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2015 a year of mixed fortune

Is mór an onóir domsa mar Cathaoirleach ar an gCoiste Chontae fáilte a chur roimh blianiris Thiobraid Árann 2015.

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

Looking back at 2015 it can be described as a year of mixed fortune on the inter-county front with some great victories, some disappointing defeats but the overall 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 semi-final day when we suffered defeat to Galway was a big disappointment. Eamonn O'Shea, Michael Ryan, Declan Fanning and Paudie O'Neill deserve our thanks and appreciation for their dedication and commitment to the cause during their term in charge. I welcome our new management of Michael Ryan, Declan Fanning and John Madden on board and wish them every success in the major challenge that lies ahead.

Liam Cahill's minor team won the Munster final and reached the All-Ireland which we lost to Galway. However Liam and his mentors will return again this year to continue to build on the success of their Munster title. Our U21 hurlers suffered a defeat to Limerick who were lucky enough to go on and win the Munster and All-Ireland titles. T.J. Connolly and his mentors had prepared the team well and we thank them for their efforts.

In football the profile continues to rise, our minors and U21 footballers both reaching the All-Ireland finals is a huge step forward. It reflects the work being done at underage level which is starting to pay dividends and I commend all involved.

While the inter-county scene and the high profile games associated with it tend to dominate the G.A.A. landscape it is the club scene that brings us back to the grassroots. The club championship in hurling and football brings 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 players and volunteers who play a part at club, Bord na nÓg and schools level that help to make our games a reality and bring so much joy and frustration to all. To all our referees and match officials who officiate week in week out at our games we thank them for their work. Our Divisional Board Officers, Sub Committee and County Board officers deserve thanks and praise for all their efforts which help us work as a strong unit for the benefit of the G.A.A. in the county. Congratulations to the communications committee on the publication of yet another intriguing publication which will be enjoyed by our avid readers.

Our cultural side of the G.A.A. is kept alive by our hard working Scór committee which in turn provides us with hours of entertainment during the winter nights.

With the current year now almost behind us and the new year beckoning I look forward positively to the challenges that lie ahead. Our development structures in the county are strong and vibrant and progressive – with continued hard work and commitment Tipperary can prosper.

To all the families who lost loved ones during the year my sincere sympathy to you. I hope that you find strength and solace within the G.A.A. family.

To the media, print and audio, I want to thank you for bringing our games to the wider communities and to those who may not be in a position to attend our events.

In conclusion I would like to extend to all our members and supporters my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a year of prosperity both on and off the playing fields in 2016.

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Another letdown year in senior hurling

by J. J. Kennedy

As the Tipperary hurling fans traipsed wearily from Croke Park on the evening of August 16 last the mood was deeply downcast. Moments earlier a relatively unknown Galway youngster, Shane Moloney, had broken Tipperary hearts with a last-gasp winning point in the All Ireland semi-final.

It was the final act in a Tipperary hurling season that promised much but delivered little. There was a Munster title to celebrate, of course, but that seemed insignificant now as the county pored over the debris of yet another hurling failure, the latest in an expanding sequence since the glory year of 2010.

This one though was different. In each of the previous four seasons since 2010 it was Kilkenny who barred the way. If only those pesky 'Cats' weren't around we'd have accumulated multiple All Irelands. Well 2015, I'm afraid, challenged that perception because this time it wasn't Kilkenny. It was Galway. And Galway don't win All Irelands.

It that sense then it was a step-back year for Tipperary hurling. Eamon O'Shea's last hurrah was denied the fairytale ending. Tipperary hurling had once again tripped up on a crucial occasion.

So our annual review then won't provide warm winter reading. Our year was a three-act drama – short but not sweet. There was a Munster title to celebrate but that July joy was short lived. August heralded more pain and ultimately gave our year its abiding flavour.

It all began with a Munster semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds on June 21. There was nervousness in the air as Tipperary sought to avoid a third consecutive defeat by Limerick. The Shannonsiders had an opening win over Clare to bolster their confidence; injuries and illness complicated Tipperary's preparation.

Cathal Barrett was out because of a shoulder injury sustained in training camp in Spain back in April so we settled on a full line of Paddy Stapleton, James Barry and Conor O'Brien to front goalie, Darren Gleeson. Injury had curtailed Mickey Cahill's preparation so he began on the bench.

At half back Paudie Maher was fit to play despite an infection

that earlier had seen him hospitalised. His brother, Ronan, and Kieran Bergin were the flankers. At midfield the management plumped for the old reliables, Woodlock and McGrath.

In attack there were doubts about the fitness of 'Bubbles' but he made the cut on a full line beside Seamus Callanan and Niall O'Meara. At half forward we had Jason Forde beside the two Mahers, Brendan and 'Bonner'. Noel McGrath was still in recovery mode after treatment for testicular cancer earlier in the year.

Demolition Derby

Despite our pre-match nervousness this became a demolition derby as Tipperary routed Limerick to the tune of sixteen points, 4-23 to 1-16. The home side began promisingly with early points but then Callanan struck for the first of his two goals. 'Bubbles' was in scintillating form hitting some magic points and eventually winning man-of-the-match. Callanan's second goal after a mistake by Richie McCarthy endorsed Tipperary's supremacy and we might have added a few more majors as both Callanan and Forde hit the side netting. Eventually the sides headed for the break with Tipperary in command, 2-12 to 0-12.

The third quarter was the one blip in Tipperary's display. Limerick came storming back into the contest. Shane Dowling converted a penalty after Darren Gleeson made a few excellent saves in the lead up. The advantage shrunk to the minimum and Tipperary didn't score for fourteen minutes.

Then there came a turning point. Limerick felt Graeme Mulcahy had pointed to level the match but the umpires waved it wide. Immediately Jason Forde pointed at the other end and that score signaled a virtual rout for the final quarter. Amidst a free-flow of classy points Jason Forde hit our third goal and substitute Michael Breen added the fourth near the end. Breen had replaced Seamus Callanan who earlier suffered a facial injury in a clash with Limerick goalie, Barry Hennessy. For the record our other second half substitutes were Mickey Cahill for Paddy Stapleton, Shane Bourke for Niall O'Meara and Bill Maher for Shane McGrath.

Overall then a day of delight for Tipperary fans at the Gaelic



Seamus Callanan puts the ball in the Limerick net.



Brendan Maher lifts trophy following Tipperary's Munster Final win.

Grounds as Tipperary endorsed their favouritism and booked a place in the provincial final against a high-flying Waterford combination.

Munster Final

Just over forty-three thousand fans came to Semple Stadium on July 12 for the Munster final. The reasons were obvious. Waterford was the hurling story of the summer. They'd won the league, beating Tipperary in the semi-final. Besides their 'system', employing Tadhg De Burca as an extra defender, was becoming a major topic of debate. They'd taken down Cork in the semi-final so the big question was could Tipperary crack the Waterford code, a code which no team had so far managed to decipher in 2015?

Cathal Barrett made his return for the game at corner back in place of Paddy Stapleton with Michael Breen listed in the other corner and Conor O'Brien dropping to the subs' bench. Otherwise the team started as against Limerick.

The final wasn't a classic but it was tight and intense and tactical. Tipperary knew what to expect from the Deise. They'd pack the defence in an attempt to stymie Callanan and company; they'd work beaverishly all over and they'd try to hit Tipperary on the counter-attack and from distance.

The result was a goal-less final, one that wasn't decided until the closing minutes. After twenty minutes Tipperary led seven-three, Niall O'Meara escaping detection in attack to pop two of those points early on. We might have expected Tipperary to push on from there and consolidate.

They didn't. The defence began to dither, Paudie Maher one of the culprits. There were misdirected clearances, missed passes and an intercepted puck-out. Waterford took advantage and tied up the game at seven-all. Eventually a rousing Kevin Moran point after a typical sortie down the left wing put Waterford in front. The Deise were now in full cry.

Significantly, though, Tipperary retaliated before the interval. Michael Breen, now in attack, pointed and a Seamus Callanan free closed out the first half scoring. Tipperary led 0-10 to 0-9 at break

time.

After the runaway win over Limerick it was clear that this was going to be an entirely different battle. Tipperary needed patience and perseverance. The Callanan threat was suffocated – he'd remain scoreless from play. The game needed graft and persistence and nerve to see it out. There would be no major turning point, no goal and no comfort zone until deep into added time.

A few items tilted the balance Tipperary's way. Brendan Maher was now detailed to police Kevin Moran, a key cog in the Waterford system. One second half cameo was instructive. Maher hassled and harried Moran as he sought to career down the right wing. Other Tipp players lent assistance and eventually Moran over-carried and was penalised. It was a significant turnover.

Then there were some individual gems from Tipperary players such as 'Bubbles' from play and frees. Jason Forde chipped in with two points as well. Lar Corbett came on for Michael Breen and added yet another distraction for the Waterford defence. Darren Gleeson made one crucial stop. Inch by inch Tipperary stuck to the task and dragged themselves over the line. Eventually a Shane Bourke point deep into added time closed out a five-point win.

It was hard-won but pleasing. Brendan Maher accepted the trophy for Tipperary's forty-first Munster title. On a day when the minors made it double delight Eamon O'Shea had claimed his first major trophy as manager. That Sunday evening the future looked sunny – but the clouds would soon gather.

Semi-final Letdown

Galway provided opposition on August 16 in the All Ireland semi-final. Since losing the Leinster final to Kilkenny Galway had resurrected their season impressively. In particular there was that eye-catching demolition of Cork in the quarter-final during which they scored 2-28. Tipperary was fancied but needed to be wary.

The details of this semi-final, played in front of 58,495 spectators, make unpleasant reading for Tipperary. It all began spectacularly well with Seamus Callanan catching and goaling in

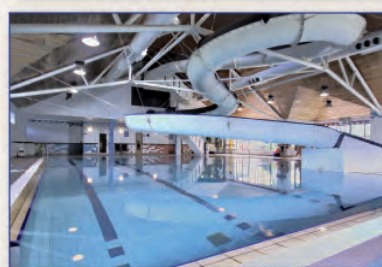
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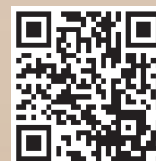
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Padraig Maher in control supported by Shane McGrath against Waterford.

the opening seconds – that score was the prelude to an extraordinary individual performance. However, as the game settled down it was clear that Galway were, in the jargon of the trade, ‘up’ for the fight. Quite frankly they out-fought and out-worked Tipperary to an alarming extent and but for the brilliance of Callanan the margin would surely have been wide at the end.

We trailed by a point at the interval, 1-9 to 0-13, and by now it was clear that Tipperary was facing a major battle to return for another All Ireland tilt at Kilkenny. Shane Bourke was introduced for Jason Forde at half time, a decision that baffled many on the day and the bafflement hasn’t abated since.

Ultimately Seamie Callanan kept us in this contest with two more second half goals. He might have had another when he was spear-tackled to the ground and the penalty was deflected over for a point. But it was very much a one-man show up in attack. Callanan ended with 3-9 to his name, 3-4 coming from open play in what was one of the greatest ever individual displays at Croke Park.

We can look to several incidents where this game might have been won. Lar Corbett came in for Shane McGrath and brought a spectacular save from Galway goalie, Colm Callanan. The goalie was again the Galway hero when he bravely denied ‘Bonner’ Maher and Shane Bourke in turn with further saves. Against that let’s not forget that Darren Gleeson pulled off a few quality saves also, including a first-half penalty effort from Joe Canning.

In the end it all came down to a nerve-tingling finish. One of the greatest cheers of the day greeted the arrival of Noel McGrath

onto the pitch in place of Shane Bourke. It had been a turbulent year for the Loughmore man and his return to action was something celebrated by all followers irrespective of allegiance. A McGrath point in the final minute looked like a fairytale climax as it eased Tipperary into a one-point lead.

The final moments, however, will forever torture Tipperary memories. Under pressure Seamus Barry mis-hit a clearance and Jason Flynn equalised. A replay looked likely but in a final twist Galway substitute, Shane Moloney, availed of a diagonal ball from Joe Canning to split the uprights for the winner.

For the record our remaining substitutions were Conor O’Mahony for James Woodlock and Michael Breen for Ronan Maher.

It was an agonising defeat for Tipperary. Once more we’d come up painfully short in a tight finish, a pattern by now all too familiar.

One ex-Tipperary player afterwards suggested that we needed to find two ‘physical forwards’ and two midfielders. The lack of ball winning in our attack has become a repetitive topic. Perhaps we have too much science and not enough agriculture in an attack with plenty of individual skill but not enough workhorses.

Defence didn’t escape the flak either where Galway turnovers were a worrying feature. Through it all there was a sense that Tipperary never matched the tempo and intensity of Galway. Perhaps Callanan’s tour de force concealed many of our shortcomings and maybe the ugly reality is that we just weren’t good enough.



Darren Gleeson saves penalty against Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Allianz National Hurling League Review

By Shane Brophy (Nenagh Guardian)

The one word that can be used to describe Tipperary National Hurling League campaign this year is inconsistent as they produced a number of Jekyll & Hyde performances, even within games, before ultimately falling short at the semi-final stage to eventual winners Waterford.

Tipperary's campaign began with a difficult away trip to Dublin and it certainly turned into a sobering experience with an All Ireland Final hangover clearly in evidence, losing 2-20 to 0-14.

From early on in the game, Tipperary were in trouble as Dublin started at a high tempo. Eamon Dillon's goal in the 17th minute put Dublin into a 1-5 to 0-2 lead and never looked back going onto stretch their lead to nine points by half time, although Tipp should have been much closer having shot ten wides.

With positional and tactical changes rung at half time with Thomas Stapleton and Ronan Maher coming into the midfield, the expected Tipp resurgence after the break didn't materialise as Dublin maintained their handsome lead. It was only between the 50th and 60th minutes when Tipp developed some urgency to their play as they cut the margin from 11 points back to seven, helped by a fine display of shooting from John O'Dwyer, but they couldn't sustain it as Liam Rushe's injury time goal completed a miserable day for the premier county.

The pressure was on straight away when Galway travelled to Semple Stadium a week later and certainly this was more like it from Tipperary who played with greater desire and purpose.

For a period in the second half it looked as if Tipp would ease to victory but by the end they were relieved to hear the final whistle as the visitors finally made use of the considerable elements to cut at one stage what was a ten point margin down to three with seven minutes remaining. But Eamonn O'Shea's charges dug in superbly well through the closing stages with captain Brendan Maher and Conor Kenny getting the vital scores to seal a first league win, 2-18 to 0-20 with the goals coming from Seamus Callanan and John O'Dwyer with John McGrath and John Meagher also making their league debuts.

One of Tipp's best performances of the campaign came down in Ennis as a depleted side defeated Clare, 2-19 to 0-20. The sight of Pádraic Maher spilling blood went viral on social media and the Thurles Sarsfields man was Herculean on the day as Tipp showed real appetite for battle. John McGrath enhanced his growing reputation with a man of the match display that yielded five points from play with Michael Breen also an impressive performer with the goals coming from Noel McGrath and James Woodlock.

There was no motivation needed for Tipp's next game a week later as Kilkenny came to Thurles. While it was played down in advance, the game was a must win for Tipperary, not just for their hopes of progression in the National League which they confirmed with the victory, but also to take advantage of a weakened Kilkenny side, shorn eight of the side that started in the All Ireland Final replay.

A Jonjo Farrell goal and four points from play from Richie Hogan helped Kilkenny stay with Tipperary for much of the first half with Seamus Callanan getting Tipp's goal. A Niall O'Meara goal midway through the second half opened the floodgates as Tipp eased away to a 2-22 to 1-13 win in which Tipp's attitude and intensity was top notch.

Already through to the league quarter finals, Tipp headed to Pairc Ui Rinn to face Cork with top spot in the group on the line

and trailing by twelve points after 53 minutes to a Cork side that has struck four goals since the half time break, Tipperary could easily have accepted their lot but they produced a remarkable comeback, inspired by goals from Jason Forde and Kieran Bergin with Noel McGrath scoring the winning point deep in injury to secure a 2-28 to 4-21 victory.

The win ensured Tipperary set-up a quarter final with Offaly who finished fourth in the Division 1B. It was a horrible day weather-wise in Tullamore but the Premier County showed no mercy in the first half as the raced into a 1-14 to 0-4 lead with Seamus Callanan getting the goal.

However things were much different after the break, not helped by a harsh red card for Seamus Callanan, following an incident with Offaly full back Dermot Short while Kieran Bergin picked up an nasty ankle injury.

The most uplifting aspect of the Tipperary performance was the response of the fourteen men to the loss of their teammate as



Shane McGrath pushes forward unphased by the attentions of Waterford's Tom Devine in round 1 of the Allianz Senior Hurling League.

for the next five minutes or so they really upped the intensity, attacking the ball with real gusto in an attempt to prevent Offaly getting immediate traction from their numerical advantage and while the faithful men did manage to reduce the final margin to six points, Tipp weren't in any danger.

The build-up to the league semi-final against Waterford on 19th April in Kilkenny saw Tipperary successfully challenge Seamus Callanan's red card with the CAC with the full forward clear to play against a Waterford side that were the talk of the competition, particularly with their defensive system.

Even though Tipp lead by seven points, on two separate occasions in the first half, helped by goals from Patrick Maher and John O'Dwyer, Eamonn O'Shea's charges never hurled with any fluidity. A lot of that was down to the Waterford approach who brought the attitude and desire that we knew they would.

Despite all that, Tipperary shot themselves in the foot in terms of their indiscipline, eleven points of Pauric Mahony's thirteen point haul came from frees as poor tackling came back to haunt the premier county once again who only seemed to get going following Colin Dunford's goal as they hit back to level before Mahony got the winning point for Waterford in added time.

Tipperary used 30 players through their seven league games with newcomers Ronan Maher and Michael Breen making the biggest impact featuring in all seven. Injury curtailed others from forcing their way into the championship panel with Joe O'Dwyer damaging a shoulder against Dublin as did Denis Maher against Kilkenny, while injury and dual commitments blunted John McGrath's bright start.



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Focus on new Tipp senior football manager Liam Kearns

By Jackie Cahill

WHEN Tipperary football board chairman Joe Hannigan began the search for Peter Creedon's successor as the county's senior football team manager, he promised a "statement of intent."

And Hannigan was true to his word, delivering Liam Kearns as the man entrusted with the responsibility of building on Creedon's good work.

With Kearns in charge, Limerick went close to a Munster senior championship breakthrough.

In provincial finals against Kerry in 2003 and 2004, Limerick were hugely competitive, and particularly unlucky to lose in 2004 after a replay.

Kearns had previously managed Limerick's U21s to Munster glory and an All-Ireland final appearance in 2000 and he's taking over a Tipperary team on a similar upward curve, on the back of recent underage success.

Kerry native Kearns was manager of the Limerick seniors for six years before spending two seasons in charge of Laois in 2007 and 2008.

He was also a member of the John Evans backroom team in Roscommon this year, working as coach as the Connacht outfit gained promotion to Division 1 of the Allianz League.

Kearns wanted the Tipperary job and he impressed a football board sub-committee with a detailed presentation during the interview process.

He was present at a number of Tipperary senior football club championship matches throughout the season and followed the fortunes of county champions Clonmel Commercials in Munster.

Kearns, of course, also managed Aherlow to Tipperary SFC glory in 2010.

Another former Tipperary boss who knows all about Kearns

has hailed his appointment to the senior position.

John Evans recruited the services of Kearns, a fellow Kerry native, for the 2015 campaign with Roscommon and the Connacht outfit succeeded in claiming promotion to Division 1 of the Allianz Football League.

"It's a good appointment for Liam in that Tipperary have won an All-Ireland minor and have two Munster U21s," said Evans, who managed the Tipp seniors from 2007-2012.

"There's experience from the previous U21 win and there's the new talent coming through.

"You have the two of them merging together with an experienced manager and I used the word experience in that Liam has been out of active duty for about eight years but in the meantime he's done a degree and when he came on board (with Roscommon) he was looking to gain experience as to the present situation.

"He would certainly be up to speed and he's a great appointment for Tipperary and the betterment of football."

Kearns recently completed a strength and conditioning degree from Setanta College and while he hasn't managed an intercounty team since leaving Laois in 2008, Evans insists that he's well equipped for his new role.

"His strengths are that he's his own man, he's got knowledge from the practical and football sides of it," Evans added.

"He has come up through Kerry football and he's also now added the scientific side through his strength and conditioning.

"He's now a rounded and potent manager but the very important thing is that he's his own man with his own ideas."



Liam Kearns



Tipperary's Seamus Kennedy tries to break past Wexford's Michael O'Regan during the National Football League Div 3 game in Clonmel.

Consolidation and no promotion

By Jackie Cahill

CONSOLIDATION in Division 3 was the order of the day for Tipperary's senior footballers during the 2015 campaign. Damaging defeats against promoted sides Armagh and Fermanagh proved costly as, despite a run of four successive wins, Tipp couldn't secure a jump to Division 2 of the Allianz Football League.

The campaign began in a degree of controversy as Tipp suffered a 0-13 to 2-8 victory away to Armagh on the opening day.

Premier County manager Peter Creedon and his players were left fuming when Armagh snatched victory deep in stoppage time, claiming that referee David Coldrick had played more than the extra time that had been indicated.

Armagh were also given a dubious penalty and Tipp had Robbie Kiely sent off at the Athletic Grounds.

Jamie Clarke scored two late points to inflict defeat on Tipp, who did recover with a handsome victory over Limerick in round 2, on a 1-14 to 1-2 scoreline at Semple Stadium.

There was a real gulf in class between the Munster rivals as Tipp were 0-8 to 0-0 clear at half-time against a Limerick side that registered seven first half wides. Ian Fahey blasted home Tipp's goal in the second half.

During the second half in particular, visibility was so poor that 513 supporters seated in the New Stand were informed of the score on intermittent occasions via the public address system.

Tipp's momentum was halted in their next outing, however, as Fermanagh claimed a 2-9 to 0-11 victory at Brewster Park.

Despite building an early 0-4 to 0-1 lead, Tipp played second fiddle to their Ulster opponents for long periods.

Black cards for Barry Grogan and Paddy Codd at a crucial



Tipperary's George Hannigan in action against Louth in their National Football League clash last March.



Tipperary's Alan Campbell faces up against Armagh's Jamie Clarke in the Allianz National Football League game in Armagh.

period of the second half unsettled the visitors and they were also reduced to 14 men in stoppage time when Robbie Kiely picked up a second yellow card.

Tipp were level at half-time but Fermanagh claimed the spoils to keep their promotion push on track.

Tipp rekindled their own hopes by claiming a 2-11 to 1-8 victory over Clare in round 4 at Semple Stadium.

Both sides were wasteful on the day, registering 22 wides between them, and Clare missed a penalty in stoppage time.

David Tubridy saw his effort saved by Evan Comerford, before the Clare forward slammed the rebound over the crossbar on the volley from point-blank range.

In front of 437 spectators, Tipp were four points clear at half-time, 1-5 to 0-4, as Conor Sweeney accounted for 1-2 of the home side's tally in the first half.

Philip Austin bagged Tipp's second goal two minutes from time, finishing off Brian Mulvihill's excellent approach work.

Tipp's next game saw them inflict a 4-16 to 3-11 defeat on hosts Louth, a win that all but secured Division 3 survival.

George Hannigan, Conor Sweeney, Liam Casey and man of the match Philip Austin made the long trip to the Wee County worthwhile.

Armagh and Fermanagh had secured promotion by the time Tipp scored a 0-15 to 0-13 victory over Sligo at Semple Stadium.

A serious injury to Colin O'Riordan marred Tipp's win, with play held up for over 17 minutes as the JK Brackens man received treatment for a neck problem.

Tipp were able to find their scores that bit easier and that allowed them to recover from a point down at half-time, 0-7 to 0-8.

When play finally resumed following O'Riordan's injury, Sligo moved 0-12 to 0-11 clear but Tipp registered four of the game's final five scores.

The campaign finished in Clonmel, when a Ciaran Lyng wonder goal helped Wexford to a 2-15 to 2-12 win.

Lyng's quick thinking saw him lob Tipperary goalkeeper Colum Nugent from a free as the Slaneysiders collected just their second victory of the campaign.

Wexford may have been relegated but they showed plenty of character to overturn a 0-6 to 2-8 half-time deficit.

First half goals from Peter Acheson and George Hannigan had the breeze-assisted hosts in the driving seat but Kevin O'Grady's goal 39 seconds after the restart kickstarted the Wexford fightback.

This was a sweet victory for Wexford boss David Power, the Tipp native who previously managed the Premier County's 2011 All-Ireland minor winners.

No Silverware but plenty of honour for Tipp

By Noel Dundon

Tipperary's minor football campaign was a real roller coaster for the squad, management and supporters alike who followed them from the disappointment of scenic Killarney right the way to the highs of Croke Park - on semi-final day.

Achievements can be measured in many ways depending on your outlook. And, it has to be acknowledged that, given the number of dual players donning the county jersey for Tipperary, it was indeed a huge achievement for both codes to make it to the All-Ireland Final. OK, silverware didn't work out at the ultimate stage, but sometimes success should be measured in more than just cups and trophies.

Tipp had a long campaign in the minor football championship commencing with their 2-16 to 1-7 victory over Waterford in the first round in Semple Stadium. They then welcomed Clare to the same venue and after a tough, tight game where the real fighting and battling qualities first appeared, they cleared a 0-16 to 2-9 victory over the Bannermen.

Manager Charlie McGeever always said that there was more in the team and he wanted to see that in the Munster Final. Unfortunately, it didn't happen and with Philip Quirke ruled out with a knee injury, the Premier lads were outclassed, out fought and out thought. Kerry won their three-in-a-row with bright new star Conor Geaney hitting 1-5 to inspire Jack O'Connor's side who always looked the likelier winners. Kerry led by 2-8 to 0-6 at the interval following first half goals from Geaney and Cormac Linnane. Geaney struck the first goal after just nine minutes, finishing well after a slick team move, and then five minutes later Geaney set up Linnane to make it 2-6 to 0-3 with just 15 minutes gone.

That devastating opening quarter from Kerry effectively sealed the win for them, and although Tipperary kept battling, and found the net in the second half through Aidan Buckley, Kerry cruised home.

The positives though were there to be found. Tipp had outscored Kerry in the second half and would now have a period of togetherness in advance of the All-Ireland quarter final against Galway. This was the game when we, perhaps, saw the best of the Tipp side. They played great football, really took the game to Galway and ultimately were good for their 1-10 to 0-6 victory.

A plethora of missed goal chances either side of half time proved to be hugely costly for Galway in that clash in O'Connor Park Tullamore, as Tipperary became the only provincial final loser to secure a place in the All Ireland semi-finals. Tipp had missed six of the first eight chances which came their way but they still led by the slenderest of margins despite Galway having missed a few goal chances too.

Tadhg Fitzgerald was Tipperary's hero on a few instances, coming to the fore initially when he made a full length diving block to deny Ryan Forde, while another last gasp effort from the Moyle Rovers man was to prove crucial in the last minute of the opening half.

A lung busting run from Aidan Buckley set up an Alan Tynan free at the start of the second half to double Tipperary's lead, but Galway again drove at goal, with Forde this time getting blocked down by Emmett Moloney. Perhaps the greatest chance of all followed immediately after when McCormack cut in from the left corner and aimed for the bottom corner, but this time it was Liam Fahy who got a crucial touch to tip the ball onto the post.

Three scores in as many minutes from Tipperary put clear daylight between the teams and while Galway dug deep to cut the gap again, the final ten minutes belonged to the Premier County. It was a super victory and one which gave Tipp much confidence as they headed into the semi-final clash with Kildare in Croke Park - a return to Headquarters being an added bonus.

Despite being down to fourteen men for the vital last quarter,



Alan Tynan aims for a point watched by Kerry's Jack Morgan.

Tipp hung on to win a thrilling semi-final and set up another crack at Kerry in the All-Ireland Final.

Aidan Buckley and Michael Connors hit late points for Tipp, and despite some Kildare probing, 'Charlie's Angles' held on quite comfortably to progress. The sides were level at the break on six apiece, Tipperary having been the better side in the first 15 minutes before Kildare finished the half the stronger.

Tipp registered the first two points of the second half, Jack Kennedy with both to leave them 0-8 to 0-6 ahead after 40 minutes. And, after Tipperary then went close with another goal chance - Michael Connors' flicked effort hitting the bar - Kennedy slotted his third of the half to push Tipp three ahead as the game ticked towards the final quarter. A Jimmy Hyland free and arguably the score of the game from Matthew Kelly left Kildare just one behind at 0-9 to 0-8 but a fine score from Aidan Buckley restored the Tipperary two-point lead with 10 minutes to go. Conor Hartley's point for Kildare cut the gap to one, but Michael Connors kept Tipperary two ahead with a fine score on 56 minutes.

The celebrations were fantastic - Tipperary would have both the minor football and hurling teams in the final, just like Dublin in 2011. Unfortunately, just like Dublin, Tipp would win neither either. Philip Quirke was back for the final having made a big impact when he came on against Kildare, but even that could not inspire the team to get over a very impressive Kerry who won out by 4-14 to 0-6.

It was to be back-to-back All-Ireland minor football championship for The Kingdom under the management of Jack O'Connor, who guided the county to three Sam Maguires.

In his two seasons in charge, Kerry hadn't lost a competitive match, they had won a perfect 12 from 12 and claimed two All-Ireland championships. This was O'Connor's last match with the minors and next season he moves back up to the U21s to try to revive their fortunes at that grade.

Kerry oozed class and having done the dirty work during the first half the second period was largely exhibition-style football, despite the best efforts of the Tipp lads.

And so, a season of much promise ended without silverware. But still, Tipperary had gotten a lot from the season and won the hearts of many admirers. Perhaps the real achievements for these minors will only be realised in years to come.

If so, we have much to look forward to in Tipperary.

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Tipperary reach All-Ireland minor final

By Liam Hogan

The disappointments of losing to Limerick and Clare in the 2014 campaign gave Liam Cahill and his management team of John Sheedy, T J Ryan, Sean Corbett and Michael Bevans plenty of work to do as they set out with plan for the new season.

Winning All-Ireland minor titles are expected in Tipperary now. The last one arrived in 2012 when Tipp defeated Dublin following a replay. Since that October day Tipp has played four games but achieved victory in just one against Limerick in the opening round of 2013.

The preparations for the 2015 began the previous autumn. The knowledge that Semple Stadium would house all of Tipp's games eased worries and the opening game against Waterford was played on April 8th. Waterford hurling at minor level has been healthy in recent years and the opening half bore the hallmarks of a close contest. Ruadhan Mulrooney's goal just before half time gave Tipp a 1-7 to 0-9 half time lead. Scores were level for the seventh time at 1-11 to 0-14 with ten minutes remaining before John McGrath posted two sixty fives with top scorer Darragh Carey adding a free to put Tipp in a winning position. However injury time points from the visitors kept Tipp hanging on before they held out for a 1-14 to 0-16 win.

The Tipperary team was: Padraig Hayes; Emmett Moloney, James Quigley, Enda Heffernan; Jack Skehan, Brian McGrath 0-3 (0-1f, 2'65, Darragh Peters; Liam McCutcheon 0-1, Shane Neville; Darragh Carey 0-8 (0-8f), Stephen Quirke, Ruadhan Mulrooney 1-0; David Gleeson, Alan Tynan, Ross Peters. Subs: Lyndon Fairbrother 0-2 for Peters (22); Kevin Hassett for Neville (40); David Roberts for Mulrooney (55); Gavin Dunne for McCutcheon (inj) (62).

The semi-final clash against Clare was played on June 25. Darragh Peters missed the game because of injury and was replaced by Kevin Hassett of Drom Inch. Other changes included Garry Ryan, Borrisokane replacing Ruadhan Mulrooney and Lyndon Fairbrother taking over from Ross Peters. Injury worries doubled as team captain Stephen Quirke went off injured after eighteen minutes. In the same period Tipp missed two golden opportunities for goals but Tommy Nolan did succeed and Tipp led 1-8 to 0-4 at halftime. Clare fought back in the second half but Lyndon Fairbrother converted four frees to finish top scorer on 0-5 while an inspired display by full forward David Gleeson with 0-4 helped Tipperary to a four point win. Final score Tipperary 1-15 Clare 1-11. A moments silence was observed before the game for the late Jimmy Doyle.

TIPPERARY: P Hayes; E Heffernan, E Moloney, J Quigley; J Skehan, Brian McGrath, Kevin Hassett; D Carey 0-2, A Tynan 0-1; L McCutcheon, S Quirke (Capt), G Ryan 0-1; T Nolan 1-1, D Gleeson 0-4, L Fairbrother 0-5 (0-4f); Subs: T Lowry for Quirke (inj) (18); S Neville for McCutcheon (h/t); R Mulrooney for Ryan (45); M Connors 0-1 for Lowry (55); C Darcy for Carey (inj) (59).

Munster Final

Playing as a curtain raiser to the senior final (Tipp V Waterford) meant the team would be playing in front an increased home support. Limerick were the opposition, a side going for a third in a row Munster titles and reaching the 2014 All-Ireland final in 2014 when losing to Kilkenny would have enhanced the Treatysiders CV. As in the previous game, there were some



Tipperary captain Stephen Quirke bursts past Caelom Mulroy.

changes to Tipp's starting line up. Cian Darcy from Kilruane MacDonaghs received his first start in place of team captain Stephen Quirke who had not recovered in time for the game. Fit again Darragh Peters was back in his customary left half back position by replacing Jack Skehan and he also wore the captain's armband in place of Quirke.

Tipp took a three point lead in the opening minutes but thereafter it was a point for point affair. Eventually Limerick gained the upperhand and went 0-10 to 0-8 in front at the break.

The second half was nip and tuck with Peter Casey (reaching 0-13 from frees) and Lyndon Fairbrother topping the charts. Scores were level for the 11th time when Fairbrother's free made it 0-17 each in the 55th minute. That score was the first of four unanswered points with Fairbrother adding two more, the first from play aided by another score by Shane Neville. Tipp were three in front. Two minutes of additional time were signalled and reaching the hour mark Limerick won a close in free. Goalkeeper Eoghan McNamara went low but the Tipp line saved and to the surprise of many the final whistle sounded with eighty seconds of added time gone. Limerick players and officials protested but their actions went unheeded. Referee Joe Larkin stood his ground. Tipp had won their 38th title.

TIPPERARY: P Hayes; E Heffernan, E Moloney, James



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Quigley; K Hassett, B McGrath, D Peters; D Carey 0-1, L McCutcheon 0-2; C Darcy 0-1, G Ryan 0-2, A Tynan 0-2; T Nolan 0-3, D Gleeson 0-1, L Fairbrother 0-7 (0-3f). Subs: J Skehan for Heffernan (40); G Dunne for Moloney (inj) (54); Ruadhan Mulrooney for McCutcheon (55); S Neville 0-1 for Darcy (56).

All-Ireland Semi-Final

Dublin were the opponents for the All-Ireland semi final at Croke Park on August 16. In a game that was pleasing to the eye, Tipp took a while to contend with a close marking Dublin defence but early goals by David Gleeson and Tommy Nolan helped them take a four point lead before Dublin hauled them back to bring the sides level at half time 2-6 to 1-9. Throughout the third quarter the lead swapped over before scores were level for the fifth time at 2-11 to 1-14. Similar to earlier games Tipp finished well and in the final ten minutes they outscored the homeside 0-6 to 0-1 with points shared by Fairbrother 0-3 (free and a sixty five), Mulrooney, Tommy Nolan and Shane Neville. Final score Tipperary 2-17 Dublin 1-15.

TIPPERARY: P Hayes; Enda Moloney, E Moloney, J Quigley; K Hassett, B McGrath, D Peters; D Carey 0-1, L McCutcheon; C Darcy 0-1, A Tynan 0-1, G Ryan 0-1; T McCutcheon (25); M Connors for Gleeson (47); J Skehan for Darcy (47); S Neville 0-1 for G Ryan (60).

All-Ireland Final

The meeting with Galway would be the eighth time between the counties in an All-Ireland decider. Tipp had won six to date. Galway were favourites following their August semi final win over Kilkenny and were gifted a goal in the first half when Brian Concannon availed of an error in the Tipp defence. The scores were level Galway 1-7 to Tipp 0-10 at half time in a half that Tipp might well have led but Garry Ryan and Alan Tynan were both denied by excellent goalkeeping in Darragh Gilligan from Craughwell. In truth the Tipp attack didn't look as confident as the opposition who used team captain Sean Loftus to perfection as a sweeper while Evan Niland looked so dangerous in attack while his accuracy from placed balls was exemplary.

In addition, Galway had a better bench to call on and Liam Forde answered the call with a goal on his first touch after thirty eight minutes. Two minutes later Cianan Fahy had goal number three and from that moment on Tipp were simply playing catch up. There was a source of a comeback when Tommy Nolan had a goal after fifty nine minutes which cut the margin to five (3-13 to 1-14). The challenge continued. Cian Darcy had a ground shot saved by Gilligan. Once Galway had things under control they swiftly came down field and after a pileup by four of the Tipp defenders the ball broke kindly to



Alan Tynan bursts through.



Michael Connors studies his options against Galway.

Michael Lynch who raced through unchallenged giving Padraig Hayes no chance. Galway home and hosed and won by 4-13 to 1-16.

TIPPERARY: Padraig Hayes (Ballingarry); Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty Rossmore), Emmett Moloney (Drom Inch), James Quigley (Kildangan); Kevin Hassett (Drom Inch), Brian McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney) (0-1f, 0-1'65), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1; Alan Tynan (Roscrea) 0-1, Liam McCutcheon (Templederrey); Cian Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) (0-2f), Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) capt (0-1 s-cut), Garry Ryan (Borrisokane), Tommy Nolan (Drom Inch) 1-2, David Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Lyndon Fairbrother 0-5 (0-4f). Subs: Ruadhan Mulrooney (Portroe) for McCutcheon (20); Jack Skehan (Holycross) for Ryan (43); Michael Connors (Drom & Inch) 0-1 for Fairbrother (44); Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen) for Gleeson (56).

GALWAY: Darragh Gilligan; Ciaran Connor, Jack Fitzpatrick, Shane Bannon; Caelom Mulry, Ian O'Brien, Andrew Greaney; Jack Coyne 0-2, Jack Grealish; Brian Concannon 1-0, Thomas Monaghan 0-1, Fintan Burke; Cian Fahy 1-0, Evan Niland 0-9 (0-8f), Sean Loftus (capt) 0-1. Subs: Liam Forde 1-0 for Burke (37); Cian Salmon for Fahy (55); Cillian McDaid for O'Brien (55); Michael Lynch 1-0 for Concannon (55); Ross Malone for Greaney (62).

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Tipp senior footballers made further strides in 2015 championship

By John Guiton

Fielding a sprinkling of All-Ireland minor and U/21 stars, Tipperary senior footballers provided one of the major talking points of the 2014 championship season. They lost out to favourites Cork by a mere two points in the Munster semi-final - a game they should have won - and ran a splendid race in the All-Ireland qualifiers before eventually falling at the last fence to Galway, with just five points separating the sides in the end. Suddenly, Tipp were a topic of conversation among the media pundits, and as football legend Pat Spillane put it- "They have every reason to be optimistic about their future."

Back firmly in the spotlight this year it was always going to be a difficult task for Peter Creedon's men to try scale the heights of the 2014 campaign. Yet, as we reflect on the highs and lows of 2015, it has to be acknowledged that for Tipp it was another season of solid progress- the highlight being a rousing Munster semi-final display against then reigning All-Ireland champions Kerry before a huge home crowd in Semple Stadium (2-14 to 2-8).

With the experience of National League Division 3 football under their belts, Tipp put a big marker down at the start of the championship when they hammered Waterford to the tune of twenty-two points (1-24 to 0-5) in the opening round at Semple Stadium on May 31st. Granted, Waterford's performance was one of the worst in their history on a day when little or nothing went right for them, however, Tipp were just miles ahead of them in thought and deed. In effect, Tipp had victory secured when they moved into a stunning 1-13 to 0-3 interval lead (Michael



Philip Austin

Quinlivan scored their goal in 25th minute) and they simply strolled to the winning line. Their twenty-five scores in a championship match was quite a feat, with, in all, ten players hitting the scoresheet.

Tipp team- E Comerford; P Codd, C McDonald, R Kiely; S Kennedy (0-1), P Acheson (0-1), A Campbell; S O'Brien (0-6), G Hannigan (0-2); C O' Riordan, P Austin (0-3), G Mulhaire (0-1); C



Kevin O'Halloran (right) and Conor Sweeney in action against Kerry in the Munster Senior Football semi-final in Thurles.

Sweeney (0-3), M Quinlivan (1-3), B Fox (0-3). Subs- J Lonergan (0-1) for C O'Riordan, B Grogan for Quinlivan, L Casey for Sweeney, B Mulvihill for Fox, A Morrissey for Acheson, S Flynn for Mulhaire.

Tipp would have wished for a stern test before their eagerly-awaited clash with Kerry, but, in the build up to the big game in Semple Stadium on Sunday June 14th, one of the main topics of debate surrounded the availability of U/21 star Colin O'Riordan. He was forced to leave the field after just seven minutes against Waterford suffering from a hip injury.

Happily, the JK Bracken's clubman was able to line out at midfield for one of the biggest games of his young life and contributed the first point of Tipp's commendable 2-8 tally against the raging favourites. Kerry finished six ahead of Tipp in the end (2-14 their tally) and were well worth their victory. Yet, Tipp were left to ponder what might have been had they not squandered so many scoring chances- they struck twelve wides, twice more than their far more experienced rivals. Statistics aside, this was another wholehearted quality display from Tipp, a further indication of their growing prowess, and the large home following deeply appreciated it. Peter Creedon and his management team had their charges in top shape for the big challenge, and they tore into Kerry from the outset. To massive roars of approval from Blue and Gold clad fans, Michael Quinlivan did what he did against Waterford and provided his side with its first goal inside four minutes. Kerry were rocked, but, they didn't panic, and, calmly crept their way back into the lead following a goal from Barry John Keane in 18th minute. Tipp looked in trouble when the Kingdom moved six clear, thanks to their second goal, from Paul Geaney in 30th minute, but, the drama wasn't over yet! No sooner had play resumed when Michael Quinlivan was on target yet again, finishing to the net a Philip Austin move. Conor Sweeney added a point, and while Colm Cooper replied Tipp sub Jason Lonergan had the last say of the first period when he fisted a point to reduce the deficit to two points at the interval (2-6 to 2-4).

In the minutes after the restart, Kerry struck a couple of sweet scores with the result that Tipp were always chasing them for the rest of the match. They were eight points in arrears with fifteen minutes to go. However, they showed remarkable character in continuing to take the game to the favourites-their courage all the more admirable given that they had to start the game without Ian Fahey who hurt his hamstring in the warm-up, and they lost the towering George Hannigan to injury after twenty-five minutes. Colin O'Riordan hobbled with injury too. What a pity, as Tipp needed players of their calibre fully fit at a vital stage of the game. Creedon's men badly needed a goal in the closing stages, and, Ger Mulhair came close only to be denied by Kerry keeper Brendan Kealy.

Tipp team- E Comerford, P Codd, C McDonald, R Kiely; S Kennedy, P Acheson, A Campbell; S O'Brien, G Hannigan; C O'Riordan (0-1), P Austin, G Mulhaire (0-1); C Sweeney (0-2), M Quinlivan (2-0), B Fox (0-1). Subs- J Lonergan (0-1) for Kiely, B Grogan (0-1) for Hannigan, K O'Halloran (0-1) for Austin, A Morrissey for Mulhaire.

Tipp had to wait four weeks for All-Ireland qualifier action, but, they really hit the ground running on Saturday July 11th in Semple Stadium when they dished out a whopping 3-21 to 0-7 hammering to Louth- a side they had already beaten in the National League. Yes, they surely got the Kerry defeat out of their system, and with their shooting boots very much on target this time they left their Division 3 league companions reeling. Louth were surprisingly poor and Tipp encountered little difficulty in running up a comprehensive ten point interval lead (2-10 to 0-6). Their goals came from the boots of Ger Mulhair (2nd minute), Conor Sweeney (25th minute penalty) while their third, courtesy of Colin O'Riordan in the second-half was the icing on the cake for the victors.

Tipp team- E Comerford; J Feehan, P Codd, C McDonald; S Kennedy (0-1), R Kiely, A Campbell; C O'Riordan (1-1), P Acheson (0-2), G Mulhair (1-0), C Sweeney (1-2), L Casey (0-1); K O'Halloran (0-7), M Quinlivan (0-2), P Austin (0-2). Subs- B Fox (0-



Colin O'Riordan moves past Tyrone's Seán Cavanagh.

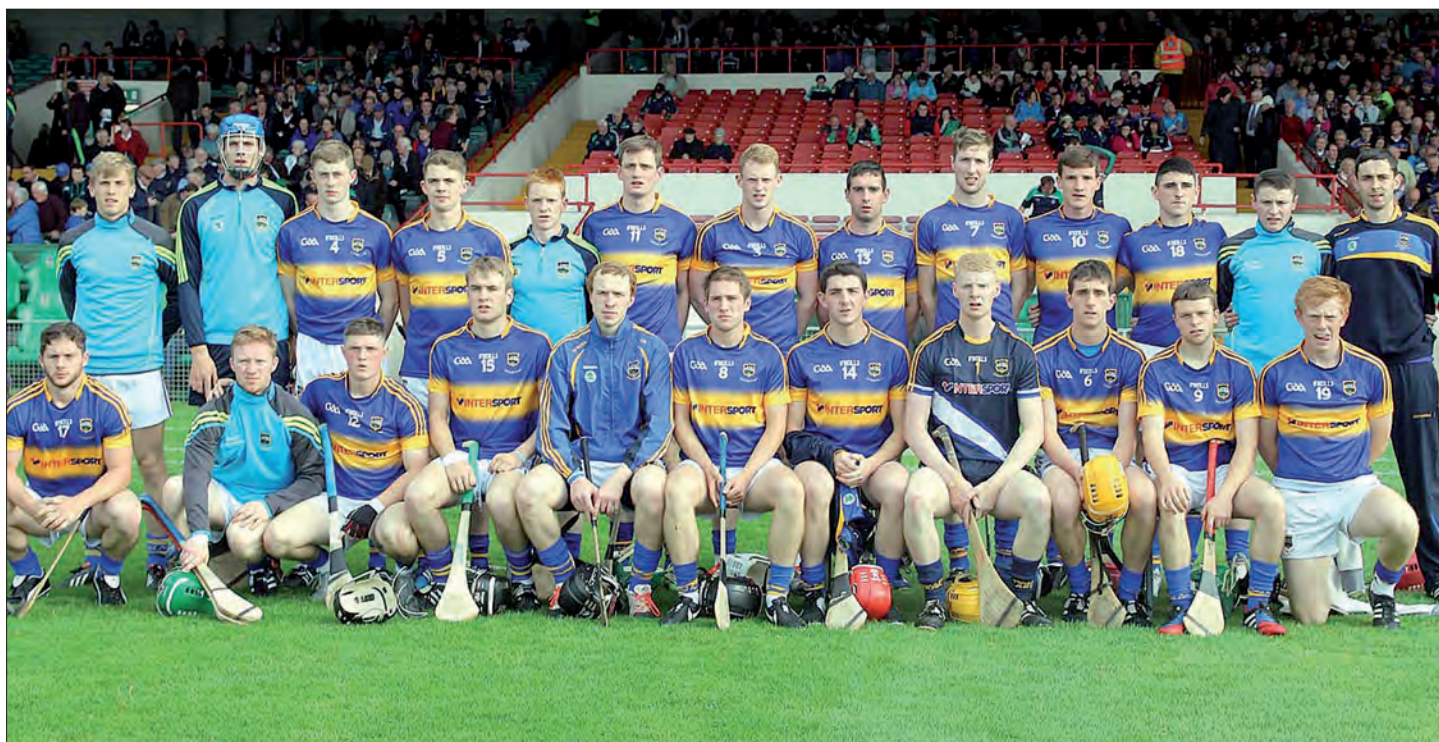
1) for Mulhair, C O'Shaughnessy for Kennedy, J Lonergan (0-1) for Casey, B Grogan (0-1) for Austin. A Morrissey for Acheson, B Mulvihill for Kiely.

Seven days later the visit of Mickey Harte's Tyrone to Semple Stadium to take on Tipp in Round 3B of the qualifiers attracted much interest, not least for the fact that the counties had already met in a gripping and controversial All-Ireland U/21 final, with the Ulster side edging to victory by a point. Tipp were "up" for the challenge and after a tough tense opening half the visitors were far from comfortable with just a point to spare (0-7 to 0-6). Alas, things went askew for the home county thereafter, and Tyrone demonstrated their vast experience and guile by outscoring their rivals 0-12 to 0-1 in the second-half. Tipp's only score of the period came from Kevin O'Halloran in 66th minute as the side found it very difficult to break through the Tyrone defensive system. Tipp lost players at a vital stage but they continued to battle. Taking into account their hard toil they scarcely deserved to be so far behind in the end.

Tipp team- E Comerford; A Campbell, P Codd, C McDonald; S Kennedy, R Kiely (0-1), B Fox; P Acheson, C O'Riordan; G Mulhair, S O'Brien, P Austin; K O'Halloran (0-5), M Quinlivan (0-1), C Sweeney. Subs- J Lonergan for Sweeney, L Casey for O'Brien, J Feehan for McDonald, B Grogan for Austin, B Mulvihill for O'Riordan, C O'Shaughnessy for Mulhair.

Peter Creedon Steps Down

In the aftermath of the game, Tipp Manager Peter Creedon stepped down after completing a highly successful tenure dating back to 2012. The Roscarberry native was the recipient of many deserved tributes. Under his expert guidance, Tipp enhanced its growing reputation, reaching the last twelve in the All-Ireland series in 2012 and 2014. Taking into account his massive contribution to underage grades, Peter had been a central figure in the development and promotion of Tipperary football for over a decade. He and his management teams in all grades can hold their heads high for the service they have given to the Premier County. We join with Tipperary fans all over the globe in extending our gratitude to them and wishing them well in the future.



Tipperary Under 21 Hurling team that played Limerick in the Munster semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds in July.

Back l-r: Paul Maher, Brian Hogan, Tom Fox, Ronan Maher, David Sweeney, Paul Shanahan, Michael Breen, Tadhg Gallagher, Tomas Hamill, Billy McCarthy, Andrew Coffey, Alan Flynn, Dylan Fitzellie. Front l-r: Jack Shelley, Ger Fennelly, Willie Connors, John McGrath, Jack Peters, Bill Maher (Captain), Colin O'Riordan, Paul Maher, Barry Heffernan, Stephen Cahill, Josh Keane.

