh Nolan, Conor Ryan, Joseph McGrath, Martin Manton, Margaret Spillane. Front l-r: Jack O'Reilly, Conor McGrath, Edmond Connolly, Aimee Gleeson, Ruth Butler, Orla Maher, Eimear McGrath.



Drom Inch panel that defeated Durlas Og in the Kevin Darmody sponsored Mid Tipp U16 A Hurling Final. Back l-r: Eoin Collins, Tommy Nolan, Andy Purcell, Liam Dempsey, Kevin Aherne, Rory Kinane, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Hassett, Emmet Moloney, Robbie Long, Stevie Nolan, Michael Connors. Front: Paul Bergin, Michael Clohessy, Jamie Bergin, Conor O'Meara, Aidan O'Meara, Brendan Larkin Capt, Padhraic Campion, Colm Kinane, Ciaran Thorpe, Paul Hennessy.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel that defeated Boherlahan Dualla in the Stakelums Hardware sponsored Mid Tipp U16 B Hurling Final. Back l-r: Peter Nylan, Anthony Ryan, Liam Gleeson, Shane Manton Capt, Brendan Leahy, Kieran Maher, Mark Butler, Eoghan Ryan, Ciaran Connolly. Front l-r: Martin O'Connell, Darragh Sweeney, Stefan Maher, Brian Laffan, Michael McGrath, Brian McGrath, Robert O'Connell, Diarmuid Meagher, Darren Crowe.



The victorious Durlas Og panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Mid Tipp U/14 C Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r: Michael Mulcaire, Aaron Martin, Shane Dunne, Patrick Maloney, Seosamh Ryan, Sean Barrett, William Creedon, Liam Power, Michael Murphy, Thomas Bambrick. Front l-r: Jack Croke, Darren Fahey, Bill Shanahan, Evan Moore, Christopher Carew Capt, Philip Ryan, Seamus Doyle, Michael Stakelum, Aidan Butler, Patrick Bowden.



The Upperchurch Drombane panel that defeated JK Brackens in the Mid Tipperary U/12 Group 3 Hurling Shield Final. Back l-r - Conor McLoughlin, Patrick Clancy (Capt.), Rachael Sweeney, Catriona Carey, A.J. Shanahan, Patrick Purcell, Keith Ryan, Darragh Bourke. Front l-r - Joseph O'Donoghue, Micheál McLoughlin, Darragh Ryan, Jack Harty, Jane Ann Ryan, Zara Bourke, Katie Condon, Damien Lee.



The Durlas Og panel that defeated Moyne Templetuohy in the Joe O'Sullivan Mid Tipperary Premier Mini Hurling League Group 4 Final. Back l-r: Cormac Flynn, David Mave, Liam Kenny, Eoghan Ryan, Shane Stapleton Capt, Paddy Creedon. Front l-r: Conor Stapleton, Jordan Fahy, Daragh Stakelum, James Armstrong, Niall Dwan, Donnacha Byrne.



The Durlas Og panel that defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the Jimmy Coppinger sponsored Mid Tipp Feile na nGael Hurling Final. Back l-r: Conor Murphy, Aaron Cullen, Adam Derby, Keith O'Dwyer, Gavin Wright, Bill Darcy, Conor Stakelum (Capt), Mark Purcell, Conor O'Hagan, Seosamh Ryan, Matt O'Brien, Jack Croke. Front l-r: Kevin Donnelly, Michael Purcell, Anthony Cooney, Jason Jordan, Matthew Kelly, Michael Stakelum, Evan McCormack, Seamus Doyle.



The Boherlahan Dualla panel that defeated Moycarkey Borris in the Seamus Hanafin Furniture Store sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Group 1 Football Final. Back l-r: Stephen Walsh, Kevin O'Connor, Patrick Dwyer (Capt), Casey Hennessy, Niall Dwyer, Tom Clarke. Front l-r: Padriac Clarke, Martin Paul O'Dwyer, Mark Downey, Joshua Dwyer, Jack O'Riordan, John Ryan, Cian Bargary.



The victorious JK Brackens panel after they defeated Holycross Ballycahill in the John Ryan Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipp U/14 A Football final. Back l-r: Ned Kinnane, Niall Quinlan, Lyndon Fairbrother, Conor Sheedy, Tommy Murphy, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Michael Egan, Stephen Quinlan, Shane Doyle, Paddy Cadell, Jimmy Tierney, Aaron Fogarty. Front l-r: Eanna McBride, Conor O'Brien, Michael Marnell, David O'Shea, Andrew Ormond, Luke Quinlan, Radic Natkaneic Capt, Bodine Fogarty, Darragh Cavanagh, Aidan Coffey, Rory Mockler, Nick Kane.



The victorious Thurles Gaels panel and selectors that defeated Durlas Og in the Murphy Office Supplies sponsored Mid Tipp U14 C Football Final. Back l-r: Damien Munroe, William Carroll, Alan Heaney, Curtis Ryan Capt, Kevin McLoughlin, Tommy Maguire, Shane Ryan, Dannon O'Dwyer, Kieran Considine, Jamie Hackett, Joey Dee, Paul Murphy, Declan Murphy. Front l-r: Seamus Houlihan, Jack Murphy, Thomas Grimes, Ayrton Ryan Casey, Chris Munroe, Darragh Byrne, Ronan Maguire, Mark Murphy, Colin Shaughnessy, Dylan Molumby, Paudie O'Gorman, Shane Ryan.



The victorious Holycross Ballycahill panel that defeated Gortnahoe Glengoele in the Darmody Fencing sponsored Mid Tipp U16 B Football Final. Back l-r: Kieran Hennessy, Jack Skehan, Shane Skelly, Matthew Stakelum, Paul Callinan, John Croke, Peter Gavin Capt, Conor Ryan, Brandon Shanahan, Mark Dwan. Front l-r: David Croke, Edward Murphy, Shane Maher, Aaron Ryan, Philip Fogarty, Brian Dwan, Sean Stakelum, Fionn McCartan, Ewan Burke, Sean Spillane, Gavin Dunne.



Durlas Og panel that defeated Upperchurch Drombane in the Joe O'Sullivan Mini Bus Hire sponsored Mid Tipp U/16 Football Final. Back l-r: Sean Dwan, Robbie Hanrahan, Daniel Taylor, Colm Doyle, Jamie Curtis, Jack Fitzgibbons, Jack Darby, Brian Fallon, Jack Carroll. Front l-r: Glenn Kerrigan (Capt), Colin Lee, Rory Purcell, Cathal Moloney, Conor Cassidy, Michael Wade, Sean Fitzgibbons, Thomas Fogarty.



The Loughmore Castleiney panel after they defeated Gortnahoe Glengoele in the Gleeson Quarry sponsored Mid Tipp U/14 B Football Final. Back l-r: Jack Laffan, Dermot Leahy, Darren Hayden, Jack Ryan, Pdraig Spillane, Brian McGrath, Eoghan Ryan, Ciaran Connolly, Michael Ryan, Darragh Nolan, Liam Meade. Front l-r: Martin O'Connor, Jack O'Reilly, Dan Dooley, Jamie Doyle, Michael McGrath, Brian Laffan Capt, Stefan Maher, Darragh Sweeney, Michael O'Connell, Conor Ryan.



The Moycarkey Borris panel that defeated Thurles Gaels in the Doran Oil sponsored Mid Tipp Premier Mini League Group 3 Football Final. Back l-r: Bill Hackett, Tom Ryan, Ciaran Kirwan, Bill Maher, Kevin Hayes, Aidan Scott, Dylan Shaw, Brian O'Callaghan. Front l-r: Eamon Martin, Michael O'Donnell, Pat Hackett Capt, Liam McDonagh, John Coffey, Peter Melbourne.

West Tipperary Bord na nOg

Tomas Mac Gearailt [PRO]

With no fewer than thirty eight competitions on the fixture calendar since competitions got underway back in the last weekend of February with the preliminary rounds of Peil Na nOg (U14 Football), the year gone by can only be described as hectic with approximately 390 games completed.

Topping the honours list in the division were Cashel King Cormacs in amassing six West Divisional titles, winning four hurling and two football titles in addition to capturing the inaugural County U13 Hurling blitz defeating Moycarkey/Borris in the final.

Hot on their heels were Clonoulty/Rossmore who put four West hurling titles together including Feile Na Gael, the U14A Championship and also collected the U14A County title at the expense of Newport Gaels.

In football the Galtee Rovers club have certainly laid down a marker for the years ahead in winning U12A, U14A and U16A West titles and also proved successful in running out clear cut winners over Moyle Rovers in the U12A county final.

Rosegreen who last year emerged from the shadows of their more powerful neighbours continued their success story in 2012 winning five titles, three football and two hurling while the Kickhams and Cappawhite were both multiple winners with three hurling and one football title each. (See Hurling and Football lists for details on all competition winners)

In the Feile Na Gael (U14) Skills and Long Puck competitions, Pat Carey (Sean Treacys) took the skills competition with Eoghan Ryan (Golden/Kilfeacle) runners-up.

The Long Puck winner was Rian Doody (Cappawhite) followed by Shane Stapleton (Sean Treacys) in second place.

David Egan (Clonoulty/Rossmore) captured the U16 Long Puck title.

Inter Divisional Level

U14 Hurling Peadar Cummins Tournament in Borrisoleigh, Mid Tipp ran out clear cut winners over West Tipp in their Semi Final, 5-9 to 0-2, while in the Shield final, North Tipp prevailed by 3-15 to West Tipps 4-05.

U14 Hurling Selectors, Eoin Kennedy (Galtee Rvs), Fergal Horgan (Kickhams), Tom O'Donnell (Golden/Kilfeacle) /

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County Selector

In the Roger Ryan U15 Hurling Inter Divisional Tournament played in Toomevara, West Tipps U15 Hurlers who had to settle for the runners up spot to Mid Tipp in their opening Semi Final but went on to land the silverware in the Shield Final.

Six points down at the break 2-5 to 0-5, West Tipp hit back to overhaul North Tipp to win by the minimum margin on a final score line of, 0-13 to 2-6.

West Tipp U15 Hurling panel, Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), David Byron (Galtee Rvs), Aaron McCormack (Cashel King Cormacs), Dylan Kennedy (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Dylan Quirke (Clonoulty/Rossmore), James Hammersley (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Michael Ryan (W) (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Aidan Carroll (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Michael O'Brien (Eire Og), James Condon (Emly), Shane Power (Galtee Rovers), Evan Hayde (Golden/Kilfeacle), Padraig O'Carroll (Knockavilla Kickhams), Shane Neville (Lattin/Cullen), Nathan Ryan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Conor Hickey (Knockavilla Kickhams), Patrick Crehan (Lattin/Cullen), Craig O'Connell (Rockwell Rovers), Owen Cleary (Rockwell Rovers), Liam Fahey (Rockwell Rovers), Diarmuid Quinlan (Rosegreen), Brian Carey (Sean Treacys), Patrick Deegan (Sean Treacys), Shane Stapleton (Sean Treacys).

U15 Hurling Mentors: Manager Pat Buckley (Emly) and County Selector

Mitchell Heffernan (Golden/Kilfeacle) and John McCormack (Knockavilla Kickhams).



West Tipperary Under 15 football team. Back l-r: Cathal Moriarty, Ger Mockler, Sean Dillon, Tommy Lowry, Shane Power (capt), Paudie O'Carroll, Patrick Deegan, James Condon, Sean Burke, Pat Muldoon, Diarmuid Quinlan, Aaron Cunningham, Calum Fanning. Front l-r: Sean Butler, Enda Heffernan, Owen Cleary, Brian Carey, Liam Fahey, Michael Ryan (W), Caolan Hennessy, Craig O'Connell, Adam Kennedy, Evan Hayde, Owen Hand.

West Tipperary Bord na nOg Results

2012 FOOTBALL COMPETITION WINNERS

Code	Date	Teams and scores	Captain	Referee
U12A Football, Bansha	11/5	Galtee Rovers 1-6 Knockavilla.Kickhams 1-5	Capt. Adam McGrath	Ref. David Grogan
U12B Final, Golden	13/5	Lattin/Cullen 4-7 Cappawhite 3-4	Capt. Danny Cunningham	Ref. Joseph Kearney
U12C Final, Golden	13/5	Sologhead 4-4 Kickhams 1-5	Capt. Jack Redican	Ref. Tom Dawson
U12D Final, Golden	13/5	Rosegreen 1-6 Kickhams 1-3	Capt. Eoin McLoughlin	Ref. T.J.Heffernan
U12E Final, Dundrum	7/5	Cappawhite 0-8 Golden/Kilfeacle 0-2	Capt. Gearoid Ryan	Ref. Tom Dawson.
U12F Final, Golden	13/5	Rosegreen 0-5 Eire Og 0-3	Capt. Brigid Quinlan/ Caoimh Perdue.	Ref. Eoghan Lonergan
U12 Plate Final, Emly	23/5	Eire Og 4-5 Emly 0-5	Capt. Paul Devlin	Ref. Eoghan Lonergan
U12 Shield, Sologhead	31/5	Cashel King Cormacs 4-8 Arravale Rovers 4-2	Capt. Eoghan Connolly	Ref. Sean Hayes
Peil na nOg, Golden	23/4	Cashel King Cormacs 2-6 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-1	Capt. Brian Davern	Ref. Sean Bradshaw.
U14A Final, S Treacy Park	31/5	Galtee Rovers 3-15 Lattin/Cullen 3-10	Capt. Dara Egan	Ref. Phil Ryan
U14B Final, Dundrum	31/5,	Rosegreen 1-4 Cappawhite 0-6	Capt. James Ryan	Ref. Paddy Russell
U14C Final, Sologhead	28/5	Emly 5-6 Arravale Rovers 1-3	Capt. Andrew Vance	Ref. Willie Kennedy
U14 Plate Final, Golden	4/6	Arravale Rovers 2-9 Rockwell Rovers 0-4	Capt. Fergus Halligan	Ref. Eamonn Browne
U14 Shield Final, Cappa	4/6	Knockavilla.Kickhams 2-8 Eire Og/Sologhead 2-3	Capt. Nathan Ryan	Ref. T.J.Heffernan
U16A Final, Dundrum	12/	Galtee Rovers 2-4 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-3	Capt. Kenneth Collins	Ref. Paddy Russell.
U16B Final, Sologhead	11/5	Emly/Treacys 6-6 Rockwell Rovers 0-6	Capt. Sean Burke (Emly)	Ref. Willie Kennedy
Inter Divisional F.	March 19th			
U14 Venue, Ballylooby	Semi Final	Mid Tipp 6-8 West Tipp 1-14 Shield Final West Tipp 6-6 North Tipp 4-5		
U15 Venue, Bansha	Semi Final	Mid Tipp 4-11 West Tipp 1-8 Shield Final West Tipp 2-12 North Tipp 1-2		
U16 Venue, Littleton	Semi Final	Mid Tipp 3-8 West Tipp 1-7 Shield Final South Tipp 4-10 West Tipp 4-3		

HURLING WINNERS

U12A Final, Sean Treacy Park 12/8	Cashel King Cormacs 1-7 Knockavilla Kickhams 2-2	Capt Tomas Skeffington	Ref. T.J.Heffernan
U12B Final, Sean Treacy Park 12/8	Eire Og 4-9 Rosegreen 2-4	Capt. Paul Burke	Ref. Joseph Kearney
U12C Final, Sean Treacy Park 20/8	Knockavilla.Kickhams 2-5 Cashel King C 1-8 (Draw)		
Replay Golden 22/8,	Cashel King Cormacs 2-7 Knockavilla Kickhams 2-3	Capt. Michael O'Meara	Ref. Paul Guinan
U12D Final Sean Treacy Park 12/8	Knockavilla Kickhams 1-6 Cashel King Cormacs 0-4	Capt. Alan O'Brien	Ref. Joseph Kearney.
U12E Final, Golden 20/8	Cappawhite 4-5 Arravale Rovers 1-1	Capt. Pat Barry	Ref. M Geraghty
U12F Final, Golden 20/8	Rockwell Rovers 2-2 Galtee Rovers 2-1	Capt. Adam Gallagher	Ref. Eoghan Lonergan
U12 Plate Final, Annacarty 1/9	Sean Treacys 5-6 Sologhead 2-2	Capt. Christy Egan	Ref. Liam Shanahan
U12 Shield Final, Clonoulty 5/9	Cappawhite 3-4 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-6	Capt. Brendan Murphy	Ref. Eoghan Lonergan
U13 Garda Cup, Golden 19/9	Cashel King Cormacs 2-9 Knockavilla Kickhams 3-5	Capt. Ross Bonnar	Ref. Kieran Barrett
U13 Garda Plate, New Inn 20/9	Arravale Rovers 7-10 Galtee Rovers 1-5	Capt. Conal Donavan	Ref. Joseph Kearney
Feile Na Gael, Dundrum 14/4	Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-13 Arravale Rovers 1-0	Capt. Jimmy Ryan (Con)	Ref. Fergal Horgan
U14A Ch'ship, Dundrum 23/8	Clonoulty/Rossmore 2-5 Cashel King Cormacs 0-11 (Draw)		
Replay Golden 29/8	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-6 Cashel King Cormacs 0-4	Capt. Dylan Quirke	Ref. Sean Bradshaw
County Final, The Ragg 15/9	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-5 Newport Gaels 0-5		
U14A League, Golden 19/7	Cashel King Cormacs 2-7 Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-11	Capt. Danny Wade	Ref. Fergal Horgan.
U14B Ch'ship, Annacarty 29/8	Cappawhite 1-10 Arravale Rovers 0-7	Capt. Tim Meagher	Ref. Tom Dawson
U14B League, Dundrum 22/7	Galtee Rovers 1-7 Cappawhite 1-5	Capt. David Byron	Ref. T.J.Heffernan
U14C Ch'ship Sologhead 3/9	Rosegreen 5-8 Emly 1-3	Capt. James Walsh	Ref. Willie Kennedy
U14C League Sean Treacy Park 25/7,	Rosegreen 4-12 Emly 0-4	Capt. Jack Walsh	Ref. Joseph Kearney
U14 Shield Final, Cashel 13/9	Knockavilla Kickhams 2-13 Golden/Kilfeacle 3-5	Capt. Michael McCormack	Ref. John Ryan (Bob)
U14 Plate, Cappawhite 15/9	Sean Treacys 6-9 Rockwell Rovers 1-1	Capt. Simon Maher	Ref. T.J.Heffernan
U16A Ch'ship, Dundrum 17/9,	Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-20 Cashel King Cormacs 3-5	Capt. David Egan	Ref. Fergal Horgan
U16A League, Cappawhite 29/9,	Clonoulty/Rossmore 0-16 Emly/Treacys 0-6	Capt. Gary Donnelly	Ref. Willie Kennedy
U16B Ch'ship, Sean Treacy Park 8/9,	Kickhams 2-18 Rockwell Rovers 1-7	Capt. Killian Loughman	Ref. David Grogan
U14 Inter Divisional Hurling, Peadar Cummins Tournament			
Borrisoleigh, May 26th Semi Final,	Mid Tipp 5-9 West Tipp 0-2 Shield Final North Tipp 3-15 West Tipp 4-5		
U15 Inter Divisional Roger Ryan Tournament	Toomevara, April 21st Semi Final, Mid Tipp 2-5 West Tipp 0-2 Shield Final, West Tipp 0-13 North Tipp 2-6		
U16 Inter Divisional Garda Cup Tournament	Littleton, April 21st: Semi Final, Mid Tipp 2-12 West Tipp 0-6. Shield Final, South Tipp 1-9 West Tipp 1-8		
Munster U16B Inter Divisional Championship Preliminary Rounds, Clonoulty, May 5th.	West Tipp 3-10 Duhallow (Cork) 0-5. West Tipp 3-12 North Kerry 1-7		
Imokilly (Cork) 3-5 West Tipp 1-8			
Munster U16B Semi Finals and Finals Charleville, May 7th: Semi Final, Carberry 3-5 West Tipp 1-5 Semi Final, South Tipp defeated Imokilly.			
Cup Final, Carberry 2-12 South Tipp 0-7 Shield Final, West Tipp 3-8 Imokilly 1-8			

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Galtee Rovers – St. Pekaun's West Under 16 'A' Football Champions:

Back l-r: Kieran Marnane, Liam Phelan, Jack Morrissey, Patrick O'Donoghue, Sean Daly, Shane Power, Stephen O'Dwyer, David O'Mahony, Kenneth Collins, Aaron Cunningham, Robert Magee, Callum Fanning, Brendan Healy. Front l-r: Shane Feeney, Shane Ryan, Edmond Bourke, David Byron, Darren McGrath, Dylan Gubbins, Daire Egan, Jake Flannery.

Garda Cup U16 Inter Divisional Hurling in Littleton, Mid Tipp proved too good for West Tipp in their Semi Final on a score line of 2-12 to 0-6 but in a well contested clash with South Tipp in the Garda Plate Final, it was a much tighter affair with South Tipp emerging winners by the minimum margin, 1-9 to 1-8.

Munster U16B Inter Divisional Hurling Championship. In the preliminary rounds which took place on Monday May 5th in Clonoulty, we defeated Duhallow (Cork) and North Kerry and although losing out by three points to Imokilly (Cork), we qualified for the semi finals along with Imokilly which took place in Charleville on Monday May 7th.

In the Munster semi finals we went down by six points to Carberry while Imokilly were beaten by South Tipp in their Semi Final.

In the Shield Final, West Tipp turned the tables on Imokilly with a cracking three point victory while Carberry went on to defeat South Tipp in the Cup Final.

Hurling Selectors: Kevin Fox (Eire Og) and Tipperary U16A, Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Og), Eoin Kennedy (Galtee Rvs) and Tipperary U16B.

West Tipp U16 Hurling Panel, David Wade, James Casey, Seanie O'Halloran (Golden/Kilfeacle), James Cummins, Conor Devitt, Colm Brosnan, John Walsh, Padraic O'Donoghue (Cashel King Cormacs), Stephen Quinn, Gary Donnelly, Adam Fryday, Ronan Heffernan, David Egan, Cailum Loughman, Michael Ryan (W), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Christopher Hickey, Liam Fahey (Rockwell Rovers), Anthony Leahy (Lattin/Cullen), Mattie Feehan, Brian Carey (Sean Treacys), Gerard Halligan, Darragh Crowe (Arravale Rovers), John Ryan, Evan Heffernan, Mike Fox (Eire Og), Killian Loughman (Kickhams), Danny Fanning, Nick Ryan (Rosegreen), Sean Daly (Galtee Rovers)

In Inter Divisional U14 Football played in Ballylooby we were defeated by Mid Tipp in a high scoring Semi Final, 6-8 to 1-14, but made amends later in a cracking Shield Final with a 6-6 to 4-5 victory over North Tipp.

West Tipp U14 Panel: Dara Egan (Galtee Rovers), Davy Byron (Galtee Rvs), Cian O'Connell (Golden/Kilfeacle), Timmy Holland (Golden/Kilfeacle), Kevin Franks (Lattin/Cullen), Shane Neville (Lattin/Cullen), Tony Byrnes (Lattin/Cullen), James Walsh (Rosegreen), Eoghan Ryan (Cappawhite), Colm Hayde (Rosegreen), Alan O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Robert Quirke (Cappawhite), Dylan Quirke (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Odhran Quirke (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Martin Ryan (Clonoulty

/Rossmore), Andrew Vance (Emly), James Dee (Sologhead), Shane Farrell (Sologhead), Ger Browne (Kickhams), Maurice Mulhaire (Arravale Rovers), Pat Carey (Sean Treacys), Padraic O'Donoghue (Aherlow), Brian Fitzpatrick (Cashel King Cormacs), Oscar O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers).

U14 Football Selectors: Sean Mullins (Aherlow), Derry Peters (Aherlow), Diarmuid Carr (Golden/Kilfeacle) / County Selector

The U15 Inter Divisional Football competition took place at the Galtee Rovers grounds in Bansha and again Mid Tipp proved our undoing with a semi final win of 4-11 to West Tipps 1-8 but we didn't go away empty handed as West Tipp proved too good for North Tipp in the Shield Final with a thirteen point margin victory, 2-12 to 1-2.

West Tipp U15 Panel Colum Fanning Galtee Rovers, Shane Power Galtee Rovers, Aaron Cunningham Galtee Rovers, Pat Muldoon Cashel King Cormacs, Adam Kennedy, Cashel King Cormacs, Caolan Hennessy Cappawhite, Tommy Lowry Arravale Rovers, Sean Dillon Lattin/Cullen, James Condon Emly, Sean Burke Emly, Owen Cleary Rockwell Rovers, Liam Fahey Rockwell Rovers, Craig O'Connell Rockwell Rovers, Diarmuid Quinlan Rosegreen, Enda Heffernan Clonoulty/Rossmore, Michael Ryan (W) Clonoulty/Rossmore, Ger Mockler Clonoulty/Rossmore, Cathal Moriarty Clonoulty/Rossmore, Sean Butler Knockavilla Kickhams, Padraic O'Carroll Knockavilla Kickhams, Owen Hand Knockavilla Kickhams, Evan Hayde Golden/Kilfeacle, Patrick Deegan Sean Treacys, Brian Carey Sean Treacys.

U15 Selectors: Timmy Byrnes (Kickhams), Tommy Landers (Kickhams) / County Selector

In U16 Inter Divisional Football West Tipp travelled to Littleton where despite a big effort by all the players concerned we suffered a seven point margin defeat in both of our games which finished, Mid Tipp 3-8 West Tipp 1-07 and South Tipp 4-10 to West Tipps 4-03.

Selectors, Seamus Heffernan (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Tommy Fitzgerald (Sologhead) Myles Devitt (Sean Treacys) / Co. Selector

Inter County

Tipps U14 Footballers have always made an impact in the Jim Power Tournament and this year final was no exception as the eventual finalists Kerry South and Tipp were level after full time, level after extra time at 4-6 each and for the first time to my knowledge a GAA competition was decided on a penalty shoot out, the boys from the Kingdom were crowned winners of the

Jim Power tournament on a two goals to one decider.

West Tipp Representatives: Dara Egan (Galtee Rovers), Dylan Quirke (Clonoulty / Rossmore), Shane Neville (Lattin / Cullen), Oscar O'Dwyer (Arravale Rovers).

West Selector was Derry Peters (Aherlow)

Tipp's U15 footballers maintained Tipperary's upward trend in Munster football when for the second time in three years captured the Humphrey Kelleher tournament in Milstreet with a devastating display of football going through the competition unbeaten with victories over Kerry South, Cork and Cork Rebel Og in the Final.

West Tipp Representatives: Shane Power (Galtee Rovers), Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Liam Fahey and Craig O'Connell (Rockwell Rovers), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty / Rossmore).

West Selector: Tommy Landers (Kickhams)

Tipp's U15 hurlers managed by Damien Young proved worthy winners of the Carrigdhoun Tournament.

Having lost to Cork in their opening game they went on to defeat Waterford, Clare and Limerick before renewing rivalry with Cork in the final in which Tipp made amends for the earlier defeat by winning on a score line of 0-15 to 1-9.

West Tipp representatives. in the squad included Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Brian Carey (Sean Treacys), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty / Rossmore) and Liam Fahey (Rockwell Rovers)

West Selector: Pat Buckley (Emly)

Tipperary's minor hurlers having been denied victory with a late point in the drawn game made no mistake in capturing the All Ireland title with a devastating performance in seeing off Dublin in the All Ireland final replay.

Representing West Tipp in the squad included Dylan Fitzelle and Simon Delaney (Cashel King Cormacs), Jimmy Maher and Sean Maher (Clonoulty / Rossmore), Tom Fox and Donal O'Dwyer (Eire Og), Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys) and Josh Keane (Golden / Kilfeacle).

West Selector: Brian Horgan (Kickhams)

2011 All Ireland Minor Football Champions Tipperary despite retaining the Munster Final with a well deserved victory over Kerry were back in Croke Park for an All Ireland quarter final but were never able to come to terms with a solid Mayo side who proved the better team on the day.

Captained by Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs) other players in the squad from West Tipp included, Gearoid Slattery (Cashel King Cormacs), T.J.Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty / Rossmore), Thomas O'Donoghue

(Lattin / Cullen), Peter Mulhaire (Arravale Rovers) and Russell Quirke (Cappawhite).

West Selector: Tadgh Duggan (Arravale Rovers).

Tipperary's U17 footballers maintained their grip on the Daryl Darcy competition in the Munster final played on October 30th in the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick, they made it their third win in a row following a six points to spare victory over Limerick.

In the final squad from West Tipp were, Josh Keane and Shane O'Connell (Golden / Kilfeacle), Mark Russell (Lattin / Cullen), David Finnane (Galtee Rovers).

Extended panel included Brian Hand (Kickhams), Conor Kissane (Arravale Rovers), Eoghan Ryan (Rockwell Rovers).

West Selector: Shane Stapleton (Golden / Kilfeacle)

The Board wish to acknowledge the great co-operation of all clubs in the Division throughout the year in helping to meet fixture deadlines by making their pitches always ready and available and the contribution of Tom O'Donnell for putting together a very detailed and up to date fixtures calendar of the years playing schedule.