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Bitter-sweet feeling at end of great year for Tipp under 21 footballers



By Jeddy Walsh of 'The Nationalist'

Reviewing the 2015 campaign of Tipperary's under 21 footballers somehow releases a whole mixed bag of feelings for the follower. Strangely in a sporting context a whole gamut of emotions come to the surface - admiration, determination, pride, joy, achievement, disappointment even dejection. Hard to credit that such a short football journey could have been such a roller-coaster. But it was.

Realistically - (and in Tipperary football we all have to be realists) - this should be a straight forward piece to reflect on a year in which Tipperary won a Munster title and advanced all the way to a first-ever All-Ireland final. Perhaps it should feel like a lap of honour, so to speak, but somehow, at year's end, a bitter-sweet feeling remains. Sweetness for the success along the way but also a lingering feeling of disappointment that the ultimate prize of All-Ireland glory slipped agonisingly from our grasp on a dull wet May evening in Parnell Park, Dublin.

Of course - and you can shout it from the top of Slievenamon - the exploits of these young men were absolutely magnificent in taking Tipperary to a level never before achieved. But somehow, almost paradoxically, because they were such a determined and focused group, self-imposing on themselves only the highest standards, the All-Ireland final loss to Tyrone was, in sporting terms, shattering.

Tipperary has been making significant strides at under 21 level in recent years appearing in six of the last eight Munster finals prior to this year. And with Tipp's opening salvo for 2015 a semi-final outing against Clare at home in Thurles on Wednesday, 18th

March, there was every hope of at least reaching another provincial decider this year.

As expected Tipperary triumphed against Clare (by 0-15 to 0-7), and while manager Tommy Toomey was satisfied with the result, the performance on the night was anything but convincing.

Victory over 'The Banner' earned for Tipperary a Munster final slot against Cork, once again back at Semple Stadium. Having defeated Kerry in their semi-final, and in quest of a never-before-achieved five-in-a-row, there was no doubting where favouritism lay for the final played on Thursday, 9th April. It was also a repeat of the final of the previous two years, 'The Rebels' comfortable enough winners on both occasions.

However, against the odds Tipperary emerged as Munster champions winning on a scoreline of 1-15 to 3-8, led by an inspirational performance from team captain Colin O'Riordan. In doing so, Tipperary succeeded in getting their hands on the Corn na Cásca for only the second time in the 53-year history of the competition with the side emulating the county's only previous win of 2010.

Against Cork, Tipperary made a promising start and led by 0-7 to 0-1 at 18 minutes but a pair of Cork goals on either side of half-time saw Tipperary trail 2-4 to 0-8 early in the second half. The game's decisive score came in the 45th minute when Ian Fahey went through the middle to blast an unstoppable thunderbolt past the Cork keeper. (Incidentally, it would be the only goal of Tipp's four-game campaign).

A third Cork goal two minutes from time made for a heart-stopping finale but Tipperary, to scenes of unbridled joy, held on for the slimmest of victories. On a never-to-be forgotten occasion for Tipperary football on the hallowed turf of Semple Stadium,



Tipperary U-21 footballers celebrate the Munster Final thrilling win over Cork at Semple Stadium.

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each and everyone of the players were heroes but none more so than Colin O'Riordan.

At the half-time whistle O'Riordan defiantly rounded up his troops under the Old Stand prior to leaving the playing pitch. It was a statement of leadership from the J.K. Brackens' man, with words to the effect - "This is our patch. We are not leaving here tonight as losers under any circumstances. We have another 30 minutes now to show them who are the bosses here in Semple Stadium. We must win this one." And they did.

Nine days later on Saturday, 18th April Tipperary were back in action, this time at O'Connor Park in Tullamore against Leinster champions Dublin.

It was a game that Tipp grew into as if tentatively coming to terms with playing in an All-Ireland semi-final against such highly regarded opposition. At half-time 'The Dubs' led 0-7 to 0-3 but with the wind at their backs for the second period, there was still plenty of hope in the Tipp camp of turning over the competition's favourites.

Gradually in the second period Tipp clawed their way back from a deficit that at one stage was five points. Driven on by Steven O'Brien and Colin O'Riordan at midfield Tipp hit parity for the first time with 12 minutes to go. The remaining minutes ebbed and flowed with neither side relenting and it was only at the very death in time added-on that Tipp secured the win over the Metropolitan courtesy of a brace of late points from Kevin O'Halloran.

And so to the final in Parnell Park on Saturday, 2nd May, against Ulster champions Tyrone.

Miserable Playing Conditions

Playing conditions were miserable at the Donnycarney venue, a low grey sky and a day-long heavy drizzle making football conditions extremely difficult for both sides.

Playing against the wind in the first half Tipperary did well and with half-time approaching led by 0-7 to 0-4. A key moment in the game followed. For once Tipp found space in the middle of the field with the Tyrone defence overstretched, however the opportunity to force a score or at least earn a free was lost. The ball was turned over, Tyrone came downfield, won a soft free, and when converted the advantage was just 0-7 to 0-5 at half-time. No doubt about it at the interval it should have been a healthier lead for Tipperary.

Off the field tragedy struck at half-time when a Tipperary supporter in the stand became seriously ill and the game was held up for a period of 45 minutes. During that hiatus, Tipp came back out on the field, returned to the dressingrooms, then came back out again; no one sure exactly what was happening, or if indeed the game would resume at all. The unavoidable disruptions certainly did not help Tipperary's focus on such an important day.

When the action eventually did resume Tyrone seemed invigorated and energised to a different level. They took the game to Tipperary and within 10 minutes were level at 0-8 apiece. The defining moment in the form of the game's only goal came minutes later and put Tyrone four points clear and most definitely in the driving seat.

Heroically Tipp refused to die and two late long-range points from Colin O'Riordan pulled it back to a single point but there was to be no fairytale ending for Tipperary. The final whistle with the scoreline at 1-11 to 0-13 brought a huge weight of disappointment with it. It felt as if the Tim Clarke Cup had been tortuously torn from the hands of the young Tipperary side.

Disappointingly there was an unsavoury undercurrent to this game, all throughout and immediately afterwards. It has been well documented on in local and national media and we won't



Kevin O'Halloran gets past Tyrone's Kieran McGeary.

revisit it here. Suffice to say most of it had very little to do with the game of Gaelic football that we all love and promote. In a harsh way it was an eye-opener to the Tipperary under 21 players and to the management. Perhaps there was an element of naivety also from Tipperary when facing a stone-hearted brand of Ulster football and especially Tyrone. It is something Tipperary football will have to live and learn from into the future.

On a more sombre note - and putting sport into true perspective - news came through of the death (at half-time) of Dominic Browne, Knockavilla, Dundrum, a lifelong supporter of Tipperary football. County Football Board chairman, Joe Hannigan, before leaving Parnell Park that evening, expressed the sympathy of the County Board and all GAA followers to his family on their sad loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

For the record the Tipperary team to line out in the All-Ireland final was as follows:

Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan), Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan/Kilcash), Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Colin O'Riordan (JK Brackens, captain), Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials), Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Casey (Cahir), Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe), Josh Keane (Golden/Kilfeacle), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan/Kilcash).

Sub: John McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney).

Other players used during the run to the All-Ireland: Dean McEnroe (JK Brackens), T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers), Willie Connors (Kildangan), Gerry Cronin (Ardfinnan); Tommy Sweeney (Ballyporeen).

Panel: Niall McKenna (Cahir), Mickey O'Connor (Cahir), Mark Russell (Aherlow Gaels), Dominic Walsh (Moyle Rovers), Padraic Loom (Clonmel Commercials), Pearse Richardson (Arravale Rovers), Ted Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Michael Meagher (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Niall Gleeson (Portroe).

Manager: Tommy Toomey.

Selectors: Michael O'Loughlin, Michael McGeehan, Eoghan Cooney, Peter Creedon.



Tipperary Supporters' Club Report

By John Coman, Public Relations Officer

2015 was a year which saw the Tipperary Senior Hurling team reaching the Allianz Hurling League Division One semi-final, win a very competitive Munster Senior Championship but finish on a disappointing note for supporters with defeat to Galway in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling semi-final.

Before the season began, Eoin Kelly of Mullinahone announced his retirement and all Tipperary supporters saluted this high-scoring hero and captain of Tipperary. In a long and decorated career, Eoin was a true leader and his many honours included winning six All Star Awards and two Senior All-Ireland Championships in 2001 and 2010 where he joined the list of winning Tipperary Captains. Eoin, we salute you and thank you for your terrific contribution. Go néirí go geal leat amach anseo.

For 2015, Brendan Maher of Borris-Ileigh was appointed as captain with Padraic Maher of Thurles Sarsfields as vice-captain. In the first competition of the season, Tipperary lost to Clare in the Waterford Crystal Cup. Like the senior team, the Tipperary Supporters Club was out early in the year with the launch of the 2015 membership in the Horse and Jockey Hotel on 28th January.

Eamon O'Shea, senior hurling team manager, performed the launch before a large attendance which travelled from far and wide and included Brendan Maher, captain. County Board officers were also present along with TJ Connolly, Under 21 manager and Liam Cahill, minor manager. Eamon launched the membership and he thanked the Tipperary Supporters Club for all their help and urged all Tipperary Supporters to join. TJ Connolly and Liam Cahill also spoke and all the managers gave interesting insights on to their plans for the year.

Ryan Motor Power, the official SKODA dealership in Tipperary was welcomed as the continuing sponsor of the Tipperary Supporters Club Membership Scheme. Visit the Ryan Motor Power website at www.ryanmotorpower.com or call 052 6180323.

Membership Scheme for 2015

The membership scheme in 2015 has again been successful and, despite it being a difficult year 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 lapel pin. 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. Details of all prize winners are on www.tipsupportersclub.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, Naas Road, Dublin for Tipperary Supporters Club members, log on to www.tipsupportersclub.com for further details.

We want to extend the membership base further and anybody who would like to take some Supporters Club membership is very welcome to contact Supporters Club PRO, John Coman on 087-9087105 or by email at info@tipsupportersclub.com. If joining by post please send a cheque or postal order for €30 payable to Tipperary Supporters Club to Jim Reidy, 13 Castleknock Close, Dublin 15.

The 28th Club Annual General Meeting had taken place in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin on 9th December 2014. On behalf of Eamon O'Shea, who could not be present, Paudie O'Neil, SH coach and selector, thanked the club for the support given to the squad and management team. The meeting was also addressed by Seán Nugent, County Board Chair and by officers of the Tipperary Supporters Club. Liam Myles, President, Tipperary Association, Dublin also spoke and updated those present on the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Association.

Grants of over €150,000 were made in 2014 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. Condolences were expressed to all those who suffered bereavements since the previous AGM. 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).

After a very beneficial partnership, Skoda were replaced by Intersport Elverys as the jersey sponsor of the Tipperary teams.

On the fields of play, following a very competitive Allianz Division 1A campaign in which Tipperary finished top of the table, our team beat Offaly in the quarter-Final. Tipperary met an in-form Waterford in Nowlan Park in the Semi-Final and lost by one point. Waterford went on to win the Final and congratulations to them.

Paul Curran of Mullinahone announced his retirement from inter-county hurling in April after a long and inspirational career in defence for the Blue and Gold. We thank Paul for his great commitment and leadership at all times. It is a mark of the respect in which Paul is held that he was asked to remain and help the management team.

Golf Classic

The Annual Golf Classic was again a major fund-raising and social success in the Club's calendar. For the 15th year in succession the



TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP A GREAT SUCCESS

The Tipperary Supporters Club Junior Membership which was launched in 2007 continues to be a major success.

Membership is completely FREE and already well over a thousand Junior Members have logged on to www.tipsupportersclub.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 the TippFM team www.tippfm.com. In that regard we would like to thank TippFM.

There will be lots of prizes and events in 2016 too so if you are a Tipperary Supporter and under 18 years of age join for FREE on www.tipsupportersclub.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. *Ar aghaidh le Tiobraid Árann!!*

County Tipperary Golf and Country Club at Dundrum House Hotel (www.dundrumhousehotel.com/golf-hotel) was the venue on 21st and 22nd May, just before the Championship season began. The event was again very enjoyable with almost 60 teams taking part and was a great fundraising success thanks to the generosity of the sponsors of teams and tee boxes.

On 4th June, a group of Dublin-based members organised a Tipperary Supporters Club Golf Classic in Edmonstown Golf Club, Dublin. This very successful event was again led by Terry O'Neill (ex-Clonmel) and brother of SH Coach Paudie, and John Ryan (ex-Ballycahill).

In the preparation for the Munster and All-Ireland Championships, the Supporters Club was happy 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.

Following the impressive 4-23 to 1-16 win over Limerick in the Munster Senior Hurling semi-final, Tipperary faced a Munster Final with Waterford. Tipperary emerged victorious on a scoreline of 21 points to 16 and the lack of goals indicated the tight nature of the contest. To add to our delight, the Tipperary minors also won the final by 20 points to 17 against Limerick.

The All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final ended in major disappointment after defeat to Galway, despite a player of the match performance by Seamus Callinan. A high point for all supporters at the game was the return to action as a substitute by Noel McGrath, after treatment for cancer earlier in the year had shocked everyone in the hurling world. Our minor hurlers defeated Dublin in the semi-final but were beaten by Galway in the All-Ireland Final.

U16 Tournament

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.

Passing of Loughmore/Castleiney's Eddie Connolly (1985-2015)

By Pat Healy PRO, Loughmore Castleiney

Following our senior hurlers victory over Borris-Ileigh in the county semi final at Semple Stadium on Sunday 29th September 2013, Eddie having played a major role at No. 6 became unwell while viewing the second semi final.

What materialised and followed from tests was the incredible news that Eddie was having to battle with brain cancer, stunning news for Eddie, his family, the GAA club and the entire community of Loughmore/Castleiney and afar.

However, following the initial shock one felt that knowing Eddie's determination and fighting qualities that this was another challenge he could overcome.

An outstanding dual player from his juvenile days, taking almost every honour at club level including Minor hurling and football double Mid and county in 2002, three in a row county U/21 football and Mid titles in 2004, 2005, and 2006, carrying on to senior level county senior football and hurling honours along with that unique 2007 Munster club championship victory.

Eddie also represented his county in both codes playing senior football and hurling. In 2012 he had the great honour of captaining the Tipperary Intermediate hurlers to Munster and All Ireland glory, a proud moment for him, no doubt.

As he battled his illness bravely with the various treatments involved another proud moment occurred at Semple Stadium on Sunday 26th October 2014, when to a standing ovation, Eddie graced the famous pitch for the final minutes of the county senior hurling semi final v Mullinahone.

With all our hopes restored we were later to learn that further tests were revealing another down turn in Eddie's brave battle for survival. Eddie's courageous battle caught the attention of

As previously announced, Michael Ryan succeeded Eamon O'Shea as SH Team bainisteoir at the end of Eamon's term. Eamon has been a dynamic and innovative manager who brought all that is best in hurling to the role. He was totally committed to Tipperary and to the squad and he brought many new approaches to bear in his term in charge and his previous period as coach, which included the 2010 All-Ireland victory. We also sincerely thank Paudie O'Neill who took on the demanding role of coach. Go raibh míle maith agaibh, Eamon agus Paudie.

Joining Michael Ryan for 2016 will be Declan Fanning of Killenaule who will take on the role of Coach and also John Madden of Lorrha and Dorrha as Selector. William Maher of Ballingarry will manage the Under 21s and Liam Cahill will continue as Minor Bainisteoir.

Seamus Callinan was named at full forward on the GAA GPA Opel Hurling All Stars and was also a nominee for Hurler of the Year. Other Tipperary nominees for All Stars were Darren Gleeson, Cathal Barrett, James Barry, Padraic Maher, Brendan Maher and John O'Dwyer.

The Tipperary Supporters Club would like to express our sympathy with the friends and families of all those connected with Tipperary hurling who passed away during the year. In particular, we would like to especially mention Eddie Connolly of Loughmore-Castleiney, who wore the Tipperary colours with distinction, and who died after a brave battle with illness. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

The Tipperary Supporters Club will continue to work with the County Board and other units to implement the sections of the Premier Plan, the Strategic Vision and Action Plan for the GAA in Tipperary 2011-2015 relating to the club in the chapter on Financial Excellence.

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 2016 by logging on to www.tipsupportersclub.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.

the country on social media and the 'Score 4 Eddie' challenge was a huge success. A race night for the Eddie Connolly Trust Fund was set up for Friday 18th September with an 11 race card and auction at Thurles Greyhound Stadium. Sadly, the night before, Thursday 17th September, Eddie passed away to his Heavenly reward following a brave two year battle and just five weeks short of his 30th birthday.

The request from the Connolly family was that the fundraiser would go ahead and despite the high

emotions present it was an opportunity for everyone to unite and remember Eddie with the largest crowd ever seen at the Greyhound Stadium.

The crowds that attended the Connolly home on the Saturday for the repose of Eddie bore testimony to Eddie and the entire Connolly family. His remains, draped with the club flag was met at the Suir Bridge and shouldered relay by his friends and team mates through the village to the Parish Church in Loughmore for one of the biggest funerals ever witnessed in the parish.

One must admire his loyal friends who looked after his wellbeing and helped at all times to carry him through that long and courageous journey for survival.

To Jim, Maureen, Niamh, Fiona, James, Gerard and niece Aoibhe and the entire Connolly and Maher family, on behalf of the club our deepest sympathy.

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Eddie Connolly



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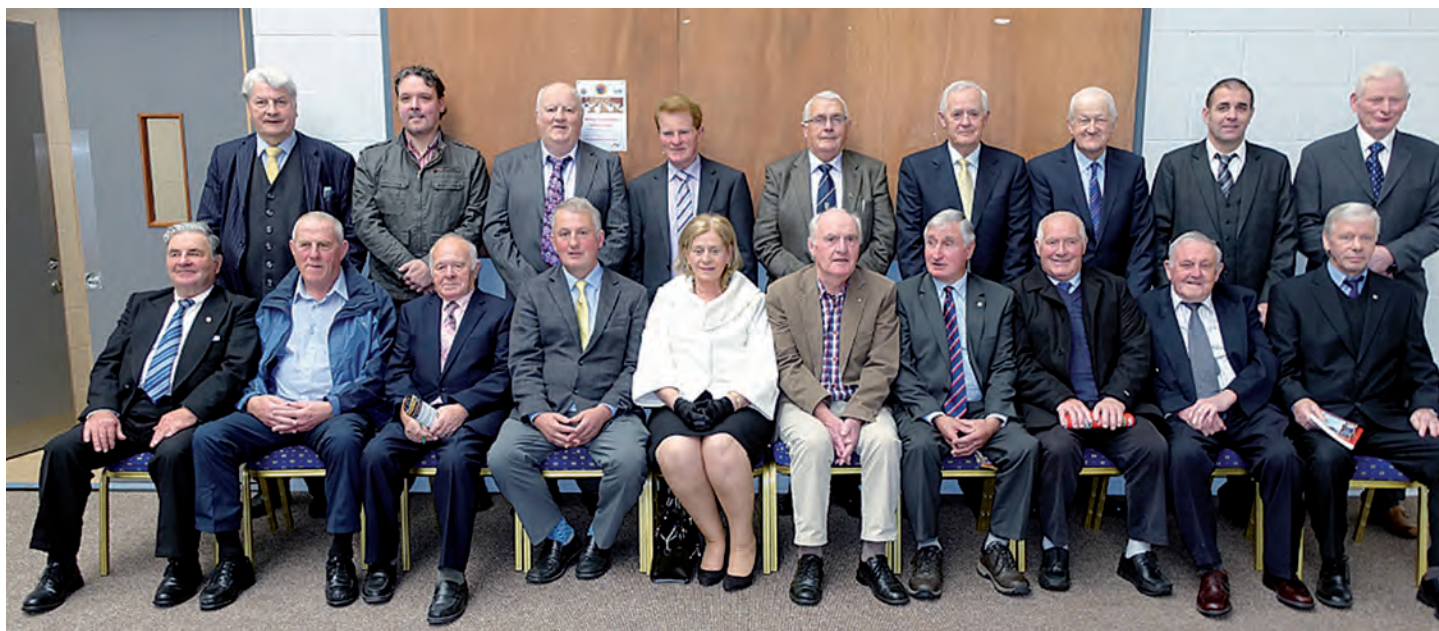
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for the year ahead***



Members of the Tipperary U21 Hurling side that won the inaugural All Ireland competition in 1964, who were honoured in Thurles. Front l-r; Dick Buckley, Conor O'Dwyer, Barney Hogan, John Devane (County Vice Chairman), Evelyn O'Meara (representing Michael O'Meara), Seamus King (organising committee), Len Gaynor, P.J. Ryan, Peter O'Sullivan, Jimmy Ryan. Back l-r; Willie Smith, Proinsias Loughnane (representing Francis Loughnane), Noel O'Gorman, Joe Fogarty, John Costigan (organising committee), Seamus Shinnors, John Dillon, Eoin Killoran junior (representing Owen Killoran) and T.J. Butler.

Inaugural U21 champions honoured

1964 was the first year of the All-Ireland Under-21 hurling championship and Tipperary made history by becoming the first holders of the title. The captain was Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) and, as well as Francis, many of the team were to have further distinguished careers with other county teams. The panel, which never got together for training sessions during the championship, relying on training with the clubs, performed impressively and registered big margins of victory in their five games.

Munster championship: Round 1 21/06/64, Tipperary Town - Tipperary 6-9 Cork 1-1; semi-final, 09/07/64, Limerick - Tipperary 7-6 Clare 2-4; final: 30/07/64, Waterford - Tipperary 8-9 Waterford 3-1; All-Ireland championship: semi, 16/08/64, Roscommon - Tipperary 11-6 Roscommon 2-4; final, 04/10/64, Kilkenny - Tipperary 8-9 Wexford 3-1.

This amounts to a grand total of 40 goals 39 points for, while conceding 11 goals 12 points.

The team and subs for the All-Ireland final were as follows: Peter O'Sullivan (Cashel King Cormacs), Willie Smith (Clonakenny), Noel O'Gorman (Newport), Michael O'Meara (Lorrha), Owen Killoran (Roscrea), Conor Dwyer (Borrisokane), Len Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonaghs), Mick Roche (Carrick Davins), Joe Fogarty (Golden-Kilfeacle), Noel Lane (Lorrha), Michael Babs Keating (Ballybacon-Grange), Francis Loughnane (capt.), (Roscrea), John Dillon (Roscrea), T. J. Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Tommy Brennan (Ballingarry). Subs: P. J. Ryan (Carrick Davins), Jimmy Ryan (Carrick Davins), Richard Buckley (Moycarkey-Borris), Barney Hogan (Roscrea), Seamus Shinnors (Newport), John Costigan (Clonakenny).



Eoin Killoran representing his late father Owen, Len Gaynor, Vera O'Meara representing her late husband Michael, Barney Hogan and John Costigan of the organising committee.



Kitty Buckley, Conor Dwyer, Dick Buckley and Peter O'Sullivan.



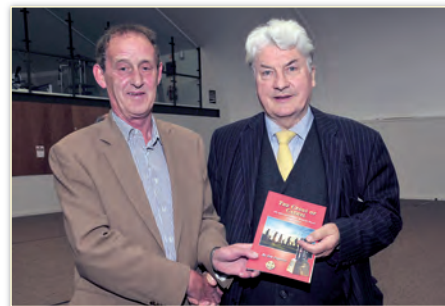
Jim Fogarty centre presenting his book 'The Cross of Cashel' the history of the All Ireland U21 Hurling Championship to P.J. Ryan and Jimmy Ryan of Carrick Davins.



Seamus Shinnors, Noel O'Gorman, Tim Floyd and John Costigan.



Peter O'Sullivan, Cashel; Seamus King, T.J. Butler, Clonoulty/Rossmore; Jim Fogarty author of the 'Cross of Cashel', Joe Fogarty, Golden/Kilfeacle.



Jim Fogarty presenting his book 'The Cross of Cashel' to Willie Smith at the function to honour the Tipperary 1964 All Ireland inaugural winners.

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Friends of Tipperary Football- 2015 Golf Classic was a huge success

By John Guiton (PRO, Friends of Tipperary Football)

The annual two day golf classic, generously sponsored by Mr Mister, Menswear, Cashel, Cahir, and Mitchelstown, was the highlight of a very successful 2015 for the Friends of Tipperary Football.

On the weekend of Friday and Saturday 5th and 6th of June the popular Thurles Golf Club was a hive of activity as teams of four from all over County Tipperary and much further afield competed in one of the best events ever staged at the ultra modern venue. The profile of Tipperary football has risen inexorably in recent years and its popularity was evidenced in the huge support shown for the June classic.

Hard-working chief organiser and member of 'Friends' Martin O'Dwyer (Moycarkey-Borris), the Friends committee and its many supporters were thrilled with the success of the classic which is now one of the top events on the annual sporting calendar. At a prize-giving ceremony in the Golf Club on Saturday evening June 6th, Chairperson of Friends, Michael Power (Moycarkey-Borris) extended his heartfelt gratitude to participating teams, sponsors, volunteers, Golf Club personnel, and all those who supported the event in so many ways. He said it was "wonderful" to witness the wholehearted support that exists for the promotion of football at a time of marked progress in the code. The generous support for the ongoing development of football in all grades is a source of great joy to the 'Friends.' As it continues with its programme of activities, Friends extend an invitation to new members to join the ranks.

The 'Friends of Tipperary Football' was one of the first supporters clubs of its kind to be established in the proud history of the GAA with the aim of revolutionising the preparation of intercounty teams. A sub-committee of Tipperary County Board, it was established at a time when the Premier County's football fortunes were on an upward curve and left no stone unturned in its intensive campaign to help elevate team preparation to the highest standard. 'Friends' were proud to play a pivotal role in the evolution of the most successful era in the history of Tipperary football that yielded national league, provincial, and All-Ireland titles. The county's noble achievements in underage and adult grades have significantly enhanced its status as an emerging major force in the game.



Chief organiser of Friends of Tipperary Golf Classic 2015, Martin O'Dwyer (extreme right) and Chairperson of Friends, Michael Power, making a presentation to representatives of the winning team. The victorious team of Val O'Neill, Willie Flynn, John English and Tom Hickey, scored 112 pts and each player received a €150 voucher from the classic's main sponsor, Mr Mister, Menswear, Cashel, Cahir, and Mitchelstown.

Friends of Tipperary Football, is most appreciative of the support of Tipperary GAA Board, Divisional Boards, and many other units of the Association in our county, and of the equally generous financial support of clubs, sponsors, associations, and the general public. Without such unwavering support it would be impossible for 'Friends' to achieve its aims. With unprecedented success on the playing fields comes extra demands on expenditure in terms of team preparation and participation in league and championship. In financially straitened times the spiralling costs associated with the training and preparation of teams presents new challenges. The Friends of Tipperary Football, with the generous support of Premier County fans at home and abroad, will continue its mission to help reduce the burden of costs on our loyal and totally committed team managements and players. The 'Friends' say a big 'thank you' to their fervent supporters, and look forward to their ongoing generous support in the future.

Mick Nugent (Newcastle) receives his prize of a TV from Chairperson of Friends of Tipperary Football, Michael Power after his ticket won first prize in the 'Friends' 2015 golf classic draw. The presentation of the TV which was sponsored by Tipperary Association in Dublin, was made to Mick on the occasion of Tipp v Kerry Munster championship games in Semple Stadium.





Ballad Section



Farewell To A Legend

(A Tribute To Jimmy Doyle)

Many years have passed by since I was a lad
When great heroes of sport did abound
Like the Rackards Pat Stakelum and "Ringey"
And Mick Mackey that hurler so sound.
All these stalwarts of old those great masters
Did grace the green swards of their time
But one man stood out from them all for me
That man was the great Jimmy Doyle

He's gone to his resting place now my friends
That stickman of such great renown
Who was nurtured when young by the great Thurles Sars'
But is sadly no longer around
In the fifties and sixties could anyone match
This true artist with skills so sublime
There were many who claimed he was best for them all
Our famed hero the great Jimmy Doyle

He won four County Minors with Sarsfields
And three minor All Irelands, some feat
He also won ten County Seniors
This man wouldn't hear of defeat
Seven national leagues and eight Railway Cups
In a list that's as long as a mile
That included six All Ireland medals as well
All won by the great Jimmy Doyle

He hadn't the physical prowess of Mackey
Or the sheer lightening speed of Ring
But neither of these could match Jimmy Doyle
When it came to his breathtaking skill
Great defenders all tried to derail him
To see if his powers they could foil
But I never saw anyone achieve that tough feat
While marking the great Jimmy Doyle

He captained Tipperary to glory
In sixty two and again sixty five
He stated that these were his proudest of days
When he raised the MacCarthy Cup high
He never once hit a foul dirty stroke
A true sportsman through all of that time
What a worthy ambassador for our great hurling game
That true craftsman, our own Jimmy Doyle

Right full forward on the team of the century
And on the millennium team as well
This legend of the game we'll never forget
When tales of great sportsmen we tell
There are still some great hurlers on view today
Many brilliant young men of great guile
But I don't think there's anyone better
Than that artist supreme Jimmy Doyle

Now Jimmy's' achievements were many
To write down them all would take time
And I've covered a lot of them anyway
So I'll give it a break for a while
I know that he was a most affable man
Always good for a chat and a smile
A gentleman perfect whether on field or off
So I'm told was the great Jimmy Doyle

Now alas he's been called to his eternal abode
To that great hurling pitch in the sky
And if any defenders have made it up there
They'll be greeting him with a sad sigh
"We weren't doing too badly up until now
We kept the score down for a while"
"But just look who St.Peter is letting in now
Oh my God it's the great Jimmy Doyle!"

*Joe Tobin,
C.J Kickhams, Mullinahone*

Tribute to Eoin Kelly

On the first day of December
In two thousand and fourteen
The sports announcer on T.V
Relayed a message clear
It brought sadness to all
hurling folk
Who support the Blue and
Gold
The news that the great Eoin
Kelly
Would line out for Tipp no
more

He won a Munster Minor
medal
As a young fifteen year old
In fact he played for three
more years
For the minors Blue and Gold
Only very few achieve that feat
To play minor for four in a row
But to Eoin it was no problem
Sure that we all well know

He was twice young hurler of

the year
Which brought him great
acclaim
He also won six All Stars
Thus adding to his fame
Tipp's leading scorer of all
time
All those goals and points
sublime
Indeed it is no wonder now
That we praise this man in
rhyme

Two All Ireland medals he also
won
As the years did roll by fast
National Leagues and Munster
medals
As his markers he outclassed
He won many man of the
match awards
As his fame spread far and
wide
One of Tipps' best hurlers of
all time
C.J Kickhams joy and pride

On a glorious day in zero two
He performed a mighty feat
When against the famous
Sarsfields
He would not accept defeat
He scored two goals and seven
points
From a total of two ten
To claim Dan Breen for
Mullinahone
We'll not see his likes again

In Semple Stadium and in
Croke Park
And the lovely Paric Ui
Chaoimh
And in the Gaelic Grounds in
Limerick
His magic he did weave
His wristy skills, his artistry
Were a wonder to behold
As he baffled his opponents
In his beloved Blue and Gold

Then in the year two thousand
and ten
Eoin's work became complete

When he captained Tipperary
To achieve a mighty feat
When he raised the Liam
MacCarthy
As the fans sang out in joy
The dream he had came true at
last
That he had when just a boy

We've had Jimmy Doyle and
Jimmy Finn
Nicky English and Pat Fox
We've had Donie Nealon and
Tony Wall
And Pat Stakelum like an ox
We also had the great Mick
Roche
All those heroes set in stone
But Eoin was equal to them all
The maestro from Mullinahone

*Thanks for the memories Eoin
Joe Tobin
Mullinahone*

Honoured on County Final Day



Clonmel Commercials 1982, '86, '89 & '90

The Clonmel Commercials teams that won county senior football championships in 1982, 1986, 1989 and 1990 were honoured by the County Board, The Nationalist newspaper and the Clonmel Park Hotel on County Football Final Day at Semple Stadium. Back row, Anthony Wall, Paudie O'Neill, Joe McNamara, Peter Kilkenny, Mark O'Connell, Mick O'Mahony, John Kerin, David O'Donnell, Dermot O'Shea, Hugh Daly, Ger Deeley, Sean Lonergan, Pdraig Kavanagh, Rian Forristal and Franny Kelly. Middle, Michael Forristal, Johnny Harvey, -, Jim Coyne, Philly Ryan, Sean McMahon, Garret Condon, Willie Peters, Tony Gleeson, Mick Hanley, Sean O'Keeffe, Donal O'Keeffe, Pat Burke and Gene McGrath. Front, Tony Smith, Criostoir McGrath, John McNamara, Paul Dillon, Philip Johnson, Michael O'Connell, Tom Pollard, Sean O'Loughlin, Seamie O'Neill, Brendan Kearney and Felix Kavanagh.



Holycross/Ballycahill 1990 team that was honoured this year at County Senior Hurling Final.

The Holycross/Ballycahill team that won the 1990 County Senior Hurling final were honoured at this year's County final in Semple Stadium by the County Board, the Tipperary Star and O'Gorman's Bar & Restaurant, Bohernacrusha. Back (l-r) Hughie Lanigan (rep. Jackie Lanigan Club Secretary 1990), Phil Dwyer, Mike Ryan (selector), Ciaran Carroll, Denis Kenny (rep. Paddy Kenny, trainer), Michael Doyle, Stephen Dwan, Jim Ryan, Rory Dwan, Declan Carr, Paddy Dwan, Paul Slattery, Pa Joe Lanigan, Paul Maher, Gerry Fennessy, Benjy Browne, Tommy Lanigan, Phil Lowry (selector). Front (l-r) Tony Lanigan, Dónal Ryan, Seamus Mackey (selector), Francis Maher (Club Treasurer 1990), Pat Slattery, Johnny Doyle, Tom Dwyer, Phil Cahill, Robert Stakelum, Michael Fleming, Tim Stakelum, Cristeoir Croke, Mick McGrath, John Ryan (Club Chairman 1990). Kneeling: Robbie Ryan and Tadhg Ryan (flag bearers).



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Jamie Thompson – Tipperary's Channel Islands Fan

(In last year's Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook, Jamie Thompson from Jersey wrote about his odyssey to becoming a Tipperary and Thurles Sarsfields hurling supporter. In this article he reflects on his enthusiasm and how, after eleven years, it remains undimmed.)

Where did it start?

It all started when a foreigner who was new to Ireland and Dublin had to learn the way to Croke Park.

In 2005 a Dublin colleague passed his 2005 All-Ireland Hurling QF premium level ticket to a Kilkenny colleague. The Kilkenny man couldn't go at the last minute and passed it to me, a young man who knew very little about the game. I didn't want to miss out on something interesting to do for the weekend and that was it. The rest is history as they say. I didn't know at that point walking up O'Connell Street and buying a Tipperary jersey in Clerys that in 11 years I would be going to many matches, have a team to support and have a connection with the Premier County.

Anniversary

Tipp have won a senior hurling All Ireland once per decade and during my time supporting them it is repeated. This year marked my 11 years in Ireland, 10 of which have been supporting Tipperary. Galway beat Tipp in my first ever match in 2005, and even though I thought that my 10 year anniversary would be marked by another All-Ireland for Tipp, Galway repeated the blow to end Tipp's opportunity as they had in 2005.

Statistics and kilometres

Games are full of statistics. Many I have not learnt and cannot remember. I am amazed how many people remember key parts of games, the scores, which player played in which position.

In my last 10 years there are also statistics but these are not goals, number of games played, nor points scored. My statistics involve the space taken up on my bookshelf with my match programmes, my attendance record (I have only missed about 10 matches since season tickets were introduced), and the huge number of kilometres travelled between home in Dublin and each match location. The associated carbon footprint would scare many an environmentalist.

Not many people can claim that they had 4 people wearing my Tipperary clothes at the 2010 All-Ireland final. I loaned out a jacket to my friend's daughter, a jumper to my friend and even a jersey to my Dad. In addition I was nearly fully toggled out in Tipperary clothing and numerous headbands.

Season tickets and demand for tickets

Season tickets have been a fantastic idea from the GAA. Not only do they reward those who attend the cold day fixtures in February and March with tickets during the latter stages of the year's matches, they also encourage people to travel to those matches on the days when the Irish weather puts a dampener on things. I just wish that the GAA would release more season tickets to Tipp hurling to encourage/reward more of the full-time supporters.

Not a year goes by when people don't ask me for tickets for the All-Ireland final. I have to laugh to myself. The foreigner with no real affiliation to a club or county doesn't have the same access to tickets as the people who are in clubs up and down the country. However I consider it a compliment that people are familiar with my love of the game and commitment as a supporter.

Rallying support from afar

The world and a global TV organisation may have introduced audiences in 2015 to the delights of GAA but I have been spreading the word a lot longer. I delight in talking about and showing off the sport on a number of occasions to people outside Tipperary.

I travel with work around Europe mainly and do seminars in the pharmaceutical industry. To give the audience a break from presentations I often show clips of Tipperary hurling matches to the audience. The interest may be because of the break from the main



James Thompson, Tipperary and Thurles Sarsfields fan from the Channel Islands, supporting Tipperary.

subject or a genuine interest in something which is new to them. The advantage of having a spare season ticket is bringing my friends to matches. I am happy to ask anyone but I am particular about not lending it to any Kilkenny supporters as we don't need any more noise for that lot in the stadium. Before the August/September increase in demand for tickets happens I have usually dragged people from all over the country and from further afield to many club and inter-county matches because I am not going to miss a match and it is a great day out. From Munster (Limerick, Cork); from Ulster (Down, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh, Tyrone); from Connaught (Galway, Mayo); from Leinster (Dublin, Louth, Kildare); and from outside Ireland: Jersey (Channel Islands), France, Germany, UK and USA.

I love going to the match with my Dad. We didn't have premiership football in Jersey growing up so now it is great when he comes over and we can catch a match. He was at the 2010 All-Ireland final with me so he has seen it at its best for atmosphere and result.

I have inspired my friend's son Adam (who is a Dub) and daughter Brooke to support Tipperary and to come to matches. At the age of 3 Adam could name most of the squad from pictures. Now if that is not brainwashing (I mean inspiring) the next generation then I don't know what is. He is a big fan of Paudie Maher and Mikey Cahill. He has a jersey which is signed by Michael Breen on his debut for Tipperary. Next match I aim to get his jersey signed by Paudie too. Now he will soon be 6 and has already been to a few Tipperary and Thurles Sarsfields matches over the years.

What is the future?

I am still learning. I miss some things, I forget some things but I will continue to enjoy matches.

This year I was quite rightly corrected on my laziness. Over time, living in Dublin, I had fallen into the habit of calling a caman a hurl. Well that will not do. I was informed that "in Tipp we call it a hurley". I was happy to be corrected as I can't be using Leinster talk down in Munster.

I plan to never leave Ireland. There is no way I am going to give up the trip to Tipp. So in that respect I will continue to travel to matches even if home games are in reality away matches for me. I will continue to bring friends and family to matches for the day out.

I hope that my friends' two Dublin kids will grow up to appreciate the sport I have come to love. I hope that they will take it up. In that way I will be able to expand my interest in the sport and see my niece and nephew on the field and cheer them on.

A hundred years ago

by Seamus Leahy

Many years ago a visit from New York to his homeland by the legendary and much-loved skipper of the Toomevara Greyhounds, Wedger Meagher, occasioned a number of gatherings of old team-mates and old opponents. At one such get-together I sat in a corner of a room and listened enthralled to reminiscences of games played long before I was born and I learned perhaps for the first time that the most bitter rivals on the field of play could be the most devoted of friends when their playing days were over.

It was at one of these get-togethers that I heard the story told of how the Toomevara Greyhounds, who had been cocks-of-the-walk in Tipperary hurling since the decline of Tom Semple's Blues, disposed of newly-arrived Boherlahan in the county final of 1914. But if Boherlahan were downcast at the result, it did not affect the number who turned out for a couple of hours in the local field the following Sunday. The number present came to fifty-eight and in the years that followed the story of the horde who turned out for practice on the Sunday after the defeat became part of local lore.

County championship games at the time tended to begin early in the year – there being fewer clubs involved – by the end of May in the following year the two rivals had met again. This time Toomevara were again victorious but Boherlahan objected to the legality of two Toom players. At a stormy county board meeting Toomevara agreed to let the matter rest for some weeks but at the next meeting the game was awarded to Boherlahan. Toom, as might be expected, were not a little displeased, since Boherlahan went on to defeat Thurles in the county final and, as was the custom of the time, were thus entitled to select the county team for the following year's championship.

Easter Rising

However, by the time the championship of 1916 came round there were other things on the minds of GAA players in every corner of the country. Many had been actively involved in the Easter Rising, many more had been involved in the preparations for the Rising, and in the aftermath many had seen the inside of jails in Ireland and in Britain. The championships ran late; it was early in September by the time Tipp beat Limerick in the Munster championship and a month later Tipp – minus any Toomevara representatives – defeated Cork in the Munster Final. Played in a downpour in Dungarvan, the game attracted some fifteen thousand people, which moved one newspaper correspondent to write, "It was easy to see that the outcome of the great battle was a trouble to the thousands of youths who crowded the railway station on Sunday morning. Many remarked that it was the largest crowd that ever travelled..."

But the All-Ireland Final between Tipperary and Kilkenny, which was fixed for December 3rd, after Tipp had easily disposed of Galway on October 22 presented other problems. The railway company, anxious to distance itself from the GAA's seeming approval of the Rising, would give no guarantee that special trains would be available for the game. At a time when motorised transport was in its infancy this was striking at the heart of an event which depended heavily on special trains to provide a worthwhile attendance. Thus, Luke O'Toole, the secretary of the GAA, declared the game postponed to a date to be decided when, it was hoped, the rail company would be more co-operative.

Christmas came and went with the memory of the Rising acquiring a more powerful hold on the imagination of the people now fuelled by the enthusiasm generated by the return of the prisoners from English jails. The game was fixed for January 21st but the railway company had not relented and on a bitterly cold day on unfavourably sodden ground the teams met before

little more than five thousand spectators. Given the unavailability of special trains, this was considered a good crowd, though the majority of those present were Dublin residents.

Rosary at the GPO

Arriving on a routine scheduled train on Saturday evening, the Tipp team, as a gesture of support for the Dublin workers who had been victimised by William Martin Murphy's city transport system in 1913, chose not to use city transport. Instead, they walked to Croke Park on Sunday morning, pausing on the way to recite a decade of the Rosary at the GPO as a mark of respect to the dead of the Rising. And since they did not have to wait for the arrival of special trains, the Croke Park authorities decided to make an earlier start than usual so that it was only 12.15. when the teams took the field.

The Tipperary team turned out in the blue and gold Tubberadora caps and jerseys which had been worn through All-Ireland victories a couple of decades previously and which drew much press comment. But they were considered underdogs to Kilkenny who bore that air of invincibility which had been earned by their having won seven All-Ireland titles in ten years. And Darby Collison was the only North Tipp player on the field, since Toomevara, still smarting from their disagreement with Boherlahan and the County Board, had remained aloof from the entire championship.

If the attendance was restricted, it was treated to a game which lacked nothing in excitement and which left the Freeman's Journal to report next day, *"From start to finish a very hot pace was maintained and the hurling exhibited by both teams was reminiscent of the old-time dash and skill which has made yesterday's finalists famous.....The game swung from one of the field to the other with lightning rapidity, while the catching, overhead play, and groundwork of several of the players on either side was superb."*

Ahead by four points

At half-time Tipp were ahead by four points but mid-way through the second half Kilkenny were leading and a bookie was heard to shout, *"Two to one against Tipperary!"* until in the final ten minutes the ferocious commitment of their tackling and first-time striking gave Tipp the upper hand over their more stylish opponents. In the words of a correspondent of the *Leader*, *"the representatives of the old scientific school of hurling, scientific and accurate.....were hustled and bustled and dazzled out of its finesse by the rush and flash of what can only be described as the personification of Kickham's 'Magnificent Tipperary'."* When the final whistle sounded the score was: Tipperary 5-4 Kilkenny 3-2.

A feature of the game had been the ferocity of the duel between the two captains, Tipperary's Johnny Leahy and Kilkenny's Sim Walton, until the latter fell back to bolster Kilkenny's defence midway through the second half. When the final whistle was blown the pair sought each other out and their verbal exchange became part of the lore of hurling finals.

"We were better hurlers than ye, Leahy," said the Kilkenny captain.

The Tipperary captain did not disagree but he was not lost for an answer.

"But we were better men, Sim," he replied.

The game had hardly concluded when the news of the victory reached Cashel and the number of Boherlahan folk who had come into town in the hope of hearing the result rushed home to spread the news. As darkness fell, tar-barrels were set ablaze in the streets of Cashel where there was particular excitement since a number of the players had been part of the Cashel Racecourse team before Boherlahan launched its own club only a few years before. Crowds followed the Volunteer Fife and Drum band through the streets as wave after wave of cheering was heard.



Boherlahan – Tipperary All-Ireland champions 1916

Back l-r: Tom Leahy, Dan O'Brien, Phil Fogarty (with hat), Ned Croke Willie O'Dwyer (L) Tom Dwana, Arthur O'Donnell, Jack Doherty, Tom Shanahan, Dick Walsh, Jer Collison, Michael Myers, Willie O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Joe Nagle, Mick Leahy, Jimmy Murphy, Willie O'Dwyer, Hugh Shelley, Joe Fitzpatrick, Johnny Leahy, Denis Walsh, Paddy Leahy, Jack Power.

Denis Walsh's shop in Main Street was a particular focus of the celebration in recognition of the fact that this was the proprietor's fifth All-Ireland medal, the first of which he had won with Tubberadora twenty-one years before.

Official Reception

Next evening the team returned by train and when they alighted at Ardmayle they were met by a huge crowd led by the Ballagh Warpipe Band and carried shoulder-high to Boherlahan for the official parish reception.

And that was how a hundred years ago the return of the team which had won the county's ninth All-Ireland was celebrated in the area which had supplied most of the players. Tipp now headed the list of hurling winners, followed by Kilkenny with seven titles and Cork with six. And the county was tying with Wexford for third place in the winners list of football titles,

Dublin having won eleven titles, Kerry five and Tipperary three. Truly, in GAA terms, Tipp could claim the title the Premier County.

It was five years later there was an interesting tailpiece to that 1916 All-Ireland Final. Following a mass breakout of Republican prisoners from Kilkenny Jail in the autumn of 1921 Sim Walton took the responsibility of moving some of the escapees to "safe houses", well away from the scene of their escape. He brought a group of them to the home of his old opponent, Johnny Leahy, in Tubberadora. There, at the kitchen table the two captains sat and whiled a long day away in reminiscences of battles long ago until it was time for the Tubberadora cows to be milked and the Kilkenny man to set off home to Tullaroan.

Their mutual love of the game of hurling was not the only thing the two captains had in common.



The Tipperary Hurling club captured the New York Senior Hurling title in August courtesy of a 0-25 to 1-21 victory over Ulster at Gaelic Park.

Back l-r: Sean McCormack (Borris-leigh), Davey Loughnane (Roscrea), Brendan Maher (Roscrea), Diarmaid Hehir (Clare), Ger Morris (Loughmore-Castleiney) Jack Guiney (Wexford), Steven Burke (Laois), Aaron Cunningham (Clare), Pat O'Carroll (Kilkenny), Pat Egan (JK Brackens), Paul Loughnane (Galway), Darran Coffey (Tipperary), David Pond (Limerick), Jim Keane (Boherlahan-Dualla), Donnacha O'Dwyer (Borris-Ileigh), Pa Ryan (Ballybacon-Grange). Front l-r: Mickey Maher (Roscrea), Henry Maher (Loughmore-Castleiney) Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), David Varley (Galway), Pat Molloy (Moycarkey-Borris), Ciaran McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Colm Forde (Clare), Niall Walsh (Kilkenny), Micky Sheedy (Portroe), Barry Fitzgerald (Cork), John O'Keeffe (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Paudge Morrissey (Knockavilla Kickhams), Mickey O'Sullivan (Ballybacon-Grange), Mike Kennedy (Toomevara). Front row – Mascot: Conor Carty (Tipperary New York)

Tomás Ó Baróid

1924-2015

In January 2015, the death occurred of Tomás Ó Baróid, President of Tipperary G.A.A., former Tipperary G.A.A. Secretary and one of the leading G.A.A. figures in the country.

Tommy was born at River Street, Killenaule, where the sporting idol of his youth was his uncle, Willie, who won an All-Ireland senior football medal in 1920 and played in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday. When the Barrett family moved to Holycross, hurling became second nature to the young Tommy and at the local national school he met, in schoolmaster Willie Tuohy, a teacher keenly interested in hurling and a man who encouraged participation at all levels in Gaelic affairs.

In 1950 the family moved to Thurles and Tommy joined Thurles Sarsfields. He was an accomplished hurler and won his first county senior medal with Sarsfields in 1952 and was a key figure as the club went on to record a historic five senior titles in a row from 1955 to '59. This was an era of unrivalled hurling success for the 'Blues' and Tommy was part of that success story, lining out as a skillful forward on a star studded team.

He had earlier won a Kildare junior championship medal, during a brief spell he spent working with Bord na Móna in that county. Tommy was also chosen on the Tipperary panel for the National Hurling League in 1954 and the following year he figured on the team that beat Wexford in the league final.

But I suppose Tommy is best remembered for his long innings as Runaí of Tipperary County Board. For thirty seven-years he held this position, from January 1963 to the final days of the last millennium. During his term as County Secretary, Tommy served under eleven Chairmen. As Runaí, Tommy was meticulous in his work. He earned admiration far and wide for his excellent efficiency, his knowledge and advice on G.A.A. affairs and his organizational skills, all led to the smooth running of the association in the county. As Secretary, he was the hub of the wheel, the core of every decision that was formulated and activated upon in Tipperary's G.A.A. world.

Thorough Annual Convention Reports

His usual exhaustive and thorough annual convention reports, presented in both English and Irish, as well as recording the year's G.A.A. progress in the county also contained Tommy's own view on current G.A.A. matters, which at times included hard-hitting comments on the state of the association generally and particularly within Tipperary. As required, he advised, warned, encouraged and praised the grassroots. He wrote it as he saw it.