We also thank West Tipperary Referees Association led by Referee's Co-Ordinator Steve O'Donnell who always ensured a referee was in place for every fixture and sometimes at very short notice if a referee has to withdraw.

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. When you consider the continual and ever increasing costs in the present economic climate, their contribution is very much appreciated.

The Board would also like to thank all those who sat on the C.C.C and Finance committees, the valued contribution of umpires, linesmen, coaches, gate checkers and indeed not forgetting the important role played by many parents in the smooth running of affairs throughout the year.

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 and their very informative Saturday morning slot by Liam O'Dwyer.

To the many families and friends of West Tipp Bord Na nOg who suffered bereavement during the year, the Board extends its deepest sympathy.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a n'anam.



Rockwell Rovers – West Under 12 F Hurling Plate winners. Back l-r: Diarmuid English, Conor O'Neill, Laura O'Gorman, Anna Downey, Adam Gallagher (captain), Tom Downey, Kevin Cleary, Ciara Moloney, Finbarr English. Front l-r: Kevin Keating, Kyle Burke, Jason O'Gorman, Joseph Lawrence, Diarmuid O'Brien, William Hayes, Tom Marnane, lucky mascots: Andrew Gallagher and Cian O'Brien.

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Abbey CBS U14F 'A' team winners of the County Blitz held in Rockwell College, having defeated Clonmel HS in the final. Front l-r: Michael McCormack, Tony Burns, Shane Neville, Daire Egan (capt.), Josh Ryan, Patrick O'Donoghue and Cormac Maher. Back l-r: Kieran Kearns, Kieran Hickey, Steven O'Brien, Nathan Murphy, Jamie Ryan, Andrew Vance, Shane Mulcahy and Damien O'Brien. (Absent from photo were Shane Ryan and David Byron).



Abbey CBS U14F 'B' team winners of County Shield at the Blitz in Rockwell. Front l-r: Kevin Franks, Conor O'Dwyer, Ed Bourke, Maurice Mulhair (capt.), Tomás Ó'Murchú, Ciarán Breen and Liam Quirke. Back l-r: Kieran Hickey, Daniel Kelly, Conor McGrath, Callum Bowes, Luke Ashmore, Tadhg O'Dwyer, Conal Donovan, Jack Hogan and Damien O'Brien. (Absent from photo: Riain Doody).

Galtee Rovers/St. Pecaun's Juveniles

2012 was a memorable year for Galtee Rovers/St. Pecaun's juveniles with a unique clean sweep of 'A' titles at under 12, under 14 and under 16 football in West Tipperary. The icing on the cake came in Templetuohy when our under 12 footballers won the county under 12 A Premier End Games. Not to be outdone our under 14 hurlers recorded a great win in the League final while the under 16 hurlers have qualified for their League final after a disappointing end to their championship campaign. Once more our under 12 hurlers fielded two competitive teams in their grade which is clear proof of the work being put into coaching at this level. Early in the year a boardroom decision cleared the way for Patrick O'Donoghue, Aaron Cunningham, Cormac Stanley and Evan Stanley to play with Galtee Rovers under a Gentleman's Agreement and all made a significant contribution to the year's success.

In mid-May our under 12 footballers contested the West final against Knockavilla Kickhams in Canon Hayes Park Bansha. A bright opening saw us lead, 1-4 to 0-2 at the break but Kickhams threw everything but the sink at us in the second half and we scraped through by the skin of our teeth, 1-6 to 1-4. Further progress was recorded when we were successful in the quarter finals against Moycarkey before the final four teams gathered in Templetuohy in early June. In the semi-finals we were pitted against neighbours, Cahir and on this occasion we came through, 1-7 to 1-3.

The final featured Galtee Rovers and Moyle Rovers, a mouth-watering prospect in any grade. We opened well and by half time we were 5 points up but we had to fight a rearguard action after the break as the South team came more into it. Fortunately our goalkeeper and defence held firm and when full time arrived we were ahead, 1-5 to 0-4. Scenes of utter jubilation followed the final whistle as our gallant team bridged a gap of twenty years since our only previous County under 12 A title. Panel: Darragh Kennedy, Darren Lonergan, Jim Quirke, John O'Sullivan, Jack Kennedy, Tony Byron, Edmond O'Dwyer, Adam McGrath (capt), Robbie Byron, Stephen Moloney, Alan Flannery, Oisín Kelly, Eoin Gallagher, William O'Dwyer, Nickolas Kennedy. Well done to the management team of John Gubbins, Tony Kennedy and Aidan McGrath.

In late May our under 14 'A' footballers bridged a 13 year gap by winning the West final in Sean Treacy Park. On this occasion the opposition was provided by Lattin/Cullen and both teams enjoyed periods of dominance in the opening half with the team in green and white leading 2-8 to 2-4 at the break. Whatever interval words of wisdom were delivered by Lar Roche and Aidan McGrath certainly worked the oracle on this occasion and we upped our performance considerably to run out convincing winners 3-15 to 3-10, with the highlight being an outstanding hours football from Shane Ryan who finished with a personal tally of 1-11. On Bank Holiday Monday we journeyed to Clonoulty full of hope with Jake Flannery and David Byron back in the fold. Unfortunately, J K Brackens proved too strong for the boys in red and white and our campaign ended after a battling performance. West final team: Alan O'Brien; Darren Lonergan, Tony Byron, Maurice O'Sullivan; John O'Sullivan, Daire Egan (Capt 0-1), Dylan Quinn; Patrick O'Donoghue (0-1), Shane Ryan (1-11); Alan Flannery, Dylan Gubbins (1-0), Adam McGrath (0-1); Niall Grogan, Edmond Bourke (1-1), Stephen Moloney. Subs: Edmond O'Dwyer, Jim Quirke, Eoin Gallagher, Cormac Stanley.

Traditionally our under 16 footballers are into action early in the year and it soon became obvious that we had a good chance of figuring in the shake-up. On an atrocious night in New Inn we overcame the semi-final challenge of Golden and we were now in the West final against Clonoulty. The opening half of the final was a dour affair with misses galore and scores almost as scarce as hens' teeth.

At the break we led 0-2 to 0-1 but we knew we had a battle on our hands. Sean Daly converted a penalty and Patrick



Galtee Rovers - St. Pecaun's West and County Under 12 Premier End Games 'A' Football Champions: Back l-r: John Gubbins, Tony Kennedy, Aidan McGrath, Evan Kennedy. Middle l-r: Edmond O'Dwyer, Oisín Kelly, Jim Quirke, Darren Lonergan, Adam McGrath, Tony Byron, John O'Sullivan. Front l-r: Alan Flannery, Robbie Byron, Eoin Gallagher, Darragh Kennedy, Stephen Moloney, Jack Kennedy, Robbie McGrath



Galtee Rovers - St Pecauns West U14 'A' Football Champions: Back l-r: Edmond O'Dwyer, Cormac Stanley, Edmond Bourke, Niall Grogan, Maurice O'Sullivan, Lar Roche, LJ Roche, Dylan Quinn, Dylan Gubbins, Aidan McGrath, Alan O'Brien, Shane Ryan, Patrick O'Donoghue, David Byron, Jake Flannery. Front l-r: Jim Quirke, Tony Byron, Alan Flannery, Daire Egan (Capt), Stephen Moloney, Eoin Gallagher, Adam McGrath, John O'Sullivan, Darren Lonergan.

O'Donoghue came off the bench to hit a fine point but Clonoulty kept plugging away and eventually managed to level the scores as we entered the final quarter. Now it could have gone either way but Galtee Rovers were more composed in front of goal with Daire Egan hitting a goal and a point to seal the issue, 2-4 to 1-3. After the final whistle the West trophy was presented to Kenneth Collins who deputised for Eric Grogan. Well done to the management team of Kieran, Liam and Brendan.

In a most disappointing County semi-final our thirteen man team were heavily defeated by Drom and Inch. West final team: David O'Mahony; Jake Flannery, Aaron Cunningham, Kevin Lonergan; Stephen O'Dwyer, Shane Power, David Byron; Kenneth Collins, Sean Daly; Callum Fanning, Daire Egan, Robert Magee; Edmond Bourke, Darren McGrath, Dylan Gubbins. Subs: Shane Ryan, Patrick O'Donoghue, Jack Morrissey, Shane Feeney.



The inaugural Under 12 hurling tournament in memory of the late Alan Quirke (Lattin/Cullen) was held on 13th October between Lattin/Cullen and Arravale Rovers. Lattin were victorious by one point after a thrilling match. Photo shows both teams and their mentors.

At the presentation of the cup at the Lattin/Cullen Under 12 tournament in memory of the late Alan Quirke. Included in the photo are Alan's parents Pat and Imelda Quirke with Kevin Quirke, Raymond Hennessy, Anthony McGrath, Timmy Corcoran (Capt), Sean Landers and Niall Carew.



The Lattin/Cullen Under 12 team that played in the County End Games in Semple Stadium.

Back row (left to right); Ciaran Healy, Raymond Hennessy, Timmy Corcoran, Katie Cunningham, Robert Bradshaw, Ben Quinn, Niall Carew. Padraig Power. Front row (left to right): Jack Cunningham, Sean Landers, Danny Cunningham, Michael Sean Nash, Conor O'Dwyer, Alan Quirke.(RIP), Anthony McGrath.



Clonoulty/Rossmore – West Under 16 'A' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Francis Maher (Selector), Seamus Heffernan (Manager), Michael Ryan, Adam Fryday, Fintan Kearney, Cathal Moriarty, Stephen Quinn, Dillon Quirke, Aidan Carroll, Dylan Kennedy, Padraig Carew, Odhran Quirke, Cailum Loughman, Declan O'Dwyer, James Heffernan (Selector), Thomas Lyng (Selector). Front l-r: James Hammersley, Jimmy Ryan, Cathal Bourke, Gary Donnelly, Ger Mockler, Nicky Kearns, David Egan (Captain), Enda Heffernan, Anthony Maher, Philip Fitzpatrick, Ronan Heffernan.

Clonoulty/Rossmore – West & County Under 14 'A' Hurling Champions.

Back l-r: Paddy Bourke (Manager), Kevin Ryan (Selector), Martin Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Owen Ryan, Sean Ryan, Cathal Bourke, Tomás Ryan, Dylan Kennedy, Padraig Carew, Anthony Maher, Jack Ryan, Denis Quirke (Selector), Eugene Ryan, Philip O'Dwyer, Dan Quirke (selector), Jerry Kennedy (Selector). Front l-r: Anthony McCarthy, Aidan Loughman, Nathan Slattery, Donnchadh Quirke, Nicky Kearns, Dillon Quirke Captain, Odhran Quirke, Jimmy Ryan, Nicholas Mockler, Oisín Fryday.



Solohead – West Under 12 'C' football

Back row (l-r): Brahim Ryan, Lauren O'Mahony, Seamus Byrnes, D.J. Cremmins, Jayne Lawlor, Richard Cummins. Front row (l-r): Dean Morrissey, Aaron Ryan, Jack Redican, Evan Hanrahan, Jordan Cummins, Dylan Murphy, Rodrigo Serrano.

Sean Treacys Under 12 plate winners: Back row (l-r), Aoifa Buttler, Niamh Sheldon, Grace O'Toole, Adam Hurley, Pat O'Toole, Donal Quigley, Aidan Fahy, Brendan O'Dwyer. Front row (l-r): Philip Degan, James Rochford, Stevie Carr, Christopher Egan, Eamon Carr, Pat Hayes. Selectors, Billy Carr, Andrew O'Brien & Donica O'Brien.



Sean Treacys/Emly West Under 16 football winners: Back row (l-r): Shane Kennedy, Jack O'Toole, Daragh Ryan (Luke), Gerard Egan, Matty Feehan, Bryan Carey, Patrick Degan, Daragh Kennedy, Eddy Lynch, Jamie Russell, Shane Bourke, Sean Bourke, James Condon, Shane Stapleton, Andrew Vance, Tommy Ryan, Emmet Ryan. Front row (l-r): Eric Fogarty, Andrew Mc Grath, Paul Ryan, Thomas Lyons, Garry O'Brien, James Corby, Cian Quish, Stephen Cummins, Garry Mc Mahon, Patrick Carey, Dylan Fahy, David Bourke.

Sean Treacys Under 14 'B' Shield winners: Front row (l-r): Donal Quigley, Conor Nolan, Christopher Egan, Pat O'Toole, Brendan O'Dwyer, Simon Maher, Philip Degan, Stevie Carr, James Rochford. Back row (l-r): Paul Ryan, Pat Hayes, Patrick Carey, Shane Stapleton, Michael Feehan, Michael Hayes, Aaron Ryan, Dylan Ryan, Eamon Carr, Aidan Fahy. Also selectors Noel McMahon, John Carey, Mike Ryan & Seamus Carey





**Rosegreen U-14 West 'C'
Hurling Champions 2012.** Back
l-r: P. Ryan, J. Costello, J. Keating,
J. Walsh (captain), C. Hayde, A.
Moloney, H. Tobin, T. Dowling.
Front l-r: J. Ryan, K. Tobin, H.
Costello, G. Moloney, K. Freir, T.
Murphy, G. Cummins, C. Costello.

**Rosegreen U-14 West 'B'
Football Champions 2012.** Back
l-r: M. Cavaliere, J. Mulcahy, P.
Ryan, S. Langley, C. Hayde, J.
Walsh, J. Costello, J. Keating, G.
Moloney, H. Costello, G.
Cummins. Front l-r: T. Murphy,
K. Tobin, C. Brabston, A.
Moloney, J. Ryan (captain), A.
Doyle O'Donnell, K. Freir, C.
Costello, D. Walsh, P. Shortt.
Coaches: J. Maher, P. J. Phelan, J.
Walsh, B. O'Donnell, J. Ryan
(not in picture).



Arravale Rovers - West Under 13 Garda Plate Winners. Back l-r: Fionn McCall, Jack Quinlan, Jack Lowry, Jordan Doyle, Cormac Maher, Conor Leahy, Darren O'Dwyer, Matthew Moroney, Christopher Ryan, Nathan Murphy Crowe, Fergus Halligan. Front l-r: Sean Smith, Jonathan Ryan, Tadhg O'Connor, Conal Donovan (Capt), Kevin Mooney, Killian Noonan, Brian Lowry, Micheal Sharpe.

Bórd na nÓg Tiobraid Árann Theas



Carrick Davins – County Under 16 ‘C’ hurling winners. Back l-r -John Butler, Joyce Cronin, John Waters, Emma McGrath, Jim McGrath, Billie Mackey, Tom Dignam, Josh Cunningham, Robbie Butler, JJ O’Neill, Philip Butler. Middle l-r -Luke Faulkner, Daryl Walsh, Andrew O’Brien, Stephen Butler, Conor Mackey, Dean Power, Josh Moroney, Dylan Shepard, James O’Neill, Michael Welan, Kurtis Walsh, Cian Murphy, Billie Roche, Ned Power, Shane Waters, Joe Crowe, Shane Butler. Front l-r -Edmond Hayes, Liam Butler, Brandon O’Sullivan, Jamie Houlihan, Kyle Cooke (with cup), Trevor Murphy, Raymond Cooke (capt), Edward Power, Danny O’Gorman, Stephen Waters, Darragh Foley, Dean Furey, Jake Maher, Ray Waters, Dessie Cronin, Gerry Houlihan, Niall Ryan.



Clonmel Og - County U12 Div 3 Hurling Champions Back l-r: Johnny Downey, Adam Murphy, Darren Slattery, Patrick Laureno, Jamie Doyle, Kevin Hawkins, Dean Pyke, Kieran Crotty, Shane O’Connor, Sean Quirke. Front l-r: TJ Quigley, Cathal McGuigan, Shane Curran, Derry Phelan, Jack Downey (capt), Cian O’Sullivan, Jake Guinan.



Fethard Under 12 footballers pictured at Croke Park in August. Back (l-r): Ronan Fitzgerald (assistant coach), Josh Nevin, Darragh Hurley, Laura Stocksborough, Rebecca Kenny, Eddie Crotty (coach), Jack Ward, Jack Spillane, Cathal O’Mahony, Brian Delahunty (coach). Front (l-r): Robert Hackett, Ryan Butler, Sally Butler, Sean Moroney, Richard Anglim, Dara Lynch, Stephen Crotty, Ryan Walsh, Michael Quinlan, Lucy Spillane.



South Tipperary Under 15 Hurling panel: Back l-r: Conor Clancy, Eoin Keogh, David Roberts, Stephen Quirke, Aidan Buckley, Tom McGrath, Mike Hogan, Jack Cooke, Dean Fitzgerald, Ross Peters, Matt Barlow, Padraig Hayes, Joshua Moloney. Front l-r: Ciaran Thorpe, Cillian Touhy, Eric O’Halloran, Danny McGuire, Cathal Mahoney, Brendan Martin, Conor Hassett, Raymond Cooke, Darragh Ryan, Martin Gibbs, John Ryan.



Ardfinnan – County and South Under 14B Football Champions. Back l-r: Conor Gallagher, Alan Walsh, Robert Condon, Gavin Whelan, Michael Barlow, Daniel Cunningham, Mark Kelly, Colin Doyle, Conor Fogarty, Oisín Ryan, Johnny Coveney, Darren Slattery, Dylan Nugent, Cian Cullinane. Front l-r: Cian Landy, Sean Doyle, John Condon, Darragh O'Leary, Conor Burke, Padraig Cunningham (Capt), Michael Cunningham, Paddy Boyle, Luke O'Brien, Kieran Lambert, James Condon, Darragh O'Brien, Ronan Myles.



St. Patrick's Under 10 footballers, winners of South Tipperary Division 3 'A': Coaches Declan Morrissey, Kenny Brett, Liam Fitzgerald. Back l-r: Bob Barton, Cian Crannitch, Denis Clancy, Fergal Keane, Jamie Brett, Cathal Foley, Keith Morrissey, Luke Fox, Aidan Fitzgerald, Angus McDonald, Aidan Moran, Jack Cuddihy. Front l-r: Luke Butler, Tommy O'Brien, Matt McCormack, Ryan Crannitch, Alfie Vanoli, Robert Cuddihy, Tom Hayden



Carrick Davins – South Under 16 'C' football winners. Back l-r - Alan Faulkner, Michael Whelan, Trevor Murphy, Ray Waters, Luke Faulkner, Kurtis Walsh, Josh Moroney, Gavin Lyons, Cian Murphy, Dylan Shepard, Billy Roche, Joe Crowe, Daryl Walsh, John Waters. Front l-r - Dylan Power, Dean Furey, Stephen Waters, Kyle Doherty, Conor Mackey, Liam Butler, Edward Power, Darragh Foley(capt), Raymond Cooke, Dean Power, James O'Neill, Josh Hall, Niall Ryan.



Cahir – South Under 12 'A' Hurling and Football Champions. Back row: Dara Heffernan, Robert Kelly, Tommy McDonagh, Dara Cremmins, Adam Lonergan, Nicholas Reidy, Eoghan Heffernan. Standing: Oisín O'Suilleabhán, Liam Hickey, Keith Martin, Mark Casey, Tommy Magnier, Kevin Grogan, Ian Halpin, Dylan Fitzgerald, Eoin Corbett, Jack Moloney, Killian Halpin, Bobby Noonan, Joseph Browne. Seated: Thomas Kelly, Tiarnan McLaughlin, Stephen Grogan, Eoghan Kelly, Sean Murphy, Kenny Cunningham, David Richards. Kneeling: Dylan Ryan, Kevin O'Connor, Jamie Armitage, Jake Kiely. Mentors: Regina Corbett, Tom Kelly, Andy Moloney, Maura Grogan



Cahir- South Under 16 'B' Football winners. Front l-r; Dylan Walsh, Daragh Howard, Brian McKenna, Keelan Looby, Brendan Doheny, James Walsh, Rares Stoica, Michael O'Connor, Ryan O'Donnell, Dylan Walsh, Luke Cagney, Tony Doheny selector and Pat Cashman selector. Back l-r: Tadhg Howard Manager, Ryan Murphy, Blake Ryder, John Casey, Hayden Brett, Alan O'Connor, Graham O'Dwyer, Conor Cashman, Eanna Heffernan, John Hickey, Tommy Allen, Davey English, Brian Murphy selector.

Commercials Under 16s make it 4 in a row

By beating Drom/Inch in this year's under 16 "A" football final Clonmel Commercials completed a unique record of winning this title for the fourth year in a row. With perhaps their best team of the four years Commercials won the 2012 championship with some style. In 2009 Commercials would have had great hopes of winning under 16 titles and with a team that boasted such players as Michael Quinlivan, Brian Walsh, Seamus Kennedy and others it was clear at an early stage where this hope was coming from. Captained by Kevin Gunne Commercials won the divisional championship and advanced to a county semi-final. In the semi-final Commercials defeated North champions Nenagh and qualified to play old foes Loughmore/Castleisney in what was a thrilling final played in New Inn. Trailing in the dying minutes Commercials had to rely on Levi Whelan to point on two occasions to draw the sides level and bring the tie to extra time. In extra time the mid champions scored two goals to lead at the break. A tremendous fight back by Commercials won the day and scenes of joy and relieve greeted the final whistle.

2010 saw Commercials again come into the championship with a good under 16 side and it wasn't long before they were been talked about as potential champions. Brian Walsh was captain and with Brian were such players as Ian Fahey, Evan Comerford, Keith Browne, Darren Cass, Eoin Lynch and Colman Kennedy. Having retained their South title it was back to the county stage and a semi-final date with JK Bracken's. Again an easy win was recorded and now Golden/Kilfeacle stood in their way of back to back titles. However on the night Commercials were far too good for the West boys and they recorded a comfortable win.

2011 brought further under 16 successes for the famed

Clonmel club. Under the captaincy of Sean Gunne the team looked strong and three in a row was a real target. Graham Kelly, Paudie White, Liam Ryan and Kevin Fahey were some of the leading players on the team. A South championship was won by beating Cahir in the final and their county semi-final opponents were again Golden/Kilfeacle and once again Commercials prevailed. The final was a different affair against the previous year's semi-final opponents JK Bracken's. Played just three days after Tipperary minor's famous win over Cork in the Munster final Commercials were the fancied side. Bracken's with the excellent Colin O'Riordan to the fore put up brave resistance and with Commercials down to 14 an upset was on. However with Commercials gaining in confidence as the game wore on they gained the advantage and leading by five points a late goal by Richie Gunne sealed the game and a third title for Commercials.

2012 was truly an historic year at this age group for Commercials. Fancied from the start and with Paudie White, Jake McDonald, Stephen Kelly, Joey Doyle who captained the side and Ross Peters in their ranks few could argue with the favourites tag. Moyle Rovers provided the opposition the south decider and a goal after just 20 seconds set up Rovers for an excellent opening half. A 2nd goal just before the break saw the challengers lead by 4 points at half time. However Commercials turned the game on its head in the 2nd half and outscored Moyle Rovers by 2-06 to 0-02 to retain the title. Having beaten Nenagh in the semi-final it was the mid champions Drom / Inch who were final opponents. In a tremendous display Commercials dominated and claimed their 4th county title in a row to create a special piece of history.



Clonmel Commercials - County Under 16 'A' football champions 2012.



St Mary's – South U16 'A' Hurling champions. Back l-r: Evan Murray, Ross Dennehy, Jack Fennessy, Luke Moore, Darragh Phelan, Jack Kennedy, Matt Barlow, Kyle Peters, Riche Gunne, Eric Walsh, Ross Peters, Willie Peters (Manager). Front l-r: Joe Doyle, Kevin Humphries, Michael O'Reilly, Stephen Kelly, Liam Ryan (Captain), Gavin Ryan, Mark O'Reilly, Ronan Bready, Charlie Millea.



Carrick Davins – County and South Under 14 'C' hurling winners. Back l-r: Maurice Whelan, Paddy Nagle, Andrew O'Brien, Conor Whelan, Stephen Butler, Eoin Walsh, Luke Faulkner, Ray Waters, Conor Mackey, Danny Gorman, James O'Neill, Robert Butler, Dylan Power, Niall Ryan. Front l-r: Gerry Houlihan, Niall Tobin, Stephen Waters, Brandon O'Sullivan, Jamie Houlihan, Michael Whelan(capt), Ethan Kenniffick, Kevin Butler.



St Mary's – South U14 Feile na nGael Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Michael Ferrow, Kyle Farrell, Ryan Lambe, Conor McKeever, Ian Cunningham, Gavin Ryan, Owen Hctor, Jamie Ahern (Captain), Patrick Murchan, Kyle Peters, Ian Fahey, Adam Peters, Luke Sweeney, Joshua Ryan, Conal Kennedy. Front l-r: Michael Murphy, Joe Gunne, Niall Hctor, Sean Kennedy, James Hawkins, Conor O'Sullivan, Adam Kelly, James Brophy, Sean Adamson, Aaron Phelan, Cian O'Dwyer.



Skeheenarinky Under 12 hurling team pictured after winning the Eugene Crotty Memorial Cup in Ballyporeen.
Back l-r: Christy English, Adam Fitzgerald, Patrick Sisk, Riain Hennessey, Kieran Macken (captain), Kevin O'Mahony
Front l-r: Thomas Vaughan, Darragh Brennan, John Donal O'Brien, Oisín Brennan. (Absent from photo Dean Finn).

Grangemockler/Ballyneale – winners of South Under 10 'B' Hurling Blitz Back l-r: Val Needham (Trainer), Ben Comerford, Tom Brett, Sean O'Meara, Tommy O'Hanlon, Andrew O'Meara (selector), James Needham, Paudie O'Shea, Sean Daly, Eamon Phelan (trainer). Front l-r: Oisín Crowley, Conor Murphy, Maeve McGuigan, Eimhin Hanrahan, Michael Kane, Darragh Lambe, Leon Kennedy.



Ballingarry – South U14A Hurling Champions
Back l-r: D. J. Lyons, Jack Pollard, Alan Jenkins, Fiachra Scott, Conor Ivors, Riche Ivors, Brian Norton, Dylan Walsh, Michael Dunne, Keith Cleere, Jack Greace. Front l-r: Liam O'Halloran, Jack Kealy, Patrick Walton, John Walsh captain, David Walsh, Patrick Ivors, Patrick Burns, Nathan Butler, Padraig Maher, Lorcan Ivors.

Scór 2011/2012



le Seosaimhín Ní Chathail agus Máire de Búrca

Mar is gnáth, bhí Scórbhliain 2011 / 2012 thar a bheith gníomhach agus taitneamhach. Bhain na hiomaitheoirí uile agus lucht tacaíochta Scór dár ndóigh taitneamh agus tairbhe as na comórtaisí éagsúla. Baineadh ardchaighdeán amach sna rannóga difriúla agus bhí ardáthas agus bród orainne nuair a d'éirigh le cuid dár n-iomaitheoirí i gCraobh na Mumhan. Dhein siad éacht ag Craobh na hÉireann agus bhí an léiriú stáitse thar cionn acu.

Scór 2011 / 2012 was yet again a very enjoyable and busy year for all our committees, competitors and supporters. Club participation compared well with previous years and county finals in all three categories Scór na nÓg, Scór na bPáistí and Scór Sinsear were a showcase of excellence. We were indeed proud of our successes at Munster level and equally delighted with the wonderful performances of the Tipperary representatives at the All-Ireland finals.

We look forward to the coming Scór year with confidence and enthusiasm and express our sincere thanks to all the people who give so generously of their time in promoting our culture of song, dance, music and drama." Nuair a stadann an ceol, stadann an rince."

Scór na nÓg

The Co. Final of Scór na nÓg was held on Friday 9th. December 2011 in Halla na Féile, Cashel. Bean a'Tí was Úna Shanahan from the Borris-Ileigh club. Clare Kavanagh from Borris-Ileigh club sang the National Anthem. Adjudicators were from Kerry, Clare and Limerick. Co. Tipperary minor footballer, Colin O' Riordan presented winning competitors with their medals. Winners competed in the Munster semi-finals in Tallow on Saturday 7th January 2012 against Cork and Waterford. Competitors were successful in all disciplines and therefore qualified to take part in the Munster Finals which were held in Cappquin on 29th January. Upperchurch / Drombane became Munster Champions in the Ballad Group competition. They went on to compete in the All-Ireland on 18th February at the Royal Theatre, Castlebar. They did not win but did their club and county proud.