In his final report to convention, Tommy reflected on his long term as County Secretary: -'As I bid you all farewell, I would like to take a few minutes of your time to reflect on my forty-nine years in the service of Cumann Lúthcleas Gael, thirty-seven of those years with this board, working for my county and the games that I love. It has been a long and demanding task, but it has been worthwhile and rewarding, and if I had a high standard to follow in the footsteps of some great Tipperary men, I feel that I had an excellent apprenticeship, having spent twelve years as Secretary of my club, Thurles Sarsfields, from 1951 to 1963. During my first term there, which was as Secretary to the football section of the club, we won Mid-Tipperary minor and senior titles. This was followed by eleven years as Secretary of the hurling section and during this period, we won eight senior, four minor and three junior county titles. In the mid fifties, Sarsfields hurling was at its highest peak, which naturally affected the promotion of football, however, a few football enthusiasts and I formed the exclusive football club, Dr. Croke's embracing all the clubs in Thurles parish. They went on to win the senior championship in 1960. I also played a part in forming Durlas Óg in the late 1970s. All of this was a good beginning to the task that was to follow.



Tommy Barrett

In 1963, I was honoured to be elected Secretary of the county board to succeed Pat Stakelum and over the course of the next thirty-seven years, I was part of the back-room team during a period which saw Tipperary win twenty All-Irelands in all grades, seven National Leagues and six Oireachtas titles, an achievement which would be the envy of most other counties...

With Seamus Ó Riain, I was delighted to be instrumental in introducing the Fitzgerald Cup, a competition for all second-level schools which has been an outstanding success. Probably the most significant event of this period was the foundation of that great festival of youth and hurling - Féile na nGael in 1971, of which I was proud to be a founder member, with Séamus Ó Riain and Eamon de Stafort.

Semple Stadium

The 1980s saw Tipperary well to the fore, with the staging of the Centenary All-Ireland Hurling Final at Semple Stadium proving a success that silenced even the most vocal of critics. Ironically, the success of that great event brought its own problems, not least of which was the massive debt incurred by the development of Semple Stadium. The Double-Your-Money Scheme, the Five Year Ticket Scheme and the much maligned Féile or 'Trip to Tipp' came to fruition under a hard-working and dedicated committee.

But it can be argued that one event in that era overshadowed all others and that is the memory of Killarney in 1987. Who can ever forget the swelling of pride in a great hurling county when Richard Stakelum made his historic speech at the end of a heart warming Munster Final? Although it took two more years before Liam MacCarthy returned once more to the Premier County, that day was one of the great highlights of my hurling life.

There are many more highlights and they will stay in my memory when other happenings have faded with time. The introduction of the coaching scheme at schools level in 1986 was one of the far-reaching decisions taken to secure the future of the game. We have seen the development of Semple Stadium, rightly

acknowledged as the best hurling field in the country, and, more recently, the purchase and development of Dr. Morris Park. Many of our clubs have brought their pitches to a high standard of playing quality and spectator comfort. If there is one thing which saddens me in all of this, it is my conviction that club hurling in Tipperary is in a serious state. Recent developments at All-Ireland level, with the much talked about 'back door' system, may well have caught the public and the media fancy, but we cannot disguise the fact that the standard of our club hurling is a matter of grave concern and may not be receiving the attention it deserve.

On a happier note, I will always cherish the friendship made through our games, the support I have received from countless members of the association and particularly the support of my late wife, Rose, and my family without whose help and understanding none of it would have been possible I will remember the example set for me, and for all those who have the good of our games at heart, by those men who guided me along the way in my early days. They loved, as we do, the G.A.A. above all else and it is that love of our great games and a love of Tipperary which has been my only motivation over nearly five decades'.

Hurling Man to the Core

A hurling man to the core, Tommy was an astute reader of the game and his opinion was sought and valued. He was a member of the Hurling Development Committee at Croke Park for many years and a member of the National Safety Committee and many other advisory bodies at national level.

In 1991, Tommy's work for the association was recognised in his election as G.A.A. Trustee. In 2007, following the death of Séamus Ó Riain, Moneygall, it was the unanimous wish of Tipperary County Board was that Tomás Ó Baróid would succeed him as President of Tipperary County Board. This was due recognition of exceptional service to Tipperary GAA. Tommy was also a former

recipient of the Tipperary Association Dublin 'Hall of Fame'.

The Rúnaí

In 2011, Tommy's book, *The Rúnaí - 50 years of GAA memories*, was published. Written in association with Susan Max, this memoir gives a detailed account of his life, his republican heritage and particularly his involvement in and great love of the G.A.A.

Following news of his passing, many glowing tributes were paid to Tommy by the multitude of mourners which flocked to his funeral to pay their last respects to a great Tipperaryman. Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Liam Ó Néill, attended as did many G.A.A. people from all over Ireland. Former Tipperary players and officials were present in abundance as were Tommy's colleagues from Thurles Sarsfields. His remains reposed at Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre, before removal to the Cathedral of The Assumption.

In his homily at the concelebrated Requiem Mass, Fr. Martin Hayes Adm. and patron of Thurles Sarsfields spoke of Tommy's devotion to the G.A.A. and to his family. This was also the theme of a touching eulogy delivered by Tommy's son, Billy. After Mass Tomás Ó Baróid was carried to his final resting place, beside his wife, Rose, who predeceased him in 1994. The hearse was flanked by members of Thurles Sarsfields and Tipperary G.A.A. as it made its way to St. Patrick's cemetery. Tommy's great friend and former Munster Council Chairman, Seán Fogarty, delivered an eloquent graveside oration. He detailed Tommy's life and contribution to the G.A.A. at local, county and national level finishing appropriately with this wish: -

'May the green sod of his beloved Tipperary rest lightly on his mortal remains'.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his sons Joe, Thomas and Billy, daughter Roseanne, sisters Nora, Bridget and Anna, and brother Oliver.

Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam.

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Tommy Barrett & Nicky English at the launch of Tommy's autobiography 'The Runai' in Thurles in 2011.

Recent G.A.A. Publications 2015

By Seamus J. King

A Central Culture: Gaelic Sport in Nenagh by Donal A. Murphy, P. J. Maxwell and Nancy Murphy has to be the major sporting book to be produced in the county during the year. In fact it appeared at the end of 2014 but was too late for mention in last year's Yearbook.

It was launched last December at Nenagh with G.A.A. President, Liam O'Neill doing the honours. The event was well covered in the *Guardian* but made little impact outside North Tipperary.

The first thing that has to be said is that it's a massive work. A three-volume production, the first two made their appearance at the launch and the third is promised at a future date. The published work brings the story up to the mid-fifties so the third volume will be under pressure to contain all that has happened during the last sixty years.

Each volume is approximately 400 pages each of closely packed print. I estimate that each has 200,000 words, which gives you an idea of the size of the production. When it is realised that the average novel will have 60,000 to 100,000 words the extent of this work is put in perspective.

It is more than a G.A.A. history. The authors tell us what to expect in a foreword: 'Gaelic Sport - hurling, football and handball, together with track and field athletics and cycling early on and camogie later - is the focus and Nenagh town and parish the centre of the story. It radiates to many aspects of social history. Here is seen the connectivity of players and administrators with town politics, with agricultural, industrial and commercial development, with other sports, philanthropy, Conrad na Gaeilge, féiseanna, War of Independence. There are accounts of interaction between successive G.A.A. clubs and other community bodies - the Nenagh National Literary Institute, the Shamrock Workingmen's Club, and the Agricultural Society's Show Grounds. Nenagh Éire Óg Club's MacDonagh Park, now grown to a complex providing facilities to a dozen or so community organisations, is presented as a virtual personality in the story.'

This gives you some idea of the scope and the comprehensiveness of the work. It is both the strength and the weakness of the production, its strength because it includes anything that needs to be known about Gaelic Sport in Nenagh but also much on the social, political and economic life of the town, its weakness also because for the ordinary reader looking for the results of matches or the progress of a particular team, a lot of searching has to take place to find the relevant information.

The work is a monument to the research and thoroughness of the authors and it will be an important reference book for many years to come not only of the sporting life of the town and parish of Nenagh but of much else besides. The book is published by Relay Publications, Nenagh and retails at €20 per volume.

Tom Semple and the Thurles Blues

One of the great figures in the Tipperary G.A.A. Story, not only as a hurler but also as an administrator and revered figure, Tom Semple has finally got the biography he deserves, however belatedly, in a comprehensive account of his life and times by Liam Ó Donnchú.

A handsome production of over four hundred pages it gives shape and form to a man, through a thoroughly researched text, illustrated by a wealth of visual material, about whom most

people's knowledge was not only limited by vague as well.

There are many strengths in this biography. Many people will think of Tom Semple as the man who captained the Thurles Blues, the G.A.A. administrator, the team trainer, the man, whose commanding presence kept order at matches in the grounds that were later named after him. This book also tells us of the family man, who was twice married, of the working man, who used his position on the railway to carry messages for the IRA during the War of Independence, the man who brought the Thurles Blues to Brussels in 1910 for the Pan Celtic Congress, the man who fought Croke Park so tenaciously during the Croke Memorial controversy. And much more.

Probably the greatest thing that can be said about the book is that it's not only the story of Semple but also the story of the Blues and, to a great extent the town of Thurles during the first half of the twentieth century. It tells the story of how Semple Stadium evolved from a parttime place for hurling games to become the second most important venue for Gaelic games in the country.

As G.A.A. president, Aogán Ó Fearghail, writes in a foreword to the book, this is a 'superb addition' to the G.A.A. Library. It's a work of major interest to G.A.A. people everywhere but above all to Tipperary people for whom the names of Tom Semple and Semple Stadium touch a chord of recognition, identification and pride wherever they find themselves in the world.

The Cross of Cashel

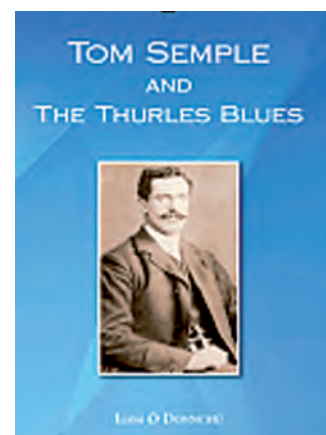
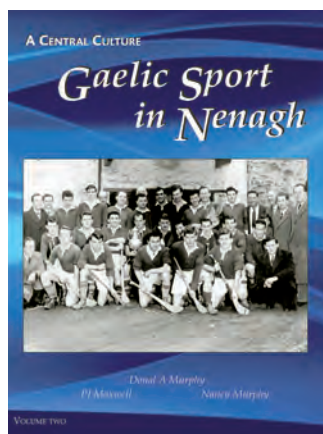
This might appear an unlikely name for a G.A.A. book until the sub-title is added: All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Finals 1964-2014. Written by Jim Fogarty, who has already produced 'The Dan Breen Cup - Tipperary County SH Finals 1931-2011', this is a timely history of a G.A.A. championship that made its entry to G.A.A. competitions over fifty years ago..

When it did make its entry there was no trophy to present to the captain of the winning team for the first three championships. Then, in 1967, Most Rev. Dr. Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Patron of the G.A.A., presented a trophy, far removed from the traditional cup, in the shape of the Cross of Cashel, (St. Patrick's Cross) that is located on the Rock of Cashel. The belief at the time was that the Archbishop, who was very much opposed to the celebratory habit of drinking out of the cup after victories on the field, hoped that the habit would be curtailed by providing a trophy that made it impossible to do so.

The first captain to receive the new trophy was P. J. Ryan of Carrick, who was presented with it by Archbishop Morris himself, following victory over Dublin by 1-8 to 1-7, in the 1967 final. It was P. J.'s fourth year playing in the grade, his third appearance in a final and his second All-Ireland victory.

This book is an account of All-Ireland finals and the format is a concentration on the basic facts of each final, the counties, the date, the venue, the score, the highlights of the game, the scorers, the referee, the lineouts and the clubs of the players, the subs used and, where they were available, the remaining subs as well.. In short anything you might like to know about the final. Each report also includes a picture of the team.

Each report has the additional information of the teams and scores of the provincial finals as well as the All-Ireland semi-finals. As well unusual aspects of the game are included. For instance, the 1966 final between Cork and Wexford, went to three





President Michael D. Higgins receives a copy of Tom Semple and *The Thurles Blues* from Munster GAA chairman, Robert Frost, at this year's Munster final in Semple Stadium, Thurles.



Pictured at the launch of Tom Semple and *The Thurles Blues* were Liam Ó Donnchú (author), Archbishop Emeritus Dermot Clifford and Tom Semple's son, Martin, who launched the book.

games. We are told at the end of the account that 'Each side had a tally of 21 points in the draw and replay' and 'At the end of the first replay, both sides made a decision not to play extra time.'

The book is divided into chapters devoted to each decade. Chapter 7 covers the hurling final records, such as the top scorers, the winning captains, the roll of honour, the under-21 hurler of the year, which commenced in 2009, etc.

Jim Fogarty has been assiduous in collecting this information and presenting it in an attractive format and G.A.A. researchers as well as the ordinary reader will be grateful for his effort.

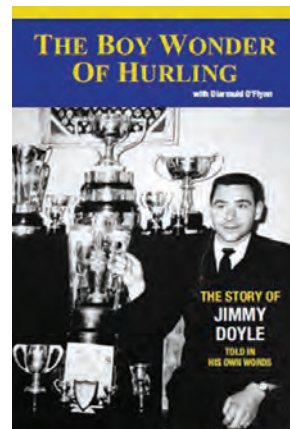
The Boy Wonder of Hurling

In case you didn't know who the 'Boy Wonder' was, the sub-title informs you: 'The Story of Jimmy Doyle Told in His Own Words'. Jimmy was probably the greatest hurler the county has produced and arguably among the top few in the country. As well as his high level of skill, honed through hours of hurling from an early age, his achievements are immense. In the course of nineteen years, 1954-1971, he played in thirteen All-Irelands, four minor and nine senior, and won nine. This is his story.

It is, as it says on the cover 'told in his own words' and it is literally the case. Anyone who spoke to Jimmy during his life will hear the echo of his voice through these pages and it's a great tribute to the author, Examiner journalist, Diarmuid Flynn, that he let Jimmy talk in this book.

Diarmuid Flynn went off to Brussels as parliamentary assistant to Luke 'Ming' Flanagan in 2014 before he had time to complete the book and that task of completion was taken on by former Tipperary Star editor, Michael Dundon. He got former hurlers who played with and against Jimmy to put their thoughts on the 'Boy Wonder' on paper and they add to the value of the book.

Unfortunately Jimmy died a couple of weeks before the book was launched and the final chapter is an account of his funeral and the huge crowd that turned out to say goodbye to a player, who was much loved not only in his native Thurles but far beyond as well. It was a great tribute to the standing of the man in the world of hurling and it was replicated in the overflow crowd that turned out for the launch of the book by the President of the G.A.A., Aodán Ó Featghail, in Sarsfields Social Centre on August 19.



Standing My Ground

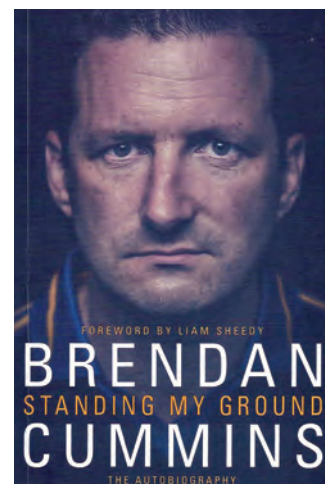
The autobiography of Brendan Cummins was launched in the Dome, Semple Stadium by Liam Sheedy and in the Palace Bar, Dublin by Eoin Kelly in late October. Entitled *Standing my Ground*, the cover carries a very fine picture of Brendan by Denis Vahey, the Cashel photographer, which tells us much about the level of intensity and commitment he brought to his playing career.

The title is a fine one also for a book that tells the story of a goalkeeper, who held the last line of defence for Tipperary for a record 73 times. (It is also a record for an intercounty player.) The same player was equally adept at football and played for the county on 16 occasions. With the current debate about dual players, Brendan's is an interesting case. While it may have been possible during his early career to play both games, it appears less and less possible today.

Written by Cashel journalist Jackie Cahill (his fourth G.A.A. book), this is a lively read that never slackens through a series of short chapters highlighting different episodes in the play's career. There is great variety covering not only his playing career with the county, but also his loyalty to his club, Ballybacon-Grange in hurling and Ardfinnan in football (he was persona non grata with the latter for four years), as well as his incredible determination to succeed.

On the latter he states: 'A weakness in my game was never acceptable to me and this aspect - weakness on my left side - I worked on for months in the local field early in his career, until such time as I had over come it.'

His heroes in the managerial line were, without a doubt, Nicky English and Liam Sheedy. The latter he calls a 'Messiah'. 'I've no doubt that Liam Sheedy made me a better player over the course of his three years in charge of Tipperary.' On page 155 he has this to say about Sheedy's management style: 'Liam kept in touch with his players via one-on-one meetings. You never really knew where you stood with Liam and that ensured that you could never assume that you'd arrived. That's why I loved his management style. You might have achieved something but then he'd place another challenge in front of you. 'You did that, grand, this is what more looks like.' The bar was always raised higher, out of reach,



and you were always stretching to where his expectation of you was.'

Equally there are criticisms of others. He describes the players' decision to remove Michael Doyle as 'no personal slight on his character' but 'a business decision made by people who wanted to move forward. We had drifted again the same as we had during Len Gaynor's final year in 1998.'

Babs featured much in the excerpts from the book that appeared in the papers. There appears to be a lot of soreness about his dropping by Babs in favour of Jerry Kennedy. The two reasons given for the dropping was his refusal to bring down more balls going over the bar and because of issues with the puckout. 'I've never spoken to Babs, John Leahy or Tom Barry since that time. That's not for any particular reason, we just happen to move in different social circles.' Later, he adds: 'I have absolutely no hatred or anger for Babs. Throughout that period I maintained a huge inner belief in my ability and stuck rigidly to the processes and systems that had always enabled me to get the best out of myself. I couldn't change Babs, and even if the two of us sat across a table from each other in the morning, I wouldn't ask him why he dropped me. It was a huge decision, which I have no doubt was made from gut instinct.'

Convention Handbook

The County Convention Handbook appears every year and many people probably don't give it the attention it deserves. It deserves close contention because it has become a magnificent publication in recent years and is an outstanding record of what happened in the G.A.A. in the county during the previous year. It is a very important record and a tribute to Tim Floyd. Equally important are the divisional convention handbooks and the role they can play in

preserving divisional records.

Other Publications

The books mentioned are only a small sample of the number of new publications available.

I want to draw your attention to a few more. Paul Rouse has just written *Sport and Ireland: A History* (Oxford University Press) £30 and, anyone interested in the subject, should buy this definitive work.

Robert Penn has come up with a fascinating book on trees in which ash and its use for hurleys gets mention. The book is entitled *The Man Who Made Things Out of Trees* (Particular Books) £16.99.

A most unusual book, entitled *The Scrapbook of Regrets* is published by the boys and girls of St. Hugh's N.S., Dowra, Co. Leitrim. They contacted more than 150 G.A.A. players about their regrets from their playing careers. If you are interested go to thescrapbookofregrets.com

As well, that excellent publication, *The Bohrlahan-Dualla Historical Journal 2015*, is in the bookshops again and amongst many historical articles there is one of particular interest to Tipperary hurling followers, *Arthur Donnelly: A Classic Hurler* by Richard (Dick) Hennessy.

A few more deserve mention. *Henry Shefflin The Autobiography*, tells the story or arguably the greatest hurler of all time.

Until Victory Always by Jim McGuinness & Keith Duggan is the account of the exciting and successful Donegal football manager.

The G.A.A. & Revolution in Ireland 1913-1923, edited by Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, is timely for the year that's about to dawn.

Relentless: The Inside Story of the Cork Ladies Footballers by Mary White needs no comment.

Co. Tipperary Youth Committee Report 2015

The County Final of Primary Schools Table Quiz was held in the Sarsfields Centre Thurles on Sunday evening 7th December 2014. Winners Monastery School Tipperary Town following a tie with Upperchurch A; 2nd Upperchurch A; 3rd Holycross; 4th Rossmore following a tie with Ardcroney; 5th Ardcroney.

Prizes were presented by Mr. Joe Kerrigan Chief Executive of Centenary-Thurles Co-Op who have been sponsoring this quiz for several years. Competitors, teachers and parents were thanked for their enthusiasm and work by County Board Chairman Seán Nugent.

County Tipperary Youth Committee held the Annual Youth Forum for Transition Year Students on Thursday 29th January 2015 at The Dome Semple Stadium. Over 70 students attended. Among the items on the agenda were a discussion on Health and Nutrition with Lorcan Mulhearn and a presentation on Concussion in Sport by Cashel Community School. Items discussed in the workshops were: Fixtures, Dual Players, Burnout and Big Match Days. In his address County Chairman Michael Bourke encouraged those present to get involved in the running of their clubs as well as playing the games. The day ended with a Guided Tour of the new Sports Lab in LIT Thurles with Damian Young giving a very informative presentation on the various aspects of this recently opened facility. More details of the days work can be found on the Tipperary Coaching and Games Face Book Page.

County Youth Committee Members 2015

Nicholas Moroney County Youth Officer; Catriona Maher Mid Youth Officer; Cora Moroney North Youth Officer; Tony Lyons South Youth Officer; Joe Hammersley West Youth Officer; Pat Mulcahy Health & Welfare Officer; John Ryan Coaching Officer; Ann Fleming Bord na nÓg; Michael Delaney Cumann na mbunscoil; Andy O'Gorman, John Smith, Aoife Percy.



Ireland beat Scotland in the U21 Shinty Hurling International in Bught Park, Inverness, Scotland on Saturday 24th October on a score line of 5-10 to 1-3. Team Ireland was managed by William Maher (Ballingarry) and Tipperary's only representative on the team was Tipp senior player Michael Breen (Ballina) who are photographed together in Bught Park after the match.

Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship 2015

By Seamus J. King

Thurles Sarsfields won their third title in four years when they edged out Nenagh Eire Óg in a closely-fought encounter in the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship final at Semple Stadium on October 25. It was Nenagh Eire Óg's second time to have tasted final defeat by the slenderest of margins in three years. Lar Corbett's 57th minute point proved the difference between the sides as well as good defensive play by Sarsfields in the dying seconds that denied Eire Óg the chance to force a draw.

The format of the championship was the same as in 2014 with one small exception. In that year it was possible for the fourth team in a group to get into the play-offs after the league, if two of the teams above it won divisional championships. This possibility was removed in 2015.

The teams were divided into two Roinns based on 2014 championship placings. Roinn 1, with 16 teams, was divided into 4 seeded groups. They were:

1st seeds: Nenagh Eire Og, Kildangan, Loughmore-Castleiney, Drom and Inch;

2nd seeds: Clonoulty-Rossmore, Killenaule, Moycarkey-Borris, Borrisileigh;

3rd seeds: Templederry-Kenyons, Upperchurch-Drombane, Eire Óg, Burgess;

4th seeds: Lorrha, Kilruane-MacDonaghs, Ballina, Thurles Sarsfields.

Roinn 2 had 15 teams (2 teams went down and 1 came up after 2014 championship) and they were divided into 4 seeded groups, 3 x 4 & 1 x 3. They were:

1st seeds: Roscrea, Carrick Swans, Toomevara, Silvermines;

2nd seeds: J K Brackens, Holycross-Ballycahill, Mullinahone, Portroe;

3rd seeds: Kickhams, Boherlahan-Dualla, Borrisokane, Cappawhite;

4th seeds: Ballingarry, Moneygall, Moyne-Templetuohy.

Following the league the 31 teams in the two Roinns were reduced to 16 for the preliminary quarter-finals. The teams that qualified were as follows: 4 top teams in each group in Roinn 1, 4 top teams in each group in Roinn 2, 4 divisional champions, 4 runners-up in each group in Roinn 1.

Divisional finals

All four divisional finals were played on August 23. In the Mid Thurles Sarsfields defeated Loughmore-Castleiney by the minimum of margins on a scoreline of 1-17 to 2-13. Loughmore made a late run to catch up, scoring two points, and claimed in vain at the final whistle that there was some time left in the game. In the North Kildangan won their second senior title in three years when they defeated Templederry Kenyons, who were going for their first title, by 1-18 to 0-18. In the South Killenaule secured their eighteenth title by 0-21 to 2-13 when they defeated Mullinahone in a game that was close right through. Eire Óg made it 3-in-a-row in the West, when they had a deserved victory over Kickhams, albeit by the minimum of margins on a scoreline of 0-16 to 2-9.

In fact the number of teams that qualified for the preliminary quarter-finals was 14 instead of 16. This came about because two of the groups in Roinn 1 ended up with two each of the four divisional winners, and under regulation 3 (A) 'If a team wins its



Thurles Sarsfields - Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2015

Back l-r: Tommy Doyle, Pa Bourke, Billy McCarthy, Denis Maher, Padraic Maher (capt), Declan Ryan, Aidan McCormack, Kevin O'Gorman, Conor Lanigan, David Maher, Cian Treacy. Front l-r: David Kennedy, Ronan Maher, Patrick McCormack, Stephen Maher, Michael Cahill, Stephen Cahill, John Maher.

Absent from photo Lar Corbett.

Divisional Championship and finishes 1st or 2nd in Roinn 1 or 1st in Roinn 2 that team will be replaced in the Preliminary Quarter Final by next highest non-qualifying team in the same group, excluding the team that finishes bottom of that group in Roinn 1 and 2'.

Kildangan and Thurles Sarsfields, of Group 2 Roinn 1. who had qualified for the play-offs in the group league, qualified again as divisional winners. It meant that Upperchurch-Drombane as the third placed in the group got a qualifying place. Under 2015 regulations the bottom team, Moycarkey-Borris, could not qualify for the second place and so there was one team less for the preliminary quarter-finals. There was a similar development in Group 3 Roinn 1 where Eire Óg and Killenaule, already qualified in the league, won their respective divisional finals. Lorrha, as the third placed team, got a qualifying spot but Loughmore-Castleiney, as the bottom team could not qualify and this accounted for the second team short in the preliminary quarter-finals.

Preliminary Quarter-Finals

An open draw took place to decide six pairings in the preliminary quarter-finals. Two teams, Drom Inch and Clonoulty-Rossmore got byes in order to ensure eight teams for the quarter-finals. All the games were played on September 13. Nenagh Eire Óg defeated Roscrea, Kilruane MacDonaghs defeated J. K. Brackens, Portroe defeated Killenaule, Kildangan defeated Upperchurch-Drombane, Eire Óg defeated Lorrha and Thurles Sarsfields defeated Mullinahone.

The quarter-finals took place on the weekend of September 26/27 and all four games were played in Semple Stadium. On Saturday Drom-Inch defeated Kildangan by 5-13 to 1-15. Under new coach, former Tipperary manager, Liam Sheedy, Drom Inch scored a comprehensive 10-point win over a fancied Kildangan. Weaknesses in the Kildangan defence let Drom Inch through for five goals, and it could have been more..

On the same day Kilruane MacDonaghs overcame the opposition of West champions, Eire Óg, by 1-22 to 1-14. Eire Óg had hoped for a better result but they were overcome by a driven Kilruane, who were inspired by veteran, Seamus Hennessy, and qualified for their first semi-final since 1994. In the matches on Sunday Nenagh Eire Óg showed fine form and ruthlessly put away neighbours Portroe by 0-27 to 1-12. They had a brilliant spell midway through the second half when they scored 0-9 without reply. In the second game Thurles Sarsfields had no trouble cruising to victory over a Clonoulty-Rossmore side that failed to



Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) and Hugh Moloney (Nenagh Eire Og) in county final action.

deliver on the day. Clonoulty didn't get their goal till near the end of the game which saw them lose by 1-23 to 1-14.

The Semi-finals

The two semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on October 11. The first of these brought defending champions and strong favourites, Thurles Sarsfields, up against Kilruane MacDonaghs. This contest went right down to the wire even though Sarsfields appeared to be comfortably in control at the interval when they led by 1-14 to 1-7. Scores appeared to come more easily to them. However, Kilruane stormed back towards the end of the third quarter and came within a point with minutes to go, but the champions came into their own again with a fine finish that yielded 1-2 and victory by 2-20 to 1-17.

The second game went to extra time after Michael Heffernan hit a 64th minute equaliser for Nenagh. Drom Inch got two goals early on but they never moved with their expected fluency and with Seamus Callanan in subdued form their attack lacked a

Results at a Glance

Date	Venue	Teams and scores				Referee
Preliminary Q/F						
13/09/2015	Moneygall	Nenagh Eire Óg	1.21	Roscrea	0.10	Michael Murphy
13/09/2015	Toomevara	Kilruane MacDonaghs	1.21	J K Brackens	1.9	Fergal Horgan
13.09/2015	The Ragg	Killenaule	.20	Portroe	2.26	Kevin Jordan
13/09/2015	Toomevara	Kildangan	2.16	Upperchurch Drombane	1.10	John Mc Cormack
13/09/2015	The Ragg	Eire Óg Anacarty	2.18	Lorrha-Dorrha	2.14	Paddy Ivors
13/09/2015	Leahy Park	Thurles Sarsfields	3.25	Mullinahone	2.18	John Cleary
Drom & Inch and Clonoulty-Rossmore had byes to the quarter-finals						
Quarter Finals						
26/09/2015	Semple Stadium	Drom & Inch	5.13	Kildangan	1.15	Fergal Horgan
26/09/2015	Semple Stadium	Kilruane MacDonaghs	1.22	Eire Óg Anacarty	1.14	Johnny Ryan
27/09/2015	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Éire Óg	0.27	Portroe	1.12	Paddy Ivors
27/09/2015	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	1.23	Clonoulty Rossmore	1.14	Philip Kelly
Semi Finals						
11/10/2015	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	2.20	Kilruane MacDonaghs	1.17	John O'Brien
11/10/2015	Semple Stadium	Nenagh Éire Óg	1.20	Drom & Inch	2.16	John McCormack
Final						
25/10/2015	Semple Stadium	Thurles Sarsfields	1-18	Nenagh Éire Óg	3-11	Fergal Horgan

scoring threat. Nenagh came back well from their early disaster and were level, 2-5 to 1-8, at the interval. The second half was a close encounter with neither side having the ability to impose their will on the game, though one felt that Drom had the greater resources. And so it continued until the end when Heffernan hit the equalising score. In extra time Drom made the early running but the sides were level at the interval. The sides remained close until John Ryan edged Drom in front with a minute to go. But it was Nenagh who had the last word as Tommy Heffernan fired over the leveller and Daire Quinn hit a splendid winner.

Final

The final was played at Semple Stadium on October 25 and Thurles Sarsfields came through by the narrowest of margins on a scoreline of 1-18 to 3-11. It was the club's 34th title, their sixth since 2005 in seven final appearances. Although only a point separated the sides in the end, at times the winners looked way better. By the twentieth minute they had opened up a nine points lead, 1-10 to 0-4, but then, as if forgetting the task in hand, they let Nenagh right back into the game with 2-1 in a four-minute spell. Some good hurling followed and the Sarsfields lead was 1-11 to 2-6 at the interval. By the end of the third quarter the sides were level, 1-13 to 2-10. Sarsfields motored ahead once more with three points. Nenagh came back with a goal from Andrew Cofey in the 52nd minutes. Sarsfields went ahead again with points from Stephen Cahill and Lar Corbett. Daire Quinn reduced it to a point but Sarsfields held their nerve during the four minutes of added time to win by the solitary point.

The win set Thurles Sarsfields up for the joust with Na Piarasigh of Limerick in the Munster Club semi-final. The winning of that competition has to remain a goal for the club which has had so little success in Munster.

For Nenagh Eire Óg the result was a sad disappointment and it extends their failure to build on their 1995 victory.

Thurles Sarsfields: Paddy McCormack, Michael Cahill, Stephen Maher, Kevin O'Gorman, David Kennedy, Padraic Maher (capt.), Ronan Maher, John Maher (0-1), Stephen Cahill (0-1), Aidan McCormack (0-3), Denis Maher (0-4), Pa Bourke (0-4) Conor Lanigan (1-2) Lar Corbett (0-2), Billy McCarthy (0-1). Subs: Richie Ruth for Conor Lanigan, David Maher for Kevin O'Gorman, Tommy Doyle for Richie Ruth. Also: Kevin Smith, Cian Treacy, Stephen Lillis, Michael Russell, Barry O'Dwyer, Pa. Dunne, Rory Dwan, Kevin Dunne, David Corbett, Paul Maher, Tom King, Michael O'Dwyer.

Team Management: Tommy Maher, Paddy McCormack, Connie



Lar Corbett, Thurles Sarsfields.

Maher, Jack Griffin. Medical: Mick Clohessy, Aoife Lonergan. Doctor: Dr. Paul Ryan. Equipment: Eamonn and Brian Stakelum.

Nenagh Eire Óg: Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney (capt.), John Brennan, Barry Heffernan (1-0), Hugh Maloney, Daire Quinn, Conor Ryan, Michael Heffernan (1-4), Andrew Coffey (1-1), Paddy Murphy, Tommy Heffernan (0-1), Killian Gleeson, Pearse Morris (0-2), Shane Hennessy. Subs: James Mackey (0-2) for Shane Hennessy, Billy Heffernan for Killian Gleeson, Philip Hickey for Pearse Morris. Also: Brian Darcy, Kevin Tucker, Adam Grattan, Donncha Quinn, John Cahalan, Paul Ryan, Shane Maher, Michael Collins, Alan Kelly, Niall Madden, Kevin Flynn, Gary Howard.

Manager: Liam Heffernan, Coach/Trainer: John Fitzgerald, Selectors: Eddie Tucker, Donie O'Brien, Brian McDonnell. Physio: Paul Ryan, First Aid: Norreen Kelly, Liam Quinn. Doctor: Paul O'Farrell. Logistics: Matt Lillis.

Referee: Fergal Horgan (Kickhams), Standby Referee: John McCormack (Kickhams), Linesman: John O'Brien (Arravale Rovers). Sideline Official: John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs).

John Quirke Jewellers Man of Match Award: Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields)

Attendance: 5,000.



Thurles Sarsfields midfielder Stephen Cahill receives the 'Man of the Match' award from John Quirke (Quirke Jewellers Cahir) in the presence of County Board Chairman Michael Bourke.

Jimmy's passing brings hurling world to standstill

By Michael Dundon

In any debate on hurling when the issue is who was the greatest, the name of Tipperary and Thurles Sarsfields' Jimmy Doyle will figure in the company of such legends as Christy Ring, Mick Mackey, and of more recent vintage, Henry Shefflin. Jimmy's place in hurling's history is well established after a glittering career that yielded every honour the game had to offer, so it is no surprise that his sudden passing in June this year shocked the hurling fraternity who had a special place in their hearts for a man who enthralled followers the world over with his artistry and unfailing humility in a career that spanned the fifties, sixties, and seventies.

A county minor at the age of fourteen when he played in goal for the Tipperary team which lost to Dublin in the 1954 final, he went on to win three minor All-Ireland medals in '55, '56, and '57, captaining the team in '57. By this time he was on the county senior team and starred in the Tipperary victory over Kilkenny in the National Hurling League final in May of that year, having made his debut against Galway in the league in late '56.

It is something of an understatement to say that the Thurles lad was the talk of the hurling world. His unorthodox left-hand grip, his exceptional skill developed over hundreds of hours of practice since childhood, his remarkable accuracy, right or left, from frees or play, and his boyish shyness, singled him out as a special talent respected and admired by enthusiasts everywhere, irrespective of their county allegiance.

Remarkable too was his courage in the context of the physicality of the game at that time when skilful players were subjected to heavy-handed treatment with little protection from the rules or indeed, sympathy from the public. Despite his light frame, and being ear-marked for special attention because of his match-winning potential, Jimmy never shirked the turbulence of the close exchanges, no matter how fierce. He paid a price for his bravery, sustaining a litany of injuries, many very serious, that impinged on his quality of life right up to his untimely death at the age of seventy six.

Jimmy was truly "The Boy Wonder" of his time, as he was dubbed by the late Miceal Ó Hehir, famed radio and television broadcaster.

He won the first of his six senior all-Ireland medals in 1958 when Tipperary beat Galway. Further medals followed in '61, '62, '64, '65, and '71. He captained the team in '62 and '65, won seven National Hurling League medals, seven Oireachtas medals, eight Railway Cup medals with Munster, eleven county senior hurling medals with Sarsfields, and a county senior football medal with Thurles Crokes. He was chosen on the hurling Team of the Millennium and Team of the Century, was Texaco Hurler of the Year in '65, and was chosen third in a newspaper poll of the hurling greats of all time. He was also Tipperary's leading championship scorer on seven occasions.

These are just some of the accolades accorded Jimmy, and they serve to reflect the stature he enjoyed in the game, but they are only part of the story. Only those who played with him or against him, or who saw him in action, can fully appreciate the uniqueness of his talent, his ability to make ordinary teams good and to elevate the good teams to the realms of greatness. Although recognised as a star of the great Tipperary teams of his era, Jimmy carried his fame lightly. Always a team player, he firmly believed that no player was bigger than the team, and his selfless contribution to both club and county strikingly bears this out.



Tipperary's Jimmy Doyle holds the Liam MacCarthy Cup as he is held aloft by Tipperary supporters after his side's victory over Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final on 5th September 1965.

It is not easy to single out any one display as being his best ever. There are so many, but a few spring to mind. In 1957, Tipp faced Cork in the Munster minor hurling semi-final but though he was captain of the minor team, the senior selectors wanted him for their clash with Cork in the senior game. Jimmy was not allowed start the minor game but, as the team saw a huge interval lead dwindle, the minor selectors sprung Jimmy and in ten minutes he turned the game on its head and Tipperary went on to win the minor All-Ireland that year. It was a truly amazing performance.

The following year, still only eighteen, Jimmy almost single-handedly destroyed Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final, scoring 1-8 to Tipp's 1-13, and equalling the tally of the entire Kilkenny team. Tony Wall, his great friend and club mate, has said that that display established Jimmy as one of the great players in the game.

Jimmy's "gra" for his club Sarsfields was something else, and he always preached that a player's club must come first. He had no time for players who were lukewarm in their commitment to their club. In his own case, he pulled on the blue jersey on many occasions when clearly unfit to do so, defying a serious ankle injury to go on as a sub against Toomevara in the '61 county final when Sarsfields regained the Dan Breen Cup lost to Toome the previous year when their bid for six-in-a-row was halted. The following year a broken collarbone kept him out of the starting line-up for an epic final 1-7 to 1-6 win over Moycarkey-Borris, but, with the title in jeopardy, Jimmy went on to help Sarsfields to a memorable win.

The club was always a priority with Jimmy, and he has the unique distinction of twice winning a hat-trick of county championship medals in the one year, minor, senior and

junior (there was no intermediate grade in those days). That happened in '55 and '56. Jimmy, a sixteen year old, was a sub on the team which won the first of the five in a row in '55, the club's junior selectors insisting that he not be used while they were in the hunt for honours. The following year he began the championship year with the juniors but made his senior club debut against Holycross in the Mid championship going onto win his second senior medal, as well as collecting medals for the minor and junior victories that year.

In a period when Sarsfields had a plethora of inter-county stars, Jimmy was probably the most influential figure in the club's unequalled county final winning sequence, ten in eleven years, '55-'59, and '61-'65, and he was still a leading figure in 1974, captaining a new generation of "Blues" to success over Silvermines, his last county final medal. Down the years Sarsfields have been blessed with many outstanding clubmen, players whose contribution to hurling, Tipperary, and Sarsfields, is acclaimed everywhere, but there was only one Jimmy Doyle.

It is widely accepted that in the history of hurling, Jimmy ranks with such icons as Mick Mackey and Christy Ring. Jimmy's affection for, and admiration of Christy has been well documented. Their's was a friendship that transcended the fierce Cork-Tipp rivalry of the fifties and sixties. Each recognised and appreciated the qualities the other brought to the game, and their friendship was further cemented through their appearances together on Munster Railway Cup teams. In his recently published life story "The Boy Wonder of Hurling", Jimmy says that the greatest tribute he received in his life time in hurling was to be told by Christy's brother, Paddy Joe, that the Cloyne maestro had, in the latter stages of his career, adapted his free-taking technique to mirror that of Jimmy, having studied how Jimmy went about the task. To Jimmy, there could be no greater compliment.

Jimmy was the subject of many tributes in his honours-laden career, but the "send off" he received at his funeral surpassed all. Current and former stars, hurlers and footballers, came from the four corners of Ireland to say their farewells, mingling with the ordinary followers of the game in an unprecedented and emotionally-charged outpouring of sympathy. For six hours an estimated ten thousand people filed past his remains as they reposed at Sarsfields GAA Centre. The sympathisers were led by

GAA President, Aogan Ó Fearghaill, who a few weeks later launched Jimmy's book, and he headed a Guard of Honour from both club, county, and hurling superstars of the past, who marched with his remains, past his home, across the Jimmy Doyle Road, (a new section of road named after Jimmy a few years back) en route to Ringaskiddy Crematorium. The town of Thurles came to a halt. Flags flew from many houses and businesses. Schoolchildren came out to line the route, as did his former colleagues in the Community Hospital of the Assumption, and the Fire Brigade, and the Probus Group of which he was President.

It was a hugely emotional occasion but perhaps the greatest tribute of all came when the cortege moved off the motorway at Fermoy en route to the crematorium. As the cortege passed through the villages along the way, the people of Cork, young and old, came out in their hundreds, lining the streets, waving their flags and applauding in a never-to-be-forgotten salute to a giant of the game so dear to their hearts. A banner proudly proclaimed – Jimmy Doyle – The Van Gogh of Hurling. Former Cork hurlers joined with Tipperary folk in Cork in a Guard of Honour at the crematorium. By any measure it was an extraordinary GAA occasion – and no one deserved it more than the unassuming Jimmy. For the final time, Jimmy had the crowds on their feet cheering.

Sadly, Jimmy did not live to see the launch of his life story – "The Boy Wonder of Hurling", which took place the following August, and which again was a wonderful tribute to the man and his deeds as the Sarsfields centre was bursting at the seams to accommodate the hundreds of players and friends who were once more showing their respect and admiration for their idol. Jimmy passed away the day before he, his brother, Paddy, and yours truly, were due to meet with nationally known GAA broadcaster and commentator, Brian Carthy of Sliabh Ban Productions, the publishers, to discuss arrangements for the launch. However, the book which had his seal of approval, stands as a lasting memorial to a man who in his life was a hero to so many.

Our sympathy to his immediate family, his brother, Paddy, sisters Hanna and Breda, and his extended family on the passing of an ordinary man whose hurling achievements were extraordinary.



Jimmy Doyle's funeral passing Sarsfields where GAA President Aogan Ó Fearghaill is followed by County Board officials Michael Bourke (chairman) and Timmy Floyd (secretary) while Thurles Sarsfields Chairman Michael Maher leads the way on the other side followed by Musha Maher.

Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Football Championship 2015

By Eamonn Wynne, Clonmel Nationalist

Clonmel Commercials return to the summit after victory in exciting final

Football followers in the county can enjoy their Christmas in peace this year.

Last year's County Senior Football Championship wasn't concluded until St. Stephen's Day, when Loughmore/Castleiney beat Cahir by a point in a replayed final to claim back-to-back titles, after the sides had drawn in the first game on December 20.

However this year's championship was completed ten weeks earlier, with the destination of the O'Dwyer Cup decided on October 18 when Clonmel Commercials beat neighbours Moyle Rovers in a humdinger of a final at Semple Stadium.

A floodlight failure meant that the lights couldn't be switched on and the concluding stages of a gripping affair were played out in the gathering gloom of a damp and dull afternoon in Thurles. However the occasion was illuminated by a tremendous local derby, the outcome of which was in doubt until the final whistle.

Behind twice by 6 points, Commercials rebooted impressively on each occasion to secure a deserved victory - their first County Final win over Rovers after unsuccessful attempts in 1995, 96 and 99.

Their prospects appeared doomed to failure when they conceded a third goal six minutes into the second half. That was when Rovers' Liam Boland kicked a free from near the '65 that deceived the Commercials defence and went all the way to the net.

When goalkeeper Ciaran Kenrick converted a '45 a minute later Rovers were ahead by 6 points - an advantage that they also held in the first half - and on their way to a first title since 2009. A lesser team would have crumbled at that stage but Commercials ploughed into the game with all the spirit at their disposal.

Points from Padraig White and Seamus Kennedy edged them closer and the comeback went into overdrive 11 minutes into the second half when another piercing Commercials move shredded the Rovers defence before substitute Padraig Looram buried a spectacular shot in the bottom corner of the net.

The tension and the excitement were ratcheted up a few more notches when Michael Quinlivan fired the equaliser and there were seven minutes remaining when Jason Lonergan put Commercials in front for the first time since he gave them the lead in the opening minute.

Commercials had succeeded in dousing Rovers' menace but they could never afford to relax, even after an Ian Barnes point had extended the lead. Rovers stubbornly refused to wave the white flag of surrender and substitute Brian Gleeson hooked a shot over the bar on a final desperate attack. However Commercials held on for a one-point victory, 1-12 to 3-5, to claim their 16th title and their first since 2012.

Their victory owed much to the contributions of Seamus Kennedy, a worthy winner of the man of the match award; and Michael Quinlivan, a constant thorn in the Rovers defence. Ian Fahey, Kevin Fahey, Padraig White, Jason Lonergan and substitutes Padraig Looram and Ian Barnes foraged relentlessly. Donal Lynch and Jamie Peters were rock solid in defence, as was



Commercial's Ian Fahey under pressure from Danny Lyne of Moyle Rovers in the county football final.

the evergreen Fergal Condon, a survivor of both Commercials' 2002 County Final success and their previous defeat by Moyle Rovers in a County Final, way back in 1999.

Moyle Rovers played their part in an exciting and memorable game that was played in a fine spirit. The performances of Peter Acheson, Sean Keating, Danny Lyne, Stephen Quirke, Liam Boland and Diarmuid Foley almost took them all the way but it was not to be.

The Clonmel Commercials team lined out as follows - Jake McDonald, Fergal Condon, Donal Lynch, Jamie Peters, Danny Madigan, Seamus Kennedy (0-1), Kevin Fahey (0-1), Jack Kennedy, Aldo Matassa, Luke Moore, Ian Fahey, Jason Lonergan (0-3, 1 free), Kevin Harney (captain), Michael Quinlivan (0-4, 3 frees) and Padraig White (0-2).

Substitutes - Paul Nolan for Jake McDonald (17 minutes), Ian Barnes (0-1) for Jack Kennedy (38 minutes), Padraig Looram (1-0) for Aldo Matassa (38 minutes) and Shane Taylor for Danny Madigan (black card 43 minutes).

The Moyle Rovers team was Ciaran Kenrick (0-1 45), Danny Lyne, Alan Campbell, Danny Owens, Ross Mulcahy, Peter Acheson, Darragh Dwyer, Sean Keating, Martin Dunne, David McGrath, Rian Clancy, Tadhg Fitzgerald, Liam Boland (1-2, 1-1 frees), Stephen Quirke (0-1) and Diarmuid Foley (2-0).

Substitutes - Conor Conneally for Rian Clancy (47 minutes), Brian Gleeson (0-1) for Sean Keating (48 minutes), Jack Lonergan for Diarmuid Foley (black card 52 minutes) and Luke Boland for Ross Mulcahy (58 minutes).

Referee - Derek O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan).

The final was the thirty second game of an eventful

championship that began with the group stages in the spring.

Loughmore's bid for the three-in-a-row came unstuck when they were well beaten by Commercials in the quarter-final in Cashel on October 4.

The Clonmel team were in front by 0-10 to 0-6 when two goals in as many minutes left the holders 10 points in arrears and with a mountain to climb. Ian Fahey scored the first of those goals 12 minutes into the second half and he, along with Jason Lonergan and Padraig White, was again involved a minute later when Eoin Fitzgerald's shot billowed the net.

Commercials also overcame the loss of Michael Quinlivan to a black card six minutes into the second half to run out winners by 2-12 to 1-7 and take a major step towards securing the championship.

It was a highly emotional year for Loughmore, Noel McGrath underwent surgery for cancer in the spring while Eddie Connolly lost his brave battle against cancer and passed away only a month before the quarter-final.

However, despite that defeat, their season had some major consolation, with Noel McGrath confirming his recovery to full health with his return to the playing fields. Loughmore are sure to bounce back stronger than ever next year and they'll be expected to be in contention once again for honours in football and hurling.

On the same day as Commercials beat Loughmore in Cashel, Moyle Rovers handed out a trouncing to Galtee Rovers in another quarter-final tie at the same venue. 24 points separated the sides at the end of a totally one-sided contest, with the Powerstown/Lisronagh team winning by 4-15 to 0-3.

Galtee had the first score of the day thanks to Shane Egan's free after three minutes but they didn't trouble the scoreboard again until the stroke of half time, when Tony Egan had their

first point from play. In the intervening period Moyle had scored 1-6, the goal coming from David McGrath.

The Bansha team's cause wasn't helped when Tony O'Brien was forced off injured early in the second half and their day went steadily downhill from there. The floodgates opened in the last 10 minutes when Moyle scored 3-5 without reply, the goals coming from David McGrath, Diarmuid Foley and Stephen Quirke.

For many months Arravale Rovers had shaped as the dark horses of the championship and they beat Killenaule by 0-17 to 0-9 in the quarter-final in Boherlahan. The performances of Niall Donovan, Donagh and Shane Leahy, Paddy Dalton, Stephen Quinn and Darren and Brian Lowry ensured it was a good day at the office for the Tipperary town team.

Killenaule made a disappointing exit from the championship although Tony Doyle, Daniel Guinan, Jimmy Feehan, Kieran Bergin and John O' Dwyer all performed well.

Arravale Rovers bowed out at the semi-final stage but not before they had given Moyle Rovers a real fright. It took a goal from Peter Acheson in the final minute of normal time to finally kill off the stubborn resistance of the West champions and seal a 2-15 to 1-14 win. The Tipperary town team lined out without the vastly experienced John Hayes and suffered another huge blow after 10 minutes when county senior star Ger Mulhair had to retire with a shoulder injury.

However they carried on regardless to stay in touch until the closing minutes of an entertaining contest. Their performances throughout the season suggest that they'll also be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Commercials didn't have it all their own way against Aherlow Gaels in the other semi-final, when they were forced to grind out a 0-9 to 0-5 victory.