Winners of Co. Final Scór na nÓg 2011

Competition	Winner (s)
Rince Fóirne	J.K. Brackens
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Ashley Shanahan (Drom/Inch)
Ceol Uirlíse	Newport
Aithriseoireacht	Orla Ryan (Borris-Ileigh)
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Upperchurch / Drombane
Nuachleas	Templederry
Tráth na gCeisteanna	Loughmore/ Castleiney
Rince Seit	J.K.Brackens

Divisional Representation in Co. Final Scór na nÓg 2011

Competition	Mid	North
Rince Fóirne	J.K.Brackens	-----
Amhránaíocht	Drom/Inch	Éire Óg Nenagh
Ceol Uirlíse	Loughmore/ Castleiney	Newport
Aithriseoireacht	J.K. Brackens	Borris-Ileigh
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Upperchurch/Drombane	Newport
Nuachleas	Loughmore/ Castleiney	Templederry
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore/ Castleiney	Borris-Ileigh
Rince Seit	J.K.Brackens	Borris-Ileigh

Senior Scór 2012

The Co. Final of Scór Sinsear was held in the Community hall in Clonmore on 3rd March 2012. Bean a'Tí was cultural officer Josephine Cahill. The National Anthem was sung by Gráinne Daly from the J.K.Bracken's club. Adjudicators were from Kerry, Cork and Clare. Co. Chairperson Noel Joyce presented medals to the winning competitors. Munster Scór chairperson Jim Enright attended the event as did officers of the Co. Tipperary Board ie. Chairperson Seán Nugent and Treasurer Eamonn Buckley. Great credit goes to the



J.K. Brackens winners of Set Dancing in Co. Final Scór na nÓg. Back l-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson) Aoife Fogarty, Ciara Bourke, Johnie Delaney (dance coach), Leona Bowe, Chloe Giles, Colin O'Riordan (Co. Minor footballer). Front l-r: Danielle Bowe, Katie Bourke, Rachel Giles, Rebecca Collins.



Loughmore/Castleiney-winners of Question Time in county final of Scór na nÓg. L-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson), Dermot Leahy, Brendan Leahy, Katie Laffin and Co. Tipperary minor footballer Colin O'Riordan.

South	West
Newcastle	Arravale R.
Kilsheelan/ Kilcash	Éire óg Anacarty
Newcastle	Éire Óg Anacarty
-----	Lattin/ Cullen
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-----	Éire Óg Anacarty
Cahir	Seán Treacys
Newcastle	-----

J.K.Bracken's club on the tremendous job they did in hosting this event. All competitors were successful in the Munster semi-finals and hence qualified for the Munster finals in Our Lady's School, Templemore on 31st March.Noel Joyce and Pádraig Dwyer won Munster titles in their disciplines. Luck was not on their side at the All-Ireland finals in Killarney on 21st April where both gave excellent performances.

Winners of Co. Final Senior Scór 2012

Competition	Winner(s)
Rince Fóirne	Newcastle (S)
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Pádraig Dwyer (Moycarkey /Borris) (Mid)
Ceol Uirlíse	J.K.Brackens) (Mid)
Aithriseoireacht	Noel Joyce (J.K.Brackens) (Mid)
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Newport (N)
Nuachleas	Borris-Ileigh (N)
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore /Castleiney (Mid)
Rince Seit	Borris-Ileigh) (N)

Divisional Representation in Co.Final Senior Scór 2012

Comórtas	Mid	North
Rince Fóirne	-----	-----
Amhránaíocht	Upperchurch /Drombane Moycarkey /Borris	Borris-Ileigh
Ceol Uirlíse	J.K.Brackens	-----
Aithriseoireacht	Moycarkey /Borris J.K.Brackens	Borris-Ileigh
Bailéad Ghrúpa	J.K.Brackens	Newport Borris-Ileigh Templederry
Nuachleas	Moycarkey /Borris Moyne / Templetuohy	Borris-Ileigh
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore /Castleiney Moyne / Templetuohy	Borris-Ileigh
Rince Seit	J.K.Brackens Moycarkey /Borris	Borris-Ileigh Newport

Scór na bPáistí

The County Final of Scór na bPáistí was held on Sunday 12th February 2012 in Halla na Féile ,Cashel. Bean a'Tí for the event was Elisha Slattery from the Templederry Kenyon club.Ashley Shanahan from Drom/Inch club sang the National Anthem. Adjudicators were from Cork, Limerick and Clare .Winners were presented with their medals by Co.Tipperary hurler Seamus Callinan.

Winners of Co. Scór na bPáistí

Competition	Winner (s)
Rince Fóirne	Seán Treacys (W)
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Róis Ní Aileanáin(Clonmel
Commercials)(S)	
Ceol Uirlíse	Seán Treacys (W)
Aithriseoireacht	Niamh Martin (Kilsheelan/ Kilcash)(S)
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Templederry (N)
Nuachleas	Moyne / Templetuohy (Mid)
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore (Mid)
Rince Seit	Moneygall (N)

Divisional Representation of Co. Final Scór na bPáistí

Comórtas	Mid	North
Rince Fóirne	Drom /Inch	Newport
Amhránaíocht	Drom /Inch	Portroe
Ceol Uirlíse	Boherlahan /Dualla	Newport
Aithriseoireacht	Drom /Inch	ÉireÓg Nenagh
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Boherlahan /Dualla	Templederry
Nuachleas	Moyne / Templetuohy	Borris-Ileigh
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore /Castleiney	Borris-Ileigh
Rince Seit	Drom /Inch	Moneygall



Templederry-winners of the Novelty Act in county final of Scór na nÓg. Included in this photo are Amy Kennedy, Eimear Murphy, Nessa Murray, Róisín Ryan, Odhrán Murphy, Jack O'Dwyer, James Clifford with Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson) and Colin O'Riordan (Co. minor footballer).



Upperchurch/Drombane Co. Final Winners and Munster champions in the Ballad group competition of Scór na nÓg. Back: Margaret Gleeson, Jim Enright (Munster Scór Chairperson), Christine Bourke, Aisling Harrington. Front: Cíit Ryan,Seán Walsh (Munster G.A.A. Council) and Greta Ryan.

South	West
Newcastle	Seán Treacy's
Clonmel Commercials	Clonoulty /Rossmore
Kilsheelan/ Kilcash	Seán Treacy's
Kilsheelan/ Kilcash	Lattin/ Cullen
Clonmel Commercials	Cashel
Ballingarry	Seán Treacy's
Cahir	Lattin/ Cullen
Ballingarry	Seán Treacy's



Upperchurch / Drombane-Winners of Ballad group in Co. Scór na nÓg.
 Back row: Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson), Margaret Gleeson, Aisling Harrington, Colin O'Riordan (Co. Minor footballer). Front: Greta Ryan, Cáit Ryan, Christine Bourke.



Newport-winners of Instrumental Music in Co. Final Scór na nÓg. L-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson), Keelan Floyd, Brian McAuliffe, Ellen O'Gorman, Lorna Floyd, Ciara Floyd, Colin O'Riordan (Co. Minor footballer).



Borris-Ileigh Orla Ryan, winner of the Recitation in the Co. Final Scór na nÓg with county Scór Chairperson Noel Joyce and Co. minor footballer Colin O'Riordan.



Drom/Inch-Ashley Shanahan-Winner of the solo song competition in the Co. Final Scór na nÓg. L-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson), Marie Murray, Ashley Shanahan and Colin O'Riordan (Co. minor footballer)



Newport-Winners of Ballad group in Co. Senior Scór. Back l-r: Noel Joyce (Chairperson Co. Scór) Tim Floyd, Jim Enright (Chairperson Munster Scór). Front l-r : Fiona Ryan, Marie Floyd, Geraldine Floyd.



Loughmore/Castleiney-winners of Question Time in Co. Senior Scór. L-r: Frankie McGrath, Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson), Martin Ryan, Jim Enright (Munster Scór Chairperson) and Pat Healy.



J.K. Brackens-Noel Joyce, winner of the Recitation in the Co. Final senior Scór with Munster Chairperson Jim Enright. Noel later won the Munster Final and went on to represent Tipperary in the National finals in Killarney with a self-composed humorous account of the year 2011. Comhghairdeas a Nollaig.!



J.K. Brackens-winners of Instrumental Music in County Final of Senior Scór. Back l-r: Denny, Pauric Stapleton. Front l-r: Marie Sheedy, Jim Egan, Ann Coffey.



Moycarkey/Borris Pádraig Dwyer, County and Munster champion in the solo song competition of Senior Scór, pictured with Co. Scór Chairperson Noel Joyce and Munster Scór Chairperson Jim Enright.



Borris-Ileigh-Winners of the Novelty Act in the County Final of Senior Scór. Back l-r: Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson), Thomas Ryan, Jim Enright (Munster Scór Chairperson), Máire de Búrca (Co. Scór Secretary), Joe Kennedy. Front l-r: Diarmuid Boyle, Paul Boyle, Paddy Dolan, Rory Ryan.



Seán Treacy's-winners of the Figure Dance in the County Final of Scór na bPáistí. Included in this photograph are Laura Deegan, Aoife Nolan, Gabrielle Steed, Lauren Mulligan, Paul Nolan, James Rochford, Brian Nolan and Conor Nolan with Seamus Callinan (Co. Senior hurler) and Noel Joyce (Co. Scór Chairperson).



Loughmore/Castleiney-Winners of the Question Time in the Co. Final Scór na bPáistí. L-r: Conor Ryan, Micheál McGrath, Jack Cullen with Seamus Callinan (Co. Senior hurler) and Noel Joyce (Chairperson Co. Scór).



Clonmel Commercials-Róis ní Aileanáin, winner of the solo song competition in the Co. Final of Scór na bPáistí being presented with her medal by county senior hurler Seamus Callinan. Also in the picture is Co. Chairperson Noel Joyce.



Kilsheelin / Kilcash-Niamh Martin, winner of the Recitation in the Co. Final of Scór na bPáistí with county senior hurler Seamus Callinan and Co. Scór Chairperson Noel Joyce.



Templederry-winners of the Ballad Group in the Co. Final of Scór na bPáistí. Pictured in this photograph are Conor Brennan, Mark Brennan, Colm Murray, Tim McCutcheon, Liam Kennedy, Seamus Callinan (Co. Tipp. Senior hurler), Mary McCutcheon and Co. Scór Chairperson Noel Joyce.

Moneygall-winners of the Set Dancing in the Co. Final of Scór na bPáistí. In this photograph are Cathal Dougan, Hannah Carroll, Aisling Carroll, Rachael Earley, Aodhán Ryan, Cathal Greene, Lauren O'Connor, Kayleigh O'Meara, with Co. senior hurler Seamus Callinan and Co. Scór Chairperson Noel Joyce.





Newcastle-winners of the Figure Dance competition in the Co. Final of Senior Scór. Back l-r: Catherine Ryan, Shauna Ryan, Ciara Corbett, Treasa McGrath. Front l-r: Sinéad Grant, Rosie McCarra, Sinéad Grant, Veronica McNamara.

Mid Tipperary Scór

There were three wonderful nights' entertainment in the Scór na bPaisti competition (Primary School). The two semi-finals 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.

An Coiste Meanach would like to thank the host clubs, the master of ceremonies, the stewards, the ticket sellers, the wonderful ladies in the hospitality rooms. Cisteoir wishes to thank Connie and Martin Ryan, Peggy Morris, 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.

A big thank you to our faithful sponsors G.A.A Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, Tivoli Cleaners Tempelmore 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 Scór na bPaisti in Clonmore on Sunday 13th March Drom/Inch and Mid Scór presented a lovely Cup in memory of the late Martin Kennedy, Drom, who was a very loyal supportive member of the Scór 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 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.

Mid Tipperary Scór Winners

	Scór na nOg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPaisti.
Rince Foirne:	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens	J.K. Brackens
Amhranaíocht Aonair:	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moycarkey/Borris	Moyne/Templetuohy
Ceol Uirlise:	Loughmore/Castleiney	J.K. Brackens	Drom/Inch
Aithriseoireacht:	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch/Drombane
Bailead Ghrupa:	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moycarkey/Borris	J.K. Brackens
Nuachleas:	Moycarkey/Borris	Moycarkey/Borris	Drom/Inch
Trath na gCeist:	Loughmore/Castleiney	J.K. Brackens	Loughmore/Castleiney
Rince Seit:	Drom/Inch	Moycarkey/Borris	Drom/Inch



Tipperary Handball Report

by Paddy Collins P.R.O.

Tipp Handball Board:

Chairman: Pat Mc Kenna (Thurles)

Secretary: Ken Conway (Clonmel)

P.R.O. : Paddy Collins (Ballina)

Handball has had one of the most memorable years to date with new Clubs being formed, old clubs of the past being reformed and all existing clubs now experiencing a huge increase in membership. Handball has reached a new high and with the prospect of a form of Handball, the one wall game, being considered as an Olympic Sport many One Wall courts are springing up all over the country especially in the schools. Ireland rates very high on the International front where Irish players hold the Open Mens and Ladies 40x20 World titles. The International Federation consists of 33 Countries and the President recently elected is Con Moore (Kilkenny) who was born in Moyne in Tipperary. GAA Handball hosted the World Handball Championships in a specially constructed 21 court complex in City West, Dublin and had an entry of over 2,000 players. It was a great success and volunteers from the four provinces worked tirelessly over the ten days to pull off one of the greatest sporting events hosted in Ireland. Well done to all from Tipperary who helped out.

Tipperary players had a very busy season in domestic and world competitions.

On the domestic scene the year kicked off with the 40x20 championships. We competed in both Juvenile and Adult grades. In the Juvenile Grades our Juveniles won Munster titles in U14 singles (Jason English) and U16 Doubles (Padraig O'Donoghue & Daniel Hayes). Jason won his All Ireland Semi final beating Shane Dunne from Kilkenny but was beaten in the finals in Kilkenny by Sean Kerr from Tyrone 15/13, 15/13. In the U16 Doubles Padraig O Donoghue and Daniel Hayes were beaten in the semi final in a tie break 11/6 by Emmet Landy and Brian Mahon from Kilkenny.

In the Adult Grades Tipperary players won 11 Munster titles and went on to represent Munster in the All-Ireland semi finals. In the Intermediate Singles Ger Coonan (Ballina) beat Gary Mc Connell 21/18, 21/19 but was beaten in the All-Ireland final by Martin Mulkerins from Galway 5/21, 21/11, 21/13. In the Junior B Singles John Ferncombe (Cashel) beat Brendan Bourke from Kilkenny 21/16, 21/16 in the semi final and went on to win the final beating Brendan Herron from Antrim 21/7, 21/16. In the Silver Masters B Singles semi final Jim O'Brien (Silvermines) beat Mick Armstrong from Wexford 21/7, 20/21, 21/14 and went on to beat Sean McNally from Down in the final 21/17, 21/18. In the Silver Master A Singles Paul



All Ireland Jim O'Brien Silvermines SMBS winner with Joe McNally, Down



John Ryan with Pat Ryan World SMBS Champion

McGrath (Cashel) was beaten by Billy Bourke (Kilkenny) in the semi final. In the Ruby Masters Singles Jim Ryan (Silvermines) beat Paddy Reilly from Kilkenny in the semi final and went on to defeat Morgan Darcy (Galway) in the final 21/11, 21/12. In the Junior B Doubles Paul Mullins and Kevin Dempsey (Clonmel) were beaten in the semi final by Darren O'Toole and Malachy Whelan from Wexford. Martin McNerney and John Lee (Ballina) were beaten by Joe Lynch and Christy McGovern from Meath 21/19 in the third game.

College/Community Games/Féile/Tournaments

In the 40x20 College Championships Daniel Hayes, Cashel CS was beaten in the semi final by E. Sheridan from St Ciarans, Kells. Roisín Cahill was beaten in the Junior final by Cianna Ní Churraoin, Coláiste na Coirbe. In Féile na Gael hosted by Dublin Ballyporeen were beaten in the Div. 1 final by Brackey from Tyrone. In the Girls Division 3 Lahorna were beaten in the final by Kilfane. In the Abbeylara One Wall tournament Colin Ryan and James Prentice won the Doubles final. They travelled to Lurgan for the Singles One Wall and met in the final with Colin beating James 19-15.

Cumann na mBunscoil

Finals:

Girls Under 11 Singles - Orla Molloy (Ardcroney) beat Claire Ryan (Lissenhall) 11/0, 11/2

Boys Under 11 Singles - Sean Hayes (Kildangan) beat Matthew Spain (Ardcroney) 11/7, 11/8

Girls Under 11 Doubles- Laura Shinnors/Katie Morris Maloney (Ardcroney) beat Sarah Madden/Éimer Tuohy (Lissenhall) 11/0, 11/2

BU11D: Cathal Conneely/Jack O Keefe(Youghal) beat Ben White/Jack Mc Grath (Cashel) 11/3, 9/11 (20-14)

Girls Under 13 Singles - Gillian Mc Sherry (Ardcroney) beat Eimear Meagher (Carrig) 11/7, 11/3

Boys Under 13 Singles John Mc Grath (Kildangan) beat Daire Madden (Kylepark) 11/6, 11/10

Girls Under 13 Doubles: Sile Spain /Caroline Hill (Ardcroney) beat Danielle Nealon /Katie O Flaherty (Youghalarra) 11/2, 11/8

Boys Under 13 Doubles : Sean Mc Adams/Peter Folan(Ardcroney) beat Michael O'Meara/Tom Skeffington (Cashel) 11/9, 11/10

The 60x30 season got off to a great start with our Juveniles winning 9 Munster titles.

GU12 Doubles Orla Molloy and Laura Shinnors (Lahorna)

B U12 Doubles John Mc Grath and Sean Hayes (Lahorna)



All Ireland U12/13 champions: Back row (l-r): Sean Hayes (Lahorna), Jerome Cahill (Lahorna), James Prentice (Ballina), Colin Ryan (Cashel). Front row (l-r): John McGrath (Lahorna), Sean McAdams (Lahorna), Ross Bonner (Cashel)

- B U13 Singles Colin Ryan (Cashel)
- G U13 Doubles Sinead Maher/ Carolins Hill (Nenagh/Lahorna)
- B U 13 Doubles Jerome Cahill/ James Prentice (Lahorna/Ballina)
- B U 15 Singles Mikey Maher (Ballyporeen)
- B U15 Doubles Ian Bradshaw / Aaron Hogan (Newport/Nenagh)
- B U16 Doubles Padraic O'Donoghue/ Daniel Hayes (Cashel)
- B U 17 Singles Jason Cahill (Cashel)

In the All-Ireland semi finals played in Leinster venues in Mullinavat and Garryhill we were up against the Leinster Champions. Our only players to get through to the All-Ireland finals were the U16 Doubles pair of Padraic O'Donoghue and Jason English who beat Robert Fox and Dylan Sheridan from Meath and U17 Singles Jason Cahill who beat Ronan Egan, Kilkenny. In the All Ireland final in McCartans College in Monaghan Padraic and Daniel were beaten by Johnny Ward and Ryan Mullen Tyrone 6/21 21/17, 11/9. In the U17Singles final in Cashel Jason Cahill beat Conor Noone (Galway) 11/2 in a tiebreak.

In the Boys Softball Team Competition the Tipperary U12/13 team had a great campaign and went on to win Munster & All-Ireland Titles. U12/U13



Colin Ryan World U13 Singles winner

FINAL: Tipperary (Gerome Cahill, Colin Ryan, James Prentice, John McGrath, Sean Hayes, Sean McAdams) defeated Tyrone (Turlough Clarke, Ciaran Cuddy, Darragh Canavan, Ronan Curran, Cormac Munroe, Lorcan McBride) 85-37.

In the Adult Grades Tipperary were also to the fore winning 11 Munster titles.

- J.S David Hickey (Ballina)
- J.D David Hickey and Mike Carroll (Ballina)
- O35A Doubles Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson (Clonmel)
- MBD John Lee / Davy Tobin (Ballina / Carrick-on-Suir)
- SMAS Adrian Johnson (Clonmel)
- SMAD Doubles Pat O'Flaherty / Paul Maher Youghalarra / Lahorna

- GMBS Martin Ryan (Silvermines)
- EMAS Billy Mullins (Clonmel)
- EMAD Billy Mullins and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel)
- EMBD Gerry Foley / Eamon Spillane Ballinahinch/Nenagh
- DMAS Pakie Mullins (Clonmel)

In the All-Ireland semi finals Tipperary fared well winning 6 out of 11 .

David Hickey beat Darren O'Toole Wexford 21/14, 21/14 in Junior Singles. In Junior Doubles David Hickey and Mike Carroll beat Darren O'Toole and Malachy Whelan Wexford. O35A Doubles Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson beat John and Oliver Ryan (Carlow). In EMAD Pakie and Billy Mullins beat Johnny Brennan and Joe Hennessy (Kilkenny). In EMAS Billy Mullins beat Johnny Brennan (Kilkenny). In the EMBD Gerry Foley and Eamon Spillane beat John Kelly and Michael Tiernan (Louth). In SMAD Pat O Flaherty and Paul Maher were beaten by Ejin Jensen and Frank Daly (Dublin). SMAS Adrian Johnson was beaten by John Ryan (Carlow). GMAD Tony O Flaherty and Pat Griffin were beaten by Martin Lawlor and Eugene Downey. MBD John Lee and Davy Tobin were beaten by Adrian Benson and Christy Donnelly (Dublin). DMAS Pakie Mullins was beaten by Johnny Rossiter (Carlow). In GMBS Martin Ryan was beaten by Martin Purcell (Kilkenny).

In the Junior Singles Final in Mullingar David Hickey recorded a great win beating James Brady from Cavan 21/2, 21/7. In the Junior Doubles Final David and Mike Carroll travelled to Mullahoran in Cavan and after a shaky start went on to beat James Brady and Patrick Clerkin from Cavan 20/21, 21/14, 21/14.

In the EMAS final in Mullingar Billy Mullins beat Kevin Gerathy (Mayo) 21/12, 21/7. In Crinkle Billy and Pakie Mullins beat Kevin Gerathy and Martin Cronin (Mayo) in the EMAD Final 21/8, 21/14. Also in Crinkle Paul Mullins and Adrian Johnson beat Vinny Moran and Cambell Brennan (Mayo) 21/20, 21/9 in the final.

In the EMBD in Crinkle Gerry Foley and Eamon Spillane were beaten by Mayo's Jimmy Sheridan and Tony Kenny in the final.

In the Open Senior 60x30 Singles Ger Coonan (Ballina) had a



Tony O'Flaherty and Pat Griffin World GMBD Champions



David Hickey and Mike Carroll All Ireland Junior Singles and Junior Doubles

good run reaching the Semi-Finals where he was beaten by Eoin Kennedy (Dublin).

World Championships

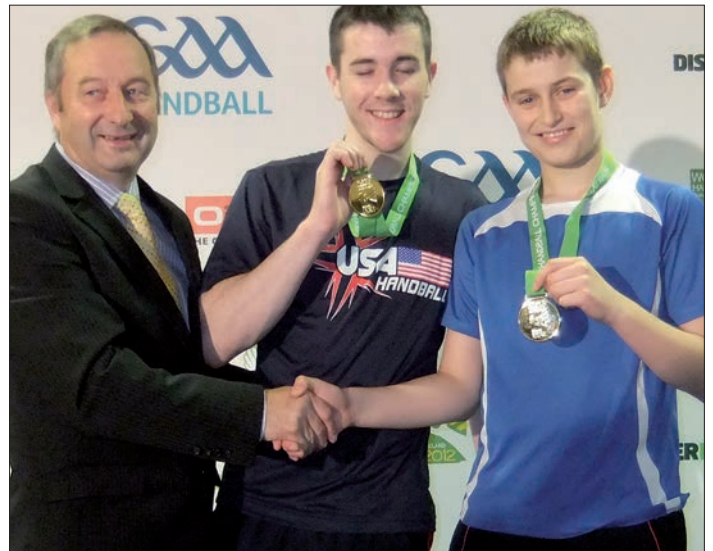
The World Championships brought a new dimension to Handball in Ireland and we had a huge entry from Tipperary clubs in both 40x20 and One Wall grades. This gave a great opportunity for our players to play against the very best in their grade in the World. Overall Tipperary players done very well winning 7 World titles and 4 Silver Runners up. Well done also to the players who competed who came up against World No.1 seeds and went out in the early rounds of the Championships.

Our Juveniles once again gave some great performances with Colin Ryan (Cashel) capturing the U13 Singles title beating Tiernan Agnew in the final. Daniel Hayes (Cashel) beat Fergal Coughlan in the U15 final. Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) beat John Cawley in the SMBS Final. U15D final Jason English (Ballyporeen) and Daniel Hayes (Cashel) beat Curry and Fox. Mens C Johnny Ferncombe and Denis White (Cashel) beat Darren O'Toole and Malachy Whelan. Ruby Doubles Jim Ryan (Silvermines) and Morgan Darcy (Galway) beat Greg Sheridan and Patsy Hand. GMBD Tony O'Flaherty and Pat Griffin Youghalarra beat Cyril Kaar and Paul Ruane in final. Tipperary also won Silver medals in Girls U13 Singles Sinead Meagher (Nenagh), Boys U13 Jerome Cahill (Lahorna), Master B Doubles Martin McNerney and John Lee (Ballina) and in Ruby Singles Jim Ryan (Silvermines).

A record number of players competed in the events (2,084 - over double the previous record); a record number of countries had players at Worlds 2012 (27 - almost double the previous record); a total of 3,286 matches were organised and played over 11 days (a record of more than treble the previous number of matches played in any handball championships); over 240 volunteers plus stand-in referees helped organise this special event; over 50,000 people enjoyed the live action over the course of the eleven days of the games; over 5,000 people viewed the 2012 World Open Singles Championship final between Brady and Moreno (a record by almost



Billy Mullins and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) All Ireland EMAD Winners



Con Moore presenting medals to Daniel Hayes (Cashel) and Jason English (Ballyporeen) World U15 Doubles Champions

triple). A full 13 four wall 40x20 courts (one an innovative elevated glass showcourt, the first time ever such a project was attempted) were constructed in just nine days to host the events in four wall as well as eight One Wall courts - another first in the history of the sport!

In addition the launch of a new International Federation encompassing 33 countries at the World Handball Championships will now embark further upon the goal of securing Olympic status for the sport and increase the promotion and development of the games around the world. This was a World Handball Championships that everyone who attended will remember for a very long time and now paves the way for a further major growth in the sport in Ireland and worldwide.

Tipperary Handball has made great progress in the last few years and the success especially of our Juveniles in the World Championships sets us on the road for more National and International success for the Premier County in the coming years.



Con Hogan in pensive mood at the World Championships at City West, Dublin



Billy Mullins and Kevin Gerathy EMAS Final 2012



David Hickey All Ireland Junior Singles winner with James Brady



Martin McNerney (left) and John Lee (right) World SMBD silver medal winners with Christy McGovern and Joe Lynch.



Sinead Meagher World U13S silver medal winner



Jerome Cahill World U13D silver medal winner



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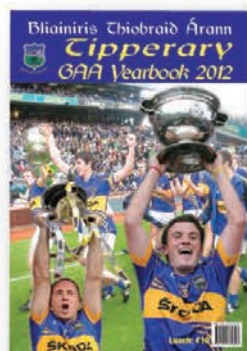
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Tipperary – All Ireland U16/17 winners

Left to right: Eoin Maher, Kalem Harte, Ronan Bourke, D J Carey, Gerry Foley, Ciaran Casey, Dillon Madden.

Tipperary Juvenile Handball

Tipperary Juveniles completed a remarkable year for Tipperary Handball taking all three Juvenile team events in the 40 x 20 Finals.

After a great run in Munster they travelled to O'Loughlins in Kilkenny on the 17th. November to contest the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals.

Our U12/13 team of Gerry Cahill, Colin Ryan, James Prentice, John Mc Grath, Sean Mc Adams, Sean Hayes, Daniel Ryan ,

Devlin Courtney beat 79-25 in the Semi-Final. In the Final they beat Monaghan 80-47.

Our U14/15 team of Aidan O'Flaherty, Con Bonner, Liam Bradshaw , Mike Maher , John Ryan, Barry O'Meara, Ceallach Hennessy, Jack Coughlan beat Kilkenny in the semi final and beat Monaghan in the final.

Our U/16/17 team of Ronan Burke, Ciaran Casey, Dillon Madden, Kalem Harte, Gerry Foley, Eoin Maher beat Wexford in the All-Ireland final to complete a unique treble for the Premier county.



Tipperary – All Ireland U12/13 winners

*Back l-r: Daniel Ryan, Jerome Cahill, Colin Ryan, James Prentice.
Front l-r: Sean McAdams, Sean Hayes, John McGrath
(Devlin Courtney absent from photo).*



Tipperary – All Ireland U14/15 winners Back l-r: Jack Coughlan, Ceallach Hennessy, Liam Bradshaw, Aidan O'Flaherty, Barry O'Meara. Front l-r: Con Bonner, John Ryan, Mikey Maher

Scoreboard 2012

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County Finals – Hurling

Senior (Dan Breen Cup) - 14/10/12 at Semple Stadium
Thurles Sarsfields 1-21 Drom & Inch 2-15

Senior (Seamus O'Riain Cup) - 25/08/12 at Holycross
Moycarkey-Borris 3-22 Boherlahan-Dualla 0-11

Intermediate – 14/10/12 at Semple Stadium
Silvermines 2-21 Ballina 0-10

Junior "A" – 18/11/12 at Boherlahan
Kilsheelan-Kilcash 1-8 Moycarkey-Borris 0-9

Junior "B" – 24/11/12 at Littleton
Roscrea 3-13 Cahir 0-7

Under 21 "A" -

Under 21 "B" –

Under 21 "C" – 17/11/12 at Clonmel
Fr. Sheehys 4-16 Grangemockler/Ballyneale 3-10

Minor "A" – 24/11/12 at Holycross
Nenagh Eire Og 2-16 St. Mary's Clonmel 1-6

Minor "B" – 24/11/12 at Boherlahan
Arravale Rovers 1-9 JK Brackens 1-8

Under 16 "A" – at Templederry
Drom & Inch 1-16 Nenagh Eire Og 2-11

Under 16 "B" – at Borrisoleigh
Ballina 2-20 Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams 1-7

Under 16 "C" – at New Inn
Carrick Davins 3-17 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-10

Under 14 "A" – at The Ragg
Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-5 Newport Gaels 0-5

Under 14 "B" – at The Ragg
Kildangan 0-10 Cappawhite 1-5

Under 14 "C" – at Ned Hall Park
Carrick Davins 8-10 Rosegreen 1-2

Feile na nGael – at Borrisoleigh
Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-6 Durlas Og 3-5

County Finals – Football

Senior – 04/11/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Clonmel Commercial 1-9 Thomas MacDonaghs 0-5

Intermediate – 20/10/12 at Holycross
Moycarkey-Borris 2-9 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-8

Junior "A" - 10/11/12 at Moneygall
Borrisokane 0-6 Drom & Inch 0-5

Junior "B" – 24/11/12 at New Inn
Fethard 0-16 Moycarkey-Borris 1-6

Under 21 "A" – 06/05/12 at Holycross
Loughmore-Castleiney 3-11 Arravale Rovers 1-11

Under 21 "B" – 05/05/12 at Holycross
Borrisokane 1-11 Clonmel Óg 0-8

Under 21 "C" – 07/05/12 at Clonmel
St Patricks 5-8 Grangemockler/B 0-8

Minor "A" – 10/11/12 at Cashel
Clonmel Commercial 2-11 J K Brackens 1-5

Minor "B" – 03/11/12 at Holycross
Inane Rovers 1-3 Cahir 0-5

Under 16 "A" – at Cashel
Clonmel Commercial 2-15 Drom & Inch 1-5

Under 16 "B" – at Cashel
Inane Rovers 2-14 Holycross-Ballycahill 3-7 AET

Under 16 "C" – at Cashel
Carrick Davins 9-15 Durlas Og 0-2

Under 14 "A" – at Dundrum
Newport Gaels 7-10 JK.Brackens 2-4

Under 14 "B" – at Dundrum
Ardfinnan 2-11 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-6

Under 14 "C" – at Dundrum
Fr. Sheehys 5-17 Emly 0-4

Peil na nOg – at Cappawhite
JK Brackens 3-9 Clonmel Commercial 2-11 AET

County Hurling League Finals

Premier Division – 17/08/12 at Templemore
Drom and Inch 0-23 Thurles Sarsfields 1-14

Division 1 – 14/07/12 at Littleton
Moycarkey-Borris 1-19 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-12

Division 2 – 29/09/12 at The Ragg
Portroe 1-17 Killenale 0-19

Junior – 02/09/12 at Fethard
Carrick Swans 1-17 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1-10

County Adult Football League Finals
Premier Division – 30/11/12 at New Inn
Moyle Rovers v Eire Og Anacarty

Division 1 – 15/09/12 at Cahir
Aherlow 0-10 Moyle Rovers 1-6

County Minor Football League Finals

Division 1 – 16/09/12 at New Inn
Moyle Rovers 3-8 Golden Kilfeacle 0-2

Division 2 – 21/09/12 at New Hall Park
Cahir 1-12 Killenale 1-01

Interdivisional Hurling Competitions

Garda Cup Under 16 Hurling Final – at Littleton
North Tipperary 2-14 Mid Tipperary 0-4

Roger Ryan Under 15 Hurling Final – at Toomevara
Mid Tipperary 0-9 South Tipperary 0-8

Peadar Cummins Under 14 Hurling Final –
at Borrisoleigh - Mid Tipperary 5-9 South Tipperary 0-5

Interdivisional Football Competitions

Friends of Tipperary Under 16 Football Final –
at Littleton - Mid Tipperary 1-3 South Tipperary 0-6 AET
As the sides finished level AET, the title was shared

Nagle Cup Under 15 Football Final – at Bansha

Mid Tipperary 2-11 South Tipperary 2-7
Friends of Tipperary Under 14 Football Final –
at Ballylooby - South Tipperary 6-5 Mid Tipperary 0-5

Inter County Championships Hurling

Senior

27/05/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 1-19 (Munster Quarter-Final)
24/06/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 1-22 Cork 0-24 (Munster Semi-Final)
15/07/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 2-17 Waterford 0-16 (Munster Final)
19/08/12 at Croke Park
Kilkenny 4-24 Tipperary 1-15 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

Intermediate

26/05/12 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh
Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 1-11 (Munster Quarter-Final)
24/06/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 3-18 Cork 2-16 (Munster Semi-Final)
25/07/12 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh
Tipperary 1-18 Clare 0-17 (Munster Final)
01/09/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 3-13 Kilkenny 1-17

Under 21

06/06/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 0-18 Cork 0-17 (Munster Quarter-Final)
18/07/12 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Tipperary 1-16 Limerick 1-11 (Munster Semi-Final)
08/08/12 at Cusack Park Ennis
Clare 1-16 Tipperary 1-14 (Munster Final)

Minor

02/05/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 6-21 Kerry 0-11 (Munster Quarter-Final)
27/06/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-25 Waterford 0-12 (Munster Semi-Final)
15/07/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 1-16 Clare 1-12 (Munster Final)
19/08/12 at Croke Park
Tipperary 2-16 Galway 1-14 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)
09/09/12 at Croke Park
Tipperary 2-13 Dublin 1-16 (All-Ireland Final)
30/09/12 at Croke Park
Tipperary 2-18 Dublin 1-11 (All-Ireland Final Replay)

Allianz National Hurling League – Division 1A

26/02/12 at Nowlan Park
Kilkenny 2-17 Tipperary 0-15
11/03/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-20 Galway 2-18
18/03/12 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 0-31 Waterford 2-15
24/03/12 at Croke Park
Tipperary 0-21 Dublin 2-15
01/04/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-23 Cork 1-23
22/04/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Cork 1-25 Tipperary 2-15
Waterford Crystal SH Tournament
22/01/12 at Dolla
Tipperary 2-24 LIT 1-16 (Preliminary Round)
04/02/12 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh
Tipperary 2-11 UL 0-12 (Quarter-Final)
12/02/12 at Templemore
Tipperary 0-26 Cork 1-19 (Semi-Final - AET)
04/03/12 at Sixmilebridge
Tipperary 1-21 Clare 2-12 (Final)

Inter-County Championship – Football

Senior

27/05/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Kerry 0-16 Tipperary 0-10 (Munster Quarter-Final)
30/06/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-12 Offaly 0-10
(All-Ireland Qualifier Round 1)
14/07/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-13 Wexford 0-15
(All-Ireland Qualifier Round 2)
21/07/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-10 Antrim 0-8
(All-Ireland Qualifier Round 3)
28/07/12 at Cusack Park Mullingar
Down 1-13 Tipperary 0-11
(All-Ireland Qualifier Round 4)

Junior

26/05/12 at MacDonagh Park Nenagh
Kerry 1-11 Tipperary 1-9 (Munster Quarter-Final)

Under 21

14/03/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Kerry 0-11 Tipperary 0-5 (Munster Quarter-Final)

Minor

14/04/12 at Austin Stack Park Tralee
Tipperary 2-9 Kerry 0-8 (Munster Quarter-Final)
16/05/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Tipperary 1-10 Cork 0-9 (Munster Semi-Final)
08/07/12 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Tipperary 2-14 Kerry 1-14 (Munster Final)
04/08/12 at Croke Park
Mayo 0-19 Tipperary 1-8 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

McGrath Cup Football

08/01/12 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Tipperary 2-13 LIT 3-8 (Preliminary Round)
15/01/12 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Tipperary 4-16 WIT 0-6 (Quarter-Final)
22/01/12 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Tipperary 1-15 UCC 0-10 (Semi-Final)
29/01/12 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Cork 0-13 Tipperary 0-6 (Final)

Allianz National Football League – Division 3

05/02/12 at Kiltoom
Roscommon 1-12 Tipperary 0-12
12/02/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Antrim 1-13 Tipperary 0-13
04/03/12 at Wexford Park
Wexford 2-20 Tipperary 1-8
11/03/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Cavan 4-10 Tipperary 0-14
18/03/12 at Markievicz Park
Sligo 1-16 Tipperary 0-7
24/03/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-12 Longford 0-12
08/04/12 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Tipperary 0-11 Offaly 0-8
Inter-County Underage Competitions

Carrighoun Under 15 Hurling Tournament Cup final

Tipperary 0-15 Cork 1-9

Munster Under 16 A Hurling -

North Tipperary 2-9 Limerick East 0-7

Munster Under 16 B Hurling -

Imokilly 2-12 South Tipperary 0-7

Jim Power Under 14 Football Cup Final

Kerry South 4-6 Tipperary 4-6 AET
After Penalty shoot - Kerry South 2-0 Tipperary 1-0

Humphrey Kelleher Shield Football Final

Tipperary 3-12 Cork 1-7

Under 16 Football Munster Cup Final

Cork 1-11 Tipperary 1-4

Cumann na mBunscol County Finals

Hurling

Under 11A Hurling - Scoil Ailbhe 7-6 Carrick CBS 3-1

Under 11 A1 Hurling -

Carrick on Suir 8-5 Scoil Ailbhe 2-3

Under 11 B Hurling - Scoil Eoin Naofa 5-10 Cashel 4-5

Under 11 B1 Hurling - Cashel BNS 3-5 Gaelscoil Durlas 3-3

Under 11 C Hurling - Knockavilla 2-6 Ardcroney 1-0

Under 11 C1 Hurling - Borrisoleigh 5-3 Ardfinnan 2-0

Under 11 D Hurling - Upperchurch 2-7 Ayle 3-2

Under 11 D1 Hurling - Rosegreen 8-3 Upperchurch 1-3

Under 11 E Hurling -

Skeheenarinky 4-9 Mount Bruis 0-3

Under 13 A Hurling -

Scoil Ailbhe Thurles 3-5 St. Colmcille's Templemore 0-9

Under 13 B Hurling -

Cashel BNS 2-7 Tipperary CBS 1-5

Under 13 C Hurling - Two Mile Borris 3-7 Kildangan 1-3

Under 13 D Hurling -

Powerstown 2-4 Gaelscoil Nenagh 2-1

Under 13 E Hurling - Carrig Nenagh 9-2 Ayle 1-0

Under 13 F Hurling - Thomastown 8-13 Lissenhall 1-1

Under 13 G Hurling - Leugh 5-5 Reacross 1-0

Under 13 H Hurling - Ballagh 8-6 Gurtagarry 7-2

Camogie

Under 11 A Camogie -

St. Mary's Nenagh 9-0 Upperchurch NS 1-0

Under 11 B Camogie - Boherlahan 5-3 Burgess 0-2

Under 11 C Camogie - Lissenhall 4-2 Cashel 2-0

Under 11 D Camogie - Anacarty 3-2 Ballinree 1-3

Under 13A Camogie - St. Marys Nenagh 9-3 Ballina 1-3

Under 13 B Camogie -

Gaelscoil Nenagh 5-4 Presentation Thurles 2-1

Under 13 C Camogie - Boherlahan 4-4 Carrig Birr 0-1

Under 13 D Camogie -

Scoil Eoin Naofa 9-10 Rossmore 4-0

Under 13 E Camogie -

Clonoulty 1-5 Ballinacough NS 2-0 Football

Under 13 Football

A: Templemore beat St. Peter and Pauls
B: Powerstown beat Cashel BNS
C: Two Mile Borris beat Gaelscoil Clonmel
D: Rathkeevin beat Ballina
E: Gaelscoil Nenagh beat Moyglass
F: Thomastown beat Corville
G: Ballyneale beat Kilbarron
H: Donaskeigh beat Burgess
I: Kilcash beat Gurtagarry

Under 13 Ladies Football

A: Ballylooby beat Our Ladys Cahir
B: Mount Bruis beat Upperchurch
C: Boherlahan beat St. Josephs Tipperary
D: Rahealty beat Ayle.
E: Castleiney won County Final Blitz

Under 11 Football

A: St. Marys CBS beat Tipperary CBS
A1: Carrick CBS won the County Final Blitz.
B: Clerihan beat Gaelscoil Durlas.
B1: Cashel BNS won the County Final Blitz.
C: Moycarkey beat Ardfinnan
C1: Rosegreen beat Upperchurch
D: Boherlahan won County Final Blitz
D1: Borrisoleigh BNS beat Corville
E: Ballagh won the County Final Blitz

Under 11 Ladies Football

A: Mount Bruis beat Ballyporeen

A1: Gaelscoil Durlas beat Our Ladys Cahir

B: Gaelscoil Durlas beat Sisters of Charity

C: Boherlahan won County Final Blitz

C1: Grange beat Upperchurch

D: Rahealty beat Mullinahone

Munster Club Championship

Senior Hurling

Quarter-Final – 28/10/12 at Kilmallock
Thurles Sarsfields 2-12 Kilmallock (Limerick) 0-15

Semi-Final – 11/11/12 at Semple Stadium
Thurles Sarsfields 2-20 Sarsfields (Cork) 2-15

Final – 25/11/12 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh
Thurles Sarsfields 1-21 De La Salle (Waterford) 1-16

Senior Football

Semi-Final – 18/11/12 at Dr. Crokes Killarney
Dr. Crokes (Kerry) 1-14 Clonmel Commercials 0-6

Intermediate Hurling

Quarter-Final – 28/10/12 at Ruan
Silvermines 1-15 Ruan (Clare) 0-6

Semi-Final – 04/11/12 at Dolla
Silvermines 0-13 An Rinn (Waterford) 0-11

Final – 24/11/12 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Silvermines 0-14 Ballyduff (Kerry) 0-8

Intermediate Football

Quarter-Final - 03/11/12 at Pairc Ui Rinn
St. Vincent's (Cork) 1-12 Moycarkey-Borris 0-6

Junior Hurling

Quarter-Final – 10/11/12 at Gaelic Grounds Limerick
St Kieran's (Limerick) 0-14 Kilsheelan Kilcash 1-2

Junior Football

Quarter-Final – 18/11/12 at Borrisokane
Cappamore (Limerick) 2-7 Borrisokane 0-6

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2011

County Championship

County Junior B Hurling Final

Drom & Inch 0-15 Arravale Rovers 0-12
County Under 21 A Hurling Final
Loughmore-Castleiney 2-20 Burgess 0-6

County Under 21 B Hurling Final

Moyne-Templetuohy Og 3-15 Portroe 2-8

County Minor B Hurling Final Replay

Drom & Inch 0-15 Burgess 1-7

County Junior B Football Final -

Clonmel Commercials 1-7 Rockwell Rovers 1-5

Munster Club Championship

Senior Football

Quarter-Final – 20/11/11 at Clonmel Sportsfield
UCC (Cork) 5-12 Moyle Rovers 1-5

Intermediate Football

Semi-Final – 20/11/11 at Fraher Field Dungarvan
Mullinahone 0-14 Dungarvan (Waterford) 1-3
Final – 11/12/11 at Mallow
Milltown / Castlemaine (Kerry) 1-14 Mullinahone 0-6

Junior Hurling

Semi-Final – 27/11/11 at Charleville
Charleville (Cork) 2-14 Rockwell Rovers 0-8

Junior Football

Final – 27/11/11 at Moyvane
Dromid Pearses (Kerry) 0-15 Kildangan 1-5

COUNTY TEAMS – 2012

(Compiled by John Smith)

HURLING

SENIOR: Waterford Crystal Tournament

22/1/2012 at Dolla (Preliminary Round)

Tipperary 2-24 Limerick I.T. 1-16

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane Maher (Burgess), John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-3, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-13 (0-12 frees), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1-1. Subs: Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) for Woodlock, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1-0 for O'Neill, David Collins (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for McGrath, Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Cahill.

4/2/2012 at Nenagh (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-11 University of Limerick 0-12

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane Maher (Burgess), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy); David Young (Toomevara), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3 (1-2 frees); John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-0, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) for D. Maher, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Young, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) for Coghlan, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-3 for A. Ryan, Sean Curran (Mullinahone) for G. Ryan.

12/2/2012 at Templemore (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-26 Cork 1-19 (after extra time)

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane Maher (Burgess), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-3; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-5, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-3. Subs: James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-2 for McGrath, David Young (Toomevara) for Johnny Ryan, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-4 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65') for Bourke, Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-2 for O'Brien, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) for Patrick Maher, Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) for Adrian Ryan.

4/3/2012 at Sixmilebridge (Final)

Tipperary 1-21 Clare 2-12

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-3 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '65'), Shane Maher (Burgess); David Young (Toomevara), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-5; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-3, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-0, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1. Subs: Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Adrian Ryan, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-2 for Young, John O'Brien (Toomevara) for O'Neill.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

26/2/2012 at Nowlan Park

Kilkenny 2-17 Tipperary 0-15

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane Maher (Burgess), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 free, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, David Young (Toomevara); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-5 frees, 0-1 '65'), Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John O'Brien (Toomevara). Subs: Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-3 for Adrian Ryan, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-1 for Gearoid Ryan, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for O'Brien, John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Curran, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Pa Bourke.

11/3/2012 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-20 Galway 2-18

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 '65', Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-2, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-6 (0-5 frees), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-3 (0-1 free), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-2. Subs: Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) for Shane McGrath, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Kelly, Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Pa Bourke.

18/3/2012 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-31 Waterford 2-15

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2; Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-2; Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7 (0-1 free), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-7 (0-4 frees), John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-2. Subs: Shane Maher (Burgess) for O'Keeffe, John O'Brien (Toomevara) for O'Neill, Sean Curran (Mullinahone) for Ryan, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 for Padraic Maher, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2 for Woodlock.

24/3/2012 at Croke Park

Tipperary 0-21 Dublin 2-15

Team & Scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), John Coghlan (Moyné-Templetuohy), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-6 (0-5 frees); John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-4, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1. Subs: John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-2 for Shane Bourke, David Young (Toomevara) for Coghlan, Johnny Ryan

(Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Pa Bourke, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1 for Woodlock, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for O'Neill.

1/4/2012 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 1-23 Cork 1-23

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-5, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-6 (1-2frees); Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-3, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-3. Subs: Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Ryan, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-1 for O'Meara, Timmy Hammersley (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for McGrath, Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) for Woodlock, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for Brendan Maher

22/4/2012 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-15 Cork 1-25

Team and scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty); Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), David Young (Toomevara); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1; Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-7 (0-5 frees); Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-2, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Shane Maher (Burgess) for Young, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 1-1 (1-0 free) for Shane Bourke, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Brendan Maher, Sean Curran (Mullinahone) for Woodlock, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Noel McGrath.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

27/5/2012 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 1-19

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Donagh Maher (Burgess), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-7 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-1 free, Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-2, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1. Subs: Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1 for Woodlock, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Kelly, Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1 for Donagh Maher, Seamus Callinan (Drom-Inch) 0-2 (0-1 free) for Ryan, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for John O'Brien.

24/6/2012 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-22 Cork 0-24

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-2, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-12 (0-7 frees, 0-2 '65'); Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2, John O'Brien (Toomevara), Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-4. Subs: Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for Ryan, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for O'Meara, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Brendan Maher, Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) for Pa Bourke, Donagh Maher (Burgess) for Stapleton.

15/7/2012 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Final)

Tipperary 2-17 Waterford 0-16

Team & Scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2 frees, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields); Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2, John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-3, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3. Subs: Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone) 0-3 (0-2 frees) for Bourke; Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 1-1 for O'Meara, Donagh Maher (Burgess) for Stapleton, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) for Noel McGrath

ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

19/8/2012 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Kilkenny 4-24 Tipperary 1-15

Team & scorers: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange); Conor O'Brien (Eire Óg Annacarty), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields); Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1; Pa Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-8 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha), Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields); Brian O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John O'Brien (Toomevara) 0-1, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2. Subs: Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for O'Meara, Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh) for Thomas Stapleton, Donagh Maher (Burgess) for Curran, John O'Neill (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2 for John O'Brien, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Brendan Maher.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

26/5/2012 at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-20 Limerick 1-11

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Gerry Walsh (Carrick Sean), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons); Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg), Paudie White (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 1-3, Damien O'Brien (Burgess) 0-2, Johnny Ryan (Drom-Inch) 0-1; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-5 (0-3 frees), Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, David Butler (Drom-Inch) 1-1. Subs: Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4 for Sweeney, Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoele) for O'Brien, John Sheedy (Portroe) 0-1 for White, David O'Connor (Borris-Ileigh) for Butler, Padraic O'Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Gallagher.

24/6/2012 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 3-18 Cork 2-16

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Gerry Walsh (Carrick Sean), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Ronan Sherlock

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(Silvermines); Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, Paudie White (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-4, Damien O'Brien (Burgess), Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 1-3; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan) 1-0, David Butler (Drom-Inch) 1-3. Subs: Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields) for O'Brien, John Sheedy (Portroe) for Gallagher, Ciaran Haugh (Lorrha-Dorrrha) for Sherlock, Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) for Ruth, Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) for Barry.

25/7/2012 at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh (Final)

Tipperary 1-18 Clare 0-17

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Gerry Walsh (Carrick Sean), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Paudie White (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan), Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-2; Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 0-8 frees, Damien O'Brien (Burgess) 0-2, David Butler (Drom-Inch) 1-4. Subs: Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Gallagher, Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields) for White, Niall Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) for Barry.

ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1/9/2012 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 3-13 Kilkenny 1-17

Team and scorers: James Logue (Ballingarry); Gerry Walsh (Carrick Sean), Kevin O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields), Christy Coughlan (Templederry Kenyons); James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Ronan Sherlock (Silvermines); Michael Gleeson (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Paudie White (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-1; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Damien O'Brien (Burgess), Joe Gallagher (Kildangan); Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 1-3 (0-1 free), Michael Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 1-4, David Butler (Drom-Inch) 1-2. Subs: Richie Ruth (Thurles Sarsfields) for Butler, Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Gallagher, Cathal Dillon (Aherlow) for O'Brien, Paudie O'Dwyer Padraic O'Dwyer (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1 for White.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

6/6/2012 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 0-18 Cork 0-17

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny); William Ryan (Clonakenny); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenale) 0-9 (0-6 frees), Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-2, Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, David Collins (Drom-Inch) 0-2, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1. Subs: Cian Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrrha) for Denis Maher, Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) for Murray, Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) for Dan McCormack.

18/7/2012 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-16 Limerick 1-11

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny); William Ryan (Clonakenny), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3, Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh); John O'Dwyer (Killenale) 0-9 (0-8 frees), Sean Curran (Mullinahone) 0-1, Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons), Cian Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrrha) 0-1, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1. Subs: Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1 for Murray, Aidan McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for McCormack.

8/8/2012 at Cusack Park, Ennis (Final)

Clare 1-16 Tipperary 1-14

Team and scorers: Paul Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Pa Ryan (Clonakenny); Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), William Ryan (Clonakenny), Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Dan McCormack (Borris-Ileigh), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Sean Curran (Mullinahone), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1, Cian Hogan (Lorrha-Dorrrha) 0-2, John O'Dwyer (Killenale) 1-7 (0-3 frees). Subs: Eanna Murray (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1 for McCormack, Aidan McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 for Hogan, Padraig Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Curran.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

2/5/2012 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 6-21 Kerry 0-11

Team and scorers: Paul Maher (Moynety-Templetuohy); Luke Mullally (Mullinahone), Michael Breen (Ballina), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Thomas Hamill (Killea), Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon-Grange); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 1-1, Sean Nally (Hollycross-Ballycahill); Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs) 0-1, Jack Shelly (Mullinahone) 0-3 (0-1 free), Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4; Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 3-1, John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-6 (1-0 pen, 0-3 frees, 0-1 '65'), Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) 1-4 (0-2 frees). Subs: Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) for Shelly, Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan) for McCarthy, Jack Loughnane (Kildangan) 0-1 for Hamill, Jack Loughnane (Kildangan) for Bill Maher, Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys) for McGrath.

27/6/2012 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-25 Waterford 0-12

Team & Scorers: Paul Maher (Moynety-Templetuohy); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Breen (Ballina), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Thomas Hamill (Killea), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1, Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan) 1-2; John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-5 (0-1 '65'), Jack Shelly (Mullinahone), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-3; Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-4, Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 0-6 (0-4 frees), Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys) 1-3. Subs: Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon-Grange) for Gallagher, Conor Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 for McCarthy, Jack Loughnane (Kildangan) for Fitzelle, Sean Nally (Hollycross-Ballycahill) for Bill Maher, Tom Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for McGrath.

15/7/2012 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Final)

Tipperary 1-16 Clare 1-12

Team & Scorers: Paul Maher (Moynety-Templetuohy); Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Michael Breen (Ballina), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Thomas Hamill (Killea), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1; John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7 (0-2 frees, 0-1 pen), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Tadhg

Gallagher (Kildangan) 0-1, Jack Shelly (Mullinahone), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1; Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-3. Subs: Tom Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Heffernan, Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) for Ryan, Tom Kirwan (Ballybacon-Grange) for Fitzelle.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

19/8/2012 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-16 Galway 1-14

Team and scorers: Paul Maher (Moynety-Templetuohy); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Breen (Ballina), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Tom Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, Thomas Hamill (Killea), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-1; Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7 (0-3 frees, 0-2 '65'); Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan), Jack Shelly (Mullinahone) 0-2, Stephen O'Brien (Ballina); Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-2, Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoose), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 1-1. Subs: Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys) for Slattery, Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2 for O'Brien, Conor Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) for Shelly.

9/9/2012 at Croke Park (Final)

Tipperary 2-13 Dublin 1-16

Team and scorers: Paul Maher (Moynety-Templetuohy); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Breen (Ballina), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Tom Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Thomas Hamill (Killea), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-11 (1-0 pen, 0-9 frees, 0-2 '65'); Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Jack Shelly (Mullinahone), Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan); Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 1-0. Subs: Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys) for Shelly, Kevin Slattery (Gortnahoe-Glengoose) for Gallagher, Conor Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) for McCarthy.

30/9/2012 at Croke Park (Final Replay)

Tipperary 2-18 Dublin 1-11

Team and scorers: Paul Maher (Moynety-Templetuohy); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael Breen (Ballina), Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Tom Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty), Thomas Hamill (Killea), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Óg); Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1, Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-10 (0-7 frees, 0-1 '65'), Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan) 1-2; Jack Shelly (Mullinahone), Mark McCarthy (Toomevara) 1-2. Subs: Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) for Sean Maher, Sean Ryan (Sean Treacys) for Cahill, Conor Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) for Gallagher, Jack Loughnane (Kildangan) for McCarthy.

FOOTBALL

SENIOR: McGrath Cup

8/1/2012 at Clonmel (First Round)

Tipperary 2-13 Limerick I.T. 3-8

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenale); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenale), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial); John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens); Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Hugh Coghlan (Portlaoise) 0-1; Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-3, Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-0, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-2 (1-0 pen, 0-1 free). Subs: Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers) for Carey, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 for O'Callaghan, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Sweeney, David Butler (Drom-Inch) for Eoghan Ryan, Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Morrissey.

15/1/2012 at Clonmel (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 4-16 Waterford I.T. 0-6

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenale); Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Paddy Codd (Killenale), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1, David Butler (Drom-Inch), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 3-3 (0-1 free), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-5. Subs: Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Ryan, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 1-1 for Austin, Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Costigan, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-3 for Fox, John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen) for Jones.

22/1/2012 at Clonmel (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-15 UCC 0-10

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan), Paddy Codd (Killenale), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) 0-1; Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) 0-3, David Butler (Drom-Inch), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 1-6 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '45'). Subs: Robbie Costigan (Cahir) for Jonathan Ryan, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) for Butler, Seamus Grogan (Aherlow) for Eoghan Ryan, Shane Ryan (Newport) 0-1 for Austin, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Coughlan.

29/1/2012 at Clonmel (Final)

Cork 0-13 Tipperary 0-6

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenale); Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenale); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 frees. Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Óg Annacarty) for Egan, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for S. Grogan, Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for Jones, Shane Ryan (Newport) for Coughlan.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

5/2/2012 at Kiltoom

Roscommon 1-12 Tipperary 0-12

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenale); Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Paddy Codd (Killenale), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1; Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise), David Butler (Drom-Inch), Seamus Grogan (Aherlow); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-4 (0-1 free), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 (0-3 frees). Subs: Shane Ryan (Newport) 0-2 for Butler, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) for S. Grogan, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Sweeney, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) for Coughlan.

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12/2/2012 at Semple Stadium

Antrim 1-13 Tipperary 0-13

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) 0-1, Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3, Donnagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1, Shane Ryan (Newport), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-8 (0-6 frees). Subs: Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) for S. Ryan; Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Carey, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial) for Coughlan, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Leahy, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for E. Ryan.