Group 1 Round 1	Killenaule received a walkover from Thomas MacDonaghs at Leahy Park Cashel	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 0.14	Eire Óg Annacarty 1.11	Referee Derek O'Mahoney
Round 2	at Templemore	Thomas MacDonaghs 1.11	Kilsheelan/Kilcash 6.12	Referee Liam Shanahan
Round 3	at Leahy Park	Cashel 2.5	Killenaule 0.6	Referee Michael Heffernan
Group 2 Round 1	at Templetuohy	Thomas MacDonaghs 0.2	Eire Óg Annacarty 4.13	Referee Tom McGrath
	at New Inn	Ardfinnan 1.14	Aherlow Gaels 2.14	Referee John Butler
Round 2	at Cahir	Moyle Rovers 2.20	Ballyporeen 1.6	Referee David Grogan
	at Cahir	Aherlow Gaels 1.10	Moyle Rovers 1.14	Referee Jonathan Cullen
	at New Inn	Ballyporeen 1.12	Drom-Inch 3.12	Referee Michael Duffy
Round 3	at Leahy Park Cashel	Drom/Inch 1.10	Aherlow Gaels 2.12	Referee Sean Lonergan
	at Clonmel	Moyle Rovers 2.12	Ardfinnan 1.7	Referee Paddy Russell
Round 4	at Cahir	Aherlow Gaels 1.15	Ballyporeen 0.8	Referee Sean Lonergan
	at Leahy Park Cashel	Drom/Inch 0.10	Moyle Rovers 0.12	Referee Michael Duffy
Group 3 Round 1	at Littleton	Moycarkey/Borris 1.9	Loughmore/Castleiney 0.13	Referee David Grogan
	at Pairc Ciocaim Dundrum	Galtee Rovers 0.7	Arravale Rovers 1.9	Referee Sean Lonergan
Round 2	at Golden	Arravale Rovers 1.16	Moycarkey/Borris 2.3	Referee Sean Lonergan
	at Boherlahan	Loughmore/Castleiney 1.10	Galtee Rovers 1.7	Referee Derek O'Mahoney
Round 3	at New Inn	Loughmore/Castleiney 2.7	Arravale Rovers 1.12	Referee Derek O'Mahoney
	at Leahy Park Cashel	Galtee Rovers 1.12	Moycarkey/Borris 0.8	Referee Martin Doyle
Group 4 Round 1	at Castleiney	Moyne/Templetuohy 0.9	JK Brackens 3.11	Referee Tommy Ryan
	at Monroe	Cahir 2.9	Clonmel Commercial 3.10	Referee Paddy Russell
Round 2				
	at Annacarty	Clonmel Commercials 3.18	Moyne Templetuohy 0.4	Referee David Grogan
		JK Brackens 0.12	Cahir 0.14	Referee Tommy Ryan
Preliminary Quarter Finals				
September 23	at Littleton	Loughmore Castleiney 1.12	Kilsheelan Kilcash 1.8	Referee Paddy Russell
September 26	at Holycross	Aherlow Gaels 3.14	Thomas MacDonaghs 3.4	Referee Jonathan Cullen
September 27	at Golden	Galtee Rovers 1.11	Cahir 2.6	Referee Derek O'Mahoney
Quarter Finals				
October 3	at Boherlahan	Arravale Rovers 0.17	Killenaule 0.9	Referee Tom McGrath
October 4	at Leahy Park	Cashel Moyle Rovers 4.15	Galtee Rovers 0.3	Referee John Butler
October 4	at Leahy Park	Cashel Commercials 2.12	Loughmore/Castleiney 1.7	Referee Derek O'Mahoney
October 7	at New Inn	Aherlow Gaels 0.15	Eire Óg Annacarty 0.8	Referee Sean Lonergan
Semi Finals				
October 11	at Leahy Park	Cashel Commercials 0.9	Aherlow Gaels 0.5	Referee Sean Lonergan
October 11	at Leahy Park	Moyle Rovers 2.15	Arravale Rovers 1.14	Referee Derek O'Mahoney
Final				
October 18	at Semple Stadium	Commercials 1-12	Moyle Rovers 3-5	Referee Derek O'Mahoney

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With Laurence Coskeran proving a very effective sweeper, Aherlow stifled Commercials for long periods of a closely-fought tussle in Cashel. The Clonmel team were in front at half time by 0-7 to 0-3 but had to wait 23 minutes for their opening score of the second half. Two converted frees from the ever-dangerous Barry Grogan reduced the gap to two points and provided ample evidence that Aherlow had no intention of throwing in the towel.

However Commercials refused to panic and late points from Ian Barnes' free and Jason Loneragan sealed the deal.

Aherlow, who were also well served by Ciaran McDonald, Thomas Hanley, Cathal Dillon and half time substitute Seamus Grogan, must still be wondering how they would have fared had they had been allowed more time to prepare for the game.

Only five days previously they had lined out against Eire Og Annacarty/Donohill in the quarter-final at New Inn, a tie that they won by 0-15 to 0-8. The combination team gave as good as they got in the early exchanges but faded in the last 20 minutes, when they were outscored by Aherlow by 0-8 to 0-1, despite the best efforts of Damien O'Brien, Darragh Mooney, Conor O'Brien and Tom and Brian Fox.

Following the group stages the business end of the championship was reached at the round before the quarter-finals, the curiously-titled preliminary quarter-finals.

Here the curtain came down on a memorable year for Kilsheelan/Kilcash when they were beaten by the holders Loughmore. The Mid team made the early running but when Paul Maher found the net and Evan Comerford converted a free early in the second half Kilsheelan were just two points adrift and well placed to cause an upset.

However Loughmore did just enough to keep their noses in front despite the best efforts of Kilsheelan's Eoghan Ryan, Bill

and Paul Maher, Brendan Martin and Mark Keogh. Kilsheelan are likely to view their first South Championship success in 32 years, achieved with a surprise but convincing and deserved 1-11 to 0-6 win over Commercials in the final, as ample reward for their efforts this year.

The win over Kilsheelan was an occasion laden with emotion for Loughmore, as the match in Littleton was played only six days after Eddie Connolly's death. A minute's silence was observed before the start and at half time there was a re-enactment of the famous Effin Eddie U-21 game between Aherlow and Nenagh at the same venue more than 20 years previously, with proceeds from the collection donated to the Eddie Connolly Fund.

Aherlow Gaels earned their spot in the last eight of the county championship with a 10-points win over Thomas MacDonaghs in a game played in Holycross. The issue was decided in a whirlwind spell at the three-quarter stage when MacDonaghs had a goal disallowed. This setback was followed by the dismissal of two of their players and two Aherlow goals in a minute, from Barry Grogan's penalty and Sean Kiely, as the West team eased over the finish line.

Any hopes that last year's beaten finalists Cahir entertained of reaching another final were dashed when their understrength team was beaten by Galtee Rovers in Golden. This was a game that Cahir will feel they threw away - they were ahead by 7 points in the first half. However their prospects were holed below the waterline when they managed just a single point, from a free, in the second half, while the dismissal of Aidan Casey was another body blow.

Despite their depleted resources Cahir's Mikey O'Connor, Sean O'Connor, Eoin Donaghy, Padraig Whelan and Dean Loneragan deserve credit for carrying the challenge to their neighbours.



Commercials Captain Kevin Harney is presented with the County Senior Football trophy.



Tipperary's John O'Dwyer with his hurling GAA / GPA Opel Player of the Month Award for June.



Steven O'Brien, Tipperary was the Opel Player of the Month for May in hurling.



Eamon O'Shea, Tipperary was Philips Sports Manager of the Month for July.



Tipperary U21 footballer Colin O'Riordan with the EirGrid U21 Player of the Year Award for his outstanding performances throughout the EirGrid GAA Football U21 All-Ireland Championship.



Tipperary footballer Colin O'Riordan who was named the EirGrid GAA U21 Player of the Year.



Tipperary full back Michael Breen with his team of the year award during the Bord Gáis Energy U21 Team of the Year 2015.



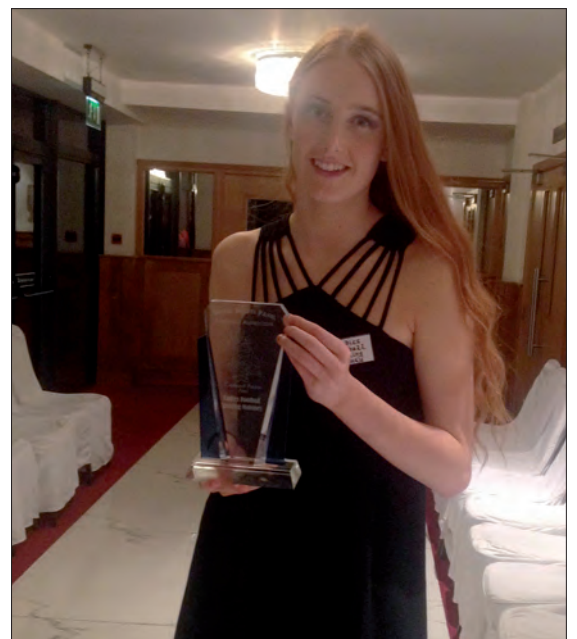
The Mullins brothers (Billy, Pakie, Kevin and Jimmy) from Clonmel accepting the Munster GAA Handball Award from Munster GAA PRO Ger Ryan and Munster GAA Chairman Robert Frost at the 2014 Munster GAA Awards held on Saturday December 13th at Dromoland Castle, County Clare.



Liam Devaney accepting the Munster GAA Hall of Fame Hurling Award from Munster GAA PRO Ger Ryan with Munster GAA Chairman Robert Frost at the 2014 Munster GAA Awards held on Saturday December 13th at Dromoland Castle, County Clare.



Séamus Callanan, Tipperary, with his GAA GPA All-Star Award at the GAA GPA All-Star Awards 2015 sponsored by Opel. Convention Centre, Dublin.



Aishling Moloney receives Ladies Football Annerville Award in Clonmel Park Hotel.



Gillian O'Brien (centre) is awarded as a player of the Tesco Homegrown National League Division 3 Team.

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Presentation of Reddin medals to Croke Park Museum



On the occasion of the presentation to Croke Park GAA Museum of Tony Reddin's medals by his widow, Maura, to President of the GAA, Aogán Ó Fearghail on November 7th 2015. Left to right: Dermot, Majella, Catherine, Collette, Jacinta, Brenda, Maura Reddin, Aogán Ó Fearghail, Cathal, Eamonn and Noelle.

The medal collection of the late Tony Reddin, who was named as goalkeeper on the Hurling Team of the Millennium, has been presented by his family to the GAA Museum in Croke Park.

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Aogán Ó Fearghail, has paid tribute to the memory of the outstanding net-minder and welcomed the arrival of the prestigious medal collection to the Museum.

A native of Galway, Tony began his career in Galway with Mullagh and played inter-county hurling with the Tribesmen in 1941 and also played for Connacht in the Railway Cup inter-provincial championship.

He later moved to Tipperary and joined the Lorrha club.

He excelled as a goalkeeper with Tipperary and his performances between the posts saw him hailed as arguably the greatest ever hurling goalkeeper.

He won three All-Ireland senior medals (1949, 1950 and 1951) as well as three Munster titles and six National Leagues (1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955 and 1957).

He was named the GAA's Hurling Goalkeeper of the Century in 1984, and was also named goalkeeper on the Hurling Team of the Millennium in 2000.

Tony's three All-Ireland medals, alongside his Munster senior championship, Railway Cup and National League medals are now on display in the GAA Museum. The collection also includes a Connacht senior championship medal won with Galway in 1940 and a juvenile hurling medal, won with Mullagh, in 1933.

Tony passed away in March of this year at the age of 95.

Uachtarán Aogán Ó Fearghail said: "One of the great joys of having a Museum at Croke Park is that it gives us the opportunity to remember and honour heroes who built a lasting legacy for Gaelic games.

"And in Tony Reddin hurling and the GAA certainly had a great hero. Although he played in an age before the massive TV coverage of sport we know now, Tony Reddin was still a



Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail with Maura Reddin at the official presentation of Tony Reddin collection to the GAA Museum.

household name in Ireland due to the skill and bravery of his goalkeeping deeds – feats that endeared him to a generation of supporters from Tipperary and far beyond.

"We are indebted to Tony's family for permission to present his collection on display in the Museum in Croke Park and we cherish their addition and his memory."

The GAA Museum is open daily throughout the year, including on match days. For further details see: www.crokepark.ie/museum

Tipperary players shine in Third Level Colleges finals

By Ed Donnelly

The Fitzgibbon Cup Hurling competition was hosted by the Limerick Institute of Technology in late February with the University of Limerick (UL) and the Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) making the final played on February 28th in the Gaelic Grounds Limerick. After an absorbing encounter, the sides could not be separated with the WIT corner-back Tom Fox scoring the equalising point in the last minute of extra time. Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og) and Jason Forde (Silvermines) along with Waterford's Stephen Bennett were the UL goal scorers as the game finished UL 3-12 WIT 0-21. In the replay played under lights in Pairc Ui Rinn on March 11th, UL emerged seven point winners by 2-18 to 1-14. Once again, Nenagh's Tommy Heffernan scored one of the UL goals while his clubmate Daire Quinn scored the other goal for the Limerick college. The following Tipperary players lined out for the two colleges during the drawn game and replay –

UL – Paul Maher (Moyne-Templetuohy), Daire Quinn (Nenagh Eire Og), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Jason Forde (Silvermines), Tommy Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og)

WIT – Tom Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Tomas Hamill (Moyne-Templetuohy), Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule) and Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney).

Of those Tipperary players mentioned, Paul Maher, Brian Stapleton, Tom Fox, Jason Forde and Tommy Heffernan were all named on the HE GAA Independent.ie Rising Stars Hurling Team 2015.

Meanwhile in the Sigerson Cup Football competition hosted by



DCU GAA star Steven O'Brien, Tipperary, is recognised on his recent Sigerson Cup All-Star award by Bank of Ireland's DCU Branch manager Eithne Connolly, DCU Sigerson Cup team manager Professor Niall Moyna, Monaghan, right, and DCU GAA Academy Director Michael Kennedy, Tyrone.

the University College Cork, DCU eventually overcame the hosts UCC at the Mardyke by 1-14 to 2-10 after extra time. Ballina's Steven O'Brien started at wing-back for DCU, scoring a point in the final. Such was the quality of his performances throughout the competition, Steven was named on the HE GAA Independent.ie Rising Stars Football Team 2015.



Players, from left to right, Paul Maher, UL/Tipperary, Brian Stapleton, UL/Tipperary, Brian Troy, UL/Kilkenny, Cian Buckley, Cork IT/Cork and Tommy Heffernan, UL/Tipperary, after being presented with their Independent.ie HE GAA Rising Stars Hurling Awards. Croke Park, Dublin.

Jimmy Finn

GPA Lifetime Achievement Award 2015

(On September 19, Jimmy Finn of the Borris-Ileigh Club was honoured by the Gaelic Players Association at the annual Former Players Event in Croke Park. He was presented with the prestigious GPA Lifetime Achievement Award. Jimmy won 3 senior hurling All-Irelands with Tipperary in 1950 1951 and 1958, was Tipperary's youngest winning captain in 1951, and also won 4 National Hurling Leagues, 3 Munster titles and 4 Railway Cups. He also won a Munster minor title and 3 county senior hurling titles. He was an outstanding player and John O'Grady (Culbairé) had this to say about him in his *Tipperary Star* column back in the 1960s.)

On June 14th, 1959, Roscrea beat Borrisoleigh in the North Tipperary hurling championship at Nenagh. The game is now just another entry in the record book, with nothing to set it apart from many another undistinguished encounter. It was, however, one melancholy title to fame, for it brought a sad and premature close to the playing career of a man whose title to be ranked among the very finest defenders this country has produced very few would care to dispute. It was in that game that Jimmy Finn received the eye injury which decreed that after nine glorious years in the Blue and Gold, while still a few years on the right side of thirty, he would fill the right half-back position for us no more.

Our Tipperary hurling tradition has always rather a strong defensive bias. Why this should be so is a matter for psychologists rather than mere hurling men to unravel. Is there a dour obstinacy about our countrymen's mentality that makes for stout-hearted defence rather than attacking brilliance? It is surely true to say that we have had far more great backs than forwards in this country, whereas one has the impression that in such counties as Cork and Kilkenny there has been a more even distribution of talent between defence and attack.

No Tipperary player of the past decade, I venture to say, has a stronger claim to a warm place in our affections than Jimmy Finn, for no player served us better.

Early Promise

That June day in '59 saw the end for him. The beginning, for this writer at least, goes back to a day in the Spring of 1946. The Thurles C.B.S Harty Cup team was training for yet another unsuccessful crack at the strong St. Flannan's side of that period. For the last days of preparation we were allowed the privilege of practice on the main sports field pitch instead of our normal arena outside. One afternoon as we left after our session there was a game on between teams from the junior classes. We watched casually as we made our way to the gate. And then I was struck by the play of one lad in particular who was doing an amount of easy and effortless clearing at centre-back. There was coolness, poise and confidence about his work. He was, it appeared, young Finn from Borrisoleigh. He looked a born hurler even then.

And just four years later the same youngster was lining out to mark Jim Langton in the All-Ireland final of 1950. Few men can have made such an immediate impact as Finn did. There was none of the usual uncertainty of the newcomer about him. He settled down at once to his natural close-marking tenacious style of hurling that had played an important part in beating Kilkenny's minors in the '49 final. He was already the winner of a senior county medal- and was to win a second successive one later in 1950 when Borrisoleigh beat Carrick. It would be silly flattery- of which a man of Jimmy's stature has no need at all- to say that he completely subdued the veteran Langton in that first great test. Langton had indeed a fine first half in play and off frees and Kilkenny seemed poised for victory at half time. A strangely drab and scrambling game was however won for Tipperary by Paddy Kenny's late goal. The second half saw Finn gradually curbing Langton and giving evidence of his class.

After that his place was assured and he was the youthful captain



Jimmy Finn, with his award.

in the 1951 triumph that completed the hat-trick of titles. In the years of League success and championship failure that followed till '58 his major honours were League wins in '52, '54, '55 and '57 and a third county championship in 1953 when he had one of his greatest days against Boherlahan in the final.

Best Position

The League finals of '56 and '57 saw some of his finest hurling. The Wexford avalanche with the wind in the second half of the '56 games is still fresh in memory. It is a striking testimony to Finn's greatness that while Wexford were wiping out our fifteen point lead he was holding Tim Flood scoreless at wing and centre-back. And Tim, a forward of the first rank, was then at his darting quick-striking best. No one had ever doubted what his best and most natural position

However in 1954 and '55 he played full-back, where his value as an attacking wingback of the highest class was completely lost. Tony Brennan has then retired and Michael Maher had not yet matured into the solid bulwark we know today. Finn was at full-back right through '54. In the Cork game he had much the better of a hardy opponent in the shape of Willie John Daly. He would have been released to his wing berth in the following year but for Maher's enforced absence after a sharp disagreement with Tom Ryan of Wexford in the League. Thus it was that he had to stay on the fringe of the square - where there was actually very little play-in that dismal loss to Clare. Finn's part in the '58 revival as a member of that fine half line with Wall and Doyle is still fresh in memory.

Facts and statistics, though, tell us little of the man himself. What made him so outstanding? His temperament in the first place was ideal. No matter what the circumstances he played his natural, cool, calculating game. The slumps and off-days of other men passed him by. Behind an unemotional manner was a quiet intensity of purpose. He never lost his temper or became ruffled. His real trademark was his closeness. He was the finest tackler and spoiler of his time, a master of the blockdown and extremely severe in the pull. His judgement and anticipation were first-class. How often he was in line to collect Mickey Byrne's customary quick ground clearance and drive firmly down field, either doubling accurately on the sod or rounding his man in possession with that devastating side-step. This last was his favourite method. He was always very hard to baulk, for he had a neat method of escaping the attempted block. Instead of throwing up the ball out from him as so many do he used to drop it low and close to himself. Then he made room for the stroke with a well timed step backwards and struck unhindered, leaving a bewildered opponent wondering at his failure to spoil him. There have been few indeed with a better hurling brain than Jimmy Finn.

Sean Ghael Awards 2015



West Tipp Laochra Gael recipients. Front l-r: Anne Holmes (Cappawhite), John Marnane (Galtee Rovers), Liam O'Neill (Iar-Uachtaran), Lar O'Keeffe (Solohead), George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen). Back l-r: Michael Bourke, Tom English, Martin Condon (Emly), Michael Ryan (w) (Sean Treacys), Seamus McCarthy.

South Tipperary Laochra Gael recipients. Front l-r: Jimmy Ryan (Carrick Davins), Daniel Fogarty (Killenaule), Liam O'Neill (Iar-Uachtaran), Pat Woodlock (Fethard). Back l-r: Michael Cooney, Billy Boy Moloney (Ardfinnan), Pat Flynn (Fr. Sheehys), Dick Strang (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Sean Nugent.



North Tipp Laochra Gael recipients. Front l-r: Michael Phelan (Roscrea), Tom Ryan (Portroe), Liam O'Neill (Iar-Uachtaran), Joe Brennan (Newport), Timmy Floyd. Back l-r: Michael Bourke, Noel Morris, Michael Berkery (Ballinahinch), Paddy O'Brien (Ballina), Ger Gavin (Nenagh), Dan Kennedy.

Mid Tipp Laochra Gael recipients were: Front l-r: Patsy Dorney (Thurles Sarsfields), Sean Russell (Thurles Fennellys), Liam O'Neill (Iar-Uachtaran CLCG), Sally Young, Dan Smith (Clonakenny). Back l-r: Michael Bourke, Tom Lowry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Joe Kennedy, Martin O'Grady (Moyne Templetuohy), Paddy Guidera (JK Brackens), John Costigan.



Tipp All Stars 1971-2015

by Patsy O'Halloran

Forty five hurlers and one footballer have been awarded All Stars since the scheme started in 1971.

Tadgh O'Connor, captain of the 1971 All Ireland winning team was the first named Tipperary player at right half back. He was joined on that team by Mick Roche (centre back), Francis Loughnane (right half forward) and Michael 'Babs' Keating (centre forward).

Eoin Kelly leads the way with 7 awards, while Declan Browne is the only footballer to be honoured.

7 Awards:	Eoin Kelly	Mullinahone	2001	2002	2004	2005	2006	2008	2010
6 Awards:	Nicholas English	Lattin-Cullen	1983	1984	1985	1987	1988	1989	
5 Awards:	Brendan Cummins	Ballybacon-Grange	2000	2001	2003	2008	2010		
4 Awards:	Michael Cleary	Nenagh Eire Óg	1989	1991	1992	1993			

3 Awards:

Lar Corbett	Thurles Sarsfields	2008	2010	2011
Tommy Dunne	Toomevara	1997	1999	2001
Pat Fox	Eire Óg	1987	1989	1991
John Leahy	Mullinahone	1991	1994	1997
Francis Loughlinane	Roscrea	1971	1972	1973
Padraic Maher	Thurles Sarsfields	2009	2011	2014
Tadgh O'Connor	Roscrea	1971	1975	1979
Bobby Ryan	Borris-Ileigh	1986	1988	1989

2 Awards:

Conal Bonnar	Cashel King Cormacs	1989	1991
Cormac Bonnar	Cashel King Cormacs	1989	1991
* Declan Browne	Moyle Rovers	1998	2003
Paul Curran	Mullinahone	2010	2011
Seamus Callanan	Drom Inch	2014	2015
Paul Kelly	Mullinahone	2002	2005
Brendan Maher	Borris-Ileigh	2010	2014
Pat McLoughney	Shannon Rovers	1979	1980
Noel McGrath	Loughmore-Castleiney	2009	2010
Shane McGrath	Ballinahinch	2008	2014
Conor O'Mahony	Newport	2008	2009
Declan Ryan	Clonoulty-Rossmore	1989	1997
Noel Sheehy	Silvermines	1989	1991

1 Award:

Tommy Butler	Drom Inch	1978
Colm Bonnar	Cashel King Cormacs	1988
Liam Cahill	Ballingarry	1996
Michael Cahill	Thurles Sarsfields	2011
Declan Carr	Holycross-Ballycahill	1989
John Carroll	Roscrea	2000
Eamon Corcoran	J.K. Brackens	2001
Paul Delaney	Roscrea	1991
Eddie Enright	Thurles Sarsfields	2001
Declan Fanning	Killenaule	2007
Daren Gleeson	Portroe	2014
Ken Hogan	Lorrha	1987
Michael 'Babs' Keating	Ballybacon-Grange	1971
Patrick Maher	Lorrha	2014
Philip Maher	Borris-Ileigh	2001
John O'Dwyer	Killenaule	2014
Mark O'Leary	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2001
Mick Roche	Carrick Davins	1971
Aiden Ryan	Borris-Ileigh	1987
Paul Shelly	Killenaule	1997



Eoin Kelly,
holder of seven All-Star awards.

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This past year Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol has enjoyed great success as an organisation. Huge crowds turned up to see our hurling finals staged over two beautiful days in Semple Stadium on Wednesday, 17th June and Thursday, 18th June. Thirty finals were played over the two days with winners and runners up medals for all participating teams. The future of hurling and camogie in our schools is definitely in a very healthy place based on what we witnessed over the two days. A large number of Tipperary schools who participate in Cumann na mBunscol activities got to grace the cathedral of hurling on County Final Day. Our football finals are scheduled to take place at different venues around the county at the time of writing. Maybe one day our football finals will be also staged in Semple Stadium! In handball we had a huge number of schools participating.

Sincere thanks once again 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:// http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie/](http://http://cnmb.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 30,000 hits. Our Twitter Account @TippCumanNamBun which we set up over five years ago continues to attract new followers. Our Twitter following is growing steadily and we now have in excess of a thousand followers. We have more followers than any other Cumann na mBunscol Coiste in the country at this time. Twitter affords us the opportunity to get our message out instantly to all involved with Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol. The continued financial assistance we receive from Allianz is vital in helping us to promote and market our games. Long may this continue.

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 2015. All these papers produced superb supplements of our hurling finals in June. Cumann na mBunscol would like to extend a special thanks to all the teachers for their unwavering and constant dedication and commitment to the development and promotion of Gaelic games in Tipperary. The Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Officers continue to work tirelessly as the administration demands of our games continue to grow. There is also significant support from parents, GAA Development Officers and local clubs who provide huge assistance to the schools in their parishes. The County Board are always a great



Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol Officers 2015

Left to right: PRO John Manley Dualla NS, Treasurer Jerry McDonnell formerly of St. Oliver's Clonmel, Chairman Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa Roscrea, Secretary Aodan Wrenn Clerihan NS.

support to us also. We sincerely thank all of these people. At this time we also remember members of Cumann na mBunscol who have gone to their eternal rest. Finally, best of luck to all the schools involved in this year's competitions and always remember: "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí".

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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2015 COUNTY HURLING AND CAMOGIE FINALS

The annual Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie Finals took place in Semple Stadium, Thurles over two days on Wednesday, 17th June and Thursday, 18th June. Once again the weather was very kind to us. Record numbers turned up each day to witness all that we have come to cherish about our native games. We were treated to a feast of hurling over the two days in the Field of Legends.

St. Colmcille's created history in winning an U13 A hurling title for the first time. This is a huge achievement for a school with such small numbers. Sleeping giants Ballysloe and Ballinahinch emerged from the doldrums to win their first titles in a very long time while Borrisoleigh arguably stole the show in winning an unprecedented four county titles for the school. The state of hurling and camogie in our schools is definitely in a very healthy place based on what we were treated to over the two days. Thanks are due to Semple Stadium custodian David Hanley for the warm welcome he extended to all the schools and to Andy O'Gorman for ensuring that everything ran smoothly. A special thank you is also due to our referees Pdraig Skeffington, Derek O'Mahoney, Christy McLoughlin, Willie Barrett, Fergal Horgan and John Bob Ryan plus our very capable Transition Year students for their enthusiasm, initiative and energy over the two days. Special praise is also due to the various Tipperary Allianz Cumann na mBunscol officers for organising such a successful two days.

The Cumann na mBunscol Officers were assisted greatly in coordinating and organising everything prior to and during the finals by GDA Officer Andy Ryan. Andy ensured that the digital scoreboard was in operation during the finals thus adding to the prestige of the occasion for our young players. Half time and full time score updates were tweeted from all thirty finals and we had a great response to the games on Twitter from people all over the world.

Michael Trehy videoed all the games and we thank him for his cooperation throughout. We would also like to thank all the spectators who donated so generously to our 'voluntary contribution bucket' over the two days. We were amazed by the generosity and goodwill of people. This money will be of great assistance to us and will be used to promote our games. Most importantly, special praise should also be afforded to all the talented boys and girls who graced the hallowed turf in the cathedral of hurling over the two days. The level of skill on display fills us all with great confidence as we look to the future. I would like to thank all the teachers and coaches of the teams for their co-operation preceding and during the finals. All sixty team lists were submitted on time prior to the big days. Tipperary ALLIANZ Cumann na mBunscol are very fortunate to have some of the most dedicated and committed teachers around in our county.

It was obvious the great source of pride the teachers take in leading their school teams out on final days. This enthusiasm is infectious and it is clear to see the positive way it impacts on the young boys and girls as they aspire to emulate the achievements of their heroes. The teachers and coaches are setting a terrific example for all our young boys and girls. Chairman, Paddy Kelly would like to extend his thanks to Tipperary's County Board and of course to all those at Semple Stadium who contributed to making the Finals such a memorable experience for all the young boys and girls who were fortunate enough to make it there this year. Roll on 2016!

RESULTS

Under 11 E-1 Hurling Dualla NS 5-08 – Golden NS 3-05

Under 11 A-1 Hurling St. Mary's CBS B 6-02 - Scoil Ailbhe B 1-00

Under 11 A Hurling St. Mary's CBS 2-06 Scoil Ailbhe 0-06

Under 11 F Hurling Drangan 5-04 – Dunkerrin 2-09

Under 11 C Hurling Borrisoleigh 4-14 – St. Oliver's 6-06

Under 11 A-1 Camogie Gaelscoil Clonmel 1-00 – New Inn GNS 10-01



Boherlahan NS U11 A Camogie Runners Up



Borris-Ileigh U11 C Winners



Borris-Ileigh U11 C1 Winners



Borris-Ileigh U11 D Camogie Winners

Under 11 C-1 Hurling Borrisoleigh 11-05 – Gaelscoil Clonmel 5-04

Under 11 D Camogie Borrisoleigh 5-01 – Knockavilla 2-01

Under 13 A Camogie Ballina 4-01 St. Mary's Nenagh 1-00

Under 13 D Hurling Borrisoleigh 5-07 Killenaule 2-03

Under 13 F Hurling Ballinahinch 9-10 Barnane 7-12

Under 13 G Hurling Inch 9-07 Lisronagh 2-17

Under 13 E Camogie Kilbarron 5-05 Donaskeigh 3-08

Under 13 H Hurling Ballysloe 10-08 Killea 5-05

Under 11 E Camogie: St. Mary's Nenagh 4-03 Boherlahan NS 4-01

Under 11 B Camogie: Ballylooby 9-01 Upperchurch 2-04

Under 11 C Camogie: Donaskeigh 6-09 Moycarkey 0-03

Under 11 D1 Hurling Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir 5-01 Rosegreen 3-05

Under 11 D Hurling Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir 4-08 Rahealty 4-06

Under 11 B Hurling St. Peter & Paul's 4-06 Templederry 4-03

Under 11 E Hurling: Mullinahone 3-16 Ballycahill 5-04

Under 11 B1 Hurling Gaelscoil Durlas 4-03 St. Peter & Paul's 1-04

Under 13 C Camogie: Anacarty 4-04 Ballylooby 4-02

Under 13 C Hurling: Gaelscoil Durlas 3-07 Knockavilla 1-06

Under 13 E Hurling Corville 8-08 Ardfinnan 1-03

Under 13 F Camogie Ayle 8-08 Cloneen 7-02

Under 13 D Camogie Sacred Heart Roscrea 4-01 Thomastown 12-04

Under 13 B Hurling Holycross 1-08 Carrig Nenagh 2-03

Under 13 B Camogie Holycross 4-09 Cashel 2-01

Under 13 A Hurling Cashel BNS 1-06 Templemore 4-08

2014 FOOTBALL/LADIES FOOTBALL FINAL RESULTS

(2015 finals are being played at the time of writing).

Under 13 Football

Roinn A: Templemore beat Gaelscoil Durlas

Roinn B: Moycarkey beat Cashel BNS

Roinn C: Knockavilla beat Gaelscoil Clonmel

Roinn D: Carrig N.S., Nenagh beat New Inn BNS

Roinn E: Rosegreen beat Ballyneale

Roinn F: Corville beat Rahealty

Roinn G: Rossmore beat Lissenhall

Roinn H: Ballinahinch beat Barnane

Roinn I: Gurtagarry beat Ballagh

Under 13 Ladies Football Finals

Roinn A: Ballylooby beat Sisters of Charity, Clonmel

Roinn B: Moycarkey beat Clerihan

Roinn C: Anacarty beat St. Josephs, Templemore

Roinn D: Thomastown beat Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea

Roinn E: Bansha beat Lisronagh

Roinn F: Ayle beat Lismackin

Under 11 Football Finals

Roinn A: St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel beat Gaelscoil Durlas

Roinn A-1: St. Peter and Pauls 'B' beat Gaelscoil Durlas 'B'

Roinn B: Rahealty beat Cashel BNS

Roinn B-1: Cashel BNS 'B' beat Powerstown 'B'

Roinn C: Rosegreen beat Gaelscoil Clonmel

Roinn C-1: Rosegreen 'B' beat Gaelscoil Clonmel 'B'

Roinn D: Lisronagh beat Ballina

Roinn D-1: Gaelscoil Carrick-on-Suir 'B' beat Leugh 'B'

Roinn E: Moneygall beat Donaskeigh

Roinn E-1: Ballycahill 'B' beat Scoil Ailbhe 'C'

Roinn F: Barnane beat Bansha

Under 11 Ladies Football Finals

Roinn A: Sisters of Charity, Clonmel beat Mount Bruis

Roinn A-1: Sisters of Charity 'B' beat Powerstown 'B'

Roinn B: Boherlahan beat Powerstown

Roinn C: Moycarkey beat Thomastown

Roinn C-1: St. Josephs Templemore 'B' beat Gaelscoil Clonmel 'B'

Roinn D: Donaskeigh beat Upperchurch



Borris-Ileigh U13 D Hurling Winners



Carrig NS U13 B Runners Up



Cashel BNS U13 A Runners Up



Cashel GNS U13 B Camogie Runners Up

TIPPERARY PRIMARY GAME TEAMS 2015

Tipperary Boys Hurling Team v Limerick

1. Paudie Williams Cloughjordan NS
 2. Edmund Connolly Leugh NS
 3. Robert Doyle Ballagh NS
 4. Conor Ryan Aglish NS
 5. Conor O'Dwyer Cashel BNS
 6. Kyle Shelley Moycarkey NS
 7. Conor Cadell St. Colmcille's NS Templemore
 8. Josh Egan Boher NS
 9. Darragh Brennan Skeheenarinky NS
 10. Pauric Kinnane Barnane NS
 11. Kenny Lee Corville NS
- Roghnóirí: Pat Buckley Ayle NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa NS, Conor Doyle St. Colmcille's NS Templemore.

Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Limerick

1. Alanna English, St. Mary's NS, Clogheen
 2. Caoimhe McCarthy, St. Brigid's NS, Donaskeigh
 3. Róisín Bambrick, Leugh NS
 4. Sharon Shanahan, Sacred Heart, Roscrea
 5. Abbie Sheedy, St. Mary's Convent Primary School, Nenagh
 6. Ciara Morrissey, Ballylooby NS
 7. Mary Flaherty, Toomevara NS
 8. Eva O Dwyer, Anacarty NS
 9. Eimear Heffernan, Thomastown NS
 10. Rosanna Kiely, Burncourt NS
 11. Sarah Seymour, Carrig NS, Nenagh
- Roghnóirí: Michelle Skehan Clonoulty NS, Siobhan Condon Thomastown NS, Michael Delaney St. Joseph's Templemore

Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Waterford

1. Pádraic Foley, Poulacapple NS
 2. Aaron Morgan, Kilruane NS
 3. Martin O'Reilly, Scoil Ailbhe
 4. Brian Óg O'Dwyer, Rosegreen NS
 5. Michael Corcoran, Silvermines NS
 6. Ryan Walsh, Gaelscoil Carrick
 7. Luke Shanahan, Upperchurch NS
 8. Conor McKelvey, Lissenhall NS
 9. Paudie Bradshaw, Anacarty NS
 10. Karl Kelly, Ballinahinch NS
 11. Josh Keller, Carrig Nenagh
- Roghnóirí: Pat Buckley Ayle NS, John Manley Dualla NS, Paddy Kelly Scoil Eoin Naofa NS Roscrea, Conor Doyle St. Colmcille's Templemore.

Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Waterford

1. Michelle Sage, Boher NS
 2. Emily Clarke, Ballina PS
 3. Julie Brennan, Holycross NS
 4. Emma Keating, Scoil Mhuire, Portroe
 5. Laura Leenane, Kilbarron NS
 6. Ciara Connolly, Birdhill NS
 7. Aoibhinn Delaney, Ballinacloough NS
 8. Kate Fogarty, Drom NS
 9. Rebecca Renehan, Cappawhite NS
 10. Laura Bergin, Bishop Harty NS
 11. Danielle Boland, Burgess NS
- Roghnóirí: Michelle Kelly Clonoulty NS, Siobhan Condon Thomastown NS, Michael Delaney St. Joseph's Templemore

The Tipperary girls football team v Waterford.

1. Saoirse Nic an tSaoir, Gaelscoil Durlas Éile
2. Emma Kennedy, Sacred Heart Primary School, Roscrea
3. Rebecca Farrell, Thomastown NS
4. Michelle Cronin, Clerihan NS
5. Ava Fennessy, Scoil Mhuire na nAingeal, Clonmel
6. Marion Gillman, Mullinahone NS
7. Queva O'Meara, Moycarkey NS



Cloneen U13 F Camogie Runners Up



Corville U13 E Winners



Anacarty U13 C Camogie Winners



Ardfinnan U13 E Runners Up

8. Emma Fitzpatrick St. Joseph's, Templemore
 9. Taryn Purcell Drom NS
 10. Eimear Boland Cloneen NS
 11. Caoimhe Mulcahy Rathkeevin NS
- Roghnóirí: Anne Marie Landers Gaelscoil Chluain Meala
Labhaoise Ní Chuinneagáin Gaelscoil Durlas Éile

The Tipperary boys football team v Waterford.

1. Cían O'Mahoney Ardfinnan NS
 2. Reuben Bourke Scoil Mhuire, Knockavilla
 3. Eoin McCarthy Powerstown NS
 4. Ryan Walsh Holy Trinity School, Fethard
 5. Francie Delaney Cahir BNS
 6. Liam King Ballinahinch NS
 7. Tom Tobin Rosegreen NS
 8. Toby Lambe Gaelscoil Durlas
 9. Jack Armshaw Ayle NS
 10. John Champion St. Colmcilles, Templemore
 11. Jack Fitzpatrick Rice Scoil Mhuire, Newcastle
- Roghnóirí: Pádraig Fahey, Clerihan NS
Orry Ryan, Poulacapple NS
Shane O'Brien, Tankerstown NS

The Tipperary girls football team v Kerry 2015

1. Emma Lawless, Lismackin NS
 2. Ellen Gantley, Cappawhite NS
 3. Eleanor Tobin, Rosegreen NS
 4. Laura O Meara, Bishop Harty NS, Ballinree
 5. Sarah O Connell, Leugh NS
 6. Sarah Armshaw, Ayle NS
 7. Alice Ryan, Scoil Mhuire, Newcastle
 8. Megan Murphy, St. Marys NS, Clogheen
 9. Leah Baskin, Ballinure NS
 10. Shannon Morrissey, Ballylooby NS
 11. Aisling Meehan, Clonmore NS
- Roghnóirí: Anne Marie Landers, Gaelscoil Chluain Meala
Labhaoise Ní Chuinneagáin, Gaelscoil Durlas Éile

The Tipperary boys football team v Kerry 2015

1. Alex Spens St. Mary's N.S., Clogheen
 2. Cathal McLoughlin Sc. Teampall Toinne, Ballyporeen
 3. Jimmy Mullen Barnane N.S.
 4. Ben Comerford Grangemockler N.S.
 5. Seán Daly St. Mary's C.B.S., Carrick-On-Suir
 6. Micheál Elligot Lisvernane N.S.
 7. Rory Grace Kilruane N.S.
 8. Jack Murphy Skeheenarinky N.S.
 9. Kevin Cleary New Inn B.N.S.
 10. Dylan Hogan Scoil Íosaf Naofa, Corville
 11. Adam Ó Riain Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan
- Roghnóirí: Pádraig Fahey, Clerihan N.S.
Orry Ryan, Poulacapple N.S.
Shane O'Brien, Tankerstown N.S.

Cumann na mBunscol Tipperary Handball Finalists 2015

- BU11S Final Alex Lenihan (B/Hinch) V Evan Carey (Ballina)
- BU11D Final Anthony Walsh/David Mc Grath (Cashel) v Brian Bourke /Cian Molloy (Ballina)
- GU11D Final Abi Ryan/Kate Maher (B/Poreen) v Katie O'Keefe/Emma Cooney (Youghalarra)
- BU13S Final Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel) v Kyle O'Gorman (Ballyporeen)
- GU13S Final Amy Mc Keogh (Ballina) v Roisín Foley (Poulacapple)
- BU13D Final Ben White/Jack Mc Grath (Cashel) v Cathal O'Donnell/Ian Larkin (Ballina)
- GU13D Final Áine Spain/Meaghan Morris (Ardcroney) v Kilcoleman S/F Winner
- GU11S Katie O'Keefe (Youghalarra)



Ballycahill U11 E Hurling Runners Up



Ballylooby U11 B Camogie Winners



Ballysloe NS U13 H Winners



Gaelscoil Clonmel U11 A1 Camogie Runners Up



Gaelcoil Clonmel U11 C1 Runners-Up



Gaelcoil Durlas U11 B1 Winners



Holycross U13 B Camogie Winners



Inch NS U13 G Winners



Gaelcoil Durlas U13 C Winners



Golden NS U11 E1 Runners Up



Holycross U13 B Winners



Kilbarron U13 E Camogie Winners



Killea NS U13 H Runners Up



Killenaule U13 D Runners Up



Knockavilla U13 C Runners Up



Lisonagh U13 G Runners Up



Moycarkey U11 C Camogie Runners Up



Mullinahone U11 E Winners



It was a hugely successful year for Ballinahinch National school winning the North and County double in hurling and football. Well done and thanks to Tony Hartnett, Pa Ryan, Fr. Bobby Fletcher and everyone involved in the coaching the teams. Panel: Phelim O'Reilly, Karl Kelly, Jake Edwards, Adam Ryan, Liam King, Joey Kelly, Nathan Lenihan, Jack Mullaney, Malachy Mullaney, Edward Talbot, Cormac Kennedy, Pádraig Seymour, Bláthnaid Ryan, Alex Lenihan, David Healy, Darren Gleeson, Jack Ryan, Maia Woods, Laura Quinn, Leona Burke, Malachy Kennedy, Liam Seymour, Kimie Wilson, Katie O'Brien, Niamh Ryan.



Knockavilla U11 D Camogie Runners Up



New Inn U11 A1 Camogie Winners



Rahealty U11 D Hurling Runners Up



Donaskeigh NS U13 E Camogie Runners Up



Donaskeigh U11 C Camogie Winners



Drangan NS U11 F Winners



Dualla NS U11 E1 Winners



Dunkerrin NS U11 F Runners Up



Gaelscoil Carrick-on-Suir U11 D Winners



Gaelsscoil Carrick Suir U11 D1 D1 Winners



Rosegreen U11 D1 Runners Up



Sacred Heart Roscrea U13 D Camogie Runners-Up



Scoil Ailbhe U11 A Runners Up



Scoil Ailbhe U11 A1 Hurling Runners Up



St. Colmcille's Templemore U13 A Winners



St. Mary's CBS U11 A1 Winners (2)



St. Mary's CBS U11 A1 Winners



St. Mary's Nenagh U11 A Camogie Winners



St. Mary's Nenagh U13A Camogie RU



St. Oliver's Clonmel U11 C Runners Up



St. Peter & Paul's U11 B Winners



St. Peter & Paul's U11 B1 Runners Up



Templederry U11 B Runners Up



Thomastown U13 D Camogie Winners



Upperchurch NS U11 B Camogie RU



Ballinahinch U13 F Winners



Ayle U13 F Camogie Runners Up



Ballylooby U13 C Camogie Runners Up



Ballina U13A Camogie Winners



Barnane NS U13 F Runners Up



Kilruane N.S. North Tipperary 'B' hurling champions.

*Back: Adam Cleere, Sean Williams, Conor Tierney, Jamie Kennedy, Fionnan Hurley, Tristan Madden, Paul O'Neill, Aoife McCarthy, Sarah Conroy, Aoife Peters, Lynn Farrell, Sinéad McAteer.
Front: Cian White, Georgie O'Leary, Paul Dwyer, Rory Grace, Aaron Morgan, Eoin O'Meara, Amy McCarthy, Gráinne O'Meara, Kate Ryan.*



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Limerick 2015



Tipperary Primary Game Camogie Team v Waterford 2015



Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Waterford 2015



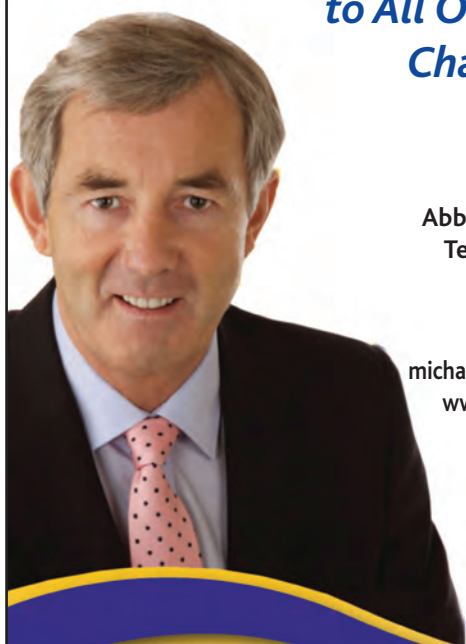
Tipperary Primary Game Hurling Team v Limerick 2015



Tipperary Primary Game Football Squads v Kerry 2015

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Best wishes to Tipperary teams for 2016



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Champions 2015*

*St Joseph's CBS Students who were
members of the County Minor Panel 2015
Darragh Peters, Ruadhan Mulrooney,
Robert Byrne, James Quigley*



Best wishes to all Tipperary GAA teams in 2016

Tony Reddin (Lorrha) (1919-2015)

The hurling world was filled with great sadness when we learned of the death of Tony Reddin on 1st March this year. Fate would have it that I visited Tony and Maura in Cuba Avenue, Banagher just the day before he passed to his eternal reward. Even then I was still in awe of the man. I grew up hearing from my Dad about the heroics of the greatest goalkeeper of them all.

Tony was born in Mullagh, Co. Galway on 15th November, 1919, and began his hurling career with Mullagh and in 1933 won a county juvenile medal, the only county title he would win in his illustrious playing career, a medal he cherished greatly. With Galway he won a Connacht junior hurling medal in 1940 and would go on to play senior hurling with the Tribesmen and would play with Connacht in the Interprovincial championship in 1946.

A year later in February 1947, Tony cycled across the Shannon to take up work in Lorrha and thus began a remarkable playing career. Tony joined the Lorrha club where he almost immediately caused ripples of excitement with his unique fearlessness and ability. In 1948 he helped Lorrha win the North Tipperary senior hurling title and it was his inspired goalkeeping performance in the final against Borris-Ileigh, which brought him to the attention of Tipperary manager, Paddy Leahy, for the first time. Lorrha would go on to lose the county final to Holycross/Ballycahill later that year in a match which saw a young John Doyle come to prominence for the first time with both going on to become two of Tipperary's all-time greats.

Those performances from both men saw them elevated to the senior panel later that year. With Reddin making his first appearance for Tipperary at the age of 29 against Offaly in the National League and he also played in the delayed 1947/48 league final against Cork.

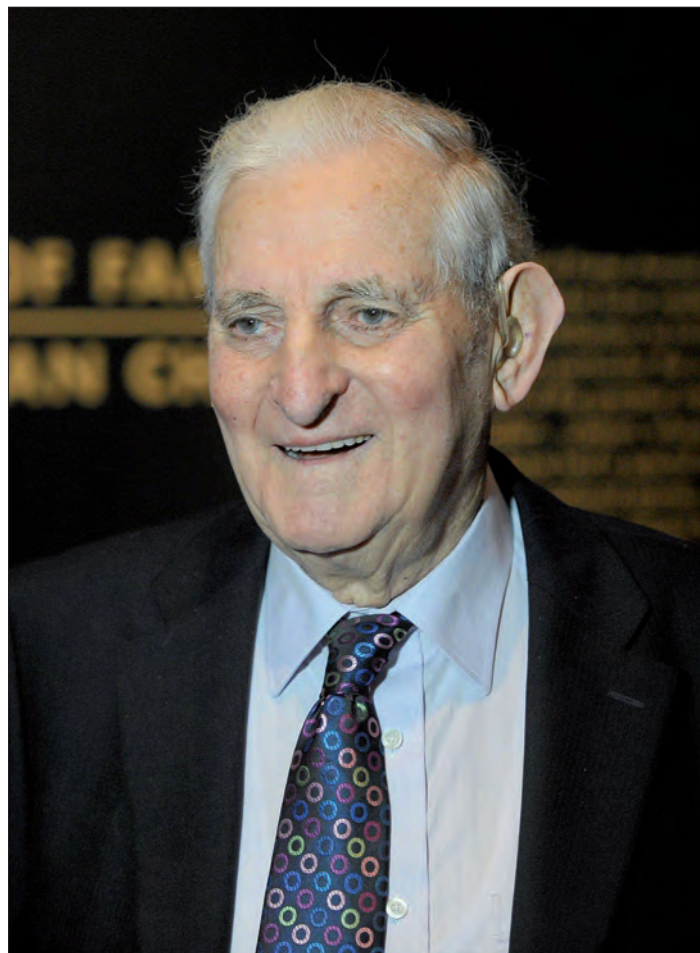
Despite losing that game it would begin a remarkable nine year inter-county career, which saw him win 3 All Ireland senior medals in 1949, 1950 and 1951 as well as 3 Munster titles. He also won 6 National League medals.

What made Tony such a great player was not only his bravery and skill but also his sheer coolness under pressure. He had an eagle eye and remember goalkeepers had little or no protection at that time. He could do things to control a ball that no one had seen before, perfected by hours and hours of practice, particularly against rough surfaces improving his ability to react quickly to all possibilities. He was also one of the few goalkeepers to kill even the fastest ball stone dead so it rolled down the hurley and into his hand before making an effective clearance. His ability quickly saw him become one of the must-see players in the game nationally and to opposing forwards he was the ultimate challenge. Even the great Christy Ring could never claim to have scored a goal against Reddin.

Tony would win one more North Tipperary championship medal with Lorrha in 1956 and was still performing to a high level a year later but lost his place in the starting line-up with his final competitive game for club or county coming in New York in late 1957 where he announced his inter-county retirement.

His legend as the greatest hurling goalkeeper of all time was secured when he was honoured as Hurling Goalkeeper of the Century in 1984 and was named as goalkeeper on the Hurling Team of the Millennium in 2000. He was also honoured on the Munster Hurling Team of the Century and also the Tipperary Team of the Century and the final acknowledgement of his legendary ability was when he was inducted into the Croke Park Hall of Fame in 2013.

In 1957 he married Maura Smith from Lelagh, Rathcabbin and settled down to live at the Pike, Rathcabbin where he farmed a little, made hurleys and also provided hackney service before in 1960 taking up a job with Bord na Mona where he worked until his retirement.



In 1963 Tony and his young family moved to Banagher, Co. Offaly where he would spend the rest of his life and where he passed away following a short illness. His home was only yards away from the hurling field of the recently established St. Rynagh's Hurling Club and where the next chapter of his GAA story was written as hurling genius turned from player to coach. He became senior trainer with St. Rynagh's in 1964 and within 2 years won their first Offaly senior championship and by 1976 they had won another eleven, arguably laying the foundations for Offaly's first All Ireland senior hurling success in 1981.

But it is his goalkeeping genius which inspired all of us and the great stories of his inspirational and magical performances which will always hold him dearly to the people of Lorrha, Tipperary and far beyond.

In a testament to his greatness, huge crowds from the hurling world thronged both his home and finally his chosen resting place in Bonaham cemetery in his beloved Lorrha. As Tony's remains were lowered that beautiful song Slievenamon was sung with gusto by his GAA friends and family. It was truly a fitting send off for undoubtedly the greatest goalkeeper of all time.

On a personal note it was truly a great honour to have known and conversed with such a humble and unassuming gentleman. He had a huge influence on my own playing career with both club and county and was a father figure to me when my own Dad died prematurely.

And finally to recite a little verse of a famed Lorrha song:

*"Lorrha's light still shining as the game came to an end
That grand old style of hurling was coming back again
With Sullivan, Lambe and Brophy those backs were a real stone wall
But Reddin in between the sticks shone brightly over all".*

To his wife and greatest friend Maura, cherished children Eamon, Dermot, Cathal, Catherine, Jacinta, Majella, Collette, Brenda and Noelle, his 28 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, his sisters Kitty and Betty we express our deepest sympathies.

May his gentle soul Rest in Peace.

(Ken Hogan)



Tipperary Ladies' Football

County Championship Final Results

Competition

Horse and Jockey Hotel Senior Championship Joe McGrath Memorial Cup
Cahir House Hotel Intermediate Championship
County Tipperary Perpetual Ladies Football Cup Junior A Championship
Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Cup Junior B Championship
Junior C Championship
Junior D Championship

Date

29th September
30th August
30th August
17th October
19th September
19th September

Match Result

Brian Borus 1-12, Cappawhite 0-11
Cahir 10-12, Galtee Rovers 1-10
Templemore 3-9, Clonmel Commercials 2-4
Thurles Sarsfields 4-6, Moyne Templetuohy 0-6
Gortnahoe Glengoole 4-8, Moyle Rovers B 3-10
Holycross Upperchurch 2-9, Arravale Rovers 2-3

County League Final Results

Competition

Frankie O'Brien Cup (Senior League)
Wally Costigan Monumental Works Perpetual Cup (Intermediate League)
Junior A League
Junior C Cup League

Date

16th May
17th May
16th May
23rd May

Match Result

Brian Borus 6-8, Aherlow 1-6
Cahir 5-10, Galtee Rovers 0-9
Clonmel Commercials 1-08, Templemore 1-04
Gortnahoe 4-10, Arravale Rovers 1-5

2014 Minor Championship

Competition

Minor A Brian Borus v Moyle Rovers
Minor B Cappawhite v Clonmel Commercials
Minor B Plate Galtee Rovers v Mullinahone
Minor C Arravale Rovers v Moycarkey Borris
Minor D Upperchurch v Holycross

Date

Sun 9th Nov 2014
Sat 8th Nov 2014
Sat 22nd Nov 2014
Sat 8th Nov 2014
Sun 14th Dec 2014

Venue

Duneske, Cahir
Bansha
Bansha
Bansha
Cashel

Winners

Moyle Rovers
Clonmel Commercials
Mullinahone
Moycarkey Borris
Holycross

Under 16 Championship

Competition

Under 16A Fethard v Moyle Rovers
Under 16B Boherlahan v Aherlow
Under 16C Cappawhite v Arravale Rovers
Under 16D Galtee Rovers v Holycross

Date

1st May 2015
13th Sept 2015
9th July 2015
30th April 2015

Venue

New
Golden
Bansha
Clonoulty

Winners

Fethard
Boherlahan
Cappawhite
Galtee Rovers

Under 14 Championship

Competition

Under 14A Aherlow v Thurles Sarsfields
Under 14B Fethard v Brian Borus
Under 14C Galtee Rovers v Moycarkey-Borris
Under 14D Cappawhite v Arravale Rovers

Date

20th June
20th June
20th June
23rd June

Venue

Templetuohy
New
New
Bansha

Winners

Aherlow
Fethard
Galtee Rovers
Cappawhite

Under 12 Championship

Competition

Under 12A Galtee Rovers v Brian Borus
Under 12B Holycross v Moyle Rovers
Under 12C Templemore v Slieve na mBan
Under 12D Cahir v Lattin Cullen

Date

3rd July
14th July
30th June
28th June

Venue

Duneske, Cahir
Sean Treacy Park
Bansha
Bansha

Winners

Galtee Rovers
Moyle Rovers
Templemore
Cahir



Tipperary - 2015 All Ireland Minor 'B' Ladies Football Champions

Back (l-r): Aishling Moloney, Laura Morrissey, Miriam Campion, Niamh Treacy, Heather Phelan, Breana O'Gorman, Caoimhe Condon, Emer McCarthy, Holly O'Dwyer, Louise Cadell, Saoirse McGeever, Orla O'Dwyer, Elaine Fitzpatrick (Capt.), Sarah Morrissey, Niamh Coffey, Megan Shanahan, Grainne Condon, Maria Curley. Front (l-r): Orla Burke, Aoife Corcoran, Kate Davey, Niamh Loughman, Lisa Currihan, Roisin Finnane, Aine O'Carroll, Shania Dowling, Evrena Everard, Aoibhe O'Shea, Aine Dunne, Roisin Howard, Elaine Kelly

Tipperary Minor Ladies Football Team

On March 28th Tipperary travelled to Fíric GAA, Kerry for their first game in the Munster Minor Championship and earned their second victory in two years over Kerry on a score line of Tipperary 3-18 Kerry 1-7. Waterford was their next opponents in Clonmel Sportsfield on April 8th. Tipperary overcame Waterford on a score line of Tipperary 4-13 Waterford 2-9 thus earning themselves a Munster Minor A Championship Final against Cork in Cahir GAA Grounds on May 4th.

Tipperary supporters were treated to a spectacle that day with Tipperary giving it their all to go in at half time Tipperary 2-7 Cork 1-7. However, it was not to be Tipperary's day, Cork 4-13 Tipperary 2-15. The Munster Minor B Championship Final was held in Glanworth, Co. Cork and another encounter with Waterford. Following on from their earlier victory over Waterford, Tipperary were favourites for this game and they did not disappoint, becoming Munster Champions on a score line Tipperary 6-9 Waterford 1-8.

The All Ireland Minor Championship Semi Final was a home venue in MacDonagh Park, Nenagh and Offaly were the opponents. Having defeated Offaly in the All Ireland Final last year, they were no strangers to each other. Offaly were tougher opponents this year and the half time score reflected this, Offaly 0-6 Tipperary 0-4. Tipperary had it all to do in the second half but a goal by substitute Kate Davey proved the decisive score and Tipperary ran out winners by three points - Tipperary 1-11 Offaly 0-11.

Armagh and Tipperary met in the All Ireland Minor Championship Final in Kinnegad. Tipperary lost the toss and were to play against the strong breeze in the first half. From the throw in Tipperary's midfield pairing of team captain Elaine Fitzpatrick and Aishling Moloney won the first ball and with less than 30 seconds played Orla O'Dwyer had recorded Tipperary's first point from play. Almost immediately the same player again received possession and a second point saw Tipperary with a two point lead and a dream start against the northern ladies. Armagh however now began to settle and both sets of supporters began to see the Ulster champions in full flow. In the fourth minute Tipperary were hit with the games first goal when Armagh's Aoife Kane rattled the net. The Armagh ladies were now gathering momentum and a fine point quickly followed from the boot of senior Armagh player Aimee Mackin on nine minutes. A strong run from the Armagh's Blaithin Mackin up the middle ended with the same player finishing to the Tipperary net. The Tipperary defence may have been expecting her to offload allowing her time to close in on goals. With Tipperary now 2-1 to 0-2 behind and playing against the wind Tipperary supporters had cause for concern. From the Tipperary kick out they pressed forward and when Orla O'Dwyer received possession after some fine work by Tipperary's Roisin Howard and Kate Davey she finished to the Armagh net in some style.

The game now flowed from one end of the field to the other with the Tipperary defence foiling the Armagh forward line time and time again. Armagh answered with a fine point for Aoibhinn Henderson in the fourteenth minute and went three up before Tipperary's Niamh Treacy used her strength turning her marker and unleashed an unstoppable shot past the Armagh keeper. Remarkably Tipperary were now back on level terms. An Aishling Moloney point for Tipperary saw them take the lead once more and when a further two points for Tipperary followed from the boots of Aoibhe O'Shea on twenty minutes and Orla O'Dwyer on the twenty first minute Tipperary were ahead by three points, 2-5 to 2-2 and growing in confidence. Orla O'Dwyer

recorded her hat trick of goals before half time and in added time Armagh finished with a point having been held scoreless for almost fifteen minutes. Half time score Tipperary 3-5 Armagh 2-3

When Tipperary's Kate Davey pointed almost immediately on the resumption many of the sizable travelling support expected Tipperary to now press on. However it was now Armagh's turn to strike back and an Aimee Mackin goal on thirty four minutes saw Armagh once more back in contention. An Aoibhe O'Shea point and another from Aishling Moloney from play steadied the ship a little in the 37th and 38th minute but Armagh were now enjoying some quality possession and using long delivered ball up the wings in an attempt to get their dangerous forwards quality ball. Following an Armagh wide a poor Tipperary clearance was punished when the Armagh midfielder scored a beautiful point from the right hand side from far out on thirty nine minutes. Almost immediately a second clearance was again punished when Tipperary failed to win their own kick out. The game was now back to three points, 3-8 to 3-5 with Armagh growing in confidence. The teams now traded a further two points from Tipperary's Orla O'Dwyer and Armagh's best player Aimee Mackin. Tipperary's Aoibhe O'Shea added another fine point putting Tipperary four ahead with just over ten minutes remaining.

Armagh now threw caution to the wind and went looking for the goals to win the game. Tipperary goalie Emer McCarthy as she has done throughout this campaign made two crucial saves from marauding Armagh forwards when they looked certain to score. An Armagh goal at this stage would have been critical, but Tipperary held firm and even when Armagh closed the gap to two points with five minutes remaining there was no panic. It was now a two point game but Tipperary were keeping possession up front in the Armagh half of the field and when Niamh Treacy unleashed a fine point from distance nothing but a goal would save Armagh. Tipperary's Orla O'Dwyer scored the next and final score of the game and insurance point with time up. A minute's additional time was played but it was to be Tipperary's year and when Mayo referee Garry McMahon blew full time Tipperary were Minor Ladies 'B' Champions 2015 completing a two in a row of minor titles. Final score Tipperary 3-12 Armagh 3-8

Afterwards, Ladies Gaelic Football Association Vice President, Joe Lagan presented the cup to the Tipperary captain Elaine Fitzpatrick and Aishling Moloney won the Player of the Match award. Congratulations to the Minor Team Manager, Anthony O'Brien and his management team of Siobhan Condon, Pat Morrissey and Mary O'Shea for their hard work and commitment to ensure the team were well prepared throughout the successful campaign. Well done to the entire panel of players who trained in all kinds of weather. A special thanks to all the parents who travelled to training and matches. We appreciate all the supporters who travelled with the team on their successful route.

Tipperary Team Panel: Megan Burke (Cahir), Orla Burke (Moyle Rovers), Louise Cadell (Templemore), Miriam Campion (Templemore), Niamh Coffey (Boherlahan), Grainne Condon (Aherlow), Caoimhe Condon (Brian Borus), Aoife Corcoran (Cahir), Maria Curley (Templemore), Lisa Currivan (Boherlahan), Kate Davey (Fethard), Shania Dowling (Moyle Rovers), Aine Dunne (Mullinahone), Evrena Everard (Moyle Rovers), Roisin Finnane (Galtee Rovers), Elaine Fitzpatrick, Captain (Templemore), Roisin Howard (Cahir), Elaine Kelly (Cappawhite), Eimear Loughman (Cappawhite), Emer McCarthy (Aherlow), Saoirse McGeever (Clonmel Commercial), Aishling Moloney (Cahir), Laura Morrissey (Brian Borus), Sarah Morrissey (Aherlow), Aine O'Carroll (Arravale Rovers), Holly O'Dwyer (Thurles Sarsfields), Orla O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Breana O'Gorman (Moycarkey Borris), Aoibhe O'Shea (Mullinahone), Heather Phelan (Sliabhnamban), Megan Shanahan (Moyle Rovers), Niamh Treacy (Templemore).

Tipperary Under 14 Ladies Football Team

The Tipperary Under 14 and their supporters had a remarkable year with a lot of heart stopping moments and outstanding football. On February 28th they commenced their Munster Championship in Bansha against Waterford and were defeated for the first and only time in 2015 on a score line of Waterford 3-11 Tipperary 3-7. Their next two victories were in Staker Wallace against Limerick and Cooraclare against Clare. These two victories in the round games meant a Munster B Championship Final for the girls in Clonmel Sportsfield against Waterford. Having the experience of the round games, Tipperary were tougher opponents this time and very little separated the teams throughout game until the final fifteen minutes when Waterford accumulated a three point margin. Tipperary unperturbed by this, waited until injury time to equalise when Caitlin Kennedy scored the only goal of the game. Stradbally was the venue for the Replay on a beautiful summer's day. It was again very difficult to separate these teams and at the end of normal time, the sides were level and extra time was required. As the game entered the second half of extra time Waterford were ahead by two points but Tipperary's Ellie Ryan netted the ball to give Tipperary the one point victory they required and a place in the All Ireland semi final.

Banagher, Co. Offaly was the venue for the Semi Final and Longford were the opponents. Tipperary defeated them on a score line Tipperary 4-12 Longford 3-1. An All Ireland Final against Donegal in Ballymahon awaited Tipperary and another thrilling game for supporters. At the end of normal time, Tipperary trailed by six points and supporters feared the worst. However, injury time goals by Caitlin Kennedy and Ciara Dwan earned Tipperary a replay amid jubilant scenes - Tipperary 5-7 Donegal 3-13.

On July 11th, the teams met again in Tuam, Co. Galway for Tipperary's first game in wet and windy conditions. Donegal won the toss and opted to play against the wind. Tipperary took full advantage of this in the first two minutes with a Caitlin Kennedy goal and two points from Angela McGuigan and Caitlin Kennedy before Donegal got off the mark with a point in the sixth minute. The teams traded points before Angela McGuigan pointed a free and Caitlin Kennedy added another

point for Tipperary stretching their margin to six points heading in to the second quarter. Tipperary were looking the stronger team but with both sets of defenders now on top, the scoring rate decreased somewhat leaving Tipperary in front by seven points at the interval - Tipperary 1-7 Donegal 0-3.

A revitalised Donegal team returned and with the aid of the breeze, scored 1-1 in the opening stages of the second half. Suddenly, there was only three points between the sides. The teams traded the next four points as both counties made substitutions in an attempt to re-energise their chances. As the game approached its conclusion, Tipperary defended gallantly under severe pressure from Donegal and another injury time goal from Eimear Boland sealed the day for Tipperary, Tipperary 2-10 Donegal 1-7.

Tipperary were crowned All Ireland Champions following a difficult but thrilling journey. Congratulations to the Management team of Ed Burke, Manager; Garreth Byrne, Frances Ryan, Mary Murphy and Tony Smith, Selectors and Ollly Griffin, Physio for their outstanding commitment to the team. Thanks to Kevin O'Leary, Clonmel for sponsoring the team. Well done to all the supporters who travelled the long journey with the team.

Tipperary Team Panel:- Eimear Boland (St. Patrick's), Ruth Butler (Templemore), Una Carew (Aherlow), Maire Creedon (Thurles Sarsfields), Ciara Dwan (Boherlahan), Ava Fennessy (Clonmel Commercials), Aine Hahessy (Slievenamon), Dervla Heffernan (Boherlahan), Eimear Heffernan (Galtee Rovers), Caitlin Kennedy (Aherlow), Rosanna Kiely (Cahir), Ciara Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Niamh Martin (Slievenamon), Angela McGuigan (Slievenamon), Emma Morrissey (Aherlow), Emma Murphy (Clonmel Og), Cailin Napier (Clonmel Commercials), Louise Norris (Moyle Rovers), Eimear O'Connor (Ardfinnan), Nicola O'Dwyer (Mullinahone), Aisling Ryan (Aherlow), Alice Ryan (Ballymacarbry), Caoimhe Ryan (Brian Borus), Ellie Ryan (Boherlahan), Emma Ryan (Lattin Cullen), Niamh Ryan (Moyne Templetuohy), Lucy Spillane (Fethard), Rachel Sweeney (Holycross Ballycahill), Orla Winston (Clonmel Commercials)



Tipperary - All Ireland Under 14 Ladies Football Champions

Back (l-r): Lucy Spillane, Dervla Heffernan, Niamh Ryan, Caoimhe Ryan, Emma Ryan, Nicola O'Dwyer, Ruth Butler, Ellie Ryan, Ciara Dwan, Louise Norris, Marie Creedon, Orla Winston, Eimear Boland, Aine Hahessy. Front (l-r): Rachel Sweeney, Angela McGuigan, Eimear O'Connor, Ava Fennessy, Alice Ryan, Ciara Maher, Cailin Napier, Caitlin Kennedy, Emma Morrissey, Aisling Ryan, Una Carew, Emma Murphy, Rosanna Kiely, Niamh Martin



Brian Borus - Tipperary Senior Ladies Football Champions 2015

Back (l-r) - Sinead Norris, Chloe Sweeney, Orla Fleming, Eimear Myles, Mairead Morrissey, Nora Noonan, Patricia Hickey, Laura Morrissey, Laura Keating, Amy Sweeney, Cliona O'Dwyer, Jessica Myers, Eilish Kennedy, Marie-Claire Murphy.

Front (l-r) - Caoimhe Condon, Zoe Lynch, Nikki Gilmore, Jennifer Grant, Carmel Condon, Aoife O'Dwyer (C), Maureen Murphy, Claire Walsh, Helena Walsh, Linda Murphy, Annette Meaney, Sinead Kennedy.

Horse and Jockey Hotel Senior Championship Final - Brian Borus 1-12 Cappawhite 0-11

A floodlit Rockwell Rovers GAA Ground was the venue for the Horse and Jockey Hotel Senior Club Championship. Brian Borus and Cappawhite lined out against each other for their fifth Senior Club Championship Final, Cappawhite winning the last four in a row.

Amy Sweeney got Brian Borus off to the best possible start with a goal in the first minute. Cappawhite's Sinéad Buckley replied with a point in the third minute. Brian Borus were dominating the game from this early stage and held Cappawhite scoreless for the next eighteen minutes while adding a further five points to their own score line. Cappawhite's second point of the half came in the twenty first minute from a free taken by Sinéad Buckley. Brian Borus added a further three points before Cappawhite pointed another free to go in at half time Brian Borus 1-8 Cappawhite 0-3.

As the play resumed Cappawhite signalled their intent with a point in the first minute of the half followed by three further scores to reduce the deficit to just four points after 40 minutes. Brian Borus opened their second half account with a point in the forty first minute. As the final quarter approached both teams were equally matched with Cappawhite registering another two points to Brian Borus three points, the margin of six points keeping the teams apart. Due to a number of injuries there was

approximately ten minutes added time and Cappawhite scored a further two points deep into added time to reduce the margin. However, Cappawhite were unable to break down the Brian Borus defence as they went in search of a goal and at the final whistle, Borus were champions by a margin of four points - Brian Borus 1-12 Cappawhite 0-11.

As Chairperson, Biddy Ryan presented the Joe McGrath Memorial Cup to Aoife O'Dwyer, Brian Borus Captain, she thanked both teams for an excellent game and gave a special mention to Rockwell Rovers for the use of their premises. Aoife O'Dwyer thanked the management team of Liam Fleming, John Sweeney and Gareth Byrne for the assistance in winning the cup and also, gave a special mention to her team mates and families.

Brian Borus Panel- Nora Noonan, Aoife O'Dwyer (Capt), Carmel Condon, Claire Walsh, Sinead Norris, Laura Morrissey, Laura Keating, Eimear Myles, Caoimhe Condon 0-1, Mairead Morrissey, Maureen Murphy 0-2, Orla Fleming, Amy Sweeney 1-3, Jennifer Grant 0-2, Patricia Hickey 0-4 (4 frees)

Subs: Zoe Lynch, Cliona O'Dwyer, Annette Meaney, Helena Walsh, Jessica Myers, Sinead Kennedy, Nikki Gilmore, Linda Murphy, April Purcell, Marie-Claire Murphy, Chloe Sweeney, Eilish Kennedy, Niamh Walsh, Niamh Myles

Cappawhite Panel - Helen Kennedy, Siobhan O'Neill (Capt), Bernie Ryan, Mary O'Dwyer, Deirbhle Hennessy, Angie McDermott 0-2, Anne O'Dwyer, Shauna Quirke 0-2, Sinéad Buckley 0-5 (4 frees), Sheelagh Carew, Aoife Ryan, Elaine Kelly, Claire Mullins, Jayne Clancy 0-1, Eilibhis McDonald 0-1.

Subs: Jean Kelly, Ciara Coughlan, Tracy McGuire, Mairead Crowe, Joanne O'Doherty, Siobhan Costello, Niamh Loughman, Karen Fox, Eimear Loughman.



Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's County Under 14 C Champions 2015

Back l-r: Johnny Halpin (Manager), Ciara Halpin (trainer), Clodagh Fanning, Megan Tynan, Eimear Heffernan, Jane McLoughlin, Kate Phelan (Capt), Aine Whyte, Mary Ellen Peters, Niamh Roche, Sally Ann O'Dwyer, Megan Heffernan, Saoirse Fanning (selector). Front l-r: Seanie Peters (selector), Ellie Peters, Sara Finnane, Kate Flannery, Lucy Fogarty, Laura Hally, Leonie Farrell, Fiona Touhy, Saoirse Lyons, Rebecca Farrell.



Tipperary Ladies Football Intermediate Team

Back (l-r): Maureen Murphy, Laura Dillon, Aimee Pollard, Gillian O'Brien, Sheelagh Carew, Aoife Ryan, Louise Cadell, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Amy Jordan, Breda Feeney, Bernie Ryan, Maria Kinnane, Hazel Shanahan, Elaine Butler, Gemma O'Dwyer
 Front (l-r): Emma Whelan, Sinead Delahunty, Sarah Everard, Maria Curley, Lorraine O'Shea, Aisling McCarthy, Roisin McGrath, Shauna Ryan, Niamh Lonergan, Treasa McGrath, Elaine Kelly, Emma Buckley, Anne O'Dwyer.

Tipperary Intermediate Team

2015 commenced with a home game in the Tesco Homegrown National Football League against Leitrim. JK Brackens, Templemore was the venue on Sunday, February 8th with the host club providing a guard of honour for the teams and a half time game for the supporters. A special thanks to Templemore Ladies Football Club for their support. Leitrim defeated Tipperary on a score line of Leitrim 3-13 Tipperary 3-3.

With a break of a week Tipperary travelled to Roscommon on Sunday, February 22nd for their round two game. For their first year in division three Roscommon proved to be tough opponents, Roscommon 0-13 Tipperary 1-4. Old rivals Waterford were Tipperary's next opponents and Ardfinnan was the venue. Ardfinnan Ladies Football Club supported the team by providing a guard of honour and a half time game for the supporters. Tipperary were unfortunate not to defeat Waterford having had a seven point lead just after half time but their lack of scoring thereafter meant Waterford took the victory, Waterford 2-12 Tipperary 3-5.

Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh was the venue for their round four game and the host county narrowly defeated Tipperary by a point, Fermanagh 1-9 Tipperary 1-8. It was their last game on home ground before Tipperary had their first victory against Wexford in Ned Hall Park, Clonmel. Tipperary started well but Wexford snuck back into the game to go in at half time Wexford 1-4 Tipperary 0-5. After the break Tipperary resumed the second half more focussed and two goals helped Tipperary in recording their first League victory, Tipperary 2-7 Wexford 1-9.

On March 28th Tipperary travelled to Markievicz Park, Sligo with a number of players absent and suffered a comprehensive defeat - Sligo 4-18 Tipperary 1-6. In a must win final round game for Tipperary, they travelled to Pearse Park, Longford on Sunday, April 12th. A high scoring first half saw Tipperary dominate and go in at half time, Tipperary 4-4 Longford 2-6. Longford are a team which should never be underestimated and they battled hard in the second half but Tipperary held out, Tipperary 5-10 Longford 3-14. Tipperary will look forward to competing in division three again next year.

After a short break, the team reunited to compete in the Munster Intermediate Championship. Their first game on May

30th was against Clare, who were recently regraded to Intermediate from Senior. Kilmihil, Clare was the venue for the game. The first half was very tense with very little between teams as was proved when the break came on a score line, Clare 1-9 Tipperary 0-11. The second half started the same way but the turning point of the game came in the forty eighth minute with a dubious penalty for Clare and this acted as a catalyst for the final minutes of the game, Clare 3-13 Tipperary 0-17.

Waterford were their next opponents in the round two game fixed for Dungarvan. Waterford were not going to repeat the League game earlier in the year and took the game into control from the start leaving the full time score, Waterford 6-18 Tipperary 1-4. Their round three game was against Limerick in home venue of Ardfinnan on June 27th. It was Tipperary's turn to dominate a game and with the experience of the year to date Tipperary asserted themselves going in at half time, Tipperary 2-12 Limerick 0-6. The second half saw Tipperary's dominance continue and although Limerick had possession, scores evaded them, Tipperary 8-24 Limerick 0-7.

The final game of the year was against Roscommon in Kinnitty, Offaly in the TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Championship Preliminary Round. Tipperary won the toss and opted to play with the wind. Tipperary were the first on the scoreboard with a pointed free from Aisling McCarthy. Their lead was short-lived as Roscommon scored two points. Tipperary's Sarah Everard scored another point just as the teams entered the second quarter but Roscommon's Nicola Tully lobbed the ball into the back of the net. Tipperary responded in the twenty third minute when Sarah Everard scored a goal when her fisted attempt rebounded off the goalie and Everard made no mistake with the rebound. The half-time score was Roscommon 1-7 Tipperary 1-4.

Roscommon opened the second half with a pointed free before Tipperary earned a penalty which was converted by Aisling McCarthy for a goal. Roscommon put Tipperary under severe pressure thereafter but the excellent goalkeeping skills of Lauren Fitzpatrick kept Tipperary in the game. Tipperary purple patch came in the final quarter as points from Aisling McCarthy (3) and substitute Aoibhe O'Shea put Tipperary in front by two points. However, the concession of two frees allowed Roscommon to get the scores needed to equalise as the sides finished level at the end of normal time - Tipperary 2-8

Roscommon 1-11.

Tipperary's dominance continued in the first half of extra time with points from Aoibhe O'Shea and Sheelagh Carew but the second half was to be a different affair. Tipperary's only point in this period came courtesy of Aoibhe O'Shea while Roscommon registered four points to secure a one point victory and proceed to the qualifiers as Tipperary's season came to an end.

Roscommon 1-15 Tipperary 2-11.

Thanks to the Management team of John Leahy, Martin Halpin, Pat Morrissey, Julia Ponsonby and Physio Ann Marie Ryan for their commitment to Tipperary Ladies Football. A special mention to the players who have given up their free time.

Tipperary Ladies Football would like to acknowledge Tom Egan, Horse & Jockey Hotel for his continued support and sponsorship of Tipperary's Intermediate team. Finally, thanks to the supporters who have followed the team throughout the year.

Tipperary Team Panel: Emma Buckley (Cahir), Elaine Butler

Tipperary U16 Team

The Tipperary Under 16 team commenced training in late 2014 and started playing in the Munster Championship on April 12th with Clare as their first opponents. Supporters travelled to Coolmeen to watch Tipperary overcome Clare on a score line Tipperary 3-12 Clare 3-9. Their next opponents were Limerick in Bruff and Tipperary had to dig deep for their single point victory, Tipperary 2-11 Limerick 2-10.

Thanks to these two victories Tipperary had earned a Munster B Final in Kilmacthomas with host County Waterford, their opponents. Waterford started the game in dominant form and built up a lead of 2-3 to 0-0 early on. Tipperary finally got off the mark when Jean Kelly lobbed the ball over the Waterford goalie for a goal. Waterford replied with their third goal and by the interval, Waterford led by eight points - Waterford 3-5 Tipperary 1-3.

Tipperary regrouped at half time and the duo of Kirsty Crotty Ryan and Kate Davey put Waterford's backs under pressure for the first eight minutes of the second half. Kirsty Crotty Ryan was recording the points and scored four points in the thirty first, third and two points in the thirty eighth minute (one free). Kate Davey used her skill and composure to get two goals in the thirty fourth and seventh minute. Kirsty's second point gave Tipperary the lead by a point for the first time in the game but this was short lived.

Waterford scored 1-2 without reply and while Kirsty Crotty Ryan scored a Tipperary goal in the fifty third minute, Waterford

(Moyle Rovers), Louise Cadell (Templemore), Sheelagh Carew (Cappawhite), Maria Curley (Templemore), Sinead Delahunty (Foxrock Cabinteely, Dublin), Laura Dillon (Ardfinnan), Sarah Everard (Moyle Rovers), Breda Feeney (Fermoy, Cork), Elaine Fitzpatrick (Templemore), Lauren Fitzpatrick (Ballymacarbry, Waterford), Amy Jordan (Thurles Gaels), Elaine Kelly (Cappawhite), Maria Kinnane (Moycarkey Borris), Niamh Lonergan (Moyle Rovers), Aine Lyons (Grangemockler Slievnamon), Aisling McCarthy (Cahir), Roisin McGrath (Moyle Rovers), Treasa McGrath (Ballymacarbry, Waterford), Maureen Murphy (Brian Borus), Gillian O'Brien (Moyle Rovers), Anne O'Dwyer (Cappawhite), Gemma O'Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Aoibhe O'Shea (Mullinahone), Lorraine O'Shea (Mullinahone), Aimee Pollard (Fethard), Aoife Ryan (Cappawhite), Barbara Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Bernie Ryan (Cappawhite), Sarah Ryan (Clonmel Commercials), Shauna Ryan (Ballymacarbry, Waterford), Hazel Shanahan (Moyle Rovers), Emma Whelan (Ardfinnan),

remained in control to run out five point winners - Waterford 4-12 Tipperary 4-7.

Thanks to all the supporters who travelled to Kilmacthomas for the Munster Final and to the loyal supporters who travelled with the team throughout the Championship. Fergus O'Brien, Manager and his management team; Roisin McGrath and Trish McElwee are to be commended for all their time and work that they have given this team. The players themselves are a remarkable group of players and we wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them all on the field of play again shortly.

Tipperary Team Panel: Kate Barlow (Clonmel Commercials), Christina Brennan (Templemore), Fiona Burke (Brian Borus), Kailee Burke (Cahir), Orla Burke (Moyle Rovers), Anna Carey (Clonmel Commercials), Megan Coen (Fethard), Sarah Corby (Arravale Rovers), Emma Cronin (Moyle Rovers), Kirsty Crotty Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Katie Cunningham (Lattin Cullen), Kate Davey (Fethard), Sarah Delaney (Boherlahan), Rachael Dowling (Moycarkey Borris), Sarah Duggan (Arravale Rovers), Saoirse Fanning (Galtee Rovers), Aoife Gahan (Boherlahan), Ciara Halpin (Galtee Rovers), Ciara Hayes (Fethard), Clodagh Irwin (Thurles Sarsfields), Jean Kelly (Cappawhite), Anna Rose Kennedy (Aherlow), Orla Landers (Lattin Cullen), Laura Morrissey (Brian Borus), Muireann O'Connell (Fethard), Aine O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Lara O'Dwyer (Lattin Cullen), Molly O'Meara, Captain (Fethard), Aoife O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan), Laura Stocksborough (Fethard).



Tipperary Under 16 Ladies Football Team

Back (l-r): Fiona Burke, Molly O'Meara, Ciara Hayes, Aoife Gahan, Aoife O'Shaughnessy, Kirsty Crotty Ryan, Muireann O'Connell, Kate Davey, Sarah Delaney, Rachael Dowling, Saoirse Fanning, Laura Stocksborough, Kate Barlow, Laura Morrissey, Lara O'Dwyer, Kailee Burke, Katie Cunningham, Orla Landers.
Front (l-r): Megan Coen, Aine O'Dwyer, Anna Carey, Emma Cronin, Anna Rose Kennedy, Jean Kelly, Clodagh Irwin, Orla Burke, Ciara Halpin, Sarah Corby.

Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Association - Post Primary Competitions 2014/2015

Senior Cup, Senior A Final: Colaiste Dun Iascaigh v Scoil Mhuire, Carrick on Suir Winners Colaiste Dun Iascaigh
Senior B Final: Loreto Clonmel v St. Augustine's Winners St. Augustine's
Senior C Final: John the Baptist v Colasite Bheanntrai Winners John the Baptist
Senior D Final: Hazelwood College v Meanscoil Winners Hazelwood College
Senior E Final: Scoil Ruain v Scoil MGS, Blarney Winners Scoil Ruain
Senior Plate, Senior D Plate Final: Our Lady's, Templemore v Glanmire Winners Our Lady's, Templemore

Senior E Plate Final: Scoil Pol v St. Ailbe's Winners St. Ailbe's
Junior Cup, Junior A Final: Loreto Fermoy v St Augustine's Waterford Winners Loreto Fermoy
Junior B Final: Christ King v John the Baptist Winners John the Baptist
Junior C Final: Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa, Doon v St. Brigids, Kerry Winners St. Brigid's, Kerry
Junior D Final: Cashel CS v Hazelwood College Winners Cashel CS
Junior E Final Colaiste Cobh v St Ailbe's Winners St. Ailbe's
Junior Plate, Junior C Final: Intermediate School Killorglin v St. Anne's Winners IS Killorglin.



Senior D Plate Champions, Our Lady's, Templemore

Team - Katie Burke, Kate Anne Bergin, Mairead Eviston (C), Caoimhe O'Brien, Christina Brennan, Kate Cashman, Katie Collins, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Leanne Gleeson, Miriam Campion, Aisling O'Dea, Sarah Buckley, Ruth Butler, Niamh Treacy, Aine Greed, Orla Maher, Aoife Ryan, Niamh Collins, Noleen Brearton, Aoife Kennedy, Aimee Gleeson, Aine Treacy, Danielle Healy, Aine Delaney, Laura Allen



Senior A Champions, Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir

Team - Lauren Fitzpatrick (C), Helena Walsh, Laura Dillon, Kristy Arbuckle, Fiona Burke, Rachel O'Donnell, Laura Keeley, Aoife Corcoran, Aisling Moloney, Ciara Hickey, Caoimhe Condon, Lauren Noonan, Linda Murphy, Róisín Howard, Rachel Moloney, Kailee Burke, Ciara Halpin, Derbhla Buckley, Aoife Nugent, Rachel Doyle, Andrea O'Donnell, Kayleigh O'Brien, Zoe Lynch, Christina Delaney, Caoimhe Ryan.



*Mairead Eviston,
Our Lady's captain with Dan Cannon, MLGFA*



Shauna Power Carrick-on-Suir, Mike Meade referee and Lauren Fitzpatrick, Cahir



*Laura Dillon,
2015 Munster
Interprovs team
captain.*



*Niamh Treacy, Our
Lady's Player of the Match
with Dan Cannon,
MLGFA*



Silvermines Ladies Football Club

The Gaelic4Girls programme in Dolla took place in May / June and was a tremendous success with over a hundred girls taking part over an eight week period. This Ladies Gaelic Football Association national programme was held in association with Silvermines Ladies Football Club. The programme targeted girls between the ages of 8-12 years who were not part of a Ladies Football Club and introduced them to the sport in a fun environment. The girls were taught the basic skills of Ladies Gaelic Football and then demonstrated their new skills through a series of mini games. The Gaelic4Girls programme concluded on Thursday 25th June in Dolla with the presentation of jersey and certificates to all participants.

It was clear to see for all involved what a fantastic initiative this programme was and the consistent turnouts every week were justification that the girls enjoyed the eight weeks. The enthusiasm shown by all was a joy to behold and bodes well for the future of Ladies Football in Silvermines. Prior to the commencement of the programme all schools in the local areas were visited to promote the initiative. The Gaelic4Girls programme provided a safe and nurturing environment for the girls to develop their athletic and social skills. Most importantly, all the girls got the opportunity to play Ladies Football, with all different abilities descending on the pitch on a weekly basis. All girls have been encouraged to join Silvermines Ladies Football Club and over the summer period they have participated in a number of challenge games and are looking forward to next years fixtures.



Moyle Rovers - Ladies Football Minor County Champions 2014.

Back (l-r): Leanne Ryan, Rosin McGrath, Claire Moore, Ciara Ryan, Rachael Browne, Kirsty Crotty Ryan, Sarah O'Dwyer, Cora Maher, Hazel Shanahan, Caroline Quirke(C), Bronagh McGrath, Sinead Cosgrave, Aoife Power, Sarah McDermott. Front (l-r): Laura Grace, Emma Cronin, Jenny Everard, Megan Shanahan, Derbhile Fitzgearld, Orla Burke, Sarah Everard, Danni DI Ruzza, Evrena Everard, Shania Dowling.

Moyle Rovers Ladies Football Club 2015

The following officers were elected to manage the Moyle Rovers Ladies football club's affairs during 2015. President: Marion Power, Chairman: Pat Fahey, Vice chairpersons: Seamus Norris, Helen Cronin. Joint Secretaries: Chrissie Moylan and Sharon O'Connor, Treasurers: Paddy McMeel. Assistant Treasurer: Sharon Crotty, PRO: Paudie Everard, Registrar: Marion Power, Player Welfare Officers: Marion Power and Sharon O'Connor, Development Officer: Edmund Burke. The highlight of our year was the county final victory of our under 12 team in the B competition. We defeated Holycross in a very tight and close game on a score of Moyle Rovers 0-4 Holycross 0-3. Well done to management team of Sharon O'Connor, Tom Duggan, Marc Collins and Oran McDonagh and a special thanks to Edmund Burke, Helen Cronin and Robbie Boland for their help and guidance. Panel was Eimear McKeown, Tara McGrath, Rachel O'Connor (joint capt), Rachel Cooke, Lauren Duggan, Ava Collins, Ella Ryan, Kate Moore, Orlaith Breen, Dearbhla McDonagh (joint capt) Grace O'Dwyer, Lucy Boland, Sarah Quirke, Triona Ryan,



Moyle Rovers - Under 12 'B' County Champions 2015

Back row (l-r): Ava Collins, Ella Ryan, Dearbhla McDonagh (joint captain), Rachel O'Connor (joint captain), Kate Moore, Rachel Cooke, Doireann O'Sullivan, Grace O'Dwyer, Triona Ryan. Front row (l-r): Lucy Boland, Abby Boland, Emily Horne Dee, Sarah Quirke, Eimear McKeown, Tara McGrath, Orlaith Breen, Lauren Duggan, Eabha Dolan. Missing from photo: Muireann Duffy, Alex Davern, Aisling Carmody, Jessica Davern

Abby Boland, Doireann O'Sullivan, Emily Horne Dee, Eabha Dolan, Muireann Duffy, Alex Davern, Aisling Carmody and Jessica Davern. We began our sporting year with the Under 16s. We played in the A championship and our opponents were Fethard, Brian Borus/Ballyporeen, and Lattin Cullen. We defeated Lattin in the county semi final and played Fethard in an exciting and close county final. We gave all and were pipped at the finish by a Fethard goal. Moyle Rovers 1-10 Fethard 4-3. Team: Amy Norris, Louise Norris, Sarah O'Dwyer, Cathy O'Dwyer, Rosin Breen, Chloe Boland, Emma Cronin, Cora Maher, Orla Burke, Aine Fitzgearld (0-1), Jenny Everard, Rachael Timlin, Rowena Dowling, Kirsty Crotty Ryan (0-8,2f), Sophie Delaney. Plus: Emma Moore Kelly (0-1), Rachael Browne Claire Moore, Kellie Ryan, Hannah Mallekoote, Clare O'Dwyer, Aileen Ryan. The senior club competed in the league and were beaten in the semi final by Brian Borus. We prepared well for the championship but unfortunately lost county player Barbara Ryan through injury. Our young team were beaten by Cappawhite in the county semi final. Moyle Rovers 2-7 Cappawhite 0-16. The game was in the balance right to the very end as Moyle pressed for an equaliser. Team: Rachel Delahunty, Claire Clancy, Shania Dowling Gemma O'Dwyer, Laura Grace, Hazel Shanahan, Orla Burke, Aoife Power, Róisín Mc Grath (0-1) Sarah Everard (1-0), Niamh Lonergan (0-1), Shauna O'Brien (0-1), Gillian O'Brien (0-3), Evrena Everard, Elaine Butler (1-1). Subs Nancy Ferris, Megan Shanahan, Cora Maher, Yvonne Maher, Claire Moore, Bronagh McGrath, Tina Mulcahy, Sinead Heffernan, Kirsty Crotty Ryan. The junior team reached the county final and suffered an agonising one point defeat against Gortnahoe. Leading at half time we lost our way in the second half but recovered magnificently to tie up the game. Gortnahoe had a late free to win. Score Moyle Rovers 3-10 Gortnahoe 4-8.

Team: Claire Moore, Leanne Ryan, Cliona Collins, Aoife Cosgrave, Aine Fitzgearld, Sinead Cosgrave, Rosin Breen, Emma Cronin Cora Maher (0-1), Sinead Kenrick (Capt) (0-1), Jenny Everard (1-0), Orlaith Ryan (1-1), Sinead Heffernan, Aisling O'Brien (0-2), Kirsty Crotty Ryan (0-5,4f), Madeline Ahearne, Aisling O'Dwyer, Rowena Dowling(1-0) Rachael Browne, Amy Norris. Our under 14s had mixed fortunes and played plenty of games competing in both the Feile and Championship. Panel: Hannah Mallekoote, Grace Quinn, Clare O'Dwyer, Alana

Dowling, Clare Moylan, Louise Norris, Michelle Cronin, Riona O'Sullivan, Lauren Hurley, Robyn Tynan, Sophie Delaney, Emma Bates, Ellie Devaney, Sarah O'Connor, Lucy Holohan., Eve Ryan, Catriona Phelan, Grainne McEntagart, SORCHA O'Brien Dearbhla McDonagh, Triona Ryan, Our under 6s, 8s and 10s were given plenty of practice and supervision and enjoyed their summer blitzes. The minors have just begun their championship and they will hope to emulate last year's victory when our minors beat Brian Borus in the final.

On the county scene we had Orla Burke, Shania Dowling, Evrena Everard and Megan Shanahan on the victorious All Ireland winning Minor team. Emma Cronin, Orla Burke and Kirsty Crotty Ryan represented us on the county under 16s .Tipperary were beaten in the Munster final by Waterford. Louise Norris was a member of the winning All Ireland under 14 team. We also

congratulate our club representatives on the Tipperary under 14 Management team which was led by team Manager Edmond Burke and assisted by Frances Ryan and Tony Smith. Rosin McGrath, Gillian O'Brien, Barbara Ryan, Sarah Everard, Niamh Lonergan, Elaine Butler, Gemma O'Dwyer, Hazel Shanahan Megan Shanahan and Shania Dowling were all panel members with Tipperary Intermediates during the 2015 League and/or Championship campaigns. Gillian O'Brien represented Munster in the Interprovincial finals. Munster won the Interprovincial shield competition beating Leinster in the Final. On the colleges scene Sarah Everard won an O'Connor cup medal with University Limerick. Hazel Shanahan and Laura Grace were part of the Mary Immaculate Fresher's team that won the Intermediate Intervarsity competition. Rosin McGrath played on the losing side with CIT in the Lynch cup Final.

Féile Peile na nÓg 2015 – Aherlow

Tipperary Ladies Football representatives, Aherlow travelled to Taghmon to compete in Féile Peile na nÓg last June. Their first match was against Taghmon Camross and the hosts were the stronger team on the evening, Taghmon Camross 1-6 Aherlow 1-4. The next game that evening was against Portlaoise and these teams could not be separated, Aherlow 1-3 Portlaoise 0-6. At the same venue, Taghmon, Horsewood defeated Aherlow so a Shield quarter final awaited Aherlow that afternoon.

Aherlow comprehensively defeated Armagh Harps in the Shield quarter final on a score line of 1-4 to 0-0. The following morning a Shield semi final awaited Aherlow with Kilmore as their opponents. Aherlow again come out the stronger and looked forward to a Shield final that afternoon with St. Kieran's as their opponents. However, this was not to be their day as a stronger St. Kieran's defeated them on a score line of 1-7 to 0-1.



Aherlow's Emma Morrissey captain of the U14 team that won the County 2015.



Aherlow Ladies U14 County A Champions 2015 and Féile 2015 Champions



Fethard Under 16A County Champions

Back (l-r): Laoise Stapleton, Aine Trayer, Laura Kiely, Katie Ryan, Lucy Spillane, Maggie Fitzgerald, Rachel Prout, Sophie Ryan, Laura Stocksborough, Sally Butler, Amy Brophy, Aoibhe Browne, Laura O'Donnell. Front (l-r): Lauren Dowling, Alison Connolly, Caoimhe O'Meara, Ciara Hayes, Megan Coen, Kate Davey, Molly O'Meara, Leah Coen, Muireann O'Connell, Aine O'Connell, Carrie Davey.



Fethard Under 14B County Champions

Back (l-r): Laura Kiely, Caoimhe O'Meara, Amy Fennelly, Sarah Delaney, Aoibhe Browne, Rachel Prout, Maggie Fitzgerald, Lucy Spillane, Katie O'Flynn, Kaylinn O'Donnell, Ava Hickey, Ailish Trayer, Amy Brophy. Front (l-r): Alison Connolly, Nell Spillane, Carrie Davey, Niamh Hayes, Leah Coen, Laura O'Donnell, Aine O'Connell, Lucy Murphy, Maeve Ellie Ryan, Ashleigh Bradshaw, Ciara Connolly.



Aherlow Senior panel 2015. Back l-r: Thomas Peters, Claire Mullins, Deirdre Mullins, Olivia Burke, Eimear Hennessey, Eleanor Ryan, Sara Morrissey, Emer McCarthy, Aine Staunton, Maeve O'Gorman, Aisling O'Gorman, Louise Grogan, Maura Condon, Julie O'Meara, Lar Ivory. Front l-r: Una Carew, Laura Ivory, Grainne Wade, Kate O'Meara, Grainne Condon, Grainne Ryan, Brid Condon and Siobhan Condon. Absent from photo Edel Corcoran.



Aherlow Under 12s with their mentors.



Galtee Rovers – St. Pekaun's County Under 12 A Champions 2015.

Back l-r: Lar Roche (Manager), Megan Tynan, Ellie Peters, Niamh Roche (joint capt), Megan Heffernan (joint Capt), Rebecca Farrell, Clodagh Fanning, Lucy Fogarty, Jane McLoughlin, Leonie Farrell, Catherine Heffernan (selector). Front l-r: Leah Dineen, Alannah Hartnett, Caoimhe O'Dwyer, Aoife Flynn, Emer McCarthy, Fiona Toulhy, Kate Flannery, Sara Finnane, Jenny Ryan, Laura Hally.

Mary O'Shea (Power) began playing in the 1970s with the local club Mullinahone and with Tipperary in 1974 won the inaugural Ladies All-Ireland. Tipperary subsequently defended this title in 1975. Mary continued to play with Tipperary reaching another All Ireland in 1980. She has given sterling service to club and county and continues to do so. Both Mary's daughters have now also enjoyed All Ireland success with Tipperary. Lorraine enjoyed All-Ireland success in 2009 when Tipp won the Under 16 title. Younger sister Aoibhe has enjoyed tremendous success during 2014 and 2015 winning two All Ireland Minor titles (2014 & 2015) and One All Ireland Under 16 (2014). Photo shows Lorraine, Mary and Aoibhe O'Shea with this years All Ireland and Munster Under 16 and Minor Cup





Tipperary Camogie

Even though Tipperary Camogie did not have a lot of success in 2015 things are looking brighter for the future. All managers are in place for all county teams for 2016.

Under-15 Development Manager: Pakie Ryan, Holycross/Ballycahill. This is Pakie's second year as manager of the under-15 Development Squad.

Under-16A Manager: Pat McCormack, Toomevara. Pat was with the Under-14 Development Squad in 2015 and has lots of experience in training camogie teams.

Under-16B Manager: Philly Ryan, Boherlahan. Philly was manager of Under-14 Development Squad in 2015.