4/3/2012 at Wexford Park

Wexford 2-20 Tipperary 1-8

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 1-0; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-4 frees, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1. Subs: Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) for Coughlan, George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) for Eoghan Ryan, Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Sweeney, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) for Egan, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Costigan.

11/3/2012 at Semple Stadium

Cavan 4-10 Tipperary 0-14

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Eddie Connolly (Loughmore-Castleiney), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercial), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers); Sean Carey (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite) 0-1; Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Shane Ryan (Newport) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-9 (0-7 frees). Subs: Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) 0-1 for Hannigan, David Butler (Drom-Inch) for Shane Ryan, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) 0-1 (free) for Carey, Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) for Lynch.

18/3/2011 at Markievicz Park

Sligo 1-16 Tipperary 0-7

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Paddy Codd (Killenaule); Eoghan Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite); Robbie Costigan (Cahir) 0-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) 0-1; Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3 frees, Shane Ryan (Newport) 0-1. Subs: Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) for Eoghan Ryan, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) for Shane Ryan, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for O'Brien, Jonathan Ryan (Ardfinnan) for Morrissey, Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) for Thomas Ryan.

24/3/2012 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 0-12 Longford 0-12

Team & Scorers: Matthew O'Donnell (Killenaule); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Thomas Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Brian Jones (Arravale Rovers), Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) 0-2, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-7 frees. Subs: Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Ryan, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for Egan, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) for Campbell, Shane Ryan (Newport) for O'Brien.

8/4/2012 at Clonmel

Tipperary 0-11 Offaly 0-8

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise); Donncha Heffernan (Cappawhite), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial); Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial), Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-6 (0-3 frees). Subs: Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 0-1 for Matassa, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) 0-3 (0-1 free) for Sweeney, Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-1 for Heffernan.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

27/5/2012 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Kerry 0-16 Tipperary 0-10

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Robbie Costigan (Cahir), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) (0-1); Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, Shane Scully (J.K. Brackens); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-4 (0-3 frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-2 frees, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) (0-1). Subs: Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) for Costigan, Richie Ryan (Eire Og Annacarty) for Scully, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Quinlivan, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial) for Hannigan.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

30/6/2012 at Semple Stadium (Round 1)

Tipperary 1-12 Offaly 0-10

Team & Scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise); Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 1-0, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-3, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-4 (0-1 free), Richie Ryan (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-2. Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Coughlan, Shane Scully (J.K. Brackens) for Leahy, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Hannigan, Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Quinlivan, Padraig Whelan (Cahir) for Maloney.

14/7/2012 at Semple Stadium (Round 2)

Tipperary 1-13 Wexford 0-15

Team & scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-2,

Robbie Kiely, (Arravale Rovers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise) 0-1; Richie Ryan (Eire Og Annacarty), Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 1-0; Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-4 (0-1 free), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2. Subs: Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-2 frees for Mulvihill, Shane Scully (J.K. Brackens) for Ryan, Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial) for Scully, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Austin, Lorcan Egan (J.K. Brackens) for Quinlivan.

21/7/2012 at Semple Stadium (Round 3)

Tipperary 0-10 Antrim 0-8

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Robbie Kiely, (Arravale Rovers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise); Richie Ryan (Eire Og Annacarty), Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-6 (0-3 frees), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 0-1; Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1 free, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Philip Austin (Borrisokane). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Ryan, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for Austin.

28/7/2012 at Cusack Park, Mullingar (Round 4)

Down 1-13 Tipperary 0-11

Team and scorers: Paul Fitzgerald (Fethard); Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1, Robbie Kiely, (Arravale Rovers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Hugh Coughlan (Portlaoise); Richie Ryan (Eire Og Annacarty), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Alan Moloney (Rockwell Rovers) 0-3 (0-1 free), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-3 (0-2 frees). Subs: Bernard O'Brien (Aherlow) for Ryan, Brian Mulvihill (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1 for Austin, Robbie Costigan (Cahir) for Hannigan, Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers) for Coughlan, John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen) for Kiely.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

26/5/2012 at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh (Quarter Final)

Kerry 1-11 Tipperary 1-9

Team and scorers: Jack English (Ballyporeen); Pat Hally (Rockwell Rovers), Richard Power (Moyle Rovers), Ger Mulhaire (Arravale Rovers); Thomas Hanley (Aherlow), Robert Murphy (Grangemockler), Michael O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan); Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers), Eoghain Ryan (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Benny Hickey (Cahir 0-4), Adrian Walsh (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Brian Quinn (Burgess); Daniel O'Regan (Ardfinnan 0-1), Gavin Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Damien O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty 1-3, 0-2f). Subs: David Buckley (Inane Rovers) for Hally (26), Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan 0-1) for Murphy (40), James McGrath (Cahir) for Quinn (57), Michael Dillon (Fethard) for O'Regan (60).

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

14/3/2012 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Kerry 0-11 Tipperary 0-5

Team & Scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercial); Ger Mulhaire (Arravale Rovers), Darragh Kearney (Clonmel Og), Mark Hanly (Aherlow); Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs), John O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercial); Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry) 0-1, Billy Hewitt (Ardfinnan); Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1. Subs: Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercial) for Hewitt, Liam Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Matassa, Padraig O'Meara (Shannon) for Treacy, Philip Murphy (Ardfinnan) for Campbell, Sean O'Meara (Arravale Rovers) for Cleere.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

14/4/2012 at Austin Stack Park, Tralee (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-9 Kerry 0-8

Team & scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercial); Thomas O'Donoghue (Lattin-Cullen), James Feehan (Killenaule), Lorcan Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercial), Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-2; Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney); Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1, Greg Henry (Killenaule); Jack Shelly (Mullinahone), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercial) 2-2 (0-2 frees). Subs: Darren Cass (Clonmel Commercial) for O'Donoghue, Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Henry, Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan) for McGrath, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 free) for Shelly.

13/5/2012 at Pairc Ui Chaoimh (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-10 Cork 0-9

Team & scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercial); Darren Cass (Clonmel Commercial), James Feehan (Killenaule), Lorcan Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercial), Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1; Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 1-2; Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercial), John Martin (Ballyporren), Greg Henry (Killenaule); Jack Shelly (Mullinahone), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1 free. Subs: T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Shelly, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercial) 0-2 for Henry, Jimmy Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Lonergan

8/7/2012 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Final)

Tipperary 2-14 Kerry 1-14

Team & scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercial); Lorcan Egan (Loughmore-Castleiney), James Feehan (Killenaule), Darren Cass (Clonmel Commercial); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercial), Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash) 0-1; Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercial) 0-4 (0-1 free); Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1, John Martin (Ballyporeen) 0-1, Greg Henry (Killenaule); Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercial) 1-2 (0-1 free), Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan) 1-2. Subs: Jack Loughnane (Kildangan) for Cass, Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) for Egan, T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Lonergan, John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Martin, Jack Shelly (Mullinahone) for Kirwan.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

4/8/2012 at Croke Park (Quarter Final)

Mayo 0-19 Tipperary 1-8

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Clonmel Commercial); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercial), James Feehan (Killenaule), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Dylan Fitzelle (Cashel King Cormacs), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcash); Philip Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 1-2 (0-1 free), John Martin (Ballyporeen); Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercial), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2, Greg Henry (Killenaule); Colman Kennedy (Clonmel Commercial) 0-2 (0-1 free), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Tom Kirwan (Ardfinnan). Subs: Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercial) for

The Premier Plan

(By Denis Floyd)

What it is? A Strategic Vision & Action Plan which charts a path to ensure that the G.A.A. will grow in Tipperary over the next 5 years.

Why is it necessary? A successful future is built on planning and preparation and setting aims, goals and measurable targets. We need to re-think the way we do business and re-appraise every element of our approach to serving and supporting club and county activities.

How will it happen: The Plan was published in 2011. An Implementation Committee has been meeting since the beginning of 2012 to oversee its delivery. Every Board and sub-committee at county and divisional level has a detailed brief to implement. Every club is expected to compile its own plan, suitable to its own requirements.

When will it be completed: The Plan sets out timeframes for implementation of each individual action, most of which should be completed by 2015.

However a number of proposals are of an ongoing nature.

Who is responsible: The Premier Plan is an integrated plan for the county and clubs of Tipperary. All units of the Association have a responsibility to ensure its delivery, under the guidance of the Implementation Committee and the County Management Committee.

Key Projects

The Premier Plan deals with a wide-ranging list of topics to cover all levels of activity within the G.A.A. in the county. Here we look at 5 key areas which require the attention and focus of the relevant units of the association.

1. A Club Plan: One of the key proposals is that every club will draw up its own plan. The club has always been the cornerstone of G.A.A. activities and the bedrock of communities. Strong club units will provide the main foundation for the growth and progress of the Association in future decades. It is vital that clubs grow and re-invent themselves. Forward planning is fundamental to future success. Only by effective and positive forward planning can clubs be properly prepared to exploit the opportunities and overcome the threats that lie ahead. The main elements of a long-term club plan should address (among others) the following topics:

- Club Structures
- Games Development
- Facilities
- Recruitment
- Administration
- Finance

The planning process provides the opportunity for clubs to assess their current status, identify problems and suggest solutions. Most importantly it initiates a 'planning culture' which needs to be ongoing and will enable appropriate responses to challenges which arise.

2. Examining Structures: The Premier Plan challenges Boards and Clubs to examine existing structures and procedures. Many of our structures were put in place in an era when travel and communication were vastly different in comparison with today's world. Many of our systems have been handed down from previous generations. Many of our rules and regulations have seen little change over the years. Our infrastructure, particularly in terms of facilities, has seen huge improvements, but we are often tied by tradition and precedent in the way we do things. Sentiment, favouritism, vested interests and conservatism have often dictated the policies and personnel we put in place rather than the general good and overall development potential. It is now opportune to take a fresh look at:

- The role, effectiveness and viability of our divisional boards
- The regulation of teams playing at senior and intermediate

level in the county

- The format and structure of board meetings and conventions
- The current system of appointing selectors and mentors of divisional and county teams
- County and club attitudes to Culture, Gaeilge and Scór

3. Financial Control: During the era of the Celtic Tiger we became accustomed to dealing with large amounts of income and expenditure. This affluence generated a lifestyle and a level of expectation that we still try to maintain, but with much less resources. Consequently, financial control, value for money, fair distribution of resources and clear lines of accountability must be key targets at club and county level. Top of the list for all units of the association and outlined in the Premier Plan are:

- Detailed budgets for all areas of expenditure
- A structured fund-raising strategy which ranges across membership, sponsorship, gate receipts, draws, corporate sources, grant aid, etc.
- External audits to examine procedures and

standards

- Effective cost management to govern approval, monitoring and value for all expenditure.

4. Dealing with Urbanisation & Rural Depopulation:

Tipperary is still a relatively rural county, with about 60% of our population residing in rural areas or in small villages. However, the current downturn in the economy sees many rural districts denuded of young people and clubs under pressure to field teams.

On the other hand, our urban areas grew significantly during the past two decades (we now have eleven towns in the county with a population of more than 1,000), creating different social challenges, but presenting greater opportunities for the G.A.A.

Coping with this movement of population and catering adequately for all sections of society requires the County Board, in conjunction with the relevant clubs, to:

- Devise specific plans for each urban area
- Develop Centres of Excellence in urban areas to support the growth of playing numbers
- Embark on a recruitment programme to seek and train volunteers
- Modify competitions to enable all clubs compete in a meaningful manner
- Examine the regulations governing the amalgamation of teams and clubs.

5. Communicating our Message: In the modern world the G.A.A. has to compete to ensure its product is to the forefront of society. Our 'market' can no longer be taken for granted. Changes in culture, lifestyle, technology and economic circumstances have combined to create a radically different environment within which we must operate today and into the future. Among the areas that need our focus, to ensure we engage a wider audience, are:

- Match promotion packages and Loyalty Schemes
- Training for Club PROs
- Liaison with Schools and support for their activities
- Extended use of websites, Facebook and Twitter
- Improved presentation of our games
- Stricter sanctions for breaches of discipline

Implementing the Premier Plan presents challenges to all units of the association in Tipperary, but its delivery will create a better organization for all.

The Premier Plan can be viewed in full at www.tipperary.gaa.ie. Copies have been provided to all clubs in book and in CD format. Some copies of the CD are still available at Lár na Páirce. Clubs have also been provided with a 'prompt sheet' to assist them in developing their own plans.



2013 Munster Championship Fixtures



GAA Munster Senior Hurling Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	4:00pm	2/6	W/E-9/6	Clare v Waterford	Semple Stadium, Thurles
S/Final	4:00pm	9/6	W/E-16/6	Limerick v Tipperary	Gaelic Grounds Limerick
S/Final	4:00pm	23/6	W/E-30/6	Cork v Clare or Waterford	Semple Stadium Thurles or Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Final	4:00pm	14/7	W/E 21/7		

GAA Munster Senior Football Championship 2013.

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final (1)	7:00pm	25/5	W/E- 2/6	Limerick v Cork	Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Q/Final (2)	2:00pm	26/5	W/E-2/6	Kerry v Tipperary	Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney
S/Final (1)	7:00pm	1/6	W/E- 9/6	Waterford v Kerry or Tipperary	Kerry or Tipperary venue
S/Final (2)	3:30pm	16/6	W/E- 23/6	Clare v Limerick or Cork	
Final	2:00pm	7/7	W/E-14/7		Cusack Park Ennis

Munster Intermediate Hurling Championship 2013.

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Dates	Teams	Venue
<i>Extra time in all games including final.</i>					
Q/Final	1:45pm	2/6	W/E-9/6	Clare v Waterford	Semple Stadium Thurles
S/Final	1:45pm	9/6	W/E-23/6	Limerick v Tipperary	Gaelic Grounds Limerick
S/Final	1:45pm	23/6	W/E-30/6	Cork v Clare or Waterford	Semple Stadium Thurles or Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Final	7:30pm	18/7	24/7		

Munster Junior Football Championship 2013.

Stage	Time	Date	Replay dates	Teams	Venue
<i>Extra time in all games including final.</i>					
Q/Final (1)	5:00pm	25/5	W/E- 2/6	Limerick v Cork	Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Q/Final (2)	12:00pm	26/5	W/E-2/6	Kerry v Tipperary	Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney
S/Final (1)	1:30pm	16/6	W/E- 23/6	Clare v Limerick or Cork	Cusack Park Ennis
S/Final (2)	5:00pm	1/6	W/E- 9/6	Waterford v Kerry or Tipperary	Kerry or Tipperary venue
Final	7:30pm	11/7	19/7		

Cadbury Munster U/21 Football Championship 2013.

Stage	Time	Date	Replays Dates	Teams	Venue
<i>Extra time in all games including final.</i>					
Q/Final (A)	7:30pm	13/3	20/3	Cork v Kerry	Cork venue
Q/Final (B)	7:30pm	13/3	20/3	Tipperary v Waterford	Tipperary venue
S/Final	7:30pm	27/3	3/4	Limerick v Cork or Kerry	Limerick or Kerry venue
S/Final	7:30pm	27/3	3/4	Clare v Tipperary or Waterford	Tipperary or Clare venue
Final	7:30pm	10/4	17/4		

Bord Gais Munster U/21 Hurling Championship 2013.

Stage	Time	Date	Replays Dates	Teams	Venue
<i>Extra time in all games including final.</i>					
Q/Final (A)	7:30pm	6/6	13/6	Tipperary v Limerick	Semple Stadium Thurles
S/Final	7:30pm	17/7	24/7	Cork v Tipperary or Limerick	Tipperary or Cork venue
S/Final	7:30pm	18/7	25/7		Clare v Waterford, Waterford venue
Final	7:30pm	7/8	14/8		

Munster Minor Hurling Championship 2013.

Stage	Time	Date	Teams	Venue
<i>Extra time in all games up to final.</i>				
Q/Final (A)	7:00pm	10/4	Waterford v Tipperary	Waterford venue
Q/Final (B)	7:00pm	10/4	Cork v Clare	Cork venue
S/Final Play Off	7:00pm	17/4	Losers Of A) V losers of (B)	
S/Final	7:30pm	26/6	Limerick v Winner of Waterford v Tipperary	Limerick or Tipperary venue
Semi-Final	7:30pm	26/6	Winner of Cork v Clare v Semi-Final playoff winners	
Final	1:45pm	14/7	Semi-Final winners	Senior Final venue

Munster Minor Football Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Teams	Venue
<i>Extra time in all games up to final.</i>				
Q/Final (A)	7:00pm	20/4	Cork v Kerry	Cork venue
Q/Final (B)	7:00pm	20/4	Clare v Tipperary	Clare venue
Q/Final (C)	7:00pm	20/4	Limerick v Waterford	Waterford venue
Semi-Final	7:00pm	27/4	Losers of (B) V Losers of (C)	
Play Off 1.				
Semi-Final	7:00pm	4/5	Winners of (Play Off 1). V Losers of Qrt. Final (A)	
Play Off 2.				
Semi-Final 1.	7:30pm	15/5	Winners of – Qrt Final (A) V Winners of Qrt. Final (B)	
Semi-Final 2.	7:30pm	15/5	Winners of Qrt. Final (C) V Winners of Play Off (2)	
Final	12:00pm	07/7	Semi-Final Winners	Senior Final venue.

2013 Munster Club Fixtures



AIB Munster GAA Club Senior Hurling Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 27/10	W/E-2/11	Tipperary v Limerick	Tipperary venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 10/11	W/E-17/11	Waterford v Tipperary or Limerick	Tipperary or Limerick venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 10/11	W/E-17/11	Cork v Clare	Cork venue
Final	2:00pm	24/11	W/E 1/12		

AIB Munster GAA Club Senior Football Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 3/11	W/E-10/11	Waterford v Limerick	Waterford venue
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 3/11	W/E-10/11	Kerry v Cork	Kerry venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 17/11	W/E-24/11	Clare v Waterford or Limerick	Clare or Limerick venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 17/11	W/E-24/11	Tipperary v Kerry or Cork	Kerry or Cork venue
Final	2:00pm	1/12	W/E 1/12		

AIB Munster GAA Club Intermediate Hurling Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 27/10	W/E-2/11	Cork v Waterford	Cork venue
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 27/10	W/E-2/11	Limerick v Tipperary	Limerick venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 3/11	W/E-10/11	Clare v Cork or Waterford	Clare or Waterford venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 3/11	W/E-10/11	Kerry v Limerick or Tipperary	Kerry or Tipperary venue
Final	2:00pm	17/11	W/E 24/11		

AIB Munster GAA Club Intermediate Football Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 3/11	W/E-10/11	Tipperary v Waterford	Tipperary venue
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 3/11	W/E-10/11	Limerick v Clare	Limerick venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 10/11	W/E-17/11	Cork v Tipperary or Waterford	Tipperary or Waterford venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 10/11	W/E-17/11	Kerry v Limerick or Clare	Limerick or Clare venue
Final	2:00pm	24/11	W/E 1/12		

AIB Munster GAA Club Junior Hurling Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 10/11	W/E-17/11	Waterford v Cork	Waterford venue
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 10/11	W/E-17/11	Limerick v Kerry	Limerick venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 17/11	W/E-24/11	Tipperary v Waterford or Cork	Waterford or Cork venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 17/11	W/E-24/11	Clare v Limerick or Kerry	Clare or Kerry venue
Final	TBC	8/12	W/E 15/12	Mallow	

AIB Munster GAA Club Junior Football Championship 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Replay Date	Teams	Venue:
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 17/11	W/E-24/11	Tipperary v Limerick	Tipperary venue
Q/Final	2:00pm	W/E 17/11	W/E-24/11	Cork v Kerry	Cork venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 24/11	W/E-1/12	Clare v Tipperary or Limerick	Clare or Limerick venue
S/Final	2:00pm	W/E 24/11	W/E-1/12	Waterford v Cork or Kerry	Waterford or Kerry venue
Final	TBC	8/12	W/E 15/12	Mallow	

GAA Munster Waterford Crystal Cup Senior Hurling 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Teams	Venue:
Preliminary Round (E)	2:00pm	20/1	Waterford v UL	Waterford venue
Preliminary Round (F)	2:00pm	20/1	Cork v UCC	Cork venue
Preliminary Round (G)	2:00pm	20/1	Limerick v Mary I	Limerick venue
Preliminary Round (H)	2:00pm	20/1	Kerry v IT Tralee	Kerry venue
QF (1)	2:00pm	27/1	Clare v Winners of E	
QF (2)	2:00pm	27/1	WIT v Winners of F	
QF (3)	2:00pm	27/1	Tipperary v Winners of G	
QF (4)	2:00pm	27/1	LIT v Winners of H	
SF (1)	2:00pm	3/2	QF (1) v QF (2)	
SF (2)	2:00pm	3/2	QF (1) v QF (2)	
Final	2:00pm	10/2		

GAA Munster McGrath Cup Senior Football 2013

Stage	Time	Date	Teams	Venue:
Preliminary Round (F)	2:00pm	6/1	Clare v LIT	Clare venue
Preliminary Round (G)	2:00pm	6/1	Kerry v IT Tralee	Kerry venue
Preliminary Round (H)	2:00pm	6/1	Cork v CIT	Cork venue
QF (1)	2:00pm	13/1	Limerick v Clare or LIT	
QF (2)	2:00pm	13/1	UCC v Kerry or IT Tralee	
QF (3)	2:00pm	13/1	Tipperary v Cork or CIT	
QF (4)	2:00pm	13/1	UL v Waterford	Waterford venue
SF (1)	2:00pm	20/1	QF (1) v QF (2)	
SF (2)	2:00pm	20/1	QF (3) v QF (4)	
Final	2:00pm	27/1		

Friends We Lost

Jim Ahearne (Ardfinnan)
1921-2012

It is with great sadness we heard of the death of Jim Ahearne on 27th March 2012.

Jim began his career with the Ardfinnan minor team in 1942 before progressing to the senior team playing at corner and wing back during that decade. Jim played in the South Senior Final of 1945 against Mullinahone where we were defeated by two points. Jim continued to play for Ardfinnan and was at wing back in 1948 when we suffered defeat to Commercials in the South Semi Final.

When our club launched our history in 2011 Jim was visited at home at Kilmolash and provided some valuable information and insight into football in the parishes during that period. It was clear to see that Jim was very proud of the fact that he had played for the club.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.



Jim Byron (Galtee Rovers -St. Pecaun's)
1922-2012

Jim Byron of Raheen passed away in May 2012 and his passing was deeply mourned by everybody who knew him. Jim was our first recipient of the Sean Ghael Awards-an honour which was bestowed on him by Joe McDonagh, Iar Uachtarán CLG in Brú Boru Cashel. In the citation accompanying this award, reference is made to his easy wit and a gentle manner which endeared him to all. A gentleman on and off the field, Jim spent much of his playing career with his native Kilmoyler at a time when we regularly fielded two parish teams.

In later years Jim Byron was one of the pillars of a hardworking Juvenile club which planted the seeds of much of our success through the seventies and early eighties, a time when Jim stepped into the breach as Club Chairman.

Jim Byron is probably best known for his years of service as an umpire with his great friend John Moloney. For decades that loyal band of men in white coats accompanied John to matches the length and breadth of the country, from All-Ireland finals in Croke Park to juvenile games in West Tipperary. At the time of his death Jim Byron was Life President of Galtee Rovers - St. Pecaun's and our club is all the poorer for his passing.

Ar Dheis Lámh Dé go raibh a anam Dhilis



P.J. Arrigan (Carrick Davins)

The sudden and untimely death of P.J. Arrigan on 18 March 2011 aged 38 years was met with profound shock and sadness throughout the club and beyond. From an early age P.J. was involved in hurling and football and won an Under 16 hurling County Championship with Grangemockler. P.J. played both minor hurling and football with Carrick Davins and progressed to senior and intermediate hurling with the club, winning two intermediate South Championships in 1993 and 1994. P.J. moved to Limerick and kept up his interest in GAA playing with Mungret. He is sadly missed by his wife Deirdre and daughters Hanna and Kate, his parents Paddy and Pat, brothers Conor and Michael and a wide circle of family and friends.

Ar dheis De go Raibh a Anam.



Tom Arrigan (Carrick Davins)
(1939 - 2012)

The death of Tom Arrigan occurred on 9 October 2012. A native of Deepark in Carrick on Suir, Tom was born in 1939 and always had a keen interest in sport. From an early age, he played hurling and football with the Grangemockler/Ballyneale club, where he won an Under 16 County Football Championship in 1952. He then played with Carrick Swan and won a South Minor Hurling Championship in 1956 and two South Senior Hurling Championships in 1958 and 1959. Moving to the Davins in 1965, he had the accolade of winning five South Hurling Championships, two County Senior Hurling Championships in 1966 and 1967 and one Munster Club Senior Hurling Championship in 1967. He was a dairy farmer for over 50 years and his real love, apart from his family were his greyhounds. He bred the winner of the English Oaks and Derby and love meeting up with friends who shared his passion for greyhounds. A great clubman who always kept up a great interest in the Davins, he will be sadly missed by his wife Mary, son Jimmy, daughters Martina and Catherine, brothers, sisters and family and friends.

Go nDeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.



Sean Byrne (Upperchurch/Drombane)
1937-2011

The death occurred in October 2011 of Sean Byrne of Ruan, Upperchurch.

Sean played hurling and football for Upperchurch Drombane in the late 50's and early 60's before moving to England. He returned home to Ruan in the early 70's and kept a keen eye on sporting matters within the parish and he had a wealth of knowledge on all sports. Sean will be remembered for his gentle manner and the friendship he showed towards everyone he came in contact with. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Mick Cahill (JK Brackens & Thurles Sarsfields)

In April this year, JK Brackens GAA club lost one of its founder members and Tipperary lost one of its most loyal supporters when Mick Cahill of Ballyheen, a man who gave a lifetime of service to the GAA on and off the field, passed to his eternal reward.

A native of Leugh, Thurles, Mick's involvement in the GAA started with Thurles Sarsfields with whom he won County Senior and Junior Hurling Championships. He also won an All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship with Tipperary in 1953.

On moving to Ballyheen he immediately immersed himself in GAA affairs in Templemore. He was Templemore Sportsfield rep on the Mid Board for many years and served as chairman of the juvenile club for a number of years. When help was needed around Páirc Shléáin, along with his good friends Mick Delaney, Tim Marnell and Tom Collum, Mick was always ready, willing and able to perform whatever deeds were needed around the club particularly cutting the grass, lining the field or keeping the embankments in order. He was chairman of the juvenile club during a very successful period and was always ready with his car to bring players to training or games.

Mick's hard work and dedication was recognised by the County Board when in 2002 he was a most deserving recipient of a Sean-Ghael award.

Mick also did trojan work for St. Cronan's and St. Anne's in Roscrea. He will be forever remembered for his work in the organisation of major fundraisers and in particular for the part he played in the organising of the Jimmy Magee All Stars v Babs Other Babes Football extravaganza in 1988 in Templemore.

Sincere sympathy to his wife Bridget, sons John, James, Michael and William and the extended Cahill and Bourke families on their great loss.



Mick Cleary (Kilruane MacDonaghs & Kilmacud Crokes)
1938-2012

Mick lined out at left-wing back on the Kilruane MacDonaghs juvenile team which won the 1951 North final. This team celebrated the golden jubilee of this victory at a function in the Thomas MacDonagh Complex in March 2012. Mick was in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed meeting all his former colleagues. Mick was younger brother of our club president Tom Cleary and son of Con Cleary Ballycapple, who played on the De Wets team, which won the North junior championship in 1913. After primary school he attended Borrisokane Vocational School and then got a scholarship to Pallaskenry Agricultural College. Mick moved on to Oatlands College in Dublin, where he did the Leaving Cert. He actually played in a Leinster Schools football final with Oatlands.



Mick won a scholarship to UCD, then worked as a farm manager, before joining the ACC. He was then appointed Education Officer for Macra na Tuaithe in 1967, a position he held until 1982. He managed the name change to Foróige in 1982 and was director of the organisation until his retirement in 2003. Mick achieved national prominence for his work with both organisations. Liam Simpson, chairman of Macra na Tuaithe 1970-'71, said that Mick would be remembered by historians as a virtual colossus in the sphere of formal education and future generations of young and vibrant people will have owed a virtually irreparable debt of gratitude to this uncrowned prince. Mick and his family were very involved with the Kilmacud Crokes club in Dublin and in 2005 he was honoured with life membership of the Crokes. In 1995, his son Con won an All-Ireland club football medal as Crokes overcame Bellaghy of Derry and he also captained them to the county final victory in 1998. Mick, his wife Ena and family always looked after the MacDonaghs players very well at the All-Ireland Sevens. Sympathy is extended to all the Cleary family. *Leaba i measc na naomh dó.*

Denis Collins (Ballinahinch)
1957-2011

It was with great sadness we learned of the untimely death of Denis Collins in May 2011. It brought great sadness to GAA circles in the parish and surrounding areas. He was a loyal supporter of his parish club, being a selector with them in 1992 and 1993. He played with Newport Vocational school in the 1970's and also club hurling and football with Ballinahinch. His great humour and wit in after match analysis is a great loss. His kind and gentle manner is sadly missed by his neighbours and friends as well as his knowledge of local GAA affairs.