Minor Manager: Bill Mullaney, Newport/Ballinchinch. Bill has a lot of experience with training camogie teams. He was a selector with the Under-16 team, which won the Munster and All-Ireland titles in 2014

Intermediate and Senior Manager: Brian Boyle, Drom-Inch. Brian was senior manager in 2015 and has agreed to manage both teams for 2016 he has had numerous successes with teams over the years. In 2012 he reached the semi-final in the intermediate championship. In 2013 he was in charge of Under-16A team which won Munster and All-Ireland titles



Tipperary Senior Camogie team

Back l-r: Laura O'Dwyer (Holycross), Nicole Walsh (Borris-Ileigh), Megan Ryan (Roscrea), Mairead Teehan (Moneygal), Shauna Quirke (Annacarty), Ereena Fryday (Clonoulty), Aoife Mc Loughney (Shannon Rovers), Clodagh Quirke (Clonoulty), Alice Fogarty (Thurles Sarsfields), Julie Ann Bourke (Toomevara), Ciardha Maher (Burgess/Duharra), Caoimhe Bourke (Drom-Inch), Cait Devane (Clonoulty), Gemma Grace (Burgess/Duharra), Brid Quinn (Silvermines), Ann Eviston (Drom-Inch), Sabrina Larkin (Shannon Rovers), Andrea Loughnane (Thurles Sarsfields), Sarah Fryday (Clonoulty), Joanne Ryan (Drom-Inch). Front l-r: Courtney Ryan (Clonoulty), Caoimhe Kennedy (Lorrha), Louise Mc Loughlan (Silvermines), Liz Power Hogan (Drom-Inch), Karen Fox (Annacarty), Roisin Cahill (Kilruane), Orla McEinery (Cahir), Karen Kennedy (Thurles Sarsfields), Mary Ryan (Moneygall), Ciannait Walsh (Annacarty), Aoife McGrath (Drom-Inch), Orla O'Dwyer (Cashel), Keely Lehihan (Newport), Roisin Howard (Cahir), Caoimhe Maher (Burgess/Duharra)



Tipperary Minor team who were beaten by Kilkenny by 1pt in the All Ireland Final and also by Cork in the Munster Final after extra time.

Back l-r: Maeve Coffey, Niamh Ryan, Georgina Finn, Claire Stakelum, Ciardha Maher, Sarah Kinnane, Lianne Kelly, Sarah Quigley, Courtney Ryan, Lorna O'Dwyer, Orla O'Dwyer, Emma Cleary, Rachel Quinlan, Grace O'Brien, Caitriona Skehan, Keely Lenihan, Rachel Maher, Carol Casey. Front l-r: Caoimhe Condon, Emer Loughman, Roisin Cahill, Caoimhe Bourke, Maureen Ryan, Roisin Howard, Miriam Campion, Emer Murphy, Niamh Treacy, Karen Fox, Caroline Mullaney, Sinead Meagher, Nicola Loughnane, Sarah Stakelum, Karen Kennedy



Tipperary Under 14 A County team who won the Munster title blitz for the first time. Back l-r: Katie Dunne, Hazel McMahon, Liam O'Dwyer, Aoife Lenihan, Caoimhe Ryan, Gemma Fox, Pat McCormack, Sarah Burke, Emily Morrissey, Stephaine Dwan, Coailfhionn Maher, Joanne O'Farrell, Lucy Spain, Philly Ryan. Front l-r: Ella Casey, Grace O'Toole, Rosanne O'Donnell, Rachel O'Dwyer, Aoibhenn Fanning, Ellie Ryan, Karin Blair, Ciare Dwan, Emer McGrath, Nore Quinlan, Sarah Madden.

Nenagh Eire Og county junior 'A' champions: Back L-R: Hazel Coffey, Leah Sheedy, Vanessa Tynan, Kate O'Connor, Rita Bourke, Michelle Collins, Alanna Morris, Zoey Gratton, Alicia Hallinan, Ruth Hassett, Sarah Quigley, Laura Tierney, Sarah Kennedy, Kristen Howard, Fiona Hennessy, Ciara Phelan & Mairead Sheridan. Front l-r: Rachel Maher, Grace O'Brien, Kara Ryan Mulqueen, Aislinn O'Brien, Louise Hickey, Holly O'Brien, Ciara McGrath, Aileen Duggan, Emer Ryan, Maeve Coffey, Hazel McAuliffe & Rachel Spillane



Cashel Minor B County Camogie Final winners 2015 Back l-r - Clodagh O'Gorman, Aileen Bergin, Lillian Kelly, Celine Walsh, Orla O'Dwyer, Stacy Farrell, Megan White, Kate O'Donnell, Rebecca Delahunty, Eimear Allison, Kate Gayson Molloy, Michael Perdue, Linda Grogan. Front l-r: Noel Murphy, Nicole Shelley, Rachel Quinlan, Kate Murphy (Captain), Hannah McSweeney, Jill Shanahan, Caoimhe Perdue, Aine O'Dwyer, Laura Connolly, Ciara Moloney, David Moloney.



Burgess-Duharra Senior County Champions 2015.

Back l to r: Paddy O'Flaherty, Darrell Tucker, Elaine King, Triona Cleary, Sinéad Quigley, Caoimhe Maher, Áine O'Halloran, Úna Quigley, Amy Seymour, Ciardha Maher, Tara Kennedy, Áine Gillespie, Aisling Cremin, Pat Grace, Gemma Grace, Aisling Gregan, Maeve Maloney, Sorchu Houlihan, Catherine Houlihan. Front l to r: Nicola Tucker, Sinéad Quinlan, Laura Reid, Katie O'Flaherty, Trish O'Halloran, Jenny Grace, Tara O'Brien, Timmy Maher, Ciara McKeogh, Amy Kennedy, Ruth Barry, Louise Hayes, Ciara Houlihan, Eimear McDonnell, Ciardha Maloney (mascot), Donie Nealon, Ailish Maher.

Kickhams celebrates four fantastic county titles

2015 will go down in the annals of the Knockavilla Kickhams Camogie Club as one of the most successful to date capturing four underage County Titles in one season. Three of these titles were achieved when our teams played in the A Grade. Since 2013 the Club has contested and won eight County Finals. This year the club achieved unprecedented success and it all began when our U12s, defeated Silvermines in the County A Spring League Final on June 29th on a scoreline of Kickhams 5-7 to Silvermines 1-1. Building on this success, on August 5th, our U13s defeated Nenagh, again in the County 'A' Championship Final on a score line of 5-9 to 1-0.

Continuing on our winning ways our U12A team had a hard fought victory over Shannon Rovers on September 19th last in the County A Autumn League on a scoreline of 4-10 to 2-3. October 10th, our U14 team lined out to again meet Shannon Rovers this time in County C Championship Final. This was a

tensely fought battle with two evenly matched teams and the result was very much in the balance until the final whistle. The final score was Kickhams 5-6 Shannon Rovers 5-4.

Our U10's also enjoyed success this year and on the August Bank Holiday when they won the Lou O'Grady Memorial Cup in Rosegreen.

We are the only Camogie Club in the County to field two U12 teams both in 2014 and in 2015.

Uniquely also this year we had three girls in our Club play in the Primary Games two representing Thomastown NS; Rebecca Farrell (Football) and Eimear Heffernan (Hurling) and also Caoimhe McCarthy (Hurling) St. Bridgets NS Donaskeigh.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute and thank all our trainers, officers, volunteers and parents who have all contributed to these successes. The future is bright and we look forward 2016.



Kickhams U14 County C Champions Back l-r: Sheila Crosse (mentor), Seamus Furlong (mentor), Eimear Heffernan, Anisha Donoghue, Camryn Verdon, Saoirse Madigan, Kerri Anne Walshe, Sinead Furlong, Kate O'Heney, Leonie Farrell, Holly Fitzgerald, Emma Ryan, Noreen McCormack (Mentor), Mitchell Heffernan (Mentor). Middle l-r: Kevin McCarthy (mentor), Maggie Butler, Caoimhe McCarthy, Mary Louise O'Rourke, Caoimhe McCormack, Emma Hogan, Eimear Gleeson, Megan McCormack, Emma O'Mara, Doireann Hales, Sinead Hayes, Emma Daly, Emma Ryan (BW). Front Row (L to R): Rebecca Farrell, Savannah Greene, Clara Walshe, Sarah Mae Crosse (capt), MacKenzie Thompson.



Kickhams U12 County A Autumn League Champions Back l-r: Liza Gleeson (mentor), Rebecca Farrell, Camryn Verdon, Emma Ryan, Jessie Horgan, Kate O'Heney, Paddy Fitzgerald (Manager). Front l-r: Tony Farrell (mentor), Mary Louise O'Rourke, Holly Fitzgerald, Emma Daly, Eimear Gleeson, Caoimhe McCormack (capt), Chloe Farrell, Leonie Farrell, Emma O'Mara. Missing from photo Saoirse Madigan.



Kickhams U10 Lou O'Grady Cup Winners

The Kickhams U10 team who for the first time won the Lou O'Grady Cup in Rosegreen. Back l-r: Kellie Browne, Kate O'Shea, Roisin Astwood, Niamh Hayes, Clara Greene, Orianna Heney. Front l-r: Jade Horgan, Jessie Horgan, Ali Buckley, Ruby Kelly, Megan O'Grady, Joanne Ryan.



Kickhams U13 County A Champions. Back l-r: Seamus Furlong (mentor), Kevin McCarthy (mentor), Emma O'Mara, Eimear Gleeson, Caoimhe McCarthy, Sarah Mae Crosse, Camryn Verdon, Emma Ryan, Ellie Hadnett, Eimear Heffernan, Doireann Hales, Kate O'Heney, Rebecca Farrell, Sinead Furlong, Chloe Farrell, Mary Louise O'Rourke, Jessie Horgan, MacKenzie Thompson, Caoimhe McCormack, Mitchell Heffernan (mentor). Front l-r: Savannah Greene, Sinead Hayes, Leonie Farrell, Holly Fitzgerald, Sarah Quinn, Emma Daly, Saoirse Madigan, Megan McCormack (capt), Ellen Butler, Oonagh Hales, Aoibhinn Ryan, Maggie Butler, Clara Walshe. Missing from photo Emma Hogan and Anisha Donoghue



Kickhams U12 County A Spring League Champions Back l-r: Liza Gleeson (mentor), Emma Ryan, Kate O'Heney, Emma O'Mara, Camryn Verdon, Eimear Gleeson, Leonie Farrell, Jessie Horgan, Tony Farrell (mentor). Front l-r: Mitchell Heffernan (Club Chairman), Rebecca Farrell, Caoimhe McCormack, Holly Fitzgerald, Mary Louise O'Rourke (capt), Emma Daly, Chloe Farrell, Paddy Fitzgerald (Manager). Missing from Photo Ellie Hadnett.



Tipperary Senior Camogie Management Team 2015

Left to right: Sarah Devane (Ballina), Tim Maher (Burgess/Duharra), Brian Boyle (Drom/Inch) (Manager), Ken McDonnell (Coach), Laura King (Physio)



Cait Devane has been nominated for an All Star Award, the Cidona GAA Award and she has been picked by Munster Camogie Council as best player in Munster for 2015.

At the start of 2015 Tipperary Camogie held Concussion Awareness night in the Camogie Grounds in The Ragg.



Carmel Harkin, Tipperary Camogie Chairperson presenting flowers to Sharon Ralph, Moycarkey/Borris for volunteer of the year 2015



Nenagh Eire Og's Rita Bourke commiserates with Silvermines Ciara Gleeson following the County Under 16 semi final played in Nenagh.



Tipperary Under 13 Development Squad. Back l-r: Mitchell Heffernan (manager), Caoimhe McCarthy (Kickhams), Kelly Healy (Borris-Ileigh), Eimear Heffernan (Kickhams), Laura Heffernan (Annacarth), Roisin Bambrick (Thurles), Makayla O'Donnell (Moyle Rovers), Ciara Morrissey (Brian Boru), Laura O'Brien (Brian Boru), Roseanna Kiely (Cahir), Sinead Hayes (Kickhams), Aoibheann Delaney (Silvermines), Sarah Mae Crosse (Kickhams), Megan McCormack (Kickhams), Emma Kennedy (Roscrea), Orla Flannery (Kildangan), Mary Flatherty (Toomevara), Kate Fogarthy (Drom & Inch), Julie Brennan (Holycross), Laura Lennane (Shannon Rovers), Ciara Johnstone (coach), Aine O'Donnell (coach), Grainne O'Donnell (mascot). Front l-r: Sarah Lane (Ballina), Abbie Sheedy (Nenagh), Aine Slattery (Shannon Rovers), Lucy Shanahan (Toomevara), Jill Ann Quirke (Annacarth), Sarah Seymour (Kildangan), Derval Heffernan (Clonoulty), Eva O'Dwyer (Annacarth), Sharon Shanahan (Roscrea). Absent from photo: Eve Moloney (Cashel), Sarah Hallinan (Nenagh), Naoise Maclooney (Nenagh), Courtney Wright (Roscrea), Nedin Stokes (Newport), Ciara Connolly (Newport).



**Newport Ballinahinch U16 A
County Champions 2015**

Back l-r: Edel Flanagan, Josie Curtin, Elizabeth Floyd, Izzy Ryan, Amy Quigley, Elizabeth Allen, Grace Allen, Aoife Baker, Leah Healy, Ruth Allen, Ciara Sweeney, Liza McKeogh, Gillian Lyons, Mike Jones, Christine Hennessy. Front l-r: Caoimhe McGrath, Sarah Hennessy, Grace O'Toole, Grace Floyd, Emma Flanagan, Katie Jones (capt), Thea Curtin, Trudy Hurley, Niamh Sheldon, Aoife Shimmers.

Toomevara - North Munster League winners.

Back: Julie Ann Bourke, Sarah Corcoran, Marie McCarthy, Emma Louise Coffey, Moira Ryan, Laura Young, Sharon Young, Mairead Devanney, Aine Shanahan, Shelia Ryan, Laura Power, Nicole Kenneally, Lorna Brislane, Marguerite Young, Mary Meagher, Aileen Hogan
Front: Gemma McCarthy, Aoife Ryan, Lizzy Woods, Trisha Cleere, mascot Frankie Cleere, Louisa Connolly, Margaret Grace, Mary Grace, Cliona Ryan, Christine Coffey, Paula Ryan, mascot Tom Cleere.



**Kilruane MacDonaghs
County Féile champions.**

Back: Louise Torpey, Bonny Conroy, Ali Mulcahy, Clíodhna Nevin, Laura Shimmers, Sinéad McAteer, Eve-Anna McCarthy, Emma Cleary, Amy Hill, Mickela McGrath. Front: Tara O'Brien, Molly O'Brien, Aishling Nevin, Gráinne O'Meara, Kate Ryan, Abigail Quinlivan, Maya Bourke, Aine Spain, Anna Mulcahy, Katie O'Meara, Orla Molloy.



Toomevara U16C county champions. Back Sarah Corcoran (coach), Lauren Ryan, Grace Gleeson, Wanessa Sado, Sinead Kelly, Ciara Slevin, Margaret Quigley, Joanne O Farrell, Eileen Gleeson, Mickaela Doran, Mary Flaherty, Jackie Meagher (coach). Front Ella Kenny, Mary O'Brien, Elena Sheedy, Lucy Shanahan, Rachel Shanahan (capt), Jamie Meagher (mascot), Aisling McCormack, Caoimhe Cantwell, Linda Nolan



Toomevara U12 Championship winners
Back Julie Ann Bourke (coach), Aisling O Farrell, Ciara Kenneally, Laoise Cummins, Orla Hogan, Sinead O Dwyer, Pa McCormack (coach). Front: Holly Madden, Anna Grace, Niamh O'Brien, Sarah McCarthy, Laura Bergin, Katie Ryan. In front of team Toomevara supporters.



Brian Borus Under 14 team who won the Paddy Carey Cup in Mallow on October 17th 2015.



Cahir Under 12 camogie team after winning the "C" county final in The Ragg along with their mentors and manager.



Toomevara U13 Summer league winners
Back l-r Aisling O Farrell, Anna Grace, Eileen Gleeson, Lauren Ryan, Sinead O'Dwyer, Laoise Cummins, Pa McCormack (coach), Ciara Kenneally, JohnJoe Ryan (coach), Sarah McCarthy, Orla Hogan. Front: Laura O'Meara, Laura Bergin, Niamh O'Brien, Lucy Shanahan, Lucy Armstrong, Amy Bergin. On ground Mary Flaherty Micheala Doran.



Cahir - Intermediate County Champions 2015

Back l-r: Shauna O'Donnell, Grainne Quirke, Aoife Corcoran, Lorna McEniry, Eadaoin O'Gorman, Laura Dillon, Caral Casey, Aoife Casey, Eileen Flannery, Derola Buckley, Aoife O'Donnell, Kirsty Arbuckle, Shauna Burke, Emma O'Donnell.

Front l-r: Orla McEniry, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Aisling McCarthy (C), Roisin Costigan, Sinead Kennedy, Ashling Moloney, Caoimhe Condon, Roisin Howard, Emma Buckley, Laura Casey, Alissa Keating, Clara O'Donnell.

Eire Óg Annacarty Donohill Camogie Club

It was a really successful year for our club, winning U12, U14 (league and championship), U 15 and U16 County titles. Our U14s also competed in the Feile competition.

In addition to this, we have teams at U8 and U10, we got to an U13 county final and lost by 1 point to Toomevara, minors got to a play off for a semi final position and our Seniors competed very well in the Senior Championship in just our second year up at this grade.

The club is going from strength to strength and we had representatives on the County U13, U14, U16, Minor and Senior camogie panels this year.



U 12 B Autumn League County Champions 2015.
Eire Og 3.4 Holycross 3.1.

Back l-r: Shauna Heffernan, Aine Ryan, Aoife Fleming, Nia Donovan, Meabh Ryan, Ciara Fleming, Annie Kingston, Scarlett O'Brien, Ellen Gantley, Becky Ryan, Orla O'Brien.

Front l-r: Jennifer Heffernan, Aoife Aherne, Aimee Kelly, Aoibhinn White, Cora Heffernan, Danielle Ryan, Sophie Heffernan (joint captain), Eva O'Dwyer (joint captain), Aine O'Dwyer, Libby Quinn.



U14 A County Championship Winners 2015.
Eire Og 5.5 Newport 0.2

Back l-r: Ciara Ryan, Gemma Fox, Rosanna O'Donnell, Rachel O'Dwyer, Sarah Burke, Caoimhe Brady, Jill Anne Quirke, Eva O'Dwyer, Rebecca Renahan, Laura Heffernan, Eva Moloney.

Front l-r: Charlotte Curry, Ciara Kelly, Scarlett O'Brien, Cora Heffernan, Orla O'Brien, Jodie Light(captain), Sophie Heffernan, Kirsty Light, Leah Heffernan, Sarah Jane Furlong.



U16 B County Championship Winners 2015. Eire Og 9.12 Cashel 0.5
Back l-r: Sean Hogan (manager), Sarah Duggan, Katelyn Fleming, Rosanna O'Donnell, Rachel O'Dwyer, Sarah Burke, Gemma Fox, Lauryan Horgan, Jill Anne Quirke, Jodie Light, Catriona Coughlan, Sarah Jane Furlong, Leah Heffernan, David Hennessy(selector). Front l-r: Margaret Kelly (selector), Clara Stapleton, Ciara Ryan, Jean Kelly, Courtney Quinn, Eibhlis McDonald (captain), Rachel O'Carroll, Aoife Ryan, Laura Heffernan, Kirsty Light, Siobhan O'Neill (selector).



U15 B County Champions 2015. Eire Og 3.13 Holycross 3.5.
Back l-r: Rachel O Carroll, Ciara Ryan, Leah Heffernan, Catriona Coughlan, Charlotte Curry, Gemma Fox, Jill Anne Quirke, Eva O Dwyer, Sarah Jane Furlong, Eva Moloney, Jodie Light. Front l-r: Kirsty Light, Laura Heffernan, Sarah Burke, Rachel O'Dwyer, Courtney Quinn(captain), Rosanna O'Donnell, Caoimhe Brady, Rebecca Renahan, Clara Stapleton.



U14 A County League Champions 2015. Eire Og 2.9 Newport 0.6
Back l-r: Siobhan O'Neill, Leah Heffernan, Scarlett O'Brien, Kirsty Light, Sophie Heffernan, Laura Heffernan, Sarah Jane Furlong, Charlotte Curry, Eva O'Dwyer, Eva Moloney, Ciara Ryan, Liam O'Dwyer, Tim Heffernan. Front l-r: Gemma Fox, Jill Anne Quirke, Cora Heffernan, Orla O'Brien, Rebecca Renahan, Rosanna O'Donnell, Jodie Light (captain), Sarah Burke, Rachel O'Dwyer, Caoimhe Brady, Ellen Gantley.

Thurles' eighth was as sweet as any

Thurles CBS eighth Dr Harty Cup crown was celebrated wildly in Mallow GAA grounds in the spring, after the blue and gold army defeated a fancied St Francis' College Rochestown in a pulsating final.

There were times during the course of the campaign when this side struggled to get into gear, couldn't find a rhythm and even flattered to deceive. But, when push came to shove, there was to be no deceiving in the final as the lads called on all the experience gained in the campaign, and over the last few years, to win as sweet a title as you will come across.

Just what this victory meant to everyone associated with Thurles CBS was perfectly illustrated when the final whistle sounded. The players were swarmed on the pitch by their peers, their parents and well wishers alike. So many clubs and parishes united in joyous celebration, as all four divisions in Tipp, and representatives from Laois and Kilkenny enjoyed something very special indeed. This was the final leg of the Harty Cup journey, and though the All-Ireland series beckoned thereafter, the Harty Cup was the one everybody wanted. Anything else would be a bonus after that.

Of course Thurles had had a tough campaign to get the Harty Cup Final, but the stern tests stood to them - they shaped and moulded their team, learned a lot from the different encounters and knew the value of their reserves by the time they were really needed. And, needed they would be.

The one point win over Gaelcholáiste Mhuire of Cork in the quarter final at Kilmallock really tested the mettle. Playing with a strong wind in the first half Gaelcholáiste Mhuire led by 0-5 before the Thurles lads hit back with goals from Jack Butler and Billy McCarthy. They led by 2-4 to 0-7 at the break and were nearly made to pay for some wasteful shooting which saw them score only four points in the second half, but they held on for a 2-8 to 1-10 win.

The semi-final was equally as tough - another one point win materialising against Castletroy Community College in Toomevara 1-9 to 0-11. They withstood a ferocious second half fightback from Castletroy who did superbly well to be in with a chance at the end having played almost 50 minutes with 14 men after full forward Ian Coates was issued with a straight red card for an off the ball strike on Thurles' Jack Derby.

Thurles struggled to make their numerical advantage count in the bitterly cold conditions, that was until the final five minutes of the first half when they scored three unanswered points from Ronan Heffernan (2 frees) and Michael Connors before Robbie Long struck for the goal in added time, deflecting Heffernan's free to the net.

Castletroy had the breeze with them after the break and they made it count with Nash's free-taking to a high standard while half back Andrew La Touche Cosgrave burst forward for two inspirational scores. However, crucially, the Limerick side were unable to level as Thurles kept their noses in front with Niall Heffernan continuing to be the teams chief threat in attack.

The final drew a huge attendance to Mallow and those two tight games in the quarter and semi-finals were to stand to Thurles who were managed by Niall Cahill, Martin Maher and John Devane.

Their 2-12 to 1-12 win saw them finish with a flourish to claim Dr Harty Cup glory for an eighth time. Trailing by a point with 11 minutes remaining, Thurles landed four in a row down the home straight to capture the coveted silverware for the first time since 2009.

Despite playing against the breeze in the second half, Rochestown still managed to rally from four points down at half-time to draw level by the 44th minute. And with eleven minutes remaining, Rochestown were a point clear when their leading scorer, Ciaran Cormack, landed a free to establish a 1-12 to 2-8 lead.

But Thurles, inspired by midfielder Billy McCarthy, were strong down the home straight and the Thurles Sarsfields dynamo landed two crucial points to put the winners a point ahead again. Kevin Duggan and Michael Connors added further scores for Thurles as they came on strong just when it was needed most to settle a tie that had been level five times.

Thurles lost Niall Heffernan to a second yellow card at the death but they had done enough by then. First half goals from Kevin Duggan and

McCarthy were crucial to this latest Harty success for Thurles, who led by 2-7 to 1-6 at the midway point. After Cormack scorched through for a sensational tenth minute goal for Rochestown, Duggan netted in the 16th minute before McCarthy struck on the stroke of half-time.

Shane Kingston was excellent in that first half for Rochestown, collecting three points from play, but the Douglas starlet had a good goal chance saved by William Tierney with 13 minutes left, at a time when Rochestown were a point down. Robbie Long, lively throughout, could have netted for Thurles five minutes before the break but his shot drew a fine save from Andrew Cullinane, before Long followed up to point the rebound.

It was a magnificent victory and though they celebrated it right well, they vowed to knuckle down and give the All-Ireland series a right go. They did.

A 0-18 to 1-12 win over St Peter's of Wexford courtesy of seven



The Thurles CBS team prior to the start of the Harty Cup final against Rochestown College at Mallow.

unanswered points in the periods immediately before and after half-time were crucial as they overcame their opponents at WIT grounds in Carrigrohane, Waterford. A second-minute goal from Rory O'Connor had helped the Wexford town school to lead for much of the first half and Matthew Joyce's point put them 1-9 to 0-7 in front after 25 minutes.

Thurles found an extra gear, however, as Ronan Teehan scored two points and Robbie Long, Niall Heffernan and Kevin Duggan got one each as Thurles had drawn level by the interval. In fact, the Dr Harty Cup champions could even have been ahead but Michael Connors' goal was ruled out as he had been in the large rectangle.

While Thurles might have feared that the break would puncture their momentum, instead they powered on as Teehan and Heffernan put them ahead for the first time. The Peter's rhythm, so prevalent in the first half, wasn't as smooth as they racked up more than twice as many wides in the second period. Even so, two frees from Billy Dunne - son of Wexford manager Liam - kept them in touch, with a point between the teams, 0-15 to 0-11, as the final quarter dawned.

Heffernan's fifth point extended the advantage but then Thurles needed goalkeeper William Tierney to make a brilliant full-length save to deny Rory O'Connor a goal. Billy McCarthy pointed for Thurles immediately after that let-off and they weren't going to be denied from there.

Denial though was to be the outcome in the final played on the Easter Bank Holiday weekend in Semple Stadium when St Kieran's College, Kilkenny had the better in a 1-15 to 1-12 scoreline. Kieran's continued their stay at the summit of schools hurling, securing their 20th Croke Cup title with a deserved three-point win even though a Robbie Long injury-time point had reduced the deficit to three and made for a tense conclusion as Thurles searched frantically for a goal. St Kieran's, as they had done all afternoon, stood firm.

It had been a magnificent season for Thurles CBS and the Harty Cup will rest proudly in the famed trophy cabinet for the commencement of the bi-centennial celebrations in January. The hope would be that it could be retained and would remain there until the end of those same celebrations.

That's the challenge now lads.

ABBEY CBS SFC 'B' ALL IRELAND SEMI PANEL



Back L/R; Michael McCormack, Andrew McGrath, Stephen Moloneey, Kevin Kinane, Shane Neville, Jamie Ryan, James Condon, Cian Quish, Eoghan McNamara, Niall Fogarty, Callum Fanning, Shane Ryan (Bansha), Paul Ryan, Andrew Vance, Jack Comerford, Stephen O'Dwyer, Conor Devlin, Cian Ryan and Darragh Fanning. Front L/R; Chrisstian O'Dwyer, Shane Power, David Byron, Keith Landy (Capt.), Caolán Hennessy, Josh Ryan, Darragh Egan, Tommy Lowry, Denis O'Dea, Gerard Halligan, Brian Fanning and Shane Ryan (Lattin Cullen).

Great year for Abbey School, Tipperary

The 2014/15 season proved to be a fruitful one for the Abbey School, Tipperary Town. The Abbey won the Munster Post-Primary Schools Senior Football B championship for a record 7th time when defeating Hamilton High School, Bandon in February on a score-line of 3-9 to 0-8.

The Abbey had defeated three other Cork schools on their way to the final; St. Colman's, Fermoy (0-14 to 1-2), Roscarberry (1-15 to 2-7) and CSN, Bishopstown (3-11 to 2-10).

The Abbey had one of the great days in their history in the All-Ireland semi-final when they defeated the Ulster Champions, Coláiste na Carraige of Donegal by a single point (0-9 to 0-8) in Mullingar at the end of March.

The Abbey qualified to play St. Mary's CBS, Carlow in the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools B football final in Croke Park in mid-April. It had been 10 years since the Abbey had reached this stage and 17 years since they had won this crown for the one and only time. Unfortunately the All-Ireland did not go to plan for the Abbey and although they fought to the bitter end they were defeated 1-14 to 3-3 by an excellent Carlow side.

The day will be long remembered by all those involved but particularly the entry of star mid-fielder Darragh Fanning (Pallasgreen) who entered the field with 25 minutes to go

having miraculously recovered from injuries sustained in a serious car accident a couple of days after the Munster final.

The 2014/15 season also saw the Abbey reach the Munster Post-Primary Schools Under 15 B hurling final against Gaelcholáiste Mhuire, Cork losing on a score-line of 1-12 to 0-14. The Abbey had defeated Rice College, Ennis (4-16 to 1-9), St. Caimin's, Shannon (1-17 to 1-3) and CBC, Cork (2-11 to 1-11) en route to the final.

The Abbey also reached the Munster Post-Primary Schools Under 16.5 Football final losing to Rathmore, Kerry in the final on a score-line of 2-6 to 0-8. The Abbey had defeated DLS Macroom (4-7 to 2-10), Roscarberry (3-12 to 1-5) and St. Fachtna's Skibereen (2-13 to 2-8) on their journey to the final.

It was a very busy and exciting year for all the students and teachers involved with the various teams in the school. The school also set up a support group 'The Friends of the Abbey' during the year and the school would like to acknowledge the support coming from the clubs in our catchment area throughout the year.

The Abbey also contributed to a number of inter-county teams in both hurling and football for Tipperary and Limerick. A special mention to School Principal, John Kiely, who managed the Limerick Under 21 hurlers to Munster and All-Ireland glory in September.

Some more evidence for hurling prior to the foundation of the GAA

by Pat Bracken

It can be fairly well stated that there is a general belief that hurling was almost lost in the nineteenth century, and that it, and other Irish pastimes, were being taken over by other foreign and fantastic field sports. But how much of this is myth, and how much is fact? A quick examination of the national and local press in Ireland from the immediate aftermath of the famine right up to the end of 1884 would suggest that there is a good deal of truth in this belief. It was variously described as a game that hovered near extinction in the decades after the Great Famine, and as a thing of the past which was forgotten to the rising generation in the 1870s.

The likelihood is that much hurling went unrecorded. Evidence from Petty Sessions records and other newspapers sources contradict the notion that the game was in decline in the post-Famine period. Rather it shows that hurling was very much alive in post-Famine Ireland. As other games became codified in the Victorian era it was only a matter of time before something happened with hurling. This occurred with the foundation of the GAA in 1884 and the codification of hurling and Gaelic football which followed.

From a Tipperary perspective the source material for this article is biased towards the premier county. It is likely that much the same conclusions may be drawn for other counties where hurling was played or recorded if similar studies were conducted.

In writing his authorised history of the GAA, in 1980, Marcus de Búrca, in setting the tone and background to the foundation of the GAA, looked at some evidence for hurling and football, according to Irish rules, noting that hurling as a “game was to be seriously disrupted by the Great Famine of 1847.”¹ Yet, de Búrca continued that “while the 40-year period from the Famine to the rise of the GAA probably saw them nearer than ever to extinction, native games did not die. For that proposition there is ample evidence. Dublin Castle itself is authority for the statement that by the late 1850s hurling was played all over Munster.”²

In his *History of Hurling*, Seamus King gives another key element to understanding the reasons as to why hurling was in decline. Quoting from “Part of the autobiography of an agitator”, Seamus presents evidence as given by Michael Doheny in a series of newspaper articles, which were written in 1859. In this quotation is arguably one of the key elements which led to a decline of hurling in Ireland – that of the unavailability of land or



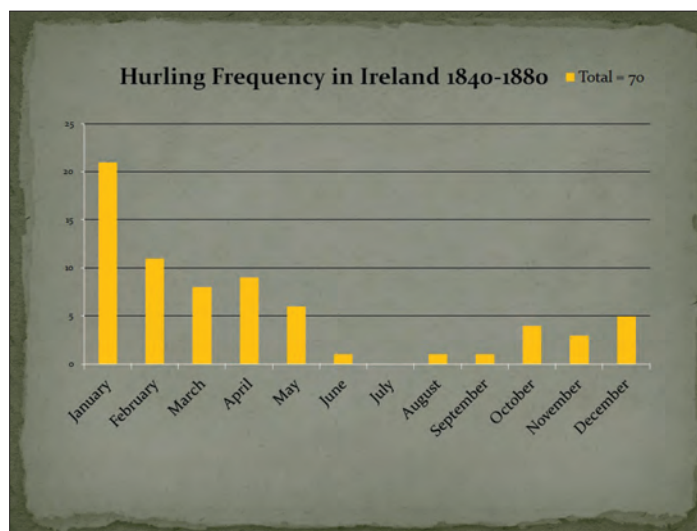
Edward O'Connor (courtesy Terry O'Connor)

grounds on which to play the game. Doheny observed that

there was yet another cause which operated more effectively than any or, perhaps, all others, namely, the disinclination of the farmers to allow the hurling on their grazing lands...In the space of twenty years it was so extended that what was at first a rare exception, indeed, became a universal and unrelenting rule. That evils were growing up with the sport were undoubted: but the evils could be averted and crushed out by the same power and agency that were sufficient to put down the hurling itself.³

The issue of space and the places where hurling could be played is important in understanding its alleged decline in the nineteenth century and the extent to which regulation impeded its advancement. A cause for this can be easily seen in the number of nineteenth century bills which restricted space and the areas available for play or recreation, especially amongst the lower classes. As we all know, hurling involving whatever number of players requires a lot of space on which to play the game. Space, whether on private lands, commonage, or on the public roads in the nineteenth century fell under the watchful eye of the lawmaker and law keepers, and as such, the opportunity for play was at the behest of a benevolent landowner. The regulation of the public highways was to have a serious impact on the playing of sports and games, especially so for the juvenile members of communities. The constabulary were vigilant and where offences occurred it was likely that the offenders would appear before the local Petty Sessions court. Such was the fate of William Cormack of Templemore, who appeared before the local court, in 1852, having been summonsed by Head Constable, George Patterson, for playing hurling on the street. Also in 1852, in Clonmel at the Mayor's Court, the practice of hurling in the streets was described as an intolerable nuisance and one which must be checked.

As if restrictions as to where play could take place were not enough there was also some regulation in terms of play and recreation, which might take place on a Sunday. In 1838 a proclamation was issued from the Constabulary Office, in Dublin, which directed, amongst other items, that hurling, commoning,



Hurling frequency in Ireland 1840-1880 based on research for this article

and football playing, or any other games, pastimes, or sports on the Lord's Day, or any part thereof, were subject to a penalty of one shilling for every such offence.

These laws were not exclusive to Ireland. They also impacted on the wherewithal of the ordinary man and woman to engage in sporting recreation throughout the British Isles. Not only work, but play on the Sabbath also drew down the wrath of the authorities. If the restrictions on play were not specifically saying so, the way in which they were enforced, demonstrates that the authorities were determined to undermine the capability of the lower classes to meet for recreation, especially in public areas. Local constables maintained a watchful eye on proceedings in their jurisdiction, with men and boys brought before the local courts for misdemeanours, such as playing hurling on the Sabbath, trespassing on land looking for a lost ball, or playing hurling on the street.

The documentary evidence from the various local Tipperary newspapers in the aftermath of the famine years carry several hurling references throughout the county, even though they mostly relate to Petty Sessions appearances for trespass or hurling on Sunday. Between 1854 and 1859 forty-three men from the hinterland of Fethard appeared before the Petty Sessions Court between 1854 and 1859, having been charged with playing hurling on the Sabbath or for committing trespass while playing hurling. But how many more instances or such games are there? We'll never know. It is likely that some groups of men and boys may have been just hunted away and told not to come back; others may just have absconded when they saw the constabulary arrive, whilst others may well have had approval and were let play. Similarly, near Bansha, in 1856, fourteen men were arrested, once again on a Sunday, and unusually their occupations were given on the Petty Sessions records. Two farmers and twelve labourers were each fined six pence

Sunday was the favoured day for hurling in this period (though based on a small numerical sample of just 51 days). The Petty Sessions records for breach of the Sabbath contribute greatly to this. Hurling on other days would not come under this law, and so will go unnoticed.

By the third quarter of the nineteenth century hurling was often unruly and prone to violence. Disagreements, for one reason or another, whether between factions; over a comment passed during play; or even over a girl, inevitably led to a row on the field, a row which frequently resulted in serious injury or death! Nine instances are recorded where a player died as a result of malicious injuries received while hurling, seven instances of assault and two of accidental death.

Indeed, there is some evidence to suggest that personal animosity or family feuds were frequently the reason behind some of these, with retribution for past slights or offence taken out on someone or other on the field of play. In 1862, a man was arrested in Cobh, allegedly heading for America, after fatally injuring another man at a match in Two Mile Borris. In another instance, in south Tipperary, in 1871, a dispute between two families owing to trespass in a quarry and a subsequent tender for the repair of a road, ultimately led to the death of a man, a son of one of the parties, at a hurling match, when he received a blow of a hurley to his head.

The evidence, biased though it is on Tipperary, highlights the county as one area prominent in terms of the number of pre-1884 hurling references identified.⁴ Many men who played hurling emigrated in the post-famine era. With the tide of emigration went the game of hurling. As Seamus King has also noted "it is most likely that the Irish who arrived in such numbers into England in the post-Famine period brought the game of hurling with them. However, it is unlikely that the game was organised in any meaningful way until after the foundation of the GAA."⁵

Irish emigrants took hurling to Australia, America, Canada and Argentina where the game was very much alive in the late 1870s. An exile in Australia, in 1880, wrote about his childhood memories and that they had a hurling match not far from the banks of the Shannon in the years before the Famine. About sixty

Hurling Teams in Australia 1876-1884

• Warrnambool	1876	Melbourne	1877
• Collingwood	1877	Upper Yarra H.C.	1877
• Richmond	1877	Heidelberg	1877
• Kyneton	1877	Geelong	1877
• Prahran	1878	Brighton	1878
• St. Kilda	1878	Ballarat	1878
• Koroit	1878	Bungaree & Warrenheip	1878
• Bohemians	1878	Lauriston	1879
• Woodford	1880	Young Victorians H.C.	1880
• Hotham	1880	South Melbourne Ind.	1881
• Emerald Hill	1881	Timor	1884

Hurling teams in Australia 1876-1884

men stripped off to hurl.⁶ In 1850, the Christmas sports at Drayton, [near Brisbane, Queensland], featured a hurling match, for which it was expected that the "Tipperary boys, Corkonians and the Dubos will contend."⁷ In 1863, a report from Geelong noted that a Hurling Club was established, at the Royal Charter Hotel, where a committee was appointed to draw up a code of rules, and arrange for the first grand match. It was also intended by the members of the Cosmopolitan Hurling Club that no member would be allowed to play if he was under the influence of alcohol. Apart from the fact that a club was organised the reference to the drawing up of a code of rules indicates a very early attempt to codify hurling, as played in Australia, coming six years before the date generally accepted when a set of rules were produced by the Killimor club in Co. Galway.

From 1877, hurling reports appeared with greater frequency in the Australian press. Most of the adult Irish who emigrated in the immediate aftermath of the famine would have been too old to play in these games. The emigrants also began to play Australian Rules football, cricket, and rugby union. Rugby league and boxing were sports which the working class were attracted to in the expanding cities. The men who established hurling clubs, in the latter half of the 1870s were new, or recent, migrants to Australia. Clubs were founded to give these men a common sporting identity and a place to meet. If that was so, as it would seem reasonable to argue, then it suggests a situation whereby hurling was popular in Ireland in the 1850s, '60s and '70s and far from oblivion as has previously been argued by some commentators. In July 1877 the first great hurling tournament which has yet been played in Victoria, took place on Saturday afternoon, on the Civil Service cricket ground, the contestants being teams from the Melbourne and Warrnambool hurling clubs respectively. Both clubs may be said to be in their infancy as regards their establishment, the Warrnambool having been organised last November, and the Melbourne dating its first meeting only from Easter Monday last. Both, however, number many veteran hurlers, for, it is hardly necessary to say, the game, though so new to this colony, is a very old one indeed. It is the chief outdoor game of the south of Ireland, where it has reached its highest stage of cultivation, though in the north of Ireland, under the name of "commons," it also numbers a large band of supporters.⁸

Some of the earliest hurling teams were in Melbourne. News of upcoming matches and training sessions were transmitted to the members of hurling clubs via the local Australian press. Kavanagh's Star and Garter Hotel and Cody's Abbotsford Hotel, South Melbourne, were the de facto club rooms for many hurling teams. In hotels like these the hotel owner was regularly the club chairman. This had a positive role in the emergence of new clubs, coupled with it also making good business sense on behalf of the hotel proprietor.

Enthusiasm for the game continued. Hurleys were imported from Ireland and teams consisting of 15 to 25 players aside were

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Lauriston Hurling Club early 1880s (courtesy Terry O'Connor)

features of the game. On Monday 15 April 1878, a meeting took place at Dillon's Hotel, Melbourne, when representatives of several clubs inclusive of Richmond, Brighton, Collingwood, Prahran, Melbourne and Kyneton attended. The motivation for the meeting was to adopt one set of rules to regulate hurling in Victoria. On foot of the meeting the Victorian Hurling Club Association was established. There were sixteen rules adopted at the meeting. These laws were to be revised by a committee appointed to carry out any necessary changes. These were then submitted to the respective clubs for their approval.⁹ Considering the availability of the Australian press in Ireland one could infer that the establishment of a hurling association in Victoria came to the attention of Michael Cusack. If Cusack was aware of the development of hurling in Australia at this time [and it is acknowledged here that there is no evidence to suggest that he did] it could, in some small way, account for his switch of attention from rugby to the promotion of hurling in Dublin in the early 1880s.

The playing area for some matches was recorded in the press as measuring 250 yards by 150 yards.¹⁰ After the GAA was founded and the first official rules of hurling were published they indicated that the ground "shall, when convenient, be at least 200 yards long by 150 yards broad, or as near to that size as possible".¹¹ Yet, in Australia, in the years before the GAA was founded, aspects of the game, not unlike those identified in the official GAA rulebook, were used. These indicate that a traditional way of playing the game went to Australia with the emigrants and that there were elements of codification present prior to the establishment of the GAA.

In Victoria, there were at least twenty-two hurling teams active at some stage in the years prior to the foundation of the GAA. Many of these clubs were initially formed by groups of men who came together to play handball. They subsequently formed themselves into hurling clubs. If the game was virtually dead and unknown to the rising generation in Ireland, then it beggars belief that several thousand miles away in Australia, men of Irish origin were forming hurling clubs. They had a shared knowledge

of the game, something which they would not have found in Australia. They had to have taken it with them when they left Ireland.

Some years later, in 1886, at the opening match of Lismore Hurling Club, it was noted that "the team, of which Mr. Denis Maloney is the secretary, numbers sixteen members, all fine specimens of manhood; possessing splendid physique, several of the men being over six feet in height and proportionately built, and as nearly all have had experience of the game in the old country they will doubtless prove stubborn opponents to any team that they may chance to be pitted against."¹²

Hurling was on the threshold of something new in Australia. However, problems associated with grounds, the availability of players and the attraction of other sports were to tell on the way the game ebbed and flowed in the various colonies. In the years subsequent to the foundation of the GAA, the popularity of the game in the state of Victoria soon spread to New South Wales. Hurling subsequently arrived in the goldfields of West Australia and it also the ranching districts in the south of Queensland, especially around Brisbane in the late 1890s.¹³

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Hibernian Inn Senior Hurling Championship (Frank McGrath Cup)

Kildangan 1 – 18 Templederry Kenyons 0 – 18 in Nenagh

Referee: John Cleary, Knockshegowna. Captain: Joe Gallagher

Denis Meats Intermediate Hurling Championship (Fr Hewitt Cup)

Newport 0 – 17 Ballinahinch 1 – 14 in Dolla (Draw)

Referee: Garrett Howard, Burgess.

Replay: Newport 1 – 17 Ballinahinch 1 – 14 in Templederry

Referee: T.P. Sullivan, Nenagh Éire Óg. Captain: Stephen O'Connor

Watch Centre Junior A Hurling Championship (O'Keeffe Cup)

Knockshegowna 2 – 15 Roscrea 0 – 17 in Cloughjordan

Referee: Pat Gibson, Burgess. Captain: Graham Gohery.

Watch Centre Junior B Hurling Championship (Dan Gleeson Cup)

Newport 1 – 14 Portroe 1 – 13 in Nenagh.

Referee: Peter Carroll, Burgess. Captain: Mark Harrington

Ger Gavin Minor A Hurling Championship (Michael 'Spike' Nolan Cup)

Kildangan 2 – 12 Newport Gaels 1 – 11 in Nenagh

Referee: Michael Cahill, Kilruane MacDonaghs. Joint

Captains: James Quigley, Declan McGrath

Ger Gavin Minor 'B' Hurling Championship (Nealon Trophy)

Moneygall/Clonakenny 3 – 16 Borrisokane 1 – 09 in Cloughjordan

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick, Roscrea. Captain: Paddy Fogarty

Junior 'A' Hurling League (Denis Carroll Cup)

Kilruane Mac Donaghs 3 – 10 Kildangan 0 – 14 in

Moneygall

Referee: Noel Coffey, Nenagh Éire Óg. Captain: Jonathan Cahill

Junior 'B' Hurling League (Raymond Hogan Cup)

Lorrha 1 – 19 Portroe 1 – 12 in Puckane

Referee: Martin Griffin, Silvermines. Captain: Donal Kennedy

Under 21 'A' Football (North Board Cup)

Newport Gaels 4 – 07 Kildangan 4 – 04 in Newport

Referee: Shane Hodgins, Knockshegowna. Captain: Paddy Kelly

Under 21 'B' Football (North Board Trophy)

Portroe 2 – 08 Moneygall/Clonakenny 1 – 03 in Toomevara

Referee: Martin O'Shea, Borrisokane. Captain: Jack Keating

Minor 'A' Football (Gunnell Cup)

Newport Gaels 2 – 07 Kildangan 1 – 08 in Dolla

Referee: Garrett Howard, Burgess. Captain: Jordan Young

Minor 'B' Football (Burke Cup)

Borrisokane 1 – 11 Shannon Rovers Gaels 2 – 03 in Puckane

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick, Roscrea. Captain: Gary Ryan

Competitions Not Completed:

Walshe's of Nenagh Under 21 'A' Hurling (Michael Delaney Cup)

Walshe's of Nenagh Under 21 'B' Hurling (Peter Nolan Cup)

Intermediate Football (Brian O Reilly Cup)

Final: Inane Rovers v Borrisokane

Junior Football (Gilmartin Cup)

Final: Ballina v Newport

2014 Competitions completed since last year's publication

Walshe's of Nenagh Under 21 'A' Hurling (Michael Delaney Cup)

Kildangan 0 – 09 Nenagh Éire Óg 0 – 08 in Dolla

Referee: Philip Kelly, Ballinahinch. Captain: Jack Loughnane

Walshe's of Nenagh Under 21 'B' Hurling (Peter Nolan Cup)

Newport Gaels 2 – 11 Borris-Ileigh 2 – 10 in Templederry

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick, Roscrea. Captain: Odhrán Floyd

Junior 'B' Hurling League

Lorrha 1 – 21 Kildangan 0 – 10 in Ballingarry

Referee: Dan Darcy, Kilruane Mac Donaghs. Captain: Donal Kennedy

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Kildangan - North Senior Hurling Champions

Back row: Paddy Coen, Tommy Connors, Dan O'Meara, Gary Byrne, Fergal Hayes, Darren Ryan, Decky McGrath, Johnny Horan, Tadhg Gallagher, Barry Hogan, Paraic Kelly, Darren Moran, Darragh Egan, Ruairi Gleeson, Joe Gallagher, Micheal Ryan, Martin Minehan, Ciaran Kelly, Shane Seymour.
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Borrisokane - North Tipperary Minor 'B' Football winners.

Back row: Craig McGrath, Conor Hogan, Jack Darcy, Cathal Tighe, James Troy, Stephen Gavin, Mike Kelly, Mike Heenan, Pairic Quinn, Jack McLoughlin, Ronnie Daffy (Selector), Conor Darcy (Selector). Front: Barry Gohery (Manager), Conor Gavin, Liam Dooley, Pairic Coen, Gary Ryan (Captain), Kieren Fox, Dylan Power, Jack Larkin, Jack Sherlock, Liam Cleary, Michael Gavin. Kneeling Michael Gohery, Pairic Keeston



Kilruane MacDonaghs - North Tipperary Junior 'A' Hurling League winners.

Back row: Paddy Williams (Selector), John Quinlan (Manager), Conor Austin, Brendan McAdams, Caoilainn Conroy, James Cleary, James Williams, Colm Williams, Declan Barrett, Kevin Quinlan, Mark Spain, Niall Shinnars, Robert Austin, Mark O'Meara, John Hyland (Selector). Front row: Tomás Hogan, Tom Dooley, Pat Conway, Martin Grace, Stephen Cleary, Conor Doheny, Cian Williams, Jonathan Cahill (Capt), David Williams, Páidí Kelly, Alan Darcy, Aidan Boyle, Bob Dooley.



Newport Gaels - North Tipperary Under 21 'A' Football champions.
 Back l-r: Keith Mawdsley, Dave Ryan, Sean Moloney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Brian McAuliffe, Corrie Mooney, Paddy Kelly, Kevin Mulcahy, Evan Gleeson, Conor Floyd, Darragh McGrath, Rob Houlihan, Oisín O'Reilly, Tom Kennedy. Front l-r: Colin Floyd, Bernard Ryan, Cian Flanagan, Paul Hogan, Kevin Connolly, Conor Hickey, Jordan Young, Keelan Floyd, Jack Delahunty.

Newport Gaels - North Tipp Minor Football 'A' champions. Back l-r: Jack Connolly, Evan Hannon, Colin Floyd, Arron O'Neil, Jack Delahunty, Dan Carew, Keith Mawdsley, Kevin Connolly, Conor Hickey, Cathay Floyd, Sean Moloney, Mikey Gorman. Front l-r: Paul Hogan, Cillian Harvey, Cian Flanagan, Dan Delaney, Jordan Young, Corrie Mooney, Keelan Floyd, Emmet Floyd.