Denis's coffin was draped in the blue and gold of the Ballinahinch club and club members formed a guard of honour in a moving tribute to one of its great sons. The club extends its sincere sympathy to his mother Kathleen and family.



Paddy Corbett (Eire Og Annacarty/Donohill)
1938 - 2012

Eire Og Annacarty/Donohill lost one of its presidents and former players on November 1st 2012 when Paddy Corbett, Newtown passed to his eternal reward.

Paddy known as "Scott" served the club well during his playing days both in hurling and football. He played from the early fifties to the late seventies, though often dogged with injury.

His first influence was his Primary School teacher, Bill O'Donnell and later at the Abbey School, Tipperary he lined out at right half forward on the team that won the first Dr. Kinane Cup. It was his love of hurling that kept him going to school.

Equally adept at football he played both minor and senior with Arravale Rovers under a gentleman's agreement.

He played minor football and junior hurling with Tipperary. On the Tipperary junior team of 1957 he scored 3.01 against Niall Sheehy of Kerry. He was also on the junior squad in 1960.

He won three West senior hurling medals, in 1961 (Eire Og/Cappa), in 1964 (though out injured) and in 1967. He won junior medals in hurling and football in 1962, but the highlight of his playing career was winning a county junior football title in 1974 and a county junior hurling title in 1977.

Sympathy to his wife Maura, son Walter, daughters Margaret, Mary and Geraldine, brother, sisters and extended family.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Nora Condon (Newcastle)

Nora Condon, of Aughabhóulibhán, Newcastle, passed away on December 23rd, 2011. Nora played camogie during the 1950's, winning a county medal in 1956. After her playing days, Nora took to following the Newcastle GAA teams. She was one of the best supporters any club could wish to have and was a loyal Tipperary fan all her life. She took great pride in the achievements of the club but most especially in the victories of the juveniles. In this regard, 2006 proved to be a year that the juveniles and Nora really enjoyed. She was present in Semple Stadium when the Under 12's won a county football final and in New Inn when the under 14s also won a county football title. She got great enjoyment from all these performances but especially from her grand-nephews Niall, Brian and Shane. Nora was a great reader of the game whether it was a juvenile club match or an All Ireland final and was one of those people who could analyse any game in either hurling or football. She will be missed by all in the club. To her extended family we express the sympathy of the club. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

Liam Conway (Toomevara)
1932-2012

Liam Conway, Deans Grange and retired publican of Conway's Blackrock, Dublin passed away on 18th May 2012. Liam Conway was born into a family that was steeped in the tradition of the Gaelic Athletic Association, and it was no coincidence that hurling would play a huge part of his life right up to the time of his recent passing.

In his early years Liam took an interest in athletics and won an All Ireland medal at cross country running. But he had an especially deep love of hurling. He played for Dublin minor and senior county teams. He joined Faughs hurling club in 1953 and won a Dublin Senior Hurling league medal before joining Young Irelands hurling club in 1957.

This was a natural move for Liam as his father, Bill, and uncle Pat were founder members of the club in 1923. Pat became the club's first secretary. Liam was also a member of the Young Ireland team that won the Dublin senior championship in 1965.

His colleagues remember him as a skillful, fast and very tenacious player, and as he played most of his hurling at wing and corner forward, always being a tormentor for defenders and on several occasions getting vital scores.

As a young boy Liam and other members of the family would make regular trips to the home place of his father at Ballycrenede in the parish of Toomevara. It was during these trips that he developed lasting friendships with the people of Toomevara, mainly through playing hurling at Ballinamona where he got to know all the young hurlers of the parish, and with whom he became very friendly and where he developed a love for the rural way of life. He spent many holidays in Ballycrenede and when he retired the mention of a match or indeed a fine day saw him heading down the N7 to his second home.

As his uncle Tom was heavily involved in the organizing of hurling in the Toomevara club this gave him the incentive that some day he would get the opportunity to wear the famed green and gold jersey for Toomevara and in fact his services were called upon a few times at minor and adult level by the Toomevara club.

In later years Liam Conway's name would be proudly displayed on the Toomevara club jersey during a most successful period in the club's history when he became the club's official sponsor from 2002-2004, and when the club recorded a historic victory over Mount Sion of Waterford in the 2004 Munster club final he presented all members of the team with silver watches, a gesture that was deeply appreciated by players and members of the club. He was also generous in his support for the promotion of camogie in Toomevara.

Liam followed the fortunes of all the local Tipperary clubs but never left anyone in doubt about his love and passion for Toomevara and Tipperary hurling. He loved talking hurling and recalling games and players of past and present.

Liam will be sadly missed by the community of Toomevara and his many friends but especially by his wife Geraldine, sons, daughters, grandchildren and extended family and relatives in Dublin and Tipperary to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Matthew Cosgrove (Ballina)
1950-2011

The untimely death of Matthew Cosgrove on 22nd October 2011 after an illness he accepted with great courage was a great sadness and loss for his family and friends. In respect to Matthew, Ballina GAA Club had a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club colours.

Matthew was greatly involved in the Ballina GAA club and was always supportive of his sons Pat and Kevin and daughter Breda and their team mates in their participation in all games. He was an active member of his club over the years served as treasurer of the Juvenile Club and was a selector on various teams.

He was also dedicated to his family, farming and his community of Boher/Ballina. He was a devoted family man and nowhere will he be missed more than in the lives of his wife Noreen, sons Pat and Kevin, daughter: Breda, mother Agnes, brother: Eamon and sister Margaret.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.



Martin Costigan (Moyne/Templetuohy)
1984 – 2012

It was with great sadness that we heard of the tragic death of Martin Costigan. His passing is a timely reminder to us all how fragile life is. His family and wide circle of friends will sadly miss Martin a loving, gentle character who has graced and touched us all over his twenty-eight years.

The G.A.A. was one of Martin's main interests, the commitment and dedication he gave during his short years to his beloved green and gold of Moyne/Templetuohy club was remarkable and unequalled. Martin was known far and wide through his involvement as a player, a friend and as a work colleague, his smile and gentle manner made him most popular with everyone he came in contact with. As a player he was a very stylish sticks man a wiry half back in hurling and a forward in football. Martin had an outstanding career in Gaelic Games especially with his club. Martin won an All Ireland U/14 hurling Community Games medal in 1996. He was on the club team that won the All Ireland 7's in 2007. Martin captured U/21 hurling Mid titles in 2002 and 2004, Intermediate Mid hurling titles in 2003 and 2005, Intermediate Mid and County football in 2005 and a Senior football Mid title in 2001. In Our Lady's Secondary School Martin is fondly remembered for his great leadership and commitment on the sporting fields. He represented the school on countless occasions over his five years in the school. He won Munster (U15) Croke Cup and captained the school team to Fitzgerald Cup honours in 2000. Also in 2000 he lined out at wing back in the Harty Cup final of that year against famed St. Flannans in Nenagh. Martin also participated in Scor.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Martin's parents Eileen and Connie, his sisters Cathriona, Helen, Ann Marie, brothers Pdraig, Thomas, Conor, John Paul and David and his extended family and many friends. May he rest in peace.

Pake Costello (Borris-Ileigh)
1922-2012

The passing of Pake Costello this autumn was acknowledged with genuine regret by all members of the Borris-Ileigh club. His demise after a long life brought sadness throughout his parish and beyond. We look back with appreciation and pride at the marvellous contribution Pake made to Borris hurling, in particular, and to the GAA generally in the North Division.

Born in 1922 his long life enriched those who were fortunate enough to have encountered him. As a farmer and parishioner Pake had a great distinction of winning North Senior championships with Borris-Ileigh in 1950, '51, '52 and '55. He won a county title in 1950. Regarded as a capable and very tight corner back he performed for Borris among the great stalwarts of the game.

After his playing days his great love of Borris never diminished. He served as a selector with various teams and was a North Board delegate from the Club for many years. He officiated as umpire at many North Championship games and was a familiar and very well liked steward in Semple Stadium for a long time. One of the "old stock" his values and views were steadfast and uncompromising. He relished every victory that Borris enjoyed at every level over his long and distinguished lifetime. Never one to covet the limelight or the "top table" Pake was a quintessential behind the scenes "volunteer". On the shoulders of such as Pake the club's fortunes and progress were firmly planted.

Ar Dheis lamh Dé go raibh a ainm dílis.

Johnny Cunningham (Skeheenarinky)
1937 - 2012

The death of the well known and highly respected Johnny Cunningham on Sunday September 16th was felt with deep sorrow around Skeheenarinky and the surrounding district. It removed a great character from the parish. His wit and humour were renowned by all who knew him.

In his younger days Johnny played hurling with the local club during the late 50's and the 60's. Another link with that team was broken with his passing. A guard of honour by club members escorted his remains to Ballyporeen Church. His internment in Burncourt Cemetery saw a large funeral.

To his nephew, nieces and extended family and friends the club extends its deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.



Leo Dooley (Inane Rovers)
1938-2012

Leo Dooley was a fantastic servant to both Inane Rovers and Roscrea. A dual player of distinction, he played senior football and senior hurling for the county. However his greatest achievements were in football, culminating in captaining the St. Flannan's team which won the County Senior football championship in 1959 retaining their title from the previous year. His contribution to Inane winning the County Junior football championship for the first time in 1961 was immense. His sterling performances at this time earned him the respect of the footballing fraternity and a place on the Munster Railway Cup team. A premature end was brought to his career by a back injury but Leo will always be remembered as a great of not just Inane Rovers and Roscrea but Tipperary. A sportsman and true gentleman to all who knew him.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an anam.

Tom Dunne (Upperchurch/Drombane)
1933-2011

The death occurred in September 2011 of Tom Dunne Rathmanna, Thurles and formally of Rossoulty, Drombane. Tom hurled with Upperchurch/Drombane in the 1950's and 60's. He was a steady corner back and as anyone who played against him would testify, if you got past him you earned it. Tom had strong love of horses and he was also an avid historian and collector of GAA memorabilia not just from within the parish but further afield. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Eamonn Egan (Gortnahoe/Glengoole & Clonoulty/Rossmore)
1961-2012

Eamonn Egan was born in Coole, Gortnahoe, Thurles where he resided until he moved to Clonoulty in 1994 following his marriage to Ann Hammersley. From an early age Eamonn took a keen interest in sport especially GAA, Greyhound Racing and Coursing. Playing with his local GAA Club Gortnahoe/Glengoole, with whom he won Mid and County Intermediate Hurling and Mid and County Junior Football championships, and later as a mentor with Clonoulty/Rossmore Juvenile GAA Club, he enjoyed the friendships gained from his involvement in sport especially team sports.

Coming from a well known and widely respected family steeped in Gaelic culture, Eamonn brought a rich G.A.A. pedigree to Clonoulty. He became an active member of the club and gave generously and willingly of his time and efforts to a wide range of club activities. He was to the fore in the big fund-raising effort in recent years to upgrade the club's facilities.

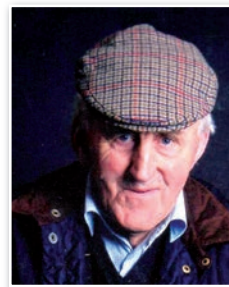
His main interest, however, was in the Juvenile club and he was a staunch member of the Juvenile Committee for many years before his passing. He served as manager and selector with many teams at underage level and enjoyed many successes on the hurling and football fields with his teams. Eamonn was extremely popular with, and respected by the players for his interest, commitment, dedication, loyalty and understanding of the young people under his care. Eamonn always strove to find the best in people and never spoke ill of anyone. He treated his players with the same respect that he showed to all mankind.

While Eamonn threw his heart and soul into the affairs of Clonoulty-Rossmore G.A.A. he never forgot his native parish. He followed the fortunes of "the red and white" with avid interest, rejoicing in their victories and reluctantly but graciously accepting their defeats. How proud he was when a Gortnahoe-Glengoole youngster donned the blue and gold of his beloved Tipperary!

A shrewd judge of hurling, Eamonn rarely missed the big club and county games, Minor, Under 21 or Senior, league or championship (unless, of course, the coursing season was in full flow!) He was never short of facts and figures to support his arguments as all match details were carefully noted in the match programme, scorers, wides, frees, substitutions and a host of other interesting data.

Eamonn, we will miss the many pleasant hours of banter in advance of the big games and the hours of analysis we shared in the aftermath.

At just fifty years of age Eamonn was cruelly and suddenly taken from this world, following an accident, this immediately changed the lives of many, but for his wife Ann, son David and daughter Laura in particular those changes were magnified, but the support of family, neighbours,



friends, and indeed Eamonn's help from above, will help them overcome their sad loss.

The virtuous man, though he dies before his time, will find rest,
Length of days is not what makes age honourable,
Nor number of years the true measure of life.

May the green sod of Clonoulty Cemetery rest lightly on Eamonn's gentle soul.

Jim Egan (Shannon Rovers and Kildangan)
1943 -2012

From the "Loughaun field" in Belvue to the field in Puckane, Jim Egan was a hurling man of two parishes. Jim was known far and wide and admired very much for his exploits on the hurling field. He was a prolific goal scorer who terrorised defenders for many years for both his native Shannon Rovers and his adopted Kildangan.

Jim's first notable success on the field came in 1967 when Shannon Rovers won the North Intermediate Championship.

The following year they not only retained their title but went one further and won the County Championship of 1968.

Jim transferred to Kildangan in 1970 and continued to enjoy hurling success. In the first year with his new club, Kildangan captured both the North and County Intermediate titles.

Jim's vital contribution to this success was recognised when he was chosen as part of the Tipperary Intermediate panel for 1972 and Tipperary went on to retain an All-Ireland title they had won the previous year.

Jim's achievements and reputation have been carried on by his three sons who have represented Tipperary at all grades in both hurling and football, accumulating numerous medals along the way.

On October 30th Jim's family, teammates and neighbours returned Jim across the Ballycolliton River to his native Shannon Rovers.

To his wife Mary, his three sons Colm, Cathal and Darragh, his daughters Muireann and Grainne and to all his family and friends we extend our continued sympathy.

"A hero is always remembered, but a legend is never forgotten"

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.

Willie English (Ardfinnan)
1930 - 2012

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the death of Willie English in October. Willie always took a keen interest in GAA in Ardfinnan and played for the club in the '50s. He was a member of the last Ardfinnan team to win the County Junior Championship in 1954 playing at wing back. When the club honoured that team in 2006 in the Minella Hotel, Willie attended and enjoyed the occasion linking up again with former teammates who he had not met for some years.

Willie was also a great supporter of ladies football in Ardfinnan and was always available to help the club in promoting the game. He was extremely proud when his daughter Mairead was member of the Ardfinnan U14 team that won the gold medal at the Community Games in Mosney in 1981. His daughter Mary was a member of Tipperary U16 team that won an All Ireland U16 medal with Tipperary in 1980 and also achieved great success in athletics. His grandson Liam has now started to wear the maroon and white and is busy learning the skills of the game at U6 level.

Willie was also an active member of Ardfinnan Community Council for many years taking part in numerous projects.

Willie's contribution to the GAA and Ardfinnan community will long be remembered and we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Seamus Flannery (Kildangan)
1920-2012

Seamus Flannery of Monsea passed away on 22nd April 2012, just 13 days short of his 92nd birthday. Seamus had a lifelong interest in and commitment to GAA affairs, and hurling in particular.

He was passionate about hurling whether it was the Kildangan underage team or the Tipperary senior team. His playing career began in the 1930s. Along with his brother Nick and twin brother Paddy he played on the Kildangan minor team that was defeated by Toomevara in the 1937 North Final. He soon progressed to the



senior team and played corner back on the Kildangan team that defeated Roscrea in the 1943 North Senior Final. In 1944 he joined his brother Nick on the North Tipperary team that won the Millar Shield. He played with Tipperary in the Thomond Shield and the Four County League; these had replaced the National League, which was suspended during World War II. Possessing great skill and athleticism, he continued to play senior hurling into the 1950s.

He was made a lifetime President of the Kildangan club in 2001 and he received the Hall of Fame award from the club in 2003. In 2007 the County Board honoured him with a Sean Ghael award. In recent years he was very proud of the success of the Kildangan club, and the contribution that his grandsons made to the club's achievements. In 2004 four of his grandsons received medals when Kildangan won the County Intermediate Championship, followed by the Munster title and then went on to defeat Carrickshock of Kilkenny in the Intermediate All Ireland Final. His proudest moment was when he witnessed Kildangan win the North Senior Final in 2008, their first win since his team in 1943. Three of his grandsons were involved in that team.

Seamus will be sadly missed by his family and a large circle of friends.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Thomas Floyd & Kathleen Floyd (Newport)
1915-2012 1923-2012

Thomas Floyd, Birdhill, married Kathleen McKeogh of Inchamore, Ballina in November 1950 and settled down to farming and family life in Birdhill. 62 years later, they both passed to their eternal rewards within a three month period, after long, healthy and fruitful lives.

Both came from families steeped in Gaelic traditions where Irish music, games, culture and a sense of community were strong. These qualities were continued in their new homestead and nurtured in a new generation of Floyds.

Thomas was a member of the Mulcaire Rovers teams which won North Tipp Junior Hurling championships in 1937 and 1947. His passing breaks the last surviving link with the '37 team. Thomas also lined out with the county junior team in 1938 and served as a selector of the Newport senior hurling team in the 1970s. He was a lifelong follower of Newport and Tipperary teams and retained an interest in their activities up to the end. His enthusiasm for the G.A.A. was matched by his passion for set dancing and for playing the violin. As a farmer he experienced many changes in work practices, communication and transport, embracing them all for progress and productivity.

Kathleen typified the traditional Irish mother, her family and her religion being central to her existence. Farm work, house work and homework with children and grandchildren – these were the focal points of her life. A caring friend and a kind neighbour who will be missed by many.

Thomas and Kathleen Floyd reared a family of 11 children (6 boys and 5 girls), all of the boys settling in the Birdhill area and the girls spreading their wings to various parts of the country and the world. The boys have fulfilled various roles in the local community and on the G.A.A. front have been active as players and administrators at club, division and county level. The work ethic, values and disciplines learned in the family home are now being passed on to the 37 grandchildren and future generations are sure to be imbued with similar qualities.

Solas na bhFlaitheas dá n-anamacha dílse.

Eddie Fitzgerald (Skeheenarinky)
1938-2012

There was a feeling of sadness when the news filtered through of the sudden and ultimately passing of Eddie Fitzgerald. He was a respected member of the farming community. Always a smile on his face with a welcome for everyone. He will be fondly remembered by all who were privileged to have known him. Eddie was a playing member of Skeheenarinky hurling club during the late 50's and the 60's. His favourite position on the team was on the half back line. He took great pride watching his son, Eamonn achieve success on the playing fields with the club. He was always a great supporter of club teams down the years. His other sporting interests were the greyhounds. Eddie was laid to rest in Kilbenny Cemetery. Old colleagues and club members formed a guard of honour. A large crowd attended the funeral on both days. To his sons



Michael and Eamonn, sister Hannah, brother Michael, grandchildren, relatives, neighbours and friends the club offers its sincere sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

John Gleeson (Boherlahan/Dualla)

The death occurred of John Gleeson, Erry, Dualla at his residence on Monday, 26th March. John was born in Ballykelly and was son of the late John and Sarah Gleeson (nee Maher).

As a man of the land, he was a most progressive farmer with a good work ethic. In his younger days, he wielded the camán and had a keen interest in greyhounds.

Throughout his life, he was an avid reader of local and national news. His wife Mary (nee O'Reilly) predeceased him in 2006.

He is survived by his four sons, John, Michael, Padraig and Barry, seven daughters Sadie, Mary, Claire, Bernadette, Elizabeth, Pauline and Ruth, twenty eight grandchildren, relatives and friends to whom sympathy is extended. Rest in Peace.

Johnny Gleeson (Upperchurch/Drombane) 1953-2010

The death occurred in August 2010 of Johnny Gleeson of Knockmehill, Upperchurch.

As a talented hurler Johnny won an under 17 hurling county title in 1969, he also played minor hurling for Tipperary. Unfortunately for the club and also the county Johnny retired young from the game. With his love for greyhounds Johnny could be seen at greyhound tracks and coursing meetings the length and breadth of the country.

His untimely death deprived him of seeing his nephew Seamus Callanan make history in lifting the Dan Breen cup for the first time for the Drom & Inch club. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Ger Heenan (Shannon Rovers) 1959-2012

Shannon Rovers GAA was shocked to learn of the death of their Club Secretary, Ger Heenan, who died on 14th June in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin after a four month illness.

The father of two was fifty three and was in his tenth year as club secretary. He served his ten year term under four chairmen, Tony Fox (twice), Joe Hannigan, Pat Stack and current chairman, Anselm Walsh. Ger was a loyal Shannon Rovers club man as a supporter, player, selector and an official which he carried out for eighteen years.

Educated in Terryglass National School, Saint Flannans Secondary School, Ennis, Ger was a very bright student. He was a very successful salesman with Roche's Feeds, Liffey Mills and Arrabawn Creamery before opening a pet shop named Pet World in Nenagh and returning to salesman pitch with Shamrock Enterprises.

His hurling career was shortened by illness. A stylish wing back he played from under -13 level up to U-21. Following his retirement from hurling at a young age he became a club administrator. He was club Representative to the North Board in 1995, a post he served right up to the end of 2011. His charming and good-humored manner helped him win many an argument in the boardroom; a skill admired and envied by many.

Earlier he served as selector at minor level for two years, 1995 and '96 and intermediate level in the years 1995-97. He was elected club chairman in 1996 to serve a two year term. In 2002 he became club secretary and remained in the post until the present day.

Dan Kavanagh (Clonmel Commercials & St.Mary's)

It was with deep regret that the news of the death of Dan Kavanagh reached the club in the first few days of September. Dan moved to Clonmel in the 1940's from West Tipperary to take up a nursing post at St.Lukes Hospital. He was a life long GAA man. Dan Kavanagh was a leading member of the St.Luke's GAA club and was indeed very proud of a South junior hurling medal won with that club in 1957. He became an avid follower of the fortunes of Commercials and St. Mary's and served on the committees of both clubs and a number of years ago his dedication to both clubs over 60 years was recognised by Commercials when members made Dan a Vice President of the club. Dan's son Padraig played with distinction at all grades for the both clubs and indeed the Kavanagh connection continues with Clonmel Commercials through Padraig's daughter Karen, who keeps



goal for the club's junior ladies side. Dan had been in poor health in recent years but in 2009 at the club's 75th anniversary dinner dance one of the highlights was Dan's very presence. Dan will be sadly missed by his family and friends. One of the great characters of the GAA in Tipperary is gone to his eternal reward. May he rest in peace.

Fr Tony Kelly S.C.A. (Thurles Sarsfields and New York) 1935-2012

Rev Fr Tony Kelly, S.C.A. who was called ashore by the Great Referee on August 8th having played a starring role in the game of life, could be said to have lived a double life.

The quiet, shy and retiring cleric who came home to his native Thurles each September in time for the All-Ireland Final, enjoyed going to the local games, meeting with the people of the Cathedral Town and reminiscing about great days wearing the blue and white of Thurles Sarsfields.

But, alongside this life was the daily reality of a man who played such a key and central role in the lives of an entire community in Mount Carmel, Manhattan, New York, where Fr Kelly was a revered figure.

By the time he entered the Pallotine College in Thurles, the son of Thomas and Mary Kelly of Leugh, had already made a name for himself on the GAA fields of Mid and County Tipperary. He had won Croke, Dean Ryan and Dr Harty Cup medals with Thurles CBS, having progressed from Leugh National School, and was establishing himself with the great Thurles Sarsfields teams of the era also -legendary mtnanager John Lanigan was a great admirer of his talents.

The strong and dashing Tony Kelly, had started out his career playing for Rahealty and actually won a Mid football championship with Loughmore-Castleiney. But, it was with his beloved Blues that he was really to make a mark and he went on to win County senior hurling medals in 1958 and 1959, at a time when he was at the height of his clerical studies.

Fr Kelly was ordained on June 14th 1959 and was sent to Argentina in early 1960 where he remained for 12 years. Of course, Fr Kelly, on his visits home always linked up with his former hurling colleagues and he actually lined out in the 1965 championship replay clash with Carrick on Suir in front of 12,000 spectators - six years after he had last hurled for the club. John D Hickey wrote at the time that he "added to the winners attack, a drive that had been patently lacking in the drawn game," -Sarsfields won out by 3-11 to 2-7 thanks in no small way to the visiting cleric.

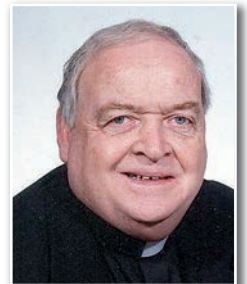
While based in Argentina, the Pallotine Order needed to appoint a Spanish speaking priest to the parish of Mount Carmel in Manhattan. New York was to become his adoptive home and while there he became chaplain, and a real driving force, to the Tipperary Association. He had been an active officer and member of the Tipperary hurling club in New York and actually won a New York senior hurling championship medal as well.

Fr Tony Kelly breathed his last on August 8th leaving his sister Rita, his brothers Sean and Albert, and all the extended family with a real sense of loss in their lives. They were touched to see the send-off he received in Mount Carmel with a hurley and sliothar being placed in his coffin and the players flanking him on his final journey home. They were honoured to see the Sarsfields flag on his coffin and the guard of honour of former players and colleagues at his funeral Mass in the Pallotine College, Thurles where his lifes mission started all those years ago. And, they were pleased to see so many friends and neighbours as Fr Tony was laid to rest in the soil of Tipperary as the crystal clear water of the Suir flowed by, as they have done for all of his 79 years.

Few enough people probably knew everything about Fr Tony Kelly's remarkable life - many though, knew something. But, all agree that he made a remarkable contribution to his native games; achieved greatness in his commitment to the Gospel; served his Order with distinction; went out of his way to help his parishioners; and loved his home town, it's people, his family and wide circle of friends, very dearly.

Yes, he was a remarkable man.

Ar dheis De go raibh a Anam dilis.



Liam Kennedy (Portroe)

When one thinks of Liam Kennedy, memories of him bursting out of his favourite corner back position, ball at his feet and his clearance going the full length of the field, come flooding back. Liam played both hurling and football for many years for Portroe, with the highlight being his captaining the Intermediate hurling team to an historic North Final victory over Toomevara in 1981 and his leadership qualities were admired by all. Liam also played his part off the field and one of his great ideas was to publish a weekly newsletter to inform



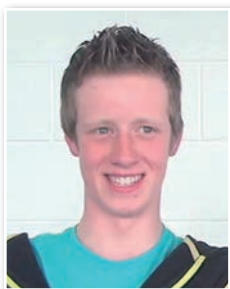
parishioners of what's going on. Liam was its first editor and it was first printed in 1981 and is still going strong today. Sadly, Liam was struck down with a serious illness in the prime of his life and he battled bravely up to the finish. He is survived by his wife Catherine, son Colm, daughter Niamh and a wide circle of friends.

Thomas Kennedy (Grangemockler/Ballyneale)
1995-2012

The parish of Grangemockler/Ballyneale was shocked and saddened when the news spread of the sudden passing of Thomas Kennedy.

Thomas represented the club at all ages in football and was extremely popular with his team mates and coaches, he was always good humoured and a pleasure to deal with. Thomas was a member of the team who won the South U12 football in 2007, he played a key role in 2010 when South and County titles were won at U16 level.

Thomas will be very sadly missed by all who knew him especially his parents David and Helen his sisters Sarah, Coleen and Ciara and his extended family to whom the club would like to extend its deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Bernard Leahy (Lattin/Cullen)
1982-2012

Our club and parish was extremely devastated as the news of the untimely passing of Bernard Leahy filtered through on March 20th. Bernard was a hugely popular club man, who was admired and liked by everyone. He played with this beloved Lattin/Cullen from his earliest days and played his final game on St Patrick's Day last. On the field, though not the biggest in size, he compensated with his determination, courage and raw passion. He loved Lattin/Cullen, and his enthusiasm was infectious. He was a very popular coach to the Under 10's last year. As a gifted cabinet maker, the players in the club, young and old, availed of his fantastic hands by sending hurleys to him for repair. This was never too much trouble for him, and the results were always perfect. The huge turnout for his funeral was a testament to the kind of person he was, who endeared himself to so many. Our club will never be the same again without his presence, but we look back and count ourselves fortunate to have shared his presence and good humour. To his beautiful wife Noreen and little son Tomas, his parents Kathleen and Bernie, his brothers Thomas and Richard, his sister Helen and extended family we offer our sincere sympathies. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Mary Lonergan (Newcastle)

Mary Lonergan, of Greenmount, Newcastle passed away on May 22nd, 2012. Although Mary had been ill for some time, her passing was still a very sad occasion for her family, the village and for Newcastle GAA club. Mary, who was originally from Bansha, was a regular at Newcastle matches regardless of the venue or the time of year. She was very astute in terms of the game and was well able to read the intricacies of any match. Mary was also a loyal supporter of the clubs juvenile teams and again followed them to numerous venues in the division and further beyond. She was extremely proud of the achievement of her sons with the club. David, Mark and John all won county minor hurling medals with Newcastle in 1999 and John had the honour of captaining the under 21 footballers to county success in 2005. To Mary's husband Pat, sons David, Mark and John, daughter Kate, and extended family, we express our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

John Joe McCormack (Knockavilla Kickhams)

John Joe McCormack in his 83rd year of Derby Terrace, St Michael's Street, Tipperary and formerly of Lisheen, Tipperary passed away on the 6th of April after a long illness bravely borne. In his youth John Joe was an integral part of the golden era of the Kickhams club, when winning West titles was an almost annual event. John Joe won eleven West senior hurling medals as well as Crosco cup and minor hurling medals. He also lined out at full back with another fellow Kickham stalwart, the late John Farrell of Grantstown playing at mid field on the All Ireland winning Tipperary minor hurling team of 1947 which had a great victory over Galway. John Joe, along with his wife Breda and family



lived for a number of years on Main Street, Dundrum where Breda operated a hairdresser's and some of the older children went to Bishopswood National School (now Woodlands Nursing Home). With John Joe's business interests in Tipperary Town it was natural that the family would move there. However he still kept up his interest in the club and would always ask about how the Kickhams were doing. As a mark of respect to John Joe and the McCormack family the club provided a guard of honour as he was brought to his final resting place at St Michaels Cemetery, Tipperary Town. The McCormack name is synonymous with the history of the Kickham club and the family name is still represented on club teams right up to the present day. We extend our deepest condolences to his devoted wife Breda and family on their sad loss, we also offer our sympathies to the extended McCormack family, neighbours and friends on his passing. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Jim McDonnell (C.L.G. Buirgheas)
1936 - 2012

Jim McDonnell passed away at his home in Ballygoman, near Barntown in Wexford, on July 24th following a long illness which was borne with great dignity.

Jim won North Tipperary intermediate hurling titles with Burgess in 1956 and 1959; as a student in UCD Jim won a Fitzgibbon Cup (1957-58) before winning a National League medal with Tipperary in 1959. Jim played minor and senior championship for Tipperary.

Jim developed a successful career as an agriculture advisor following his move to Wexford in 1965 and also played a key role in the eradication of brucellosis in the south-east. In retirement Jim re-focused his energy on quality beef breeding. As well as proving to be a key figure in the development of Glynn-Barntown GAA club, Jim also initiated Wexford Creamery's sponsorship of the county's GAA teams.

Jim will be fondly remembered by all who knew him and is sadly missed by his wife Margaret; children Patrick, Niall, Aidan, Colm and Sinéad; grandchildren, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, and his loving brothers, sisters and extended family.



Jim McGrath (Carrick Davins)

On 22 July 2012, Carrick Davins lost another life-long supporter with the passing of Jim McGrath. Jim played with the local Sean Treacys team up to minor level. An avid Davin supporter, he travelled far and wide supporting the great Davin teams of the 1960's and 1970's. He was a great admirer of the hurling skills of the likes of Mick Roche and P.J. Ryan. His two sons, Pa and Eddie played with Carrick Davin teams over the years and Jim was immensely proud of their achievements on the playing pitch. We offer our sincerest sympathies to his wife Mary, sons Pa and Eddie, daughters Catherine and Helen and family and friends.

May he rest in peace.



Philip Maher (Clonoulty - Rossmore)
1920-2012

Philip Maher went to his eternal reward on the 23rd of June last in his 92nd year. He was President of the Clonoulty Rossmore club and was an honorary member for many years.

Philip went to school in Ardmayle and hurled at corner back for Boherlahan. His work took him to Clonoulty where he made many friends. He joined the local club and he played at corner forward but his hurling career was cut short by injury. He then became involved in the administration side. He was Treasurer of the club when the field was under development in the 50's. He was a selector with many teams. He was very proud to have trained the junior football team to a county title in 1969. Success was his again when the Intermediate football team won the county in 1986. Philip has often said that working with that team was probably the most enjoyable time he spent in the club.

He was a hurley maker and repairer of some renown. His hurleys were used by the local lads but some of his work went as far afield as America.

With his days as a trainer/selector over, he was asked regularly to stand in as an umpire at various matches. When Francis Kearney began his career as a referee, Philip was very honoured to be "selected" as one of his umpires. He carried out his duties conscientiously and gave of his time willingly.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his loving wife Nora and his devoted



family.

*So rest in peace, dear Philip.
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you,
The trophy you've truly won.*

Eugene Martin (Clonmore)
1933-2012

The death occurred on June 29th of Eugene Martin, Ballysorrell, Clonmore. He was very involved and deeply interested in the GAA and gave great service to Clonmore as a player, administrator and a great follower of all club teams. In 1951 he played on the Clonmore Killea junior football team defeated by Boherlahan in the Mid final, along with his brothers Dinny and Ger. Dinny was a member of the Tipperary minor football team in 1939 and Ger in 1952. In the early fifties he became Secretary of the Clonmore Club and was the clubs Mid Board delegate to all meetings in 1953. He played corner forward and full forward on the junior football teams of the early 60's. In 1965 he became involved with the juvenile club in Templemore, and transported youngsters from Clonmore to training and games. A street league took place that year and Eugene was one of the three in charge of the Clonmore/Mary St team. These leagues culminated in great success for Templemore at Juvenile level winning Mid titles in 1965, 1966, and 1967 and a county title in 1966. He took a keen interest in Clonmore again in 1969 when they re-affiliated after a few years absence and it was a source of great pride and joy to him to see Clonmore capture the Mid junior hurling in 1970 after a lapse of 38 years and a Mid u-17 football title in 1971 for the first time. He followed the club diligently through the '70s and '80s and was delighted to see them win 7 Mid junior/intermediate titles and a county intermediate title in 1987. A regular attendee at the club's AGMs he was a committee member in 1985 and 1986. He took a keen interest in the development of the field at Graffin in the mid '80s and was one of the three club trustees elected in 1985. He regarded it as an honour to be succeeding Willie Ryan, who was an uncle of his wife Peggy, and one of the first three trustees in 1933 and also a great club stalwart for many years. A keen Tipperary follower he took great interest in the progress of all teams, and particularly in latter years when local man Shane Bourke, made the breakthrough at minor, u-21 and senior level.

His coffin was draped in the Clonmore colours and a guard of honour was provided by former club players before he was finally laid to rest in Kilivanogue cemetery. Sympathy to his wife and family.

Jimmy Maher (Clonmore)
1934-2012

The death occurred on May 27th of Jimmy Maher, Shanakill, Clonmore. Jimmy lived all his life in Shanakill and was proud of his roots there. An only child Jimmy's mother died when he was very young and he had to adjust to working inside the home as well as on the family farm. He grew up in pre television times where the company of people visiting peoples home was highly valued. Jimmy was generous and inoffensive and was involved in the local community, serving on the Clonmore Hall and Macra committees. His primary interest was the GAA and he took a keen involvement in the Clonmore Club. He was a selector on the team that won the No. 2 junior hurling championship in 1974, defeating Moyne/Templetuohy in the final, and again the following year when they won the No 1 junior hurling title, with a one point victory over Gortnahoe/Glengoole. He was on the committee for many years and became President in the late seventies, a position he held up to the time the club amalgamated in 1992 to form JK Brackens. During this time he was proud of the clubs success, winning Mid titles in 1978, 1979, 1984, 1986 and 1987 at No. 1 junior/intermediate hurling level and a county title in 1987. He also supported the development of the field and facilities at Graffin and was always willing to help out in whatever way possible. His coffin was draped in the Clonmore colours and a guard of honour provided by players and committee members before his internment in Templemore cemetery.

Sympathy to his relatives and friends.



Philly Martin (Clonmore)
1933-2012

The death occurred on September 15th of Philly Martin, The Lodge Clonmore. A great character and the life of many a gathering his passing has left a void in the community that can never be filled. A hard working man all his life, he was always available to help a neighbour whenever needed. He played on the Clonmore junior hurling and football teams of the mid '50s to early '60s, usually as a corner back on the football team and corner forward on the hurling team. He took a keen interest in the clubs success in the seventies and eighties winning eight junior/intermediate titles and a county title in 1987, and he seldom if ever missed a game that the club was involved in. While farming in Loughmore during this time the clashes of Clonmore and Loughmore intermediate hurling teams from 1975 to 1979 were special to him and Clonmore's success meant it was that bit easier to meet the many friends he had in Loughmore. He took a keen interest and his advice was always appreciated on the development of the GAA field at Graffin in 1985. He got involved in the fundraising drive for the development, the Lord Major campaign, in support of one of the three candidates Seamus Bourke, and he looked forward to the weekend fundraising activities of going to pubs and functions selling tickets and meeting up with a great friend, Jack Bourke. He manually worked on the field and his tractor and other farm equipment was always made available to the club when required. He was delighted to see his family involved in the GAA and in latter years it was a source of pride and joy to see his grandchildren become involved in the games. His son John has been involved with the JK Brackens club for a long number of years, and two other family members Jim and Breda participated at Scor level for a number of years, Jim winning Mid and county titles in Scor na nOg set dancing in 1983, 1984, 1985 and a Mid title in 1986 and a Mid figure dancing title in 1983.

His coffin was draped in the Clonmore colours and a guard of honour was provided from the Moyners Cross to Clonmore church, before internment in Templemore cemetery.

Sympathy to his wife Ena and family, Mary, Breda, Jim and John.

Paddy & Billy Meagher (St. Patricks)

During the last year St. Patrick's GAA club mourned the loss of two members of the Meagher family, Cloneen with the deaths of brothers Paddy and Billy Meagher.

Paddy was one of the best footballers of his time winning South and County Tipperary Senior Football Championships in 1947 and 1953. Paddy was a member of the County Tipperary Senior Football team for several years in the early 1950s. Paddy continued to line out for St. Patrick's all through the 1950s but further success eluded him as many of his 1953 colleagues had been lost to emigration. During his playing days Paddy won several tournaments one being at the official opening of Kilsheelan GAA field in 1952 when St. Patricks defeated Kilrossanty (who were the Waterford Co. Senior Champions) by 1-9 to 1-8.

A guard of honour of present and former players welcomed Paddy's remains as his coffin draped in the St Patrick's flag arrived at the Church of the Nativity, Cloneen.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

In July St. Patricks and the Meagher family were in mourning again with the death of Billy of Lismoyan and formerly of Cloneen. Billy was a talented footballer but was also a talented athlete and fisherman which took him away from football at vital times. Billy played senior football with Drangan-Cloneen in 1940 and with St. Patricks in 1949. Both Billy and

Paddy were members of the St. Patricks team that defeated Drangan in the South Tipperary Junior football championship of 1951. Billy spent some years working in Kildare in the early 1950's when St. Patricks were going through a successful period. Billy also won several medals at tournaments which were a big part of the GAA in those days since the championships were knock out and often only involved one or two games in a season.

On arrival in Cloneen Billy's funeral was met by a guard of honour of St. Patricks of past and present players.

May he rest in peace.



Jimmy Morrissey (Clonoulty/Rossmore)
1938-2012

When the news of Jimmy Morrissey's death filtered through the locality, we were all numbed and saddened by the suddenness of his passing. He was born in 1938 and he lived in Ballindromeen for most of his life.

Noted for his speed in his youthful years, Jimmy was often compared to the hare, swift of foot and action. Ironically, many the hare was outwitted by the artful Jimmy in later years to ensure the success of his beloved coursing meets. He had some success in his short hurling career. Playing at centre field he won a West No.2 junior medal in the mid '60s. He spent a short time in London where he was successful in the London senior hurling championship. When his hurling days were over he supplied ash to many hurley makers. When asked what was the best time to cut a hurley butt, Jimmy replied simply "as soon as you see it".

Jimmy had many "strings to his bow". He was an All-Ireland champion in beet-hoeing, a top class dog trainer and a fisherman of note. Jimmy lived life to the full and loved to entertain with his huge repertoire of songs. Some of his favourites were "Our hero, John Doyle" and "The Great Christy Ring". His talent as a composer was well recognised. He would always have a verse or two prepared to celebrate a special occasion in the parish or county.

Many stories are told of his exploits in "Cheltenham" and in Sunderland with his friends Joe Hayes, Nicky English and Niall Quinn. All three spoke fondly of Jimmy at his funeral in Rossmore where a large gathering paid their respects to a "Great Character". I'm sure he celebrated with The Lord when Clonoulty/Rossmore won the West this year and he probably serenaded all with his version of "Six in a Row." To his family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Tom Molamphy (Ballina)

Tom Molamphy, a stalwart of Ballina GAA club, passed away at his home on May 6th 2012. A native of Portroe, Tom played for many years for Portroe, winning a North Junior title with them in 1952 when he played at corner back.

He came to live in Killaloe in the late 1950's and played with the Killaloe club for a few years before moving to Ballina in the mid 1960's and where he lived ever since.

Tom was involved in club activities from the start and could always be relied upon to bring juveniles to matches and enjoyed supporting the young lads, including his own family. He concentrated on this, but remained fit and active, and even though he was in the "twilight" of his playing career, he did make a comeback when called upon to play corner back for the Intermediate team in the North Championship in 1972. Ballina were defeated by Silvermines in the final. In 1974 and 1975 Tom played in goals. Tom always wore a peaked cap in goal, in contrast to the helmets worn today, but his reflexes were still sharp and his presence gave encouragement to the younger players around him.

When the time came to hang up his boots, Tom continued with the club in many roles and always kept a close eye on the juveniles. He became club chairman in 1978, succeeding the Tommy O'Brien era, and served the club in that role for a number of years.

He lived all his life in Ballina within a stones throw of the field- in the '60s and early '70s across from Thady Minogue's field and later side by side with the "new" field in Cullina, where the club now caters for a much greater population than in Tom's day.

All his life, Tom was also a keen angler and a noted card-player. At his funeral in May, a former opponent said that he had scored a "great" goal against Tom in the North Championship in 1975, but that it was the last time he had ever beaten him, even though they had played cards together for many years after!

May he rest in peace.

Michael (McDuff) Moloney (Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's)
1933-2012

The unexpected death of Michael (McDuff) Moloney on the 7th February at his home in Lisheen, Bansha caused widespread sorrow among all the Gaels of West and County Tipperary. McDuff as he was better known, was firstly a dedicated Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's stalwart. His greatest interest was in juvenile affairs and he spent many years coaching and encouraging young people and driving them to matches all over West and County Tipperary.



Michael Moloney was a selector on the Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's senior football team that won a West title in 1962. He also spent many years as a committee member of the juvenile and senior clubs. McDuff was known far and wide as one of the umpires who travelled the country with his brother John to officiate at matches at all grades in football and hurling. He was uniquely selected to act as umpire for the 1971 All-Ireland final even though John was not involved.

A wonderful supporter of Tipperary hurling and football teams, McDuff travelled the length and breadth of the country cheering on the Premier county in good times and bad. To his wife, son, daughters and the extended Moloney family we offer our deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

Matt Nolan (Toomevara)

In April this year the death occurred of Matt Nolan in Co. Tyrone and formerly of Toomevara. In his day Matt Nolan was a very skilful hurler and was a member of the Toomevara team that captured the North senior championship in 1946 when they defeated Roscrea.

Matt always kept in touch with his native Toomevara and followed the affairs of the club with a keen interest. He was a very proud Tipp man living in Co. Tyrone when his grandnephew Tommy Dunne led Tipperary to All-Ireland glory in 2001 and he always kept in touch to see how the rest of his relations were performing.

Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

Donal O'Brien (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams)

It was with deep shock and sadness that we learned on 8th April of the sudden death in England of Donal O'Brien formerly of Lisloran in his 73rd year, a Gael that was held in very high regard within the GAA community and beyond. Donal resided in the USA since 1963 and had been in England visiting his brother Jimmy when he died suddenly. The news of his death sent shock waves through the Kickham folk and stories of his heroics between the posts for the club and county were recounted for those who had not been lucky enough to have witnessed them.

Donal grew up watching the great hurling men of Kickhams teams dominate the West. Goalkeeping was his skill and he won two West senior medals in 1959 and 1960. However the Kickhams club would not again claim a West Senior hurling title until 1997. Donal's talent did not go unnoticed and he was selected for county duty where he went on to play a starring role between the posts for the Tipperary senior hurlers as they won back to back All Irelands in 1961 and 1962, beating Wexford and Dublin in the finals. He then emigrated to the United States, but made many visits over the years across the Atlantic to visit family and friends.

We offer our condolences to his hearbroken wife Frances and family and the extended O'Brien family on their sad loss. When Donal's funeral took place in the U.S. his coffin was draped with the flag and the goalkeepers jersey of his beloved Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams club. A few days after Donal's death his brother Jimmy passed away after a long illness bravely borne, we extend our sympathies to Jimmy's loving wife Patricia and family at this sad time.

May Donal and Jimmy rest in peace.

Paddy O'Callaghan (Ballyporeen)
1928 - 2012

Ballyporeen lost a tremendous clubman during 2012 with the passing of Paddy O'Callaghan. From his early years Paddy devoted his time to the promotion of Gaelic Football in Ballyporeen. Paddy was a great stalwart of the club and never missed a football match right up to the time of his death. Paddy will be deeply missed by his family and the Ballyporeen club but as long as football is played in Ballyporeen Paddy will always be remembered.

May he rest in peace.



Breda O'Connell (Killenaule)

On 13th November, 2011 Cumann Cill Náile lost one of its outstanding supporters in the death of Breda O'Connell, River Street. Breda was wife of Sonnie O'Connell who only predeceased her by three months. Breda was what you could describe as our club's First Lady. A long time promoter of the Tipperary GAA Draw and the weekly Club Lotto and was also a huge contributor to all fundraising activities within our club. She was tremendously proud of the achievements of her family. Her shop at River Street was a meeting place of sorts and many resolutions were reached therein.

A more kind and loving person you could not meet and she is sadly missed by all within our club.

To her family our club expresses its deepest sympathy and may her gentle soul rest in peace.

John F. O'Donnell (Cahir) 1918 - 2011

Early in 2011, Cahir G.A.A. lost its longest serving member, with the passing of John O'Donnell, of Clonmore. The O'Donnell family have been associated with the G.A.A. in Cahir from the late nineteenth century through John's father William F.

When the Cahir G.A.A. was reformed and reorganised in the O'Donnell home in 1941, John's father became its first chairman and John himself, although a young man, was an elected committee member.

As a player John and his brother Michael were on the Cahir Junior football team unlucky to lose the South Final in 1936. John continued to play football and won a South Junior title in 1944. John also played hurling for the club and again played in the South Junior final in 1944. As a player however, John got his reward when the club won the South and County Junior football title of 1952. John continued to play for the club during the 50's and indeed turned-out on a number of occasions in the early 60's when the club could not field 15.

John followed in his fathers footsteps when he became Chairman of the Cahir Slashers Club in the late 40's. This and other club officer positions were filled with distinction by John over the next 50 years. John also ably represented the club at South Board and County Board level. His ability was recognised when he was elected Vice-Chairman of the South Board

During John's chairmanship the club enjoyed a very successful run in the 1950's, when the club won 7 county titles in football and also the very significant first South Senior football title in 1954.

John played a central role again when the Slashers football club and the Wild Rovers hurling club amalgamated to form the present club structure in 1962. John was a selector on many Cahir football and hurling teams and was a central figure on the line when Cahir won the County Intermediate title in 1979.

John also found time to referee many South Championship games throughout the division, a role to which he was ideally suited, with his very even temperament. In latter years John with his great friend Willie Kiely were Life Presidents of the Cahir Club. His lifelong contribution to the G.A.A. was recognised, when he received the prestigious Sean Gael award from the G.A.A. President Joe Mac Donagh and was named "Clubman of the Century" at a function in November 1999.

John O'Donnell's contribution to the G.A.A. in Cahir was immense and varied and will long be remembered.

Brendan O'Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) 1978 - 2012

The tragic and untimely death of the Brendan O'Dwyer occurred in July this year. Brendan late of Coleman, Fethard and lately Dublin was an extremely talented juvenile and underage footballer with Moyle Rovers and Tipperary.

The only success that Brendan had a club level as a juvenile was an Under 16 football South C Championship in 1993 and Under 16 hurling South C championship in 1994. However his talents were recognised by the county underage selectors at an early age. He was the captain of a Tipperary Under 16 team that won a special league competition for weaker counties in 1994 beating Limerick in the final in Ardfinnan.

He played minor football for Tipperary for three successive years, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

To play county minor for three years is a feat achieved by only a few. He



also had a huge achievement of being part of the Tipperary team in 1995 that was victorious in the Munster Minor Football Championship playing wing back, again a feat achieved by only a few.

For Moyle Rovers he played in all age groups at juvenile level in hurling and football and the same in minor and Under 21. He was a very important Panel member of the Moyle Rovers senior teams that won successive County Senior Football Championships in 1995 and 1996.

Around this time Brendan had moved to Dublin and later to Australia in 1998. Unfortunately for Moyle Rovers contact with Brendan abated at this time and a very talented individual disappeared off the scene.

We will always have very fond memories of Brendan as a talented fiery, feisty individual at times but mostly as a very genuine individual that always gave his best no matter what the circumstances.

To his wife Lilian, his son Christian, his mother Phyllis, father Tony, brothers, relatives and friends who express our sincere sympathies. May he rest in peace.

John Joe O'Dwyer (Upperchurch/Drombane) 1960-2012

The death occurred in April 2012 of John Joe O'Dwyer, Kennilworth Square, Rathmines and Knockravoola, Upperchurch. John Joe hurled with Upperchurch/Drombane in the 70's and 80's. He was an avid follower of the G.A.A. at all levels and his extensive knowledge for it knew no bounds. A meticulous carpenter by trade, John Joe completed his apprenticeship in Templemore. He moved to London in the 80's and later to Manchester before returning to Dublin in the 90's where he made a wide circle of friends.

John Joe will be remembered for his great sense of humour, passion for the G.A.A. and his love of country music and dancing. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Michael O'Mahoney (Clonmel Commercial & St. Mary's)

It was with a real sense of sadness that members of Clonmel Commercial and St. Mary's learned of the death on September 21st of Michael O'Mahoney. Mick as he was better known was a valuable member of Clonmel Commercial and St. Mary's clubs over many years. He was ever present on the sidelines and was a committee member and Vice President of the Commercial club. A gentle giant Mick was never slow to offer his views about a game or any aspect of club activities. He was always very supportive and worked tirelessly on the club's behalf. He took great pride in the fact that his four sons Ger, Mick jnr, Noel and Paul all played hurling and football though he wasn't one to spare his own of a critical review!! Mick and his wife Maureen were regular spectators at games in the South division and beyond. Mick was well known as a barman in several pubs in the town and for many years volunteered in the GAA Centre.

Mick O'Mahoney was a gentleman, a clubman, and a great friend to have but above all he was a wonderful family man and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.



Martin O'Leary (C.L.G. Buirgheas)

"Only a life lived for others is worth living"
In the summer of 2011, the untimely passing of Martin O'Leary caused heartfelt grief amongst the Burgess/Youghalarra fraternity, who held him in the highest regard. Born and reared in neighbouring Newport (a place he always retained a tremendous affinity for), Martin and his family moved in the early 80's to Ballycuddymore, where he instantaneously became a popular and valued member of the community. A zestful and ebullient character, Martin wholeheartedly embraced his adopted parish with Burgess GAA Club being arguably the greatest beneficiaries of his incredible energy levels and selfless ways. Faithfully serving both the juvenile and senior clubs in numerous roles (which included playing, coaching and administrative positions) over many years, Martin's remarkably generous contribution will forever be appreciated by those with green and gold hearts.

Martin further served the GAA family as a much-respected hurling referee, a vocation his independent nature was well suited to. Always thought-provoking in his views, Martin's astuteness was unquestionable; a North Tipperary Scór Question-Time trophy that he won alongside his son Aidan exemplified his intellectual capabilities. A true "Gael", Martin really



did have a burning passion for all things Irish, very much including its culture, language and history. He was also a particularly talented musician, who regularly gave freely of his time to raise funds for charitable causes. Martin was a carpenter by trade, and an exceptionally skilled one at that – the “Kilcolman Complex” being one project in particular that he took immense pride in.

Above all though, Martin was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a loyal friend. One of life's true gentlemen, whose cheerful disposition lit up many a room, Martin is sorely missed by his wife Helen, son Aidan, daughter-in-law Noreen, and by his extended family and countless friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Mick O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
1919-2011

The death of Mick O'Meara, Carriganagh, just a week short of his 93rd birthday, has severed the last remaining link with the 1940 Kilruane MacDonaghs senior hurling team which defeated Kildangan in the North final in Borrisokane and the 1944 side which got the better of Duharra to claim the Murphy Cup. Mick was also to play in the finals of 1947, 1952 and '53, without adding another medal, as Kilruane had to give second best to the powerful Borris-Ileagh side of that era. He continued playing until 1954. Mick was a skilled and tenacious defender who played senior hurling for eighteen successive years in the green and gold of MacDonaghs. He was selected on the North Tipperary team which won the interdivisional Miller Shield. Mick's family has a long and distinguished association with the G.A.A. for over a century. His father John O'Meara won one county and seven North medals with the De Wets and his uncle Bill Cleary was also on that side. Coincidentally, when John passed to his eternal reward in 1964, he was the last surviving member of the De Wets. Mick's brother, the late Fr. Niall O'Meara, served as North Board chairman in 1957 and vice-chairman between 1973 and 1975. His son John, in his role as juvenile secretary, continues on the family tradition of service to the club. Mick was a shrewd operator on the line and he was a selector on the MacDonaghs senior team which won a hat trick of North and County titles between 1977 and 1979. He was also an active and dependable committee member for many years, working quietly and conscientiously in the background. Mick also acted as a steward in MacDonagh Park and carried out his duties efficiently and effectively on big match days. In 1988 he was elected vice-president of Kilruane MacDonaghs, a position he still held at the time of his death. In recognition of his immense contribution to Gaelic Games in the parish, he was honoured with a well deserved Sean Ghael award in 2004, the first MacDonaghs man to receive this prestigious accolade. Mick served Kilruane MacDonaghs with distinction both on and off the field and was a steadfast supporter of the club during his lengthy and active life. In addition he gave sterling service on the Parish Council and served on the Board of Management in Kilruane School. In the New Year's Eve drizzle past and present MacDonaghs players flanked the funeral cortege in silent tribute on Mick's final journey to his resting place in Ballygibbon graveyard. To his wife Sally, son John, daughters Kathleen, Mary and Anne-Marie, his sisters Nora and Annie, and extended family, sympathy is extended. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam uasal cróga.



Sean Organ (Carrick Davins)
1929 - 2012

The death occurred in October 2012 of Carrick Davins Club President, Sean Organ. Sean played his juvenile hurling with 'The Stars', a group of young Carrick boys playing in 'The Racks' area of the town under the stewardship of Paddy Harraher. He then went on to play hurling with the Davins and won a Munster Minor Hurling Championship with Tipperary in 1946, losing out to Dublin in the All-Ireland final. Sean played with numerous County hurling teams winning a Junior All-Ireland title in 1953, beating Cork in the Munster final and Warwickshire in All-Ireland final. Sean continued to play hurling with the Davins well into the 1960's and went on to become a selector with the Davin teams that won two County Hurling Titles in 1966 and 1967 and the first Tipperary team to win a Munster Senior Hurling Club Championship in 1967. Sean held various positions in the club throughout the years and was always a passionate supporter of the Davins who was never hesitant in voicing his opinions or offering advice. In recognition of his great achievements, he received a Sean Ghael award in 2005. One of the last hurling matches he travelled to was the semi-final meeting of Tipperary and Kilkenny in August. Sean was devoted to his greyhounds and was a noted and skilled trainer. He could be seen around Carrick walking greyhounds at any hour of the day or night. Another of Sean's loves was



set-dancing and he travelled to various dances where he took to the floor for hours on end. The large turn-out at his funeral was a testament to the high esteem that Sean was held in. The club offers its deepest sympathies to his sons Gerry and Maurice, daughters Marian, Alice, Catherine, Helen and Margaret, sisters Peg and Betty and a wide circle of family and friends.

Ar dheis De go Raibh a Anam.