Newport - North Tipperary Junior 'B' Hurling Championship winners. Back l-r: Pat Brennan, Matty Connolly, Mike Ahern, Blaine Lenihan, Eoin Bonfield, Pat Hickey, Pa Floyd, Mark McGuire, Mike Coffey, Tom Moylan, Richard Shinnors, Mark Harrington, Mike Quigley, Tom McGlinchy, Paddy Ryan, Kieran McCabe. Front l-r: Oisín O'Reilly, Paul Ryan, Kieran Doherty, Paul Hogan, Christy Koyce, Jack Delahunty, Dave Hickey, Aidan Moloney, Jordan Young, Conor Hickey, Thomas Smalle, Richard Ryan, Kevin Connolly, Daniel Carew.



Roscrea County Junior 'A' Hurling champions.
 Back l to r: Mark McLoughlin, Kevin Dooley, Pat Fitzgerald, Colm Ryan, Jack Ryan, Chris Neville Jnr, Brian Kealy, Cian Rigney, Timmy Breen, Colin Hassett, Joey Murphy, Tony Douglas, John Pyne, Chris Neville Snr. Middle l to r: Dylan Carroll, Roddy Teehan, Darragh Fletcher, Niall O'Connor, Francis Harte, Josh Neville, John Ryan, Michael Parlon, Michael Kiely, Jamie Bergin, Paul Kirwan. Front l to r: Liam England, Mark Ryan, Brian O'Lone, Jim McDonnell, Sam Gallagher, Denis Moloney (Capt), Enda Moloney, Shane Fletcher.



Newport - North Intermediate Hurling Championship winners. Back (l to r) Eoin Shinnors, Mike Flannery, Odhran Floyd, Paudge Hogan, Brian O'Sullivan, Martin Carey, Peter O'Sullivan, Robert Houlihan, Conor Keating, Aidan Moloney, Conor Floyd, Paddy Jones, Michael McKeogh, Patrick Floyd, Kevin O'Brien. Kneeling: Conor Hickey, Andrew Hickey, Eamonn McCormack, Christy O'Connor, Patrick Ryan, Stephen O'Connor (Captain), Sean O'Brien, Paul Hogan, Conor O'Mahony, Daniel Carew, Kealan Floyd, Cian Flanagan.



Moneygall-Clonakenny - North Minor 'B' Hurling Championship winners.

Back l-r: Eoin Nesbitt, Tom Costigan, Jordan Doyle, Daniel O'Meara, Eoin Whyte, Tom Hennessy, Brian Doughan, Diarmuid Ryan, Donal Carroll, Cathal Hogan, Niall Maher, Matthew O'Sullivan, Liam Quigley. Front - Daniel Quinlan, DeLacy Byrne, Alexi Harte, James Doughan, Conor Shanahan, Mark Fanning, Joseph Fogarty, Matthew Longe, Adam Hogan, Patrick Fogarty (captain), Bob Kenny, Dylan Maher.



Lorrha - North Junior 'B' Hurling League winners.

Back row: Shane Brophy (selector), Kevin Hough, Tony Hogan, Ronan King, David Fogarty, Daniel Smith, Trevor Hogan, Conor O'Sullivan, Conor Hogan, David Needham, Noel Hogan, Ross O'Meara, Enda Moran, Niall O'Meara, Barry Moran, David Broderick, Eoin O'Meara, Pascal Moran (selector). Kneeling: Patrick Hough, Michael O'Meara, Willie Hough, Tadhg Nevin, Michael O'Carroll, Donal Kennedy (Capt), Eoin Gormally, Michael Dolan, Ronan O'Meara, Mark Houlihan, Neil Houlihan, Hubert Hogan (manager).

Kildangan celebrates 100 years

2015 saw Kildangan GAA Club celebrate 100 years in existence. Formed on Thursday 18th November 1915 in Puckane school, the club has gone from strength to strength in the long 100 years of its history.

Before the founding of the Kildangan club, various teams in the parish competed in the various championships in North Tipperary – Senior, Intermediate and Junior under various guises, namely Kildangan, Ballycommon, Carney, Knigh and Lahorna.

The club affiliated a junior team for the 1916 season and had its first championship outing against Silvermines.

In 1930, Kildangan and Kilbarron combined to win the intermediate championship, the amalgamation competed at senior level then until they won the senior championship in 1934. From then Kildangan went on their own competing at senior level from 1935 to 1965 inclusive.

In 1966, they went down to intermediate again before swiftly returning to the senior ranks in 1967. However, a return to intermediate ranks in 1968 before amalgamating with Burgess to form Na Piarsaigh and compete in the senior ranks in 1970.

Kildangan competed on their own in the senior ranks once

again in 1972 before returning to the intermediate ranks again in 1976 where they remained, except for 1996 when they competed in the junior championship, until 2005.

The return to the senior ranks in 2005 was preceded by capturing the county intermediate title, Munster intermediate cup and the All-Ireland intermediate cup beating Carrickshock of Kilkenny in a dramatic final in Thurles. Since then, the club has enjoyed its most successful period winning three North senior titles in 2008, 2013 and 2015 with the juvenile club playing a key part in this success.

Many Kildangan men have donned the Blue and Gold of Tipperary with Martin Kennedy, Jimmy Kennedy, Billy McLoughney, Seamus Hogan and Darragh Egan all winning All Ireland senior medals with the club. 2015 saw Kildangan's highest ever intercounty representation with 16 players playing for Tipperary from U14 to Senior.

To mark the club's centenary year, the club opened up its brand new second hurling field located in the grounds in Puckane and this was marked by an U21 challenge match between Tipperary and Galway. Also, in early December, a book on the club's history (written by Danny Grace and Seamus Hogan) was launched which should make for great reading.

All in all, it's been a great first 100 years for the Kildangan club and here's hoping for another successful 100.



Borris-Ileigh Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Senior Hurling 7s winners 2015. Font row, l to r: Conor Kenny, Sean Maher (Junior Captain), Thomas Fahy, Matthew Stapleton (captain), Jack Bourke, Paddy Stapleton (Inj/selector). Middle row L to R: Brendan Maher, Keith Ryan, Philip Maher (Manager). Next Row, L to R: Dan McCormack, Seamus Bourke, Declan Maher (selector). Back row L to R: Ciaran Cowen, David O'Connor.

Borris-Ileigh All-Ireland 7's Junior winners.

Back l-r: Maurice Ryan, Michael Ryan, Ciaran Hackett, James McCormack, Pauric Maher, Cathal O'Connell, Sean Maher (Captain), St Jude's representative, Sean McCormack, Fr Vincent Stapleton, Diarmuid Kinnane (Selector), Gerry Treacy (Selector). Front l-r: Jerry Kelly, Michael Carey, Kieran Maher, Tommy Kavanagh, Toby Kavanagh (selector), Cathal Bourke.





Portroe – North Under 21 'B' Football Champions. Back row: Fr Seamus Gardiner (Selector), Nigel Flood, Conor Leo, Michael Breen, Conor Byrne, Andrew Duggan, Ian O'Donnell, Niall Gleeson, Cormac Keating, Corey Mulrooney, Brian Connaughton, Michael Malone and Brendan Shanahan (Selector). Front row: John Sheedy (Manager), Billy Donnellan, Dylan Fluck, Ruadhan Mulrooney, Jack Keating (Captain), Kevin O'Halloran, Jack Moloney, Robert Byrne, Anthony Bourke, Kyle Creamer, Callan Cottrell and Pdraig Quinn (Selector).

11th Heaven for Knockshe Junior team

2015 was a very good year for Knockshegowna winning the North Tipp Junior Championship for the 11th time. The team was brilliantly led by captain Graham Gohery and vice captain Adrian Browne. While the club took part in the County Junior Hurling League this was used to give all players a change to nail down a place on the starting 15 in the championship. While numbers are scarce in the club all players on the panel put their shoulder behind the wheel to ensure success.

In the first 2 rounds of the North Tipp Junior Championship Knockshe had narrow wins over Roscrea and Toomevara this was followed with a big win over Templederry to secure a quarter final spot. Borris-Ileagh has been tough opposition over the last few years and this year was no different a Paul Lake goal in the final moments secured a semi-final spot against Burgess. The Burgess game was an excellent game played in Cloughjordan. Our free taker Declan Costelloe was exceptional on the evening holding his nerve with an excellent score to secure a draw. This resulted in extra time to be played. A lot was being asked of the team as youth is not on our side and at least 8 of our players are in their mid-30s. The introduction of Paul Kennedy in extra time played a major part in securing victory. It was anticipated that Kildangan would come out winners against

Roscrea but this was not to be as Roscrea came out winners.

A large crowd attended the final in Cloughjordan with Knockshe getting off to a brilliant start. Roscrea began to come into the game. A superb Declan Costelloe goal put us in a good position coming up to half time. The second half was a ding dong battle with excellent scores from both sides entertaining the crowd with Roscrea looking like winners. But true heart and determination by all Knockshe players and a brilliant goal by Paul Lake secured victory for the 11th time. There were great scenes of excitement after the game and it took over a quarter of an hour for Dan Kennedy, North Board Chairman, to present the O'Keeffe Cup to the Knockshe winning captain Graham Gohery. It was felt that this was one of the sweetest victories ever.

We had to play the following week against Thurles Sarsfields and Knockshe were minus 3 players on the day. This game also went to extra time and as the saying goes you can only go to the well so many times. Unfortunately we were defeated but we can be very proud of the gallant effort by players, a special thanks to officials and management and to all who helped out the club in any. One again our supporters who followed the team all year round, we can be very proud of the achievement and look back with fond memories on the semi-final and particularly the final as one of the best games in the North Championship in 2015.



Knockshegowna, North Junior Hurling 'A' Champions. Front l-r: Ger Brennan (Manager), Brian Bond, Fergal Bond, Paul Kennedy, Shane Hodgins, Padraic Brennan, Anthony Whelan, Michael O'Brien, Darran Browne, Damion Bond, Ciaran Enright, Joe Mooney (Sel). Back l-r: Graham Gohery (Capt) David Cleary, Jack King, Scott Hodgins, Eamon Murphy, Ml Kennedy, Richard King, Adrian Browne (Vice Capt), Collie Browne, Paul Lake, Declan Costello, Jos Cleary, Denis Cahill, Barry Carroll (Sel), Sinead Hodgins (First Aid).



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Best wishes to all Tipperary teams in 2016
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Ballina's stars of the future and their coaches prior to the first training session on their new pitch.

Ballina opens new playing field and wins first senior hurling title

Ballina had a relatively quite year on the playing fields this year, but yet reached a couple of milestones.

First Senior Hurling Title for Club

In March the club started out in the County Challenge Cup at home to Loughmore/Castleiney. After a very close game, Ballina lost out by the minimum margin. This was followed up by a trip to Littleton for round 2, again only one point separated the teams at the end, but crucially the victory was in favour of Moycarkey/Borris.

Ballina were now confirmed for the Holohan Cup along with Boherlahan/Dualla, Borrisokane, JK Brackens, Killenaule, Knockavilla Kickhams and Moyne/Templetuohy. In the Quarter Final, Ballina got a home draw against Killenaule and after a high scoring and entertaining game Ballina came out on top by seven points. After this game the Challenge Cup took a back seat to championship action. It resumed in Mid June and semi-final tilt with JK Brackens. This was a high scoring game with Ballina starting well and having to withstand a strong Brackens fightback. The final was played in Toomevara in late August and Moyne/Templetuohy were the opponents. Ballina made a whirlwind start and with Michael Breen leading the line excellently at centre forward, the side built up an early lead. Moyne then hit their purple patch, but at half-time Ballina led by 4-10 to 3-15. Ballina effectively killed off the game shortly after half-time with some early scores. The scores kept coming throughout this game but in the end Ballina were deserving winners 7-18 to 4-12.

The Ballina team in the final was Adrian Power; Donal Kent, Jerry O'Brien, Roddy Kennedy; Terry O'Halloran, Thomas Collins, Aidan Hanley; Sean McKeogh, Steven O'Brien; Patrick Cosgrove, Michael Breen, Brian McKeogh; David Hickey, Diarmuid Healy, Ben King. Subs: Kevin Cosgrove, Martin McKeogh, Brian Connolly, Peter O'Leary & Martin Kennedy (All Used) Daire King.

Co SH Cup 2015:

Rd 01: 08/03/2015 Ballina 1-10; Loughmore/Castleiney 2-08

Rd 02: 15/03/2015 Ballina 1-10; Moycarkey/Borris 0-14

Holohan Cup: Quarter Final 22/03/2015 Ballina 4-15; Killenaule 0-20; semi-final 19/06/2015 Ballina 1-20; JK Brackens 3-12; Final 30/08/2015 Ballina 7-18; Moyne/Templetuohy 4-12

Opening of New field

After many year's hard work Ballina have now joined the growing list of clubs with two playing pitches. As the size of the population in the parish took off over the last number of years, the

need for a second playing pitch became ever more apparent. A plot of land at the top end of our current pitch became available. A brave decision was made to purchase this land and with it began the hard work of developing this land into a sand-based pitch. The works were carried out by Sloan Copper and in conjunction with this the club committee set about raising the necessary finance to pay for the land and development while at the same time keeping the club running.

There is still an amount of work - such as permanent goalposts and Ball-stop net to be completed on the pitch. These will be completed over the coming weeks. In September the first training session and then games were played on the pitch. These games were in the John Joe Nevin (U10) Tournament.



Ballina's captain Brian McKeogh receives the James Holohan Cup from Joe Kennedy, Mid Chairman.

Mid Tipperary Review

Mid Winners 2015

	Date	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
Senior Hurling							
Intermediate Hurling	23-Aug	Thurles Sarsfields	1-17	Loughmore Castleiney	2-13	Drombane	Sean Everard
	22-Aug	Drom Inch	0-15	Thurles Sarsfields	0-11	Holycross	Johnnie Ryan
Junior A Hurling	13-Sep	Moyne Templetuohy	1-15	Thurles Sarsfields	1-13	Holycross	PJ Nolan
Junior B Hurling	11-Oct	Gortnahoe Glengooole	4-12	Moycarkey Borris	3-8	Templetuohy	PJ Nolan
U21 A Hurling							
U21 B Hurling							
Minor A Hurling	26-Oct	Drom Inch	2-18	Holycross Ballycahill	2-16	Drombane	Kevin Jordan
Minor B Hurling	26-Oct	Loughmore Castleiney	2-10	Gortnahoe	1-14	Drombane	Michael Heffernan
Cahill Cup	28-Aug	Drom Inch	0-25	Holycross Ballycahill	0-14	Holycross	Kevin Jordan
Division 1 Hurling League	09-Jun	Loughmore Castleiney	3-14	Thurles Sarsfields	3-10	Outside Field	Martin Ryan
Division 2 Hurling League	29-May	JK Brackens	3-20	Thurles Sarsfields	2-16	Kickham Park	Kevin Jordan
Division 3 Hurling League	07-Jul	Boherlahan Dualla	1-17	Clonakenny	0-11	Holycross	Donal Leahy

Senior Football

Intermediate Football	09-Sep	Loughmore Castleiney	3-9	Drom Inch	1-16 aet	Templetuohy	John Butler
	14-Nov	Holycross Ballycahill	0-5	Upperchurch	0-18	Holycross	Jonathan Cullen
Junior A Football		Gortnahoe Glengooole		Thurles Sarsfields			
Junior B Football							
U21 A Football	28-Mar	Loughmore Castleiney	2-10	Drom Inch	1-7	Templetuohy	John Butler
U21 B Football	07-Mar	Upperchurch Drombane	2-12	Gortnahoe Glengooole	1-4	Kickham Park	Eddie Costello
Minor A Football	17-Oct	Drom Inch	3-7	JK Brackens	0-9	Templetuohy	Liam Shanahan
Minor B Football	30-Sep	Loughmore Castleiney	2-9	Upperchurch Drombane	1-8	Littleton	Michael Heffernan



Thurles Sarsfields – Mid Senior Hurling Champions

Back l-r: Aidan McCormack, Stephen Maher, Pa Bourke, Lar Corbett, Padraic Maher (Capt), Billy McCarthy, Ronan Maher, David Maher, Barry O'Dwyer, Tom King, Declan Ryan, Denis Maher, Tommy Doyle, Kevin O'Gorman, Kevin Smith.
Front l-r: Michael Gleeson, Paul Maher, Conor Lanigan, Kevin Dunne, David Kennedy, Richie Ruth, Patrick McCormack, John Maher, Stephen Cahill, Michael Cahill, Cian Treacy, Michael Russell, Eoin Russell.



Moyne/Templetuohy – Mid Junior 'A' Hurling Championship

Back l-r: Damien Cantwell, Enda Everard, Ronan Ely, Donnacha Dunne, Odhran Lloyd, Denis Kelly, Aidan Kelly, Padraig Costigan, Brian Fanning, Cathal Ely (Capt.), Brian Kelly, Gerry Maher, Mark Ryan, Damien Bergin. Front l-r: Eoin Gorman, David Lowe, Eddie Kelly, Jamie Morrissey, Cathal O'Loughlin, Jack Fogarty, Eoin Ryan, James Butler, Eoghan Franks, Sean Moloney, Chris Lalor, Tom Moloney. Missing from photograph as follows: Joe Grady, Tomás Egan, David Costigan and Colm Everard.

MID-TIPPERARY BOARD OFFICERS 2015

Position	Officers	Club
Uachtarán	Liam Hennessy	Moycarkey Borris
Cathoirleach	Joe Kennedy	Moyne Templetuohy
Leas Cathoirleach	Jonathan Cullen	Loughmore Castleiney
Runaí	Sally Young	Drom Inch
Runaí Cúntóir	Aoife Percy	JK Brackens
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Cisteoir Cúntóir	John O'Donovan	Thurles Gaels
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Iontaobhaí	Mattie Ryan	Drom-Inch
Oifigeach Ógra	Caithriona Maher	JK Brackens
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	Jimmy Meighen	(Gortnahoe-Glengoole)

Clonakenny reach the Promised Land in memorable County Intermediate Final

by Seán Ó Costagáin

The honour and glory of the little village, so well portrayed in Charles Kickham's famous novel "Knocknagow", was never more in evidence than on the 25th of October in the Field of Legends that is Semple Stadium as the little parish of Clonakenny captured their second county intermediate title with a never to be forgotten one-point victory over the famed Thurles Sarsfield's Club, on a scoreline of 2-13 to 3-9.

The game was the curtain raiser to the much anticipated senior final between Éire Óg Nenagh and Thurles Sarsfields and while a good contest was anticipated no one had bargained for the drama that was subsequently to unfold.

From an early stage Clonakenny was on the back foot and with wily veterans John Lawlor and Redser O'Grady posing problems and scoring goals, the Sars found themselves four points to the good at the break.

The huge vocal Clonakenny supporting cast were quite mute at half time and it took the referee's intervention to get them out on the field to commence the second half. The biggest disappointment from a Clonakenny perspective at this stage was that many of the younger players appeared to be affected by the occasion and one knew that if they could shake off the nerves all was not lost.

Improved Performance

They commenced the second half quite well and the full back line started to gain in confidence none more so than number 3 Liam Mullally and gradually point by point they reduced the leeway and now urged on by their vociferous supporters they gained parity with the Sars 1-12 to 2-9 with five minutes to play. A John Lawlor goal on the 57th minute gave the Sars a three point cushion with the clock running down.

A brilliant goal by Clonakenny's captain Bobby Bergin on the 58th minute regained parity and at this stage it had all the

appearances of a replay but young Michael John Carroll had not read the script and having gained possession from a Donie Greed intervention all of ninety yards out sent the sliotar between the Sarsfield's posts to put the little village in front for the first time in over an hour's play. Hawk-Eye was not needed either to confirm its validity. There was still thirty seconds to go and with Sars failing to win the puck out Johnny Butler waved his hands to signal the end of an encounter that will be talked about in the homes of Clonakenny for years to come.

There were emotional scenes as the Clonakenny people invaded the pitch to salute their heroes and one had to admire the composure of their captain Bobby Bergin as he received the Jacksie Ryan Cup from County CCC. chairman, John Devane, accompanied by Cathaoirleach an Coiste Chontae, Micheál De Búrca.

Man of Match Award

A much relieved John Costigan received man of the match award from John Quirke. His participation in the final stages of the championship was only made possible by the expert medical direction of Dr. Peter Murchin to whom all concerned are eternally indebted.

It was a long trip back to the village on Sunday evening with stops having to be made at various places but when they arrived the team was met with a huge welcome and the party commenced which may last until Christmas.

Clonakenny is one of the smallest parishes in Tipperary hemmed in at one side by the parishes of Dunkerrin and Roscrea. The parish of Templemore borders on the other side. The Devil's Bit divides it from Toomevara and a long strip stretches to Knock on the Laois Border. It is mainly a farming area and boasts a population of about five hundred souls. It has one school and three churches, two Catholic and one Church of Ireland and it is administered from Roscrea for religious services.

The GAA Club is the heartbeat of the parish and it is the glue

The Clonakenny Intermediate Team who are County Intermediate Champions for 2015

bridging a gap of 48 years, when they won the title last in 1967



Back l-r: Liam Mullally, Mark Talbot, Paul Crampton, Willie Ryan, Willie Moloughney (0-1), Walter Byrne, David Cody, Nicky Ryan (0-4), William Costigan, Steven Russell, John Costigan (0-3), Proinsias Matthews, Michael Costigan, Diarmuid Ryan, David Crampton, Liam Quigley, Delacy Byrne, Brian Shanahan, Jonathon Cody, Ger Byrne, Alan Abbot, Brian Mullally, Eoin Ryan, Roddy Quigley.

Front l-r: Tomas Matthews, Niall Matthews, Conor Ryan (0-1), John O'Meara, Donal Greed, Bobby Bergin (capt) (1-1), Donnacha Murray (0-1), Michael John Carroll (0-1), John Joe Ryan (0-1), Matthew Longe, Mark Ryan, Paul Bergin (1-0), Pa Ryan, Jim Costigan, Martin Joe Murray, Eddie Byrne, Eoin Nesbit.

Absent from the photo: The management team of Michael Smith, Roger Quigley, and Seamus Nolan Trainer: Vincent McKenna and Physio: Fiona Connolly.

that keeps the community together. It was founded in 1905 and for decades to put a team on the field was an achievement. At a time of light touch regulation in the GAA they would often had to call on players from neighbouring clubs or across the border in Laois for reinforcements to fulfil their GAA obligations and being the neighbourly people that they are some of the better players gave their services willingly in an an ghátair as payback. Growing up I learned of one of the clubs biggest days was November 1948 when in what was supposed to be the wettest day in living memory Clonakenny played New Tipperary Rangers in a Mid junior Final and after a great battle had to give way to the Ballinure men. Incidentally that famous victory was marked a few years back by the erection of a statue to those men who were victorious. Clonakenny had a good bit of "help" from Roscrea for the occasion but the Rangers had gone across the border to Tullaroan and it did the trick for them.

Jim Coady & Club Successes

For many years during the fifties the larger than life figure of Jim Coady ran the show. He was treasurer of the club and while there was never any fundraising done the club was never short of anything. Jim was the conduit between the club and the powers to be in Tipperary. He attended meetings and conventions and knew the people that ran the show in the county. If any young player showed promise and deserved a trial for the county minors Jim saw to that. And in 1959 Paddy Crampton made the county minors and won an All Ireland medal. Many more of us got our chances subsequently as a result of Jim's intervention.

In 1960 Jim decided that in order to put a proper structure on the club he needed assistance and enlisted the services of young Michael Smith, who went on to make a big name for himself in the political field as the club secretary and thus started a very successful period. The club won Number 2 junior championship in 1963 and Number 1 (or Intermediate) in 1964 at divisional level with a mixture of youth and experience. Progress continued

through the decade and a county junior football title was won in 1966 and the county intermediate title was won in 1967. They were the highlights of the club's achievements until October 25th 2015.

While the club may not have had championship winning teams in the seventies and eighties great work was done and the club was put on a sound footing. A vibrant Juvenile committee was put in place and great work was done to maximise the potential of the youth coming on stream. That resulted in the club winning divisional and county titles in (C) grades in hurling and football. The opening of a fine GAA field in 1984 was another milestone in the club's history and the subsequent development of player facilities shows us of a club in rude good health.

Late John Moloughney

Yes indeed the club is vibrant and it was sad on its greatest day in fifty years that the man who had given a lifetime of service the late John Moloughney was not there to enjoy the fruits of his labours. For the last 27 years he had been the club chairman and its spiritual leader. He carried the can at divisional and county board level and saw to it that Clonakenny was a vibrant cog in the great Tipperary GAA family. It was great to see his son William playing such a vital part in the great victory and I would say that he probably had a hand from on high in that vital point scored by young Carroll on that memorable October Sunday.

The panel of players who brought glory to Clonakenny by winning the 2015 county intermediate championship are as follows: Stephen Russell, Donal Creed, Liam Mullally, Michael Costogan, Michael John Carroll, Willie Ryan, Pa Ryan, Conor Ryan, John Joe Ryan, Paul Bergin, John Costigan, Nicky Ryan, Diarmuid Ryan, Donnacha Murray, Bobby Bergin (capt.), Walter Byrne, Ge Byrne, William Moloughney, David Crampton, Prionsios Matthews, Mark Talbot, Liam Costigan, Niall Matthews, Liam Quigley, Delacy Byrne, Alan Abbott, Paul Crampton, Jim Costigan, John O'Meara, Brian Shanahan. Management team: Michael Smith, Roger Quigley, Seamus Nolan. Trainer: Vincent McKenna. Physio: Fiona Connolly.



JK Brackens Mid Division 2 Hurling League winners

Back l-r: Joe Bergin, Paul Guidera, Conor Burke, Stephen Butler, Conor Sheedy, Adrian Bourke, David O'Shea, Michael Doyle. Front l-r: Michael Kelly, Eoin Fitzpatrick, Aidan Ivers (capt), Thomas Brett, Cathal Scully, Brian Kennedy Patrick Brett.



Loughmore/Castleiney – Mid Senior Football Champions

Back l-r: Joseph Nyland, James Egan, John Meagher, Cian Hennessy, Lorcan Egan, Tom King, Evan Sweeney.

Front l-r: Liam McGrath, Joseph Hennessy, Dominic Brennan, John McGrath, Ciaran McGrath, Willie Eviston, Noel McGrath, Aidan McGrath.



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Loughmore/Castleiney – Mid Under 21 'A' Football Champions

Back l-r: Shane Hennessy, Peter Nyland, John Connolly, Joseph Nyland, Brendan Leahy, John McGrath, Martin Meagher, Diarmuid Meagher, Anthony Ryan, Darragh Sweeney, Evan Egan, Kieran Maher, David Ryan, Michael McGrath, Stefan Maher.
Front l-r: Ciaran McGrath, Brian McGrath (L), Mark Butler, Robert O'Connell, Joseph Hayden, Keith Manton, Noel O'Connell (Capt), Joseph Hennessy, Martin O'Connell, Niall Molony, Lorcan Egan, Tommy Maher.

Loughmore/Castleiney take a second ever u21 'A' hurling title

by Pat Healy PRO

Having played a first round of this 2014 competition away back on March 29th in which we defeated a strong Moycarkey team 1-15 to 1-10 the next round, which was a Mid semi final did not take place until Sunday December 7th in The Ragg v Holycross.

This was indeed a hectic encounter which at the end of normal time ended level at 0-10 to 1-07 from Holycross. Extra time continued with the same pattern and at the end we held on for a 1-15 to 1-12 victory and a place in the Mid final.

With our senior footballers still on the championship trail the Mid final did not take place until Sunday, January 11th 2015. Having trailed 0-07 to 0-09 at the interval some terrific performances from the lads and a John McGrath 2-08 contribution was enough to take the Mid title with Liam McGrath as captain.

The following Sunday January 18th we made the journey to Leahy Park, Cashel for the County semi final v Kilsheelan/Kilcash, who were having a splendid run in the South

championship. In dry but cold conditions it was clear that the South boys would not be put away easily as we trailed 1-04 to 1-06 at the interval. As in previous games our second half performance proved best and this time it was Liam McGrath chipping in with 2-07 that carried the day for a 2-13 to 1-10 victory and a deserved place in the County final.

The following Sunday January 25th at The Ragg, the County final v North champions Kildangan took place.

Conditions were good and dry with a stiff breeze with Fergal Horgan in charge. A cliffhanger was anticipated and that's what we got, and despite playing wind assisted in the first half we trailed by 0-04 to 0-05 at half time with both defences standing firm. However, with eight minutes remaining and trailing by a single point, captain Liam McGrath struck for a vital goal that turned the game in our favour and with our defence displaying heroics we held our for a famous victory on a 1-08 to 0-10 scoreline and a second U/21 A County title for the club.

The cup was presented by newly incoming County Chairman, Michael Bourke to a jubilant team captain, Liam McGrath amid great excitement from team mates and supporters.

Certainly great credit is due to this team, with many involved with the huge success of the senior teams over the last couple of years, and winning four County titles in that period this was a



Loughmore/Castleiney – Mid Minor 'B' Football Champions

Back l-r: Tom McGrath, Niall Molony, Brian Laffan, Dermot Leahy, Paudie Spillane, Jamie Doyle, Peter Nyland, Kieran Connolly, Michael O'Connell, Matthew McKeivitt, Martin O'Connell, Liam Meade, Dara Nolan, Joseph McGrath, Aidan McGrath. Front l-r: Padraic Hennessy, Jack Ryan, Darragh Sweeney, Jack O'Reilly, Brian McGrath (L), Anthony Ryan (Capt), Eoghan Ryan, Conor Ryan, Stefan Maher, Micheal McGrath, Diarmuid Meagher, Eamon McGrath. In front – Daniel McCahey.



Loughmore/Castleiney – Mid Minor 'B' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Padraic Hennessy, Dara Nolan, Jack Ryan, Brian Laffan, Jamie Doyle, Niall Molony, Tom McGrath, Dermot Leahy, Michael O'Connell, Liam Meade, Joseph McGrath, Matthew McKeivitt, Martin O'Connell, Conor Ryan, Eamon McGrath. Front l-r: Aidan McGrath, Jack O'Reilly, Darragh Sweeney, Kieran Connolly, Micheal McGrath, Stefan Maher, Peter Nyland (Capt), Eoghan Ryan, Anthony Ryan, Brian McGrath (L), Paudie Spillane, Diarmuid Meagher.



Drom/Inch - Mid Minor 'A' Football Champions

Back l-r: Shane Ryan, Jamie Bergin, Paul Hennessy, Paul Bergin, Mark O'Brien, Kevin Hassett, Mikey Connors, John Ryan, Emmett Molony, Colm Kinane, Tommy Nolan, Niall Fogarty, Aidan O'Meara. Front l-r: Stevie Nolan, Conor O'Meara, Paraic Campion, Eoin Collins, Ciaran Thorpe, Andy Purcell, Aaron Ryan, Michael Clohessy, Rory O'Dwyer.



Drom/Inch – Mid Minor 'A' Hurling Champions

Back l-r: Teddy Kennedy (Selector), Shane Ryan, John Ryan, Niall Fogarty, Kevin Hassett, Paraic Campion, Paul Hennessy, Stevie Nolan, Aaron Ryan, Jamie Bergin, Paul Bergin, Mark O'Brien, John Hassett (Manager). Front l-r: Johnny Ryan (Selector), Andy Purcell, Michael Clohessy, Eoin Collins, Rory O'Dwyer, Ciaran Thorpe, Mikey Connors, Aidan O'Meara, Colm Kinane, Emmett Molony, Tommy Nolan, Conor O'Meara, Paul Collins (Selector).

Loughmore/Castleiney – Mid Junior Hurling League Division 1 Winners.

Back l-r: Denis Brereton, James Egan, Brian McGrath (K), Ricky Maher, Peter Nyland, Martin Meagher, Tommy Maher, Anthony Ryan, Padraic Egan, Eamon Connolly, Dominic Brennan, John Ryan, Joseph Nyland, Paddy Moynihan, Kieran Kiely, Eamon McGrath, Niall Molony. Front l-r: Diarmuid Meagher, Padraic Hennessy, Kevin O'Connell, Robert O'Connell, Shane Hennessy, Diarmuid Brennan (Capt), David McGrath, Henry Maher, David Kennedy, Willie Eviston, James Connolly.





Drom/Inch – Mid Intermediate Hurling Champions

Back l-r: Matthew McGrath, Keith Nolan, Jim Molony (Selector), Ciaran Ryan, Damien Larkin, Paraic Campion, Paul Kennedy, Pat Lupton, Robert Ryan, Trevor Hassett, Seamus Butler, Paddy Kennedy, Eddie Costello, Pdraig Butler, Eric Woodlock, Kieran Young (Manager). Front l-r: Liam Kennedy, Colm Kinane, Robbie Long, Mikey Connors, Michael Purcell, Joey Maher, Matthew Ryan, James Ryan, Jerome Ryan, Kevin Ahearne, Martin McGrath, Jamie Bergin, Joe Lupton, Emmett Molony, Willie Clohessy (Selector).

Gortnahoe/Glengoose - Mid Tipperary Junior 'B' Hurling Champions 2015

Back l-r: Johnny Guilfoyle, PJ McCormack (capt.), Aidan Ryan, Eoin Troy, Gearoid Fahy, PJ Campion, Michael Cleary, Michael Kilcourse, Bobby Prout, Patrick Skehan, Ian Dwyer, Aaron O'Neill, Paddy Phelan, Marko Bras, Robbie Dooley, Shane Kenny. Front l-r: Darren Coleman, John Coleman, Shane McCarthy, Leonard Stanley, Richie Power, Vinny Ryan, Dermot Lahert, Philly Purcell, Thomas Lanigan, Colm Guilfoyle, David Dunne. (Absent from photo Aidan Guilfoyle)



Official Opening of Upperchurch/Drombane Clubhouse

The official opening of the newly constructed Upperchurch Drombane GAA clubhouse took place on the 17th May 2015. A senior intercounty challenge game between Tipperary and Dublin was held on the day to mark this special occasion. The old dressing rooms had served the club well and were officially opened in 1989 when Tipperary hosted Clare in an intercounty tournament. The 17th of May was certainly an auspicious occasion as the club could proudly unveil their impressive new building to the general public. It was a very special day for younger people in the parish as they were presented with a unique opportunity to see some of their heroes in action in the local grounds. The persistent rain on the day mattered little as Drombane man and current Tipperary GAA County Chairman, Michael Bourke, performed the official opening honours. Current Tipperary selector Michael Ryan was also patrolling the sidelines while James Barry, Colm Ryan, Paudie Stapleton and Paul Ryan all lined out for Tipp on the day. This momentous occasion could not have been made possible without the hard work of builder Joe Clancy, the local GAA committee and of course all those who are members of the Clubhouse Patron Scheme. The new facilities are now used by all age groups within the parish and this new modern construction has recently attracted crowds to this year's Mid senior hurling final.



Michael Bourke, County Chairman cuts the tape at the official opening of the Upperchurch/Drombane Clubhouse in the presence of Conor O'Dwyer, Upperchurch/Drombane Chairman.



Upperchurch/Drombane - County Intermediate Football champions

Back l-r: Paudie Stapleton, Toby Clancy, Paul Ryan, John Ryan, Ailbe Ó Donoghue, Paul Shanahan (Captain), Matt Ryan, Matthew Greene, Colm Stapleton, Gerard Grant, Jack Butler. Front l-r: TJ Butler, Gavin Ryan, Ronan Gleeson, Dean Carew, Loughlin Ryan, Owen Shortt, Colm Ryan, Andy Kinnane, Michael Ryan, Niall Grant. Absent from picture is Pat Shortt.

County Double for Upperchurch/Drombane

On Saturday 24th October, the Upperchurch Drombane Intermediate footballers defeated Clonmel Óg in the County final in New Inn. Victory ensured that the Church would play senior football for the first time in the club's history in 2016. The Mid men were installed as favourites for this game but it was Clonmel Óg who did all the early running and had five points on the board with no reply from Upperchurch. A goal from a penalty in the first half by Upperchurch was followed by three Clonmel points and a halftime scoreline of Upperchurch Drombane 1-1 to Clonmel Óg 0-08. A goal six minutes after the break settled the men from the hillsides as they prevailed on a 2-7 to 0-11 final score. Captain Paul Shanahan accepted the trophy on behalf of the team from County Chairman Michael Bourke.

Upperchurch/Drombane: Loughlin Ryan, Paudie Stapleton, Matt Ryan, Colm Ryan, Gavin Ryan, Andy Kinnane, John Ryan, Paul Shanahan (Captain) (0-02 (1F)), Michael Ryan, Colm Stapleton (0-02 (1F)), Paul Ryan (1-00), Ger Grant, Matthew Greene, Pat Shortt, Owen Shortt (1-2). Substitutes: TJ Butler (0-01) for Matthew Greene (HT), LJ Ryan (injured), Dean Carew,

Diarmuid Grant, Ailbe Ó Donoghue, Ronan Gleeson, Jack Butler (injured), Toby Clancy, Niall Grant, James Barry.

On October 3rd, the Upperchurch/Drombane Under 21 footballers captured the County title for the first time ever in the club's history against Ardfinnan in Boherlahan. Victory was hard fought as the sides had met a few weeks previously and couldn't be separated after extra time as they finished with 1-10 apiece. The replay was typical of the drawn game as both teams slugged it out and went in at the break level with 0-05 each. At the end, a one point victory, 0-10 to 0-09 was enough to see Upperchurch over the line as fans ecstatically greeted the fulltime whistle. Captain Gerard Grant was presented with the cup by Joe Hannigan.

Upperchurch/Drombane: PJ Bourke, Ronan Gleeson, Toby Clancy, Dean Carew, Loughlin Ryan, John Ryan, TJ Butler (0-02F), Gerard Grant, Jack Butler, Paul Shanahan (0-05 (3F)), Gavin Ryan (0-01), Brian Sheridan, Darragh Brennan, Dylan Sheridan, Niall Grant (0-02). Substitutes: Robert Murphy for Brian Sheridan (38). Nathan Delaney, Conor Ryan, Jason Jordan, Pakie Bourke.



Upperchurch/Drombane - County Under 21 'B' Football champions

Back l-r: Darragh Brennan, Robert Murphy, Ronan Gleeson, Dean Carew, Paul Shanahan, PJ Bourke, Conor Ryan, Brian Sheridan, Pakie Bourke, Nathan Delaney, Dylan Sheridan. Front l-r: Loughlin Ryan, Gavin Ryan, Toby Clancy, Niall Grant, John Ryan, Gerard Grant (Captain), TJ Butler, Jack Butler, Jason Jordan.

South Tipperary Review

Cumann Luthchleas Gael Thiobrad Arann Theas 2015

South Board Roll Of Honour 2015

Date	Teams and Scores	Venue	Referee
(1) SENIOR HURLING			
23/08/15	KILLENAULE 0-21 MULLINAHONE 2-13	FETHARD	Keith Delahunty
(2) CLONMEL OIL SENIOR FOOTBALL			
5/09/15	KILSHEELAN/KILCASH 1-11 CLONMEL COMMERCIALS 0-6	MONROE	Seanie Lonergan
(3) CLONMEL CREDIT UNION INTER FOOTBALL			
19/09/15	MULLINAHONE 2-8 CLONMEL OG 0-8	DAVIN PK	Martin Doyle
(4) MARTINS FRUIT & VEG INTER HURLING			
26/9/15	KILSHEELAN/KILCASH 0-18 ST MARYS, CLONMEL 0-15	CAHIR	Paddy Ivors
(5) JOHN QUIRKE JUNIOR HURLING A			
12/9/15	ST PATRICKS 6-19 BALLYLOOBY/CASTLEGRACE 0-16	CLONMEL	Noel Cosgrove
(6) GARRABRIDGE LIGHTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL A			
25/07/15	BALLINGARRY 1-12 NEWCASTLE 1-9	CLONMEL	Brian Tyrell
(7) JUNIOR HURLING B			
24/10/15	MULLINAHONE 1-12 ST MARYS 1-8	DAVIN PK	Kieran Barrett
(8) MULCAHY CONSTRUCTION JUNIOR FOOTBALL B			
11/10/15	CAHIR 0-11 MOYLE ROVERS 1-5	NED HALL	Miceal McCormack
(9) O'DONOGHUES MOTOR FACTORS U21 FOOTBALL A			
28/3/15	CLONMEL COMMERCIALS 0-8 MOYLE ROVERS 0-5	FETHARD	Paddy Ivors
(10) HALL ALARMS U21 FOOTBALL B			
28/3/15	ARDFINNAN 0-10 KILLENAULE 0-3	CAHIR	Michael O'Donnell
(11) SUREPRINT MINOR FOOTBALL A			
19/7/15	CLONMEL COMMERCIALS 3-8 MOYLE ROVERS 1-7	ARDFINNAN	Martin Doyle
(12) MINOR FOOTBALL B			
10/7/15	ARDFINNAN 2-10 CAHIR/FRSHEEHY 0-13	BALLYLOBY	Brian Tyrell
(13) CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING A			
26/10/15	ST MARYS 0-13 MOYLE ROVERS 0-9	KILSHEELAN	Paul Guinan
(14) MINOR HURLING B			
10/10/15	GRANGEMOCKLER/BALLYNEALE 1-15 CARRICK DAVINS 0-15	CLONMEL	P Shelly
(15) U 21 A HURLING			
(16) U21 B HURLING			

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Back l-r: Daire Brennan, Martin Gibbs, Kevin Kehoe, Kevin Larkin, John Smyth, Sean Ryan, Keith Condon, Paul Kennedy, Niall Walsh, Tommy Ryan, Paul Maher, Jimmy Ryan, Kevin O'Donovan, Kevin Guiry, Tadgh Lonergan. Front l-r: Aaron Larkin, Conor Davin Murphy, David Corcoran, Eoin Kehoe, Willie Ryan, Bill Maher, Shane Prendergast, Alex Harte, Adrian Mc Guire, Paudie O'Donovan and Brian Guiry.



Grangemockler/Ballyneale – South Minor ‘B’ Hurling Champions

*Back l-r: T. Grinsell, M Meaney, P O’Connell, J Fleming, J Lyons, L Magorrian, D Power, J Lyons, J Ellis, D Shelly, D Needham, C Shelly, M Houlihan. Front l-r: C.J. Houlihan, D Hanrahan, J Lyons, C Hahessy (Capt), A Hennebry, C O’Shea, D Houlihan.
Missing from photo: trainer E Fogarty.*



Clonmel Commercials - South and County U21 A Football Champions.

Back: Brian White (selector) Robbie Lyons, Padraig White, Padraig Lorum, Gavin Ryan, Jake McDonald, Sean Gunne, Brian Walsh, Ben Browne, Michael Boland, Ross Dennehy, Michael Nugent, Jack Kennedy, Kevin Fahey, DJ O’Dwyer (selector), Tom O’Ceallaigh (selector). Front: Charlie McGeever (manager), Kyle Peters, Michael Connolly, Ross Peters, Jason Lonergan (capt), Liam Murchan, Shane Flynn, Liam Ryan, Stephen Kelly, Richie Gunne, Sam Ryan, Ian Fahey and Adam O’Ceallaigh (mascot)



Ardfinnan – South Under 21 'B' Football Champions

Back row: Diarmuid Boyle (Selector) Darren Slattery, Michael Tobin, Gavin Whelan, Darragh MacNamara, Colin O'Gorman, Aaron Lonergan, Darragh Boyle, William Nagle (Vice Chairman) Brian Butler, Shane Keating, Ger Condon (Selector), Colm O'Shaughnessy, Daniel Cunningham, Cathal Boyle, John Kinahan (Manager), Aidan MacNamara (Secretary). Front row: Michael Goonan (Selector), Robert Condon, Michael Barlow, Mark Kelly, James Shine, Sean Nagle, Stephen Lambert (Captain), Michael Hogan, Alan Condon, Gerry Cronin, Evan Barrett, Colin Doyle, Trevor O'Leary (Selector), Leslie Boyle (Chairman).



Ardfinnan – South Minor 'B' Football Champions

Back row: Adam Ross Lambert, Robert Condon, Dillon Nugent, Brian Butler, Shane Keating, Cathal Boyle, Darren Slattery, Eoin Keating, James Condon, Jason Burke, Jake Doyle, Colin Doyle, Oisín Ryan, Bernard McHugh. Front row: Daniel Cunningham, Gavin Whelan, Michael Hogan, Michael Tobin (Captain), Alan Walsh, Evan Barrett, John Condon, Darragh O'Brien, Darragh Boyle, Pádraig Cunningham, Michael Barlow.



St Mary's - South Minor A Hurling Champions

Back l-r: Billy Carroll, Evan Murray, Josh Ryan, Jamie McGuire, Kyle Peters, Gavin Ryan, Michael O'Reilly, Darragh Phelan, Eoin Hctor, Ian Fahey, Jack Kennedy, Ferg McGrath, Tom Ryan, Conal Murphy. Front l-r: Ross Peters, Joe Gunne, Adam Peters, Conor O'Sullivan, Matt Barlow, Sean Adamson, Michael Murphy, Kyle Farrell, Sean Kennedy, Jamie Ahearne, Ryan Lambe, Tony Shelly.

Killenaule - South, County and Munster Junior 'B' hurling champions 2014-2015

By Barney O'Mahony

Back in December 2013 I was ratified to take over the Killenaule Junior B Hurling team.

I went and got my backroom team together consisting of Kenny Lawrence, Pat Fennelly, Jamie Lawlor and Liam Sweeney. Little did we know we would be still hurling sixteen months later.

We started off with a few challenges and worked from there. The panel was getting stronger and stronger as the weeks went on. We played Ballybacon on 24th May 2014 in the first round, and won handy 3.14 to 0.08. Next up was St Pats on 9th June 2014, in Ballingarry, another handy win on a score line of 4.12 – 0.07. On 19th June our first big test came when we played Mullinahone in Fethard. We were missing a few lads but still got through by 1.12 – 0.10. We didn't play championship again until 25th September 2014. We had to go down and play Carrick Swan in their own back yard in St Mollerans pitch. That was the semi-final, we had a good win on a score line of 1.12-0.11. Unfortunately Pat O'Connor sustained a bad head injury and was a major doubt for the South Final.

On Sunday 5th October 2014 we were off again to Clonmel for the South final against Mullinahone as part of a double bill. Mullinahone had a few extra lads from the previous game we had and we were missing Pat O'Connor, but we had a few lads back from the last day. The game started well for us, we scored the first four points and led at half time by three points into the second half, we stretched our lead to six points. They got a scrappy goal with a couple of minutes to go but we held on to win by four points. That was two in a row of Junior B Souths, so it was with great pride we were through to play for the county title.

On 25th October we played hot favourites Boherlahan-Dualla in the county semi-final. We played with the breeze in the first half and built up a lead of six points. At half time we knew they were going to come at us in the second half but our boys showed some heart and determination to hold on to win by two points. The county final was set for Sunday 9th of November 2014 in Boherlahan against Rosegreen. After a week of bad weather the pitch was heavy, we were expecting a tough game and that's exactly what we got, nip and tuck the whole way through. We held on to win by two points. There was great excitement after the

game, as this was the first county final win for Killenaule Junior B since 1951. It was a great achievement by all the lads and it was great to be part of it. All the lads put in some effort during the year and deserve everything they got during that year. They were some bunch of lads to work with.

On January 2015 we headed down to Killeady in Limerick to take on the Clare champions, Ballyea, in the Munster semi-final. Another tough game, it was level at half time, came out for the second half and it was nip and tuck the whole way through, it was level coming up to full time and up popped Declan Ryan to score his first point for 10 years and put us through to the Munster final.

On Sunday February 1st 2015 we played Doon in the Munster final, another titanic battle, we took the lead at the start of the game and never gave it back to them, we held on to win by a single point, some exciting scenes in Killeady before heading back to Killenaule as Junior B Munster champions. Everyone was delighted and celebrated the win for a couple of days.

Then it was back down to the field to prepare for the All Ireland semi-final against Clarinbridge, the Galway champions. On February 21st 2015, we got off to a great start, two early goals. At this stage the boys were flying, leading at half time 2.09-0.05, we kept it up in the second half and won 3.14-0.10.

On 15th March we were off again to compete in the All Ireland final, once again it was Doon in our way, we got off to a good start, went in at half time three points up, started the second half slow enough, we let them back into the game, they got the first four points and it was uphill from there on, in the end we were beaten by two points.

Sadly this was the journey end to a very successful Killenaule Junior B team.

I would like to thank the committee for giving us everything we asked for but finally I would like to thank the four boys, Kenny, Jamie, Pat and Liam and Paudie Lahert for their commitment also.

Thanks also to Niall O'Dwyer for all the hard work he put into the training over the Winter months.

Also thanks to Dick O'Dwyer, First Aid and waterboy Billy Lawrence.



Killenaule captain: Kenneth Cleary with Munster Cup.



The Killenaule Junior B Panel 2014-2015. Johnny Gleeson, Michael Fitzgerald, Aidan Leahy, Jonathan Berry, Declan Ryan, Kenneth Cleary (Captain), Vinny Hannigan, Pat O'Connor, Conor Prendergast, Dean Tobin, Ken Browne, Dominic Blake, Billy Barrett, Damien Mc Cormack, Joseph Meagher, Dessie Taylor, Eddie O'Brien, James Gleeson, John Cooke, Aiden Walsh, Anthony Guinan, James Doyle, Mark Doyle, Martin Fennelly, Dean O'Connor, Tom Stakelum, Jack Gleeson, Jason Ryan, Eoin Mc Cormack, Gus Browne & Eoin Shaw.



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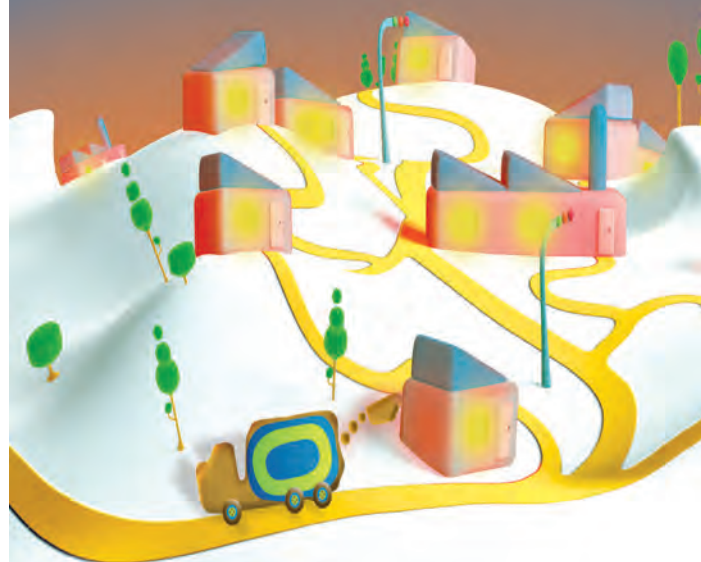


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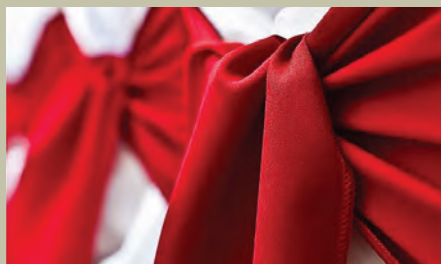
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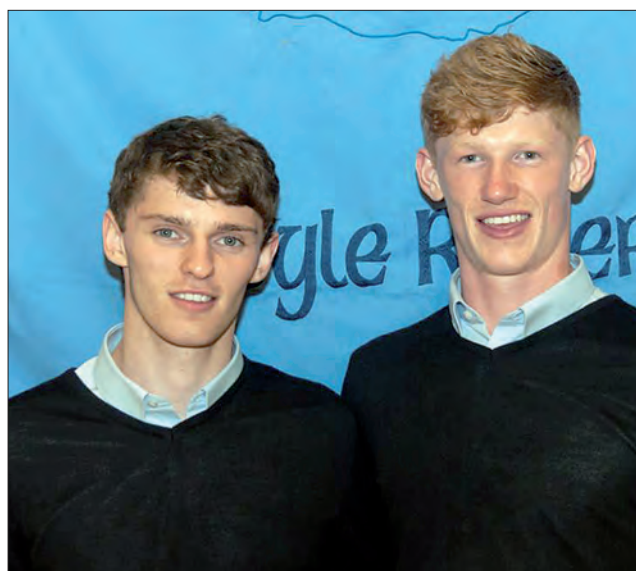
Moyle Rovers Tipp minor captains Stephen Quirke and Danny Owens

2015 will always hold very fond memories for all the Moyle Rovers young club stalwarts who were selected on the County Minor Football and Hurling panels. That they reached the All Ireland Finals in their respective codes bears testimony to the excellence of both panels.

For Stephen Quirke and Danny Owens it holds special significance, as early in 2015 they were nominated as captains of the Minor Football and Minor Hurling teams. This was a huge honour for themselves, for their families and for the Moyle Rovers club. It was an acknowledgement of the leadership qualities and their prowess as team players.

For those in Moyle Rovers who work continuously with their underage players down through the years it is a tribute of their hard work and expertise in preparing the young players to be the best they can be and thereby ensuring a steady stream of underage talent for their adult teams.

To Stephen and Danny, to their club mates who accompanied them on the Minor panels, Tadgh, Morgan and David the Moyle Rovers club say well done. The club wishes them well in their chosen path in life and look forward to them wearing the club and county colours for years to come.



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Senior Championship debut: 2005 v Limerick

Championship Appearances: 42

Championship scores: 0-9

Honours: 1 All Ireland Senior (2010); 5 Munster Senior
(2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015); 1 National League (2008);
2 Munster U21 (2003, 2004); 2 Munster Minor (2001,
2002); 2 Fitzgibbon Cups with Limerick IT (2005, 2007);
2 All Stars (2008, 2009)



JAMES WOODLOCK

Senior Championship debut: 2007 v Limerick

Championship Appearances: 26

Championship scores: 0-15

Honours: 5 Munster Senior (2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015);
1 National League (2008); 1 Munster U21 (2006);
1 Munster Minor (2003)



SHANE McGRATH

Senior Championship debut: 2006 v Limerick

Championship Appearances: 45

Championship scores: 0-36

Honours: 1 All Ireland Senior (2010); 5 Munster Senior (2008,
2009, 2011, 2012, 2015); 1 National League (2008);
1 Munster Under 21 (2004); 2 Inter-provincial Championships
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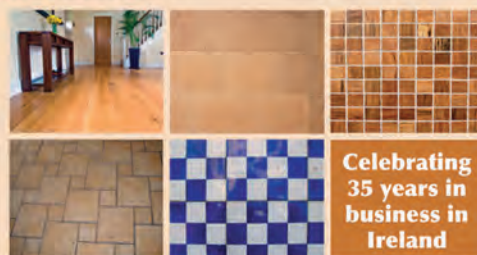
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22.08.2015 in New Inn: Cashel King Cormacs 2.15 Galtee Rovers 1.16

Gleeson Concrete Ltd. West Junior "A" Hurling Championship

30.08.2015 in Golden: Knockavilla Kickhams 1.17 Clonoulty/Rossmore 0.16

Tipperary Co Op Super Value West Junior "B" Hurling Championship

12.09.2015 in Cappawhite : Eire Óg Annacarty 3.15 Sean Treacys 3.08

Dundrum House Hotel West Minor "A" Hurling Championship

11.10.2015 in Annacarty: Clonoulty/Rossmore 0.18 Emly/Treacys 0.11

Bewleys Ltd. West Minor "B" Hurling Championship

13.09.2015 in Annacarty: Knockavilla Kickhams 2.16 Cappawhite/Gaels 1.17

Rea Clarke Hennessy West Senior Football Championship

05.09.2015 in Dundrum: Arravale Rovers 0.12 Eire Óg Annacarty 0.09

Rea Clarke Hennessy West Intermediate Football Championship

04.09.2015 in Clonoulty: Cashel King Cormacs 1.02 Rockwell Rovers 1.15

AIB Tipperary West Junior "A" Football Championship

13.09.2015 in Sean Treacy Park: Golden/Kilfeacle 1.10 Emly 1.09

Rea Clarke Hennessy West Junior "B" Football Championship

15.11.2015 in Golden: Galtee Rovers 1-9 Cashel King Cormacs 0-7

McGrath Oil West Under 21 "A" Football Championship

29.03.2015 in Cappawhite: Galtee Rovers/Emly 1.06 Arravale Rovers 1.05

McGrath Oil West Under 21 "B" Football Championship

21.03.2015 in Clonoulty: Rockwell/Rosegreen 0.07 Cappawhite/Treacys 0.05

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08.10.2015 in Cappawhite: Galtee/Golden 1.09 Arravale/Eire Óg 0.05

Pa Sheehy Butchers West Minor "B" Football Championship

03.08.2015 in Cashel: Clonoulty/Rossmore 3.14 Knockavilla Kickhams 1.02

Eire Og - West Senior and Junior 'B' Hurling Champions for 2015

By Eileen Ryan

Eire Og Annacarty/Donohill won the hurling double in West Tipperary in 2015 and this is no mean achievement for the small rural club, being able to field two teams and win both titles. In all 43 players were toggled, seventeen played in the Senior Final against near southerly neighbours Kickhams, while nineteen played in the Junior "B" Final against northern neighbours Sean Treacys.

The Eire Og senior hurling team are very close to emulating the feats of their forefathers who won four West Senior Hurling titles in 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944. For one player this is quite poignant as corner-back Diarmaid Ryan is a grandson of the forties wing-forward Jerry Ryan. Prior to winning the O'Dwyer Cup in 2013, there was a famine of twenty-seven years but now this cohort of players have won three in a row. Paidi O'Dwyer has captained the side while Kevin Fox has managed the team and Paul Sexton has trained the team on all three occasions. This year's selectors were Ollie Kelly & Anthony "Bricky" O'Neill (who replaced P.J. McGrath). This one went a little closer to the wire than the previous two with a different opposition also. It was the third meeting of these two teams in a six month period.

In the Co Challenge Cup on March 17th Eire Og defeated Kickhams on a scoreline of 1.20 to 2.14 while two months later on May 17th 2015 the winning margin was again three points 1.14 to 1.11. This win catapulted Eire Og straight into the West Final, a game that was not played until August 23rd 2015. Based on the analysis of the two previous encounters and the added bonus of being next-door neighbours meeting in a final, the result was always going to be in doubt until the final whistle was blown. Also the history books told us that Eire had never beaten Kickhams in a West Senior Hurling Final, the last meeting being 1999, a game won comprehensively by Kickhams. In fact captain of the Eire Og team in 1999 was none other than present manager Kevin Fox. Selector Ollie Kelly also played in 1999 as did Damian O'Brien and John Quinn while the subs included Patrick Aherne and Ronan O'Brien. Lined out at centre-back was Liam Mooney, father of present goalkeeper Daragh (who has plenty of Kickhams connections).

Another player with an abundance of familial relations in Kickham country is Seanie Ryan (Corcoran) who came on as a super impact sub in the final, scoring a very important point. He had just returned after a cruciate injury. This game was won by the bare minimum 0.16 to 2.09. The winning three in a row team: Daragh Mooney, Diarmaid Ryan, Eoin Kennedy, Dan Hogan, Paul Downey, Brian Fox, Tom Fox, Kev Fox, Eoin Bradshaw, Dinny Crosse, Conor O'Brien, Jeremy Furlong, Donal O'Dwyer, Paidi O'Dwyer, Ronan O'Brien

Subs Used: Seanie Ryan for Jeremy Furlong & Richard O'Doherty for Eoin Bradshaw

The rest of the panel : Jamie O'Dwyer, Philip McGrath, Patrick Horan, Gearoid Ryan, Willie O'Neill, Cathal Coughlan, Michael Buckley, Michael O'Brien, Michael Bradshaw, Patrick Aherne, John Ryan, Damian O'Brien, Mike Fox, Peter O'Dwyer, Evan Heffernan, Sean Breen, David Breen, John Quinn.

It was this group and a few others who then went on to win the West Junior "B" Hurling title defeating a fancied Sean Treacys team by seven points 3.15 to 3.08 in Cappawhite on September

12th. The Junior campaign began in May with comprehensive wins over Clonoulty and Galtee Rovers followed by a defeat to Cashel. The game against Rosegreen was won by the bare minimum putting them into a semi-final clash with Solohead which was won 2.15 to 2.05, setting them up for a final with Sean Treacys who had seen off Cashel in the other semi-final. The services of later to be players on the Senior team such as Dan Hogan (returned from his foreign travels), Seanie Ryan (returning from cruciate injury) and Gearoid Ryan (returning from cruciate injury) proved invaluable in reaching the final as well as the input from many former high profile players such as John Quinn, Damian O'Brien, Patrick Aherne and Michael McGrath to name but a few. Gearoid Ryan was a very important player in the final scoring twelve points in all (0.03 from play) while substitute Michael McGrath who came on midway through the second half scored two goals.

The winning team: Jamie O'Dwyer, Garrett O'Brien, John Ryan, Michael O'Brien, Peter O'Dwyer, Patrick Aherne (0.01), Michael Bradshaw, Willie O'Neill, Cathal Coughlan, Michael Buckley, Gearoid Ryan (0.12), David Breen (0.01), Damian O'Brien, John Quinn (1.00), Sean Breen (0.01) Subs used: Mike Fox for Garrett O'Brien, Michael McGrath (2.00) for Michael Buckley, Michael Ryan for David Breen, Evan Heffernan for Cathal Coughlan. Other subs: John Burke, David Hennessy, Gearoid Loughman.

Throughout the year others who played were Dan Hogan, Seanie Ryan, Josh Quinn, Brian Ryan.

Mentors were Paul Sexton, Vinny Ryan and Anthony "Bricky" O'Neill.

Following their victory in the West Championship, Eire Og edged out Mullinahone in the county semi-final by one point in extra time on the score 1.15 to 2.11 In general they were more economical with scores than their counterparts and the crucial score, a goal, in the first half of extra-time came from the stick of Michael Buckley.

All roads led to Lattin on Sunday 15th November for the County Final versus Newport. This game was scheduled for Saturday 14th November in Drombane but had to be deferred due to a water-logged pitch. Eire Og were assisted in the first half by a strong wind and led at half-time by five points but the large attendance doubted that it would be enough to see them through. Oh they of little faith! Against the prevailing elements we out-scored Newport by three points in the second half to win by eight points 1.06 to 0.11.

1.10 of these scores came from the full forward line who had a combined age of 126 years: Damian O'Brien (35), John Quinn (51) and Michael McGrath (40). Seven of the team were under 21. This was the first ever Junior "B" Hurling Co title to come to West Tipperary & is a great achievement for this team and the parish of Annacarty/Donohill.

The county final winning team was: Jamie O'Dwyer, Mike Fox, Garrett O'Brien, Gearoid Loughman, Peter O'Dwyer, Pat Aherne, Michael Bradshaw, Willie O'Neill, Michael O'Brien, Michael Buckley, Cathal Coughlan, David Breen, Damian O'Brien, John Quinn, Michael McGrath.

Subs Used: Sean Breen, Michael Ryan, Evan Heffernan, David Hennessy. Full-back in the West Final, John Ryan, missed out due to injury. Other subs were Eoin Loughman and Josh Quinn.



Eire Og Annacarty - West Junior "B" Hurling Champions.

Back row: Vinny Ryan, John Ryan, Evan Heffernan, Cathal Coughlan, Willie O' Neill, Peter O'Dwyer, Sean Breen, Michael Buckley, Patrick Aherne, Michael Bradshaw, Gearoid Ryan, David Hennessy, Paul Sexton, Bricky O'Neill, Ollie Kelly. Front row: Gearoid Loughman, Michael O'Brien, Mike Fox, Damian O'Brien, Jamie O'Dwyer, David Breen, Michael McGrath, John Quinn, Garrett O'Brien, Michael Ryan.



Eire Og Annacarty - West Senior Hurling Champions.

Back row: Kevin Fox, Eileen Ryan, Michael Devlin, Paul Sexton, Bricky O'Neill, Eoin Kennedy, Mike Fox, Patrick Horan, Cathal Coughlan, Sean Breen, Daragh Mooney, Michael Buckley, Willie O'Neill, Tom Fox, David Breen, Peter O'Dwyer, Evan Heffernan, Eoin Bradshaw, Michael Bradshaw, Josh Quinn, Raymond Barry, Michael McGrath, Ollie Kelly. Front row: Vinny Ryan, Brian Fox, Jeremy Furlong, Dan Hogan, Patrick Aherne, Philip McGrath, Michael O'Brien, Gearoid Ryan, Ronan O'Brien, Richard O'Doherty, Seanie Ryan, Donal O'Dwyer, John Ryan, Jamie O'Dwyer, Dinny Crosse, Damian O'Brien, Conor O'Brien. Extreme front row: Paul Downey, Paidi O'Dwyer, Diarmaid Ryan, Kev Fox.



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Golden Kilfeacle - West and County Junior 'A' Football Champions

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Golden/Galtee Combo - West Minor 'A' Football Champions. Back l-r: Shane Ryan, Davy Bryon, Robert Wade, Patrick Tynan, Jonathon Wade, Jake Flannery, Niall Grogan, Niall Heffernan, Tony Bryon, Eddie Burke, Tadhg Ryan, Stephen O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Cian O'Connell, Matthew O'Keeffe, Calum Fanning, Dara Egan, Killian Hayde, Dylan Gubbins, Shane Power, Andy Byrne.



Galtee/Emly - West Under 21 A Football Champions.

Back l-r: Adrian Dawson, David Byron, Kevin Power, David Finnane, Philip O'Mahony, Sean Daly, Daire Egan, Sean Burke, Eric Grogan, Dylan Gubbins, Callum Fanning, James Condon, Tommy Ryan, Edmond Bourke. Front l-r: Stephen O'Dwyer, Darren McGrath, Shane Power, Declan Hennessy, Cian Quish, Damien Bourke, Jason Ryan, Andrew McGrath, Andrew Vance.

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A conclusion to another year and with it, time for all Gaels to get their thoughts together, reflecting on expectation fulfilled or otherwise. With all the field action brought to an end, it's time to try and put plans/structures in place so as to look forward to a 2016 with a degree of success. Great credit has to be accorded to all the officer boards at various levels of the G.A.A. for ensuring the completion of the many competitions and tournaments. It has been no doubt due to the great planning and co-operation of clubs and officer boards alike which makes our Gaelic games so special.

2015 AT A GLANCE Our Under 12 games have returned to championship status providing very exciting encounters consisting of four group finals up for decision in both codes.

- Durlas Og bridged twelve year gap in Under 14 A football thriller
- Ballybacon/Grange makes club history on collecting their first Under 16 Football title
- New titleholders of Under 16 A Football championship after seven years with Moyle Rovers collecting the accolades.
- Moycarkey/Borris bridge over 40 year gap claiming the Under 16 A Hurling crown as their previous success was in 1974
- The Mid division hosted the Under 16 A and B inter county Hurling games, our thanks to the following clubs
- Holycross/Ballycahill, Drom/Inch and Moycarkey/Borris who hosted the A games and to J.K. Brackens and Moyne/Templetuohy for hosting the B contests.
- To Cashel King Cormacs, Golden/Kilfeakle, Rockwell Rovers for hosting the B games our sincere thanks.

INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

Hurling Our opening action of 2015 comprised of the staging of the Inter Divisional Hurling tournaments. This year saw a change in the running format with the Round Robin system being used. Its aim was to give all participants more meaningful games in all three tournaments. Each game consisted of fifteen minutes aside. It proved to be a very packed schedule with the Under 14, 15 and 16 all down for decision.

Under 16 Garda Cup Clonoulty/Rossmore hosted the opening action with the Under 16 Garda Cup. Two games were played simultaneously. The weather conditions were not favourable as wind and rain prevailed. The Mid were up against the West and they led by 1-03 to 0-01. Upon the resumption it was all the West as they clocked up points without reply. However two Darragh Woods points increased the Mid total to 1-06 which was sufficient to win the game by one point on a finishing score line Mid 1-06 West 0-08. In the other contest between North and South the game was a one sided affair with the North winning by 3-06 to 1-01.

The next round saw North beat West by 1-07 to 0-09 and Mid get the better of South by 0-08 to 0-03. The final round of matches had South v West and North v Mid. The North v Mid game was all to play for as the winner were entitled to lift the cup. The Mid opted to play with the wind but it was their opponents that were in dominant form coming off at the interval ahead on a score of 0-03 to 0-02. To any neutral observer it would appear that the North men would be favourites to clinch the contest based on their first half dominance coupled the aid of the wind in the second half. However Darragh Woods once again proved a force to be reckoned with as he scored brilliant points. On the sixth minute the North net was shaking to put the Mid ahead on a score of 1-06 to 0-05. The Woods onslaught continued as he brought his final tally to eight points to put the final score at Mid 1-11 North 0-05.

The West was in devastating form clocking up 2-13 while maintaining a clear sheet in their encounter against the South.

Under 15 Roger Ryan Memorial Tournament This tournament is in memory of one of Tipperary's great players the late Roger Ryan who represented his county with distinction and also with his

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beloved Roscrea and Toomevara. The first rounds of matches were won by Mid 1-07 against West 0-07 and North 0-07 to 0-03 against South. Mid had a seven points victory (1-10 to 1-03) over South in the second round while it was heartbreak for the West who saw victory snatched away from them in the dying moments in their contest against the North. The concluding score read North 1-05 West 2-01. For the third round the Mid were missing one of their stars resulting from a red card issued towards the end of their previous encounter against the South. They commenced the game with the aid of the wind but it was the North that captured the opening score with the Mid net shaking for a goal. On the seventh minute the Mid got a point and North response was immediate with a pointed free. On the fourteenth minute the sides were level after the mid had clocked up three unanswered points for a score reading North 1-01 Mid 0-04. However the North got on the score sheet with a point to hold a one point advantage at the interval. Upon the resumption the North added a further three unanswered points before the Mid opened their account with a point. North scored their second goal and added a point to give the North boys the title on a final score of North 2-09 Mid 0-05. In the other contest the South clinched victory over the West on a score of 2-07 to 0-02.

Under 14 Peadar Cummins This tournament which has been hosted annually by Borris-Ileigh club for over quarter of a century in honour of a great Gael the late Peadar Cummins who devoted a lifetime of service to nurturing the young players of Borris-Ileigh.

In the opening round of matches the North had a five point victory against the South (0-09 to 0-4). The other game between the Mid and West concluded with a larger differential with the spoils going to the Mid 2-07 to 0-05. North (2-05) and West (1-08) finished all square in the second round. The game between Mid and South produced a total of 8-11 with victory going to the Mid side on a concluding score Mid 6-09 South 2-02. The game between the North and Mid in the concluding round had a lot at stake as victory or a draw would be sufficient for the Mid to clinch the Cup, but nothing less than outright victory could suffice for the North. The opening period was very low scoring and tense affair with the Mid holding a one point lead at the half time whistle three points to two. In the second period both sides added a point to their tally and then the Mid upped their performance notching up four unanswered points to clinch the cup on a final score of 0-08 to 0-03. In the other contest which produced five goals victory went to the West 4-02 to 1-03.

FOOTBALL In compliance with recommendations made with the Games and Development to give more time to the development of county panels in the coming year, we staged our divisional football competitions for both the 2015 Under 15 and Under 16 on Saturday November 29th.

The competitions were run under a new format to give more meaning games to all four divisions. The Round Robin system was agreed and this system signifies that each division plays each other with victory going to the top team and if teams ended on equal points, least scores conceded come into the reckoning.

The opening action commenced with the Under 15 games with the Mid and West battling it out in Dr. Morris Park while



J.K. Brackens - County Under 12 'D' Hurling champions. Panel: Kevin Allen, John Shaw, Michael Cahill, Denis Noonan, Eoin Leahy, Michael Delaney (capt), Jamie Bergin, Aidan Prout, Sean Collier, Sean Jordan, Ned Walsh, Daniel Joyce, Ned Delaney, Michael Coffey. Missing from the photo Don Devine

simultaneously the North and South were doing likewise in Pairc na nOg. The Mid had an easy contest against the West 1-08 to 0-02, while the South held the North scoreless and clocked up 1-10 for their tally. In the second games the Mid stayed in Dr. Morris Park and found the South too powerful going down on a score line South 3-07 Mid 1-01. In the other game the West inflicted a heavy defeat upon the North 5-03 to 1-03. Dr. Morris Park hosted the South's final game against the West and were going in as strong favourites. However the West had other ideas and managed to curtail their opponents and at the interval were only two point in arrears on score of South 1-01 West 0-02. Indeed the West side missed out on some goal opportunities that came their way in a very low scoring second half with victory going to the South on a concluding score South 1-05 West 0-4. The final game in Pairc na nOg between the Mid and the North was a game with nothing at stake. The North achieved their only success of the day on a concluding score of North 2-06 Mid 0-05.

The Moyne/Templetuohy club hosted the Under 16 games. In this competition the South were a force to be reckoned with. In their opening contest against the North they clocked up 4-05 conceding 1-03. The Mid versus the West was a more balanced encounter with victory going to the Mid 1-07 to 1-0. The second round games saw the South defeat the Mid by 2-05 to 0-04 and the West were convincing winners over the North (5-06 to 0-02). In the last round of games it was all to play for as both the South and West had a chance to clinch the title. However the odds were stacked with the South as a win would suffice, whereas the West had to win by a margin of three points. The South opened the scoring with points coming in fourth and fifth minutes. The West level matters with points in the sixth and seventh minute and it was game on. However the South took over clocking up 1-01 without reply to leave the pitch at the interval 1-03 to 0-02 ahead. Upon the resumption it was all South as their strength managed to keep the West attack scoreless while adding three points to their tally to secure the cup on a finishing score of South 1-06 West 0-02. The other contest between the Mid and North was a very close encounter with only a single point separating the sides at the final whistle - Mid 2-06 North 2-05.

INTER COUNTY HURLING TOURNAMENTS

Under 14 Inter County Hurling tournaments

Tipperary had two teams out on duty on Saturday August 29th participating in the 34th Annual Tony Forristal and Sonny Walsh tournament. Our A panel were in Division 1 group C and suffered a two point defeat in their first contest against Cork 2-07 to 0-15. In their second game against Offaly they enjoyed a comfortable victory on a concluding score of 3-08 to 0-05. With only one victory they had exited from any further participation.

Our B panel were in action in the Sonny Walsh Division 2 group C. They accounted for Wexford in the first outing 4-10 to 0-05. Next up were against Galway and after a very close affair secured a one point victory 1-08 to 1-07. The two victories placed Tipp in a semi final pairing against Dublin. In this contest even though Tipp were ahead on score numbers it was the quality of them that was to count. Dublin with 3-08 had secured a two point victory as Tipp failed to raise any green flags to accompany their thirteen points. Tipp went out on a concluding score reading Dublin 3-08 Tipperary 0-13.

Under 15 Inter County Hurling Tournament In the Under 15 A Carrigdhoun tournament which is hosted by Rebel Og in Cork Tipperary defeated Limerick in their opening game and drew with Cork in their second contest. They played the Rebels again in the final and went down by five points.

In the B tournament which was hosted by Clare in Sixmilebridge, Tipperary were victorious in the Shield final.

Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland U 16 A and B Hurling Tournaments. There was a festival of action as our County Under 16 A and B panels contested both the 16A John Doyle Perpetual Cup and the Tipperary Supporters B Cup. We are very grateful for the continued support we receive from the Tipperary Supporters Club regarding our hosting of the Under 16 All Ireland Hurling tournaments.

Under 16A John Doyle Perpetual Cup Our A panel played in Group 4 and their games were in Holycross. Their opening action against Waterford resulted with Tipp having a three point winning margin on a score of 0-14 to 1-08. Next up was Lenister side Wexford and again Tipp failed to find the net but clinched victory on a score line 0-18 to 1-06. This victory put Tipp into a semi final spot against Group 1 winners Cork. The opening period

Tiobraid Arann Bórd na nOg Results 2015

Football Championships

Grade	Team & Scores	Venue	Referee
Under 12			
Group 1	Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams	2-08 Silvermines	1-08 Dundrum Jason Lyons
Group 2	Holycross/Ballycahill	1-05 Kilsheelan/Kilcash	1-02 Dundrum Martin O'Shea
Group 3	Rockwell Rovers	0-12 Clonmel Commercial	0-07 Dundrum Liam Shanahan
Group 4	Clonmel Commercial	4-02 J.K.Brackens	2-03 Dundrum Eoghan Lonergan
U 14 A	Durlas Og	4-10 Clonmel Og	1-08 Templetuohy David Grogan
U 14 B	Kilsheelan/Kilcash	6-17 Lattin Cullen/Aherlow	0-00 Templetuohy Pat Murray
U 14 C	Portroe	4-09 Arravale Rovers	1-00 Templetuohy Sean Everard
U 16 A	Moyle Rovers	4-12 Galtee Golden	2-00 Ballylooby Jonathan Cullen
U 16 B	Grangemockler/Ballyneale	2-10 Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams	1-05 Ballylooby Tom McGrath
U16 C	No C final		

Féile Péil Fé 14 Tournaments

A	Durlas Og	3-12	Moyle Rovers	4-01	Holycross	Liam Shanahan
B	Clonmel Og	4-05	Rosegreen	1-01	Holycross	Shane Hodgins

Hurling Championship Finals

Group 1	Silvermines	1-06	Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams	0-05	Borrisoleigh	Sean Lonergan
Group 2	Golden/Kilfeacle	4-07	Kilsheelan/Kilcash	3-04	New Inn	Sean Everard
Group 3	St. Mary's	3-07	Gortnahoe/Glengoolie	0-09	Cashel	Philip Bergin
Group 4	J.K.Brackens	1-03	Toomevara	1-01	Borrisoleigh	David Grogan
U 14A	Durlas Og	3-11	Roscrea	0-07	Boherlahan	Fergal Horgan
U 14 B	Grangemockler/Castlegrace	2-10	Gortnahoe/Glengoolie	0-06	Boherlahan	Pat O'Mahoney
U 14 C	Portroe	4-08	Cashel King Cormacs	1-01	Boherlahan	Eddie Costello
U 16 A	Moycarkey/Borris	1-19	Nenagh Eire Og	2-12	Anacarty	Noel Crossgrove
U 16 B	Gortnahoe/Glengoolie	2-13	Lorrha/Shannon Gaels	1-08	Anacarty	John Ryan Bob

Féile Iomanníocht Fé 14 Tournaments

A	Moycarkey Borris awarded game against Borris/Ileigh	Littleton			
B	Silvermines	1-07	Upperchurch Drombane	0-05	Littleton Seamus Tynan



North Tipperary - Under 13 Interdivisional Football champions 2015

Back l-r: John O'Keeffe, Karl Kelly (Ballinahinch), Dylan Murphy (Nenagh), Cathal McGrath (Silvermines), Joey Kelly (Ballinahinch), Liam King (Ballinahinch), Luke Gleeson (Borrisokane), Matthew Power (Ballina), Shane Keating (Portroe), Cian O'Meara (Borrisokane), Sam Loughran (Ballina), Dylan Hogan (Inane Rovers), Dara King (Ballina), Josh Egan (Ballina), Shane Gavin. Front Row L-R: Kevin Mulryan, Michael Ryan (Moneygall), Neil Cahalan (Kildangan), Luke Seacy (Inane Rovers), Conor Donovan (Inane Rovers), Aaron Morgan (Kilruane McDonaghs), Paidi Williams (Kilruane McDonaghs), Conor Shanahan (Capt - Inane Rovers), Sean Harnett (Inane Rovers), Nathan Carroll (Inane Rovers), David Grace (Ballina). Absent from photo, Jamie Boland (Inane Rovers).

of this contest was a very tight affair with scores being very hard to come by under wet conditions. Tipp were always under pressure and at half time were down by three points on a score line Cork 0-09 Tipp 0-06. In the second period scores were more plentiful but it was Cork that determined the business and qualified for the final on a concluding score of 2-14 to 1-13.

Cork eventually won the final against Kilkenny on a score reading of 3-09 to 1-12.

Under 16B Tipperary Supporters Club Cup Tipperary were in Group 2 accompanied by Kerry and Waterford. The games were in Templetuohy and their opening contest was against Waterford. Tipp were in top flight clocking up 4-10 to Waterford's 1-08. Next up was Kerry who with the strong breeze was marginally ahead at the interval. However in the second period Tipperary saw off the challenge with ease on a concluding score reading Tipperary 4-18 Kerry 2-13. This victory set Tipp for a place in the final.

In the final Tipperary were up against Cork, winners of Group 3 in Semple Stadium. At the end of the opening ten minutes the sides were on level terms with five points apiece Tipp went one point ahead, but within the closing two minutes a mix up in the Tipp defence gave Cork the opportunity to crash home a goal to lead at half time 1-06 to 0-05. By the twelfth minute of the second period both had added three points to their tally for a score reading Cork 1-08 Tipperary 0-09. Cork added another two points before Tipperary responded with a goal to put the score at Cork 1-10 Tipperary 1-09. This proved to be Tipperary's last addition to the scoring as Cork added one late point to win the title by two points 1-11 to 1-09.

The officer board of County C6iste na Nog wish to thank all involved in the Tipperary Supporters and especially Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for attending the games in Semple Stadium. We very much appreciate the support received over the last ten years. Our thanks to the management of Semple Stadium for allowing our three finals to be played on the "Field of Legends" it was a wonderful experience for all the players involved.

Inter County Football Tournaments All our football panels were in action on Saturday July 4th.

Under 14 Jim Power Tournament We had two Under 14 teams participating in the Jim Power tournament in Waterford and due to bereavement both our A and B teams played their games in Dungarvan.

Our A team were against very strong opposition in their opening game Rebel Og West Cork were in devastating form on a concluding score line of 6-12 to 1-01. In the next game the Banner men from Clare notched up 3-11 without conceding a score.

Simultaneously our B team were in action and in a cracking encounter against Kerry North held on to record a one point victory on a score of 2-06 to 0-11. In their second game they had Waterford as opposition and again secured a one point victory on a score of 2-03 to 2-02. This victory put them into a semi final of the Cup with Rebel Og East Cork. This game proved to be a keenly contested business. At the interval the Rebels enjoyed a 2-03 to 1-02 score reading as they had rattled the Tipp net for their second goal just prior to the end whistle. Early in the second period it appeared that the Rebels were going to be unstoppable, but the blue & gold boys had other ideas and clocked up 1-02 in quick succession. Discipline was to prove costly for the Rebels who had two of their star performers black carded in quick succession. Such was the Tipp pressure that they finished out strong capturing their place in the final on a concluding score line Tipp B 2-07 Rebel Og East 2-04.

Tipp had to travel over to Fraher field to play the cup final against Kerry South. At the outset Tipp had all the attack and were intent on goal scoring rather than taking the points. This was to prove costly as Tipp opened the scoring with a point on the fourth minute and the Kerry boys responded immediately clocking up a point. By the eight minute they had three more. Then disaster on the ninth minute as the Tipp net was rattled and with it the spirit of the players. At the interval Kerry had 2-05 while just one point conceded. In the second period they added 1-04 without reply to capture the Jim Power Cup.



Noel McGrath with the County Football winning captains for 2015.
Back l-r: Noel McGrath, Luke Fogarty (U16A), Jack Lyons (U16B), Conor Anderson (Feili Peil B), Conor McGrath (Mid U14). Front l-r: Toby Lambe (U12 Group 2), Tom Downey (U12 Group 3), Tadhg Sheehan (U12 Group 4), Patrick Stakelum (U14SA), Billy Murphy (U14B).

Under 15 Humphrey Kelleher Tournament The Under 15 panel played in the Humphrey Kelleher tournament hosted by Rebel Og, Cork and Duhalla Club. First game in quarter final was against Rebel Og in Drumtariffe. With the game gone into its final seconds Tipp held a one point margin 0-08 to 0-07 when disaster struck as their net was rattled as the Cork boys snatched a two point victory 1-07 to 0-08.

Their next action was against Limerick in the shield semi final which proved to be a training exercise for Tipperary as they clocked up 5-15 while conceding 1-08. They travelled to Millstreet to contest the final against Clare. In this contest the Banner men held the upper hand on proceedings and secured the title on a concluding score 1-08 to 0-05.

Under 16 Munster Tournament The Under 16 team played in the Munster tournament hosted by Limerick C6iste Na Nog. Their first outing was against Clare in St. Sennans, Foynes. At the final whistle the Banner men had five points to spare on a score of 1-08 to 1-03. The defeat put Tipp into the Shield semi final with Waterford as the opposition. The game took place in Adare and in a game of goals Tipperary booked their place in the final on a score line Tipperary 6-14 Waterford 4-01. In the final Tipperary were up against the Rebels and saw victory snatched from them with a pointed free in the dying moments of the game. It was truly heartbreaking end to a game that Tipp had contested so well. Final score Cork 1-13 Tipperary 3-06.



Noel McGrath with the county hurling winning captains for 2015.
Back l-r: Noel McGrath, Anthony McKelvey (U16A), Karl Campion (U16B), Neil Quinlan (U16 Mid), Kevin McCarthy (U15 North), Conor Nesbitt (U14 Mid), Dylan Shaw (Feile A), Oisín Murphy (Feile B). Front l-r: U15 B Tipp, Michael Corcoran (U12 Group 1), Jack Leamy (U12 Group 2), Ruairi Leahy (U12 Group 3), Michael Delaney (U12 Group 4), Cian Stakelum (U14A), James Daly (U14B), Brain Keating (U14C).

Moycarkey-Borris Under 16s end 41 year famine

History was made in euphoric fashion on Saturday afternoon, October 3rd, when the young men of Moycarkey-Borris came of age with a dominant second half display to defeat Nenagh Eire Og by 1-19 to 2-12 to win the U16A County title as they claimed the Colm Phelan Memorial Cup for the first time. A trawl through the history books would take you back to 1974 when this famous club last hoisted what was then the U16½ crown. That famine was finally obliterated by a tremendous set of players, who from the throw in, set about their task with purpose, determination and unity as each fought and helped one another right to the end and with that earn the reward their efforts deserved.

It was certainly a “carpe diem” moment for this side who will have life long memories of a tremendous visit to Annacarty. In goal Rhys Shelly had a solid display and there was nothing he could do for either goal. His superb puck outs launched many a Moycarkey attack and he can be well pleased with his performance. The inside line of Kieran Kearney, Rory Darmody and Kevin Hayes was strong throughout, with Hayes and Darmody in particular having a terrific opening half. In all they only coughed up one point between the three of them to their markers, no mean feat at all.

Facing the likes of a superb Nenagh half forward line, there was always going to be pressure on the Moycarkey half back set, though Michael Murphy was the most industrious throughout. The more the game developed the more the lads gained a foothold and by the time the final quarter came round Philip Ryan, Zach Jackson and Murphy had the measure of their men

taking no account of reputations beside them.

The midfield partnership of Jack Fallon and Jack Morrissey matched Nenagh toe for toe. Following Fallon’s withdrawal the balance tipped in Moycarkey’s favour as John Kirwan’s no nonsense and direct approach endeared him to all as he put in a terrific shift with Morrissey.

Then it was down to the two forward line units where Moycarkey Borris sparkled and revelled in their display. On the wings Caolan O’Brien and Shane Maher were ominous in their threat as was Bill Maher when added to the fold for the second period. The Hackett brothers, Max and Jack proved an absolute handful for their markers in the corners with Max always scheming, darting, looking for an opening at every opportunity to exploit weakness and pick off a score or to find a man. The players in the spine of the Moycarkey Borris attack Darren Flood at centre and Anthony McKelvey at full delivered outstanding performances as both were central and crucial to the Moycarkey Borris victory. Flood’s second half display was as good as will be seen on any field this year while McKelvey was just immense throughout and led as a captain should by superb example.

This win was crafted on diligent work by the Moycarkey Borris mentors who certainly had their homework done with the matchups well and truly nailed. To each take a bow. Amidst wild cheers of celebration, Neil Ryan, Co. Coiste na nÓg PRO, presented the Colm Phelan Memorial Cup to winning captain Anthony McKelvey on this historic day for Moycarkey Borris.



Moycarkey/Borris – Mid and County Under 16 ‘A’ Hurling Champions

Back l-r: David O'Donnell, Shane Maher, Daniel Brown, Philip Ryan, Ben O'Dwyer, Max Hackett, Rory Darmody, Bill Gleeson, Zach Jackson, Caolan O'Brien, Sean O'Meara, Darren Flood, Anthony McKelvey, Donal Fitzpatrick, Diarmuid Maher, Coner Cummins, John Kirwan, Bill Maher and Ciaran Kirwan. Front l-r: Brendan Looby, Tom Ryan, Jack Morrissey, Jack Hackett, Kevin Hayes, Jack Fallon, James Dillon, Aidan Scott, Rhys Shelly, Kieran Kearney, Michael Murphy, Mark Heffernan, Eamonn Martin, Philip O'Sullivan.



Under 14 Poc Fada winner: Ryan Renehan, Cappawhite, receiving presentation from Noel McGrath.



St Mary's - South And County Under 12 'C' Hurling Champions Back l-r: Lennon Foran, Sean Cagney, Ethan Coughlan, Alan Quigley, Eoghan Walsh, Rhys O'Donnell, Shane O'Connor. Front l-r: Adam Duggan, Jake Murray, Shane Ryan, Ruairi Leahy (Captain), Coner Guiry, Coner Paker, David Cagney.

Durlas Óg Under 14A Hurling County Champions 2015



Back: Aidan Ryan, Henry Fogarty, Conor Lanigan, Declan Costello, Dean Fanning, Dean O'Halloran, David Mawe, Cian Stakelum Capt., Joe Dwan, Paddy Creedon, Paddy Stakelum, Conor Stapleton, Cathal Hayes, Paul Ryan, Sean Collins, Kieran Costello, Paddy Kenny, Sean Madden, Jim Dwyer, Stephen Donovan, Darragh Purcell.
Front: Luke Beresford, Jack Kelly, Luke Fogarty, Conor Fogarty, Jack Lanigan, Jordan Fahey, Darragh Stakelum, Eoin Purcell, Eoin Ryan, James Armstrong, Oisín O'Brien, Aaron Mulcaire

Memorable year for Durlas Óg's U-14s

By John Smith

2015 was a memorable year for Durlas Óg's under 14's who recorded a magnificent county football and hurling double. The team commenced training in January and the year concluded on Saturday 12th September when they defeated Roscrea in the county hurling final at Boherlahan.

Durlas Óg's first competitive outing of the year was the Peil na nOg competition and following a Mid final win over Moycarkey/Borris this was followed by wins over Knockavilla Kickhams in the county semi final and Moyle Rover in the county final. They represented Tipperary in the All Ireland finals and after a great weekend of football they lost to Ferbane (Offaly) by two points in the quarter final.

The Mid football championship commenced in early April and after impressive displays in the earlier rounds Durlas Óg faced Moycarkey/Borris in the final. The Thurles boys who were behind by a point at the interval finished the second half strongly to win on a final score of Durlas Óg 1-9 Moycarkey/Borris 1-6. Galtee/Golden were defeated by five points (4-9 to 3-07) in the county semi final to set up a county final against Clonmel Óg. The team gave their best display of the year to record a convincing win in Templetuohy and bring home the county cup to Thurles for the first time since 2003. Durlas Óg got off to the perfect start with a Paddy Creedon goal after 15 seconds. Another Creedon goal in the 10th minute followed by a Cian Stakelum goal gave Durlas Óg a 3-2 to 0-4 lead at half time. Clonmel Óg staged a comeback in the second half and five points separated the teams with 15 minutes remaining. Durlas Óg responded and produced the best passage of play of the match. Paddy Creedon won a kick out and the ball was worked up the field to Jack Lanigan who expertly finished to the Clonmel net. Durlas Óg added further points to seal victory and win their fifth county under 14 'A' football title. Final score Durlas Óg 4-10 Clonmel Óg 1-8.

Team and scorers: Darragh Stakelum; Conor Stapleton, Patrick Stakelum, Henry Fogarty; James Armstrong, Ciaran Costello, Jordan Fahy; Paddy Creedon (2-1), Joe Dwan (0-2); Cian Stakelum (1-0), Cathal Hayes, Eoin Purcell (0-1); Jack Kelly (0-1), Jack Lanigan (1-5), Sean Collins. Subs: Luke Fogarty, Oisín O'Brien, Stephen Donovan, Cian McDonald, Dean Fanning, Dean O'Halloran, David Mawe, Conor Fogarty, Luke Beresford, Aaron

Mulcaire, Peter Wall, Sean Madden, Conor Whitehead, Eoghan Ryan.

July saw the start of the hurling championship and like the Mid football championship it was a Durlas Óg and Moycarkey/Borris pairing in the final. This was one of the games of the year. Durlas Óg staged a great second half comeback after having being six points in arrears at the interval they led by seven points with five minutes remaining but had to withstand a Moycarkey fight back in the final minutes to hold on for a one point win (1-20 to 4-10). A feature of the match was the unerring accuracy of Jack Lanigan who finished with a personal tally of 14 points. Durlas Óg scored a hard earned 3-7 to 1-10 win over Knockavilla Kickhams in the county semi final. Roscrea were their final opponents and a large crowd was present in Boherlahan for the eagerly awaited final. The final score of 3-11 to 0-7 doesn't do justice to a gallant Roscrea team and Durlas Óg's victory was not as easy as the scoreline would suggest. The first half was very close and Roscrea held a one point interval lead. Midway through the second half Durlas Óg held a three points advantage. Durlas Óg finished very strongly outscoring their opponents by 2-4 to nil in the final twelve minutes of the second half. Jack Lanigan finished as top scorer with 2-5 while Eoin Purcell scored four points from play. This was Durlas Óg's first county Under 14hurling title since 2006.

Team and scorers: Darragh Stakelum; David Mawe, Patrick Stakelum, Conor Stapleton; Jordan Fahy, Ciaran Costello, Cathal Hayes; Paddy Creedon, Eoin Purcell (0-4); Oisín O'Brien, Cian Stakelum (0-1), Joe Dwan (0-1); James Armstrong (1-0), Jack Lanigan (2-5), Dean Fanning. Subs used: Sean Collins, Aaron Mulcaire, Jack Kelly, Luke Fogarty. The other panel members were Henry Fogarty, Conor Fogarty, Sean Madden, Dean O'Halloran, Stephen Donovan, Eoghan Ryan, Luke Beresford.

Durlas Óg previously recorded county Under 14 football and hurling doubles in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

The mentors who can be very proud of their players and their achievements this year were Paddy Kenny, Aidan Ryan, Conor Lanigan, Jim Dwyer, Paul Ryan, Richie Stapleton, Declan Costello and Dara Purcell.

This magnificent double was achieved by a group of skilful and dedicated players. They have given their supporters many memorable moments throughout the season and winning county titles in both football and hurling was a tremendous achievement. Congratulations and well done.

North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Results 2015

FOOTBALL

Grade	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
U12A	Silvermines	3-8	Inane Rovers	1-3	Moneygall	John Stapleton
U12B	Burgess	1-4	Moneygall	1-1	Puckane	Christy Morgan
U12C	Lorrha	2-5	Ballina	1-0	Moneygall	John Stapleton
U12D	Inane Rovers	3-2	Templederry	3-0	Portroe	Shane Hodgins
U14A	Inane Rovers	4-7	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2-0	Moneygall	TP Sullivan
U14B	Newport Gaels	4-7	Kildangan	5-2	Toomevara	Ger Fitzpatrick
U14C	Portroe	5-8	Templederry	2-3	Templederry	Jim Lees
U16A	Inane Rovers	7-2	Nenagh Eire Og	4-9	Borrisokane	Dan Darcy
U16B	Newport Gaels	1-7	Moneygall/Clonakenny	1-5	Nenagh	Pat O'Mahoney
U16C	Portroe	5-10	Templederry	5-6	Portroe	Pat Murray

HURLING

Grade	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
U12A	Silvermines	2-6	Roscrea	1-3	Puckane	Peter Carroll
U12B	Borris-Ileigh	2-7	Moneygall	2-2	Puckane	Peter Carroll
U12C	Roscrea	3-5	Shannon Rovers	3-1	Puckane	Pat Gibson
U12D	Toomevara	0-12	Silvermines	3-1	Puckane	Gerry Treacy
U14A	Roscrea	3-14	Kildangan	4-5	Toomevara	Garrett Howard
U14B	Burgess	4-12	Newport Gaels	1-6	Toomevara	Pat Murray
U14C	Portroe	4-14	Templederry	2-8	Shallee	Conor Doyle
U16A	Nenagh Eire Og	2-18	Roscrea	1-13	Toomevara	Tom Ryan
U16B	Lorrha/Shannon Rovers	3-10	Borrisokane	1-14	Toomevara	Ger Fitzpatrick
U16C	Templederry	8-12	Portroe	2-11	Portroe	Dan Darcy



Burgess North Under 14 'B' Hurling Champions.

Back l-r: Eoin Hogan (Selector), Pat Gibson (Manager), Sean Dunne, Tom Gibson, Shaun Corcoran, Daire Hogan, Joe Cooney, Joshua Delaney, Michael Ryan, Cormac McAuliffe, Tom O'Neill, Aaron Sharkey, Cathal Conneally, Eoin Grace, Tony Gleeson (Selector), Tommy Coughlan (Selector). Front l-r Luke Conneally, Jason Quigley, Oisín Hynes, Conor Reidy, Liam Grace, Luke Purcell, Jack O'Keeffe (Capt) Kiefer O'Brien, Oisín Tucker, Michael O'Flaherty (Selector).

North Coiste na nÓg Review

We began 2015 with a compulsory change to our top table, which saw outgoing secretary Marian Minehan moving onto the Senior committee as a consequence of the five year rule. Nenagh Eire Óg's Catherine McTiernan grasped the reins with great enthusiasm and soon had everything on track. Chairman John Delaney from Newport also fulfilled the PRO role and was supported by a most efficient CCC team. Competitive action began as usual in early March with the football championships and also the Feile competitions. In Feile Hurling, Borris-Ileigh and Silvermines went on to represent the Division in the A and B competitions respectfully with The Mines winning the B County Final captained by Oisín Murphy.

In Feile Peil, Inane Rovers won the A and Ballina represented the North in the B grade as the final was not played. The new revised ASH program, devised by the County Games Development Committee meant that the Inter Divisional hurling tournaments for the under 14/15 and 16 age grades took place in April with North Tipp winning the Roger Ryan Tournament in Toomevara, captained appropriately by local young man Kevin McCarthy. Later on in the year, the County U15B team, including seven North representatives won the U15 Munster B Tournament.

The next action involved the final stages of our football championships and Portroe were the only club to bring back County medals winning the U14C outright. Nevertheless we were treated to some very close memorable North Finals with the U16A game providing a total of eleven goals in a thriller which saw Inane eventually overcoming Nenagh Eire Óg on an incredible score of 7-2 to 4-9. Focus later switched to the hurling championship and the CCC were very pleased to see that almost all fixtures were played as per the schedule issued in May.

Our four North U12 finals were all played on the same day in Puckane, as an acknowledgement to Kildangan's 100 year celebration. On a lovely day, we saw all eight participants parade behind a piper and stand to attention to our National Anthem. On the day, teams from Silvermines, Borris-Ileigh, Roscrea and Toomevara brought home the silverware in the A,B,C & D grades respectfully. Silvermines later went all the way and were victorious in the County Final. Our U14 A and B finals formed a double header in Toomevara and before a huge crowd we saw Roscrea just beat Kildangan in the game of the year in A

and Burgess overcome Newport Gaels in the B. Portroe later overcame Templederry in C grade and subsequently brought the County 14C trophy back to Portroe captained by Brian Keating. This years U16 Championship for the first time in years saw eight clubs in both A and B grades and both divisions ran off like clockwork, with not a single request for a postponement. Nenagh were victorious in A grade over Roscrea whilst the Lorrha/Shannon Rovers combo just about beat Borrisokane in a thrilling B final. Both games formed an entertaining days entertainment in Toomevara as they formed a double header. Meanwhile Templederry overcame Portroe to win the C grade.

We also held the U16 Poc Fada competition in Kilcolman again, which saw Nenagh Eire Óg's Evan Murphy just shading it over Portroe's Conor O'Brien. Evan went on to win the County final also. In the Munster Final, as Evan was unavailable, Conor deputised and put in some huge puck's coming a very closed second place overall in Munster.

All told, over 400 games were played between March and September which is a huge testament to the endeavours of the CCC, Referees, clubs that made their grounds available and the indeed all teams involved. Great credit is also due to our GDA John O'Keefe who worked extremely hard with the clubs and schools