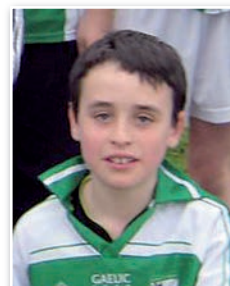
Tony Phelan (Upperchurch/Drombane)
1922-2011

The death occurred in January 2011 of Tony Phelan, Bulfín Gardens, Inchicore, Dublin and formally of Shevry, Upperchurch. Tony hurled with Upperchurch in the '40s and '50s and was on the number two Minor hurling team that won the Mid title in 1950. Tony was a big strong man who hurled at centre forward. He hurled like the man he was, strong and honest. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Alan Quirke (Lattin/Cullen)
2001-2012

It was with great sadness and extreme devastation that we learned of the tragic accident of young Alan Quirke on 8th August last. He began playing with Lattin/Cullen at the age of four and was a dream to coach because of his skill and ability. He loved all sports particularly hurling, his hero was Padraic Maher. Alan played mostly at centre back on the Under 12 team and played a huge role in our footballers reaching a County Final this year. A match would not be long over when Alan would enquire when the next one was on, such was his enthusiasm. On the 13th October we held the Alan Quirke Memorial game, in which our Under 12's took on neighbours Arravale Rovers where we came out winners. Alan was definitely looking down on us that day. Alan is sadly missed by everyone in Lattin/Cullen and he will never be forgotten. We extend our deepest sympathies to his parents Pat and Imelda, his brothers Liam and Gary, to his nana and granny, aunts, uncles, cousins, teachers, and his so many friends. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Jack Quinn (Clonmore)
1951-2012

On March 15th, after an illness bravely fought, the death occurred of Jack Quinn Sean Treacy Avenue Thurles, and formerly of Dareens, Clonmore and McDonagh Terrace, Templemore. Jack was an accomplished hurler and footballer and won numerous honours with Clonmore and Templemore teams. He won three Mid juvenile football titles with Templemore in 1965, 1966 and 1967 and a county title in 1966. He was a member of the Templemore minor football team that won three Mid titles in a row, 1967, 1968 and 1969, and a Mid u-21 football title in 1970 and 1971. In 1971 he became secretary of the Templemore club and the following year played in goal on the junior football team that won the Mid title and later went on to defeat Toomevara in the county final. In 1974 he transferred back to his native club Clonmore and gave sterling service to the club for the next twelve years before his retirement at the end of the 1985 season. He won a Mid No2 junior hurling title in 1974, Mid No 1 junior hurling in 1975, 1978 and Mid intermediate hurling titles in 1979 and 1984. He was team captain in 1979 and played on four county final losing teams. An outstanding keeper who made many a fine save, a prerequisite for all defenders was to keep out the forwards and leave the ball to Jack. During his years with Clonmore he continued to play senior football with Templemore up to 1983. At his funeral on St Patrick's Day his coffin was draped in the Clonmore and Templemore colours and a guard of honour was provided by his playing colleagues from the Cathedral to his final resting place in St Patrick's cemetery. Sincere sympathy to his wife and family, brother and sisters.



Jimmy Roche (Carrick Davins)

The death occurred in August 2012 of Jimmy Roche, late of 53 Treacy Park, Carrick on Suir after a brief illness. Jimmy's hurling career began with the local Sean Treacy's club. He was also a member of the Na Piarasigh panel who won the South Senior Hurling Championship in 1957. When his local club disbanded he joined Carrick Davins. Jimmy's passing will no doubt rekindle memories of the very successful Carrick Davin teams of the mid 1960's. In 1966 and 1967, Jimmy went on to win two Tipperary South and County Senior Titles and one Munster Senior Club Title (1967) with the club. Jimmy was one of the most versatile members of the team and played in almost every position, with forwards being the position he enjoyed the most. The club extends its sympathies to Jimmy's two brothers, seven sisters and many friends.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Bernadette Ryan (Toomevara)

It was with great sadness, the parish of Toomevara learned of the death of Bernadette Ryan, on the 29th of September this year, after a brave and courageous fight against illness. Bernadette was a wonderful person, who was a joy to meet, with her friendly and bubbly personality. Bernadette was a true Toomevara supporter and was always available to help both the hurling and camogie clubs. Bernadette was a beautiful singer and won North Senior Scor title in 1985 and county title in Scor na nOg in 1981 and 1983. She also won the Munster final in 1983 (Solo singing).

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.



Christine Ryan (Portroe)

It was with deep regret and sadness that news reached us of the untimely death of Christine Ryan after she lost her battle against her serious illness during the year. Christine, from our near neighbours and great rivals Burgess, arrived in the parish to marry her beloved Tom. She was a loyal and dedicated supporter of Portroe, Burgess and Tipperary all her life, and anyone who knows Tom will testify that when Christine married Tom she also married the GAA. Many a night was spent helping Tom with the County Board Draw and the club finances and her love of Tom and their children Denis, Elaine, John and Niamh always shone through. Christine's other great love was acting and her performances on the stage in Killoran Community Centre were talked about far and wide and she certainly knew how to "Deliver A Line". We are also sure she had a word with the Man above as shortly after her death her son John played a prominent role in securing a first every North Senior Hurling title for the parish and we are sure she was looking down on us from above as we celebrated this great victory. A testament of the highest esteem in which she was held was the huge numbers who formed a guard of honour at the removal of her remains. To her husband Tom, children Denis, Elaine, John and Niamh and a wide circle of relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy. May her soul rest in peace.



Margaret Ryan (Newport)

The parish and surrounding areas were shocked and saddened by the untimely death of Margaret Ryan on 26th April last, after a short illness. Margaret faced her illness with extraordinary courage and determination, some of the qualities that she had shown throughout her life. She was direct, honest, great company and a true friend.

Margaret (nee Walsh) who was a native of Barbaha, Nenagh came to live in Newport in 1979 when she married local farmer John Ryan of Rossaree. She spent many years working in Limerick City Council and Limerick City Enterprise Board before eventually transferring to Enterprise Ireland where she played a very prominent role over the last number of years.

Margaret was an officer of the Club for many years in Newport, where she held the position of PRO. However it was from her involvement and coaching of underage teams that she derived her greatest enjoyment and pleasure in what was a very successful time for the club. Margaret undeniably played a significant part in that success.

Margaret had a big interest in all sports, but hurling and football in



particular were special to her. She loved the Kerry style of football and along with her husband John, they seldom missed a big match that involved Kerry.

Margaret was a loving and caring mother. Her family were her pride and joy. The large crowd that attended her funeral was testament to the esteem in which Margaret and the Ryan family are held in the parish and further afield. The coffin was draped with the club colours and the large guard of honour included many of the players that she once helped to motivate and coach.

Newport GAA Club extends its sympathy to her husband John, sons Tom, Shane and Darragh; daughters Martina and Bridin, son-in-law P.J, brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law and extended family.

Ar dheis lamh Dé go raibh a h-anan.

Michael Ryan (Cormack) (Knockavilla Kickhams)

Michael Ryan (Cormack) of Raheen, Limerick and formerly Gurtussa, Dundrum, who was in his 84th year, died on the 21st of December 2011. In his youth Michael or Micky as he was always known was a very skilful hurler who possessed lighting speed that terrorised many defenders in the division and beyond. He wore the Black and Amber of Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams with pride winning two West Senior Hurling titles in 1946 and 1947 whilst playing along side his brother Martin. He also won two West minor titles in 1944 and 1945, which was also the year he represented Tipperary in minor hurling. When his work took him to the Treaty County he continued his involvement in all things GAA and lined out for the Limerick Senior hurlers during the early 1950s. We offer our condolences to his wife Phyllis and family on their sad loss. We also extend our sympathies to his brothers and sisters, relatives and friends at this sad time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Micheál Ryan (Moyné/Templetuohy) 1932 – 2012

Micheál was a distinguished sports person, who won medals in both GAA and Athletics. Micheál won his first GAA medal in 1949 where he was part of the All Ireland Minor team for Tipperary. In 1950 and at the youthful age of 17 Micheál moved to Dublin where he was part of the Dublin minors who unfortunately were beaten in the Leinster Final. He was then part of the Dublin senior team in 1953, '54 and '55. He won a Railway Cup with Leinster in 1954. Micheál then transferred back to Tipperary in 1956 and won a NHL medal with Tipp in '57. He went on to win a second Railway Cup medal but this time with Munster in 1957. He then played with his native Moyné/Templetuohy for three years in the early sixties. Micheál was known as the 'pocket rocked' on account of his speed. Micheál was an all round sportsman and played golf in later years. He loved to visit his native Moyné/Templetuohy. Without a doubt Micheál was one of the finest sportsperson this parish has ever produced. Deepest sympathy to his wife Monica, son Stephen, daughters Adrienne, Jacinta and Margaret and to his sister Nellie. He is predeceased by his brother Tommy. Ar Dheis de go raibh a ainm.



Mike Ryan (Toomevara)

Mike Ryan passed to his eternal reward during the year. Mike hurled at all grades for Toomevara right up to senior and also played senior hurling with Nenagh. Mike had a great interest in horse racing and was also a keen dancer.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.



Patrick Panie Ryan (S) (Upperchurch/Drombane)
1931-2011

The death occurred in September 2011 of Panie Ryan of Rathcannon, Holycross and formerly of the Glebe, Drombane. Panie played hurling for Upperchurch/Drombane in the 1950s and '60s lining out mainly in the full forward line but in later years he switched to the centre back position and went on to win a number 2 Junior Mid title in 1962. Panie still retained a great interest in the club that he played for but his greatest love was his family and farming. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Paddy Ryan (Fox) (Clonoulty/Rossmore)
1928-2011

Paddy Ryan (Fox), a native of Ballagh, was a well-respected farmer who took great pride in everything he did. He witnessed the changing of the old world and the coming of the new one, symbolised by the coming of the tractor and the slow disappearance of the horse. He held very strong views as to which lifestyle brought the more contentment to people's lives.

Paddy was son of the legendary Mick Fox who proudly wore the blue and gold of Tipperary from 1920s until 1932 at junior and senior level culminating in two All-Ireland and two Munster Junior medals won in 1924 and 1930. Mick was a valued member of the all-conquering Clonoulty senior hurling team which won a famous first four-in-a-row of West titles.

Paddy's competitive nature came to the fore at the Cross of Ballagh where he would outwit most at pitch and toss or skittles. He was a smashing hand-baller with two skilful hands and powerful arms. Paddy wasn't shy with a camán in his hand. His motto was 'be prepared for the worst and you will handle the best of them'. Paddy played hurling around the fields of Ballagh and Cappamurra with the local lads but it was his performances at full back and centre back for Clonoulty that drew attention and admiration from hurling enthusiasts around West Tipp. Paddy's own proudest moment was when Clonoulty beat Arravale Rovers in the West Junior Hurling Final of 1958 in Cashel.

Of the modern game Paddy's view was that all these 'fiddly faddly' rules had the grand old game ruined. He thought it looked more like tennis and he hated all this hand-passing. He longed to see more first time hurling and overhead striking. 'Let the ball do the work' was Paddy's mantra. Paddy was picked to play on the Tipperary county junior hurling team of 1956 and 1959 but unfortunately they were beaten in both Munster semi-finals.

Wherever hurling is talked about in the 1950s Paddy Ryan (Fox) of Clonoulty and his duels with the Solohead boys and in particular "Yank" Crowe will inevitably come up. Their duels were legendary with no quarter given or none taken. Paddy out hurled the best of them like his Dad did of yore.

A gentleman to his fingertips Paddy in his very familiar Ford Fiesta, Reg No. 79 NIP will be missed sadly in Ballagh and the surrounding areas as he was a reminder to all of a special way of life which is slipping away before our very eyes. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam

Pat Joe Ryan (Lanty) (Clonoulty/Rossmore)
1933-2011

Clonoulty/Rossmore GAA club extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Joe Ryan (Lanty), Turraheen who passed away on 7th November.

Pat Joe played hurling and football with Rossmore back in the '50s winning a West Junior title with Rossmore in 1956. He was a selector with various teams over the years both at Juvenile and senior level. His most notable victory as a selector was West hurling title with Clonoulty/Rossmore back in 1974. On that management team as well was Peter O'Dwyer (A) and the late Jim Ryan (H). Pat Joe was always there to help out in whatever role the club asked of him.

A farming man all of his life he was a very kind neighbour who was very popular around the parish and beyond. His coffin was draped with the club colours and members past and present formed a guard of honour at his funeral. His memory will live on with all those who had the privilege to know him.

We extend our sympathy to his devoted wife Breda and all his family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



Seamus Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris)
1928-2012

The death occurred on October 4th of Seamus (Seamie) Ryan, Rathhanna, Two-Mile-Borris after a short illness. He was a great follower of all sports especially coursing, greyhound racing, hurling and athletics. He hurled with the Two-Mile-Borris No. 2 junior team winners of the 1957 Mid championship and also played with the parish club. He was a tenacious left corner back and held many famous names scoreless. He was a great follower of county teams including Kilkenny as he spent his schoolboy days with the Dunne family (cousins) of Ballycallan. When Tipperary and Kilkenny met, Seamie often held a neutral stance; he would like to see Tipperary triumph but had a soft spot for Kilkenny too. In athletics he competed with Moyne and Coolroo clubs in cross country running. He was a man of many talents be it as a thatcher, sleansman or any maintenance work. For his social activities he was a talented dancer and loved to dance all the old time dances and was particularly adept at the Cashel Set. At the removal guards of honour were provided by Thurles Coursing Club, Mid Tipperary Mart and Moycarkey-Borris GAA club. His coffin was adorned in the Moycarkey-Borris club colours. He is mourned by his nephews, nieces, cousins, sister-in-law, many friends and neighbours. Rest in Peace. (JF)



Phil Shanahan (Toomevara)

Phil Shanahan was born in Coolderry in the parish of Toomevara in 1928. A parish steeped in hurling tradition it was only to be expected that hurling would be one of his interests from an early age. He learned the skills and acquired the arts of the game from his masters and his peers and he became one of the greatest players of his parish Toomevara in County Tipperary. His love of hurling and his prowess on the hurling field ensured a long and distinguished career, beginning with Toomevara at a young age.

When one mentions Phil Shanahan one is talking about one of the greatest centrefield players the county has produced down the years, he can be named in the same breath as other names that made that part of the field their own, players of the calibre of Tommy Treacy, Jimmy Cooney, Theo English and Mick Roche.

A powerful man, he could hold his own with the best, playing at a time when centrefield play was much more vital than it is today. He was centrefield on the Tipperary three in a row teams of 1949, 1950 and 1951 alongside different partners in each year- Sean Kenny, Seamus Bannon and fellow Toomevara player John Hough.

In his early days, he did not have much success with his beloved Toomevara. In those days the 1940s, Toomevara was in the doldrums, however he showed early promise making his debut at Senior level with his club in the 1945 championship at 17 years of age.

Toomevara were back in the senior ranks for the first time since 1938.

In 1946 Phil won his first divisional medal when Toomevara defeated Roscrea in the North Final, their first victory since 1931. He made his debut with the county minors in 1946. In the Munster Final against Cork he scored the winning goal to win the match by a point. Galway were well beaten in the All Ireland Semi Final, but the final was lost to Dublin in the infamous goalmouth incident. Dublin won by 1-6 to 0-7.

Phil's first entry into the senior ranks was to be selected on the 1948/49 National League team. This was the start of a glorious inter County career which lasted until 1957.

Tipperary defeated Cork in the League Final, their first victory in the competition since 1928 and the great boost for the championship. Tipperary were drawn against Cork in the first round of the Munster Championship where victory was achieved after two and a half hours of pulsating hurling. It was the start of three glorious years during which Phil played a starring role at midfield. As well as winning three Munster finals and three all Irelands he also won further national league medals in 1950 and 1952.

He also won an Oireachtas medal, Monaghan cup medals, Thomond Feis medals, four Railway Cup medals and was long puck champion of Ireland in 1951.

In 1950 Phil left home to work in Dublin and joined the Young Ireland's club, he continued playing for Tipperary but began playing with Dublin for the 1954 and 1955 Leinster Championship.

In 1956 he changed jobs and began working in Clonmel and began playing with Toomevara and Tipperary again. He won his first national league in 1957 and got his second trip to the U.S after which he retired from inter-county hurling.

Toomevara were rising in stature again and so began a very fruitful period in his career. He played in seven consecutive north finals from 1957



to 1963 and won four in 1958, 1960-61-62.

He captained the team in 1958, but lost the county final to Thurles Sarsfields. In 1960 the same two teams met again in the county final in Templemore, Sarsfields were seeking their sixth county title in a row and looked unbeatable. On this occasion the Toome lads were more confident, were in excellent physical shape due to the work of Ossie Bennett who went on to prepare Tipperary teams through the Golden Era of the 1960s. Phil relished the challenge, gave an outstanding display as centre forward and inspired his team mates to a memorable victory over one of the greatest club teams of all times.

He retired from club hurling in 1966 after a career of 20 years. He turned his attention to training and coaching, beginning with Portlaoise, helping the club to five senior football titles between 1966 and 1971. He also trained Killenaule to win three South Tipperary Intermediate championships in 1982, 1983 and 1986.

His love for hurling was his abiding passion, he lived for the game and spoke about it lovingly and he was an immensely proud man when his nephew, Philip Shanahan, captained Toomevara to a County Final victory in 1998. He was a powerful motivator, a master tactician which in fact helped in winning many a tight match.

He was a sporting giant in every respect, never treated an opponent unfairly and endeared himself to friend and foe alike. He was a strong fearless player who never shirked the tough hard grind of center field play and gave of his best on all occasions.

He could speak passionately, and at length, of his playing days, of great games and the many players whom he played with and against.

He was a modest man and he endeared himself to many through his gentleness and kindness.

Ni bheidh a leitheid ann arís

To his wife Joan, his sons Phil, Dave and Brian, his brother Tom and their extended families, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Jim Shortt (Upperchurch/Drombane) 1926-2011

The death occurred in November 2011 of Jim Shortt of Gurtnaskeha, Upperchurch. In his youth he was involved in athletics and later as a staunch hurling defender. He was a lifelong employee of the local Co-Op Creamery and was well respected in the local community. He had a keen interest in all sports, especially greyhounds. To his family and friends we express our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace.



Michael Small (Thurles Sarsfields)

The news of the passing of Michael Small, Rathcardan, Borrisoleigh and formerly Castle Ave., Thurles, saddened many in Thurles, particularly in Thurles Sarsfields. Back in the sixties Michael was a very popular and efficient Hon. Secretary of our club from 1966 until 1972. In 1973, he became Mid Tipperary Chairman, a post he held with distinction for three years. Although most of his life was spent in Borrisoleigh, where he was the former Principal of St. Patrick's N.S., he was a Sarsfields man first and last and his interest in our fortunes never waned. A marvellous conversationalist and story-teller, Mick's humour was infectious, his quick wit and turn of phrase brightened many a dull meeting and shortened many a long journey.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Ann, son Michael and sister Maura (McCullagh).

Solas na bhFlaitheas dá anam.

Pat Slattery (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams)

The death occurred on Wednesday 29th August of Pat Slattery, Gurtussa, Dundrum in his 87th year. The Slattery family is steeped in the history of the Kickhams with involvement in all aspects of the club right up to the present day. Pat himself was a proud Kickhams man who wore the black and amber in his youth. He was part of some of the five in a row West minor hurling winning teams from 1943 to 1947. He was very involved in the early development and maintenance of Pairc Uí Ciocam. His love for the Kickhams extended to his own sons and their families, all who have worn the jersey with distinction in hurling, football and camogie. This was a great source of pride for Pat and his beloved wife,



Lal.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Lal and family, the extended Slattery family, relatives, neighbours and friends at this sad time. As a mark of respect to Pat and the Slattery family the Kickhams club along with Knockavilla Community Council and Fine Gael, of which Pat was a lifelong member, provided a guard of honour as his remains were received at St. Brigids Church, Donaskeigh.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Jim Shortiss (Newcastle)

Jim Shortiss, of Liam Lynch Terrace, Newcastle passed away during 2012. Jim played with Newcastle GAA teams during his younger days. In 1984, to mark the centenary year of the GAA, Newcastle GAA club organised a past versus present hurling match. Jim participated with the present team on that occasion. He also travelled with the GAA and Céilí Club on many trips, including the trip to Coventry in 1988. In more recent years, Jim was a very active member of Newcastle Vintage club. He moved to live in Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny but was still very interested in the progress of all Newcastle GAA teams. Newcastle GAA and Vintage clubs provided a guard of honour at Jim's funeral to St. Marys Church Newcastle. To Jim's partner Marcie, brothers, sisters, and extended family, we express our deepest sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

Phil Talbot (Gortnahoe/Glengoose)

Born on June 10, 1928 in Lisduff, Gortnahoe, Tipperary, Phil Talbot emigrated in 1956 and landed in New York City but quickly headed to Los Angeles. Phil met Rose in 1959, they married in 1960 and had three daughters, Marie, Fiona and Siobhan.

Phil was an avid sports fan. He loved many sports but nothing better than his beloved hurling. He spent many an early Sunday and Saturday morning at "Ireland's 32" watching the game he loved and also played as a younger man. He was an excellent player earning four hurling medals at home in Ireland and one special one in the United States as he captained the 1960 North American Senior Hurling Champion Team. It's the only time the Senior Hurling Title was won by Los Angeles.

He will be missed by his wife, Rose, his daughters, Fiona, Siobhan, Marie, her husband, John, along with nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



John Walsh (Ardfinnan) 1926 - 2012

The death took place on January 12th of John Walsh, Woodrooffe, Clonmel. John was an extremely talented footballer and at different stages in his life played football with clubs in Tipperary, Kerry, London and Dublin winning football medals at various grades in all of these locations.

John was part of the great Ardfinnan teams of the late '50s and early '60s, winning Tipperary Mens Cup honours and four South Senior Football Championship medals 61,62,63 and 64 and three County Senior football championships in 62,63, and 64.

John became a selector on the senior and junior teams in the '80s and took great pride in seeing his son John play football for Ardfinnan. John also became an active committee member during this time and took a great interest in club affairs. John was also a great follower of Tipperary hurling and was always keen to see Tipperary play. John will always be remembered as a fearless full forward on the Ardfinnan senior football team that made the breakthrough in 1961. John's daughter Mrs Mairéad Condon is principal of Ardfinnan National School and continues to be extremely supportive of the Ardfinnan Club her late father enjoyed so much success with.

May he rest in peace.

Paddy Wardick (Boherlahan/Dualla)

It was learned with regret of the death of Paddy Wardick, which occurred on Monday, July 2nd at St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel. He had reached the age of eighty four years and was active up to a short time before his final illness. Paddy worked mostly in construction both in England and Ireland, before finally settling down on the family farm with his wife Gertie (nee O'Sullivan), whom he met in England. He had a keen interest in local



and national affairs. His great love was the GAA, to which he gave great commitment, being particularly involved with the local Juvenile Clubs of the 1970s and his care and guidance of the young people made a deep impression. Paddy's coffin was draped in the blue and gold of Boherlahan Dualla GAA. The very large attendance, representative of the GAA and his many other interests testified to his popularity and to the esteem in which he and his family are held. May he rest in peace.

**Jerry Whyte (Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's)
1930-2011**

Jerry Whyte of Ballinlough West, Bansha passed to his eternal reward on October 30th 2011. From earliest times the Whyte family have been associated with Gaelic Games in the parish of Bansha and Kilmoyler. In 1913 when Bansha were asked to select a team to represent the Premier county, Jerry's father, Matt, lined out at full back against the might of the Kingdom in a great team which was captained by Rick Burke. In the



nineteen fifties when Galtee Rovers recorded six West senior football titles in a row, Jerry Whyte featured at full back on a team including Larry Maher, Sean McGovern, Eddie McCarthy and Matt Nugent.

In later years Jerry became more associated with the promotion of hurling and he acted as selector for many years with our junior hurlers. A born entertainer, Jerry loved nothing more than to celebrate great victories and tragic losses with his trademark rendition of "The Bansha Hurlers Lament". Jerry's pleasant and genial disposition endeared him to everybody and he was a popular choice as Life President of Galtee Rovers. His wonderful contribution to the club was recognised when he was later presented with a Sean Ghael award by Uachtarán CLCG, Sean Kelly, in Brú Boru Cashel.

"Where are the boys of the village tonight?

Where are the pals we knew

Where are the men that sat on the bridge?

Or strolled down Lismacue"

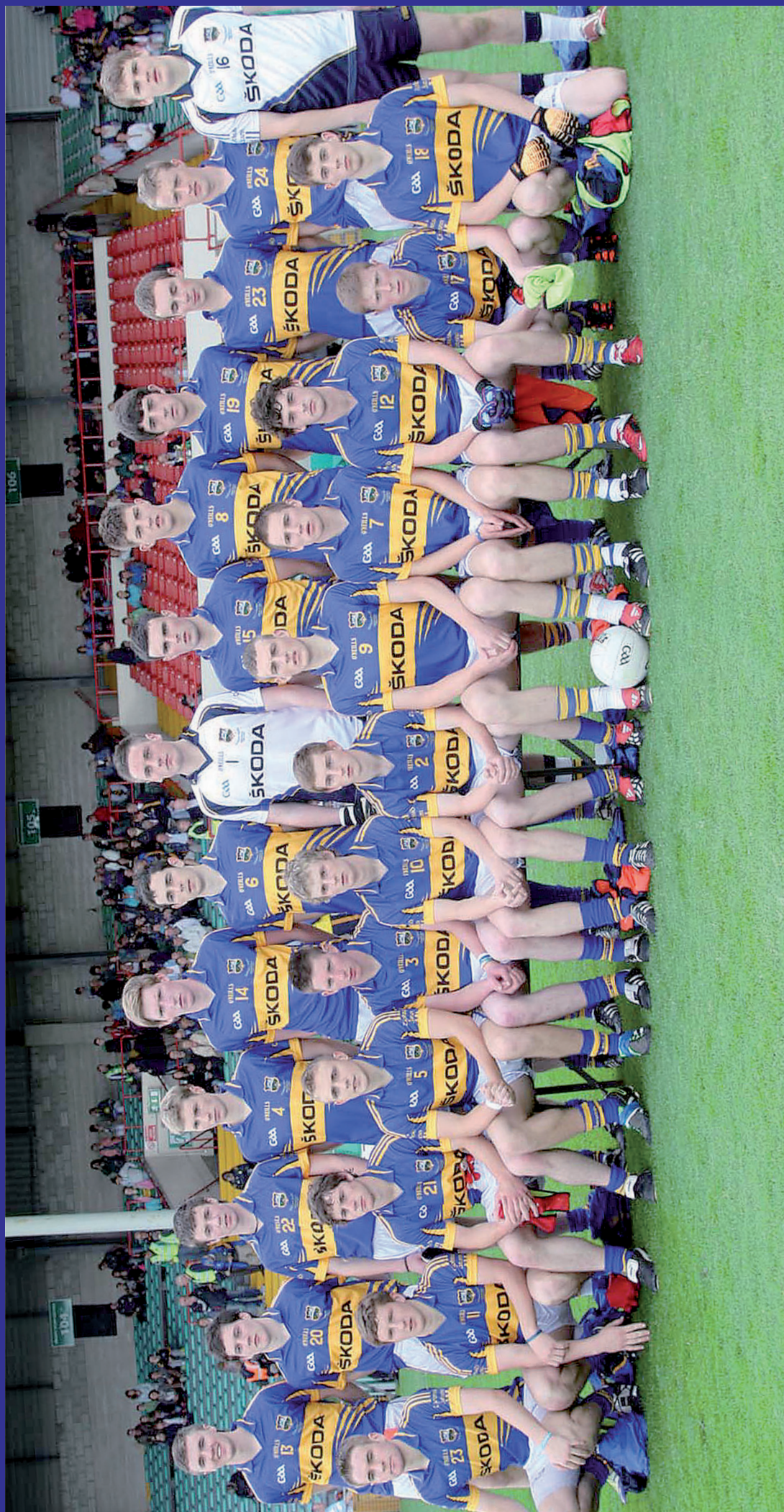
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Tipperary - Munster Senior Hurling Champions 2012



Back row, left to right: Timmy Hammersley, John O'Brien, Shane Maher, Brendan Cummins, Padraic Maher, Michael Cahill, Patrick Bonner Maher, Pa Bourke, Darren Gleeson, Conor O'Mahony, Seamus Callanan, Brian O'Meara;
Front row, left to right: Paddy Stapleton, John O'Keeffe, Shane McGrath, Conor O'Brien, Lar Corbett, Paul Curran (capt.), Brendan Maher, Thomas Stapleton, Noel McGrath, Eoin Kelly, Johnny Ryan, Sean Curran, Donagh Maher, Shane Bourke

Tipperary - All-Ireland Minor Hurling Champions 2012



Tipperary - All-Ireland minor hurling champions 2012. Back: Conor Lanihan, Jack Peters, Tom Kirwan, Darren Cass, Colin O'Riordan, Tadgh Gallagher, Sean Maher, Tom Fox, Thomas Hannill, Barry Heffernan, Mark McCarthy, Ronan Maher, Josh Keane, Stephen Cahill, Stephen O'Brien, Kilian Gleeson, Kevin Slattery, Dylan Fitzelle. Front: Lorcan Egan, Jack Loughnane, Simon Delaney, Sean Nally, John McGrath, Jack Shelly, Paul Maher, Bill Maher (captain), Michael Breen, Ger Fennelly, Jimmy Maher, Luke Mullally, Sean Ryan, Donal O'Dwyer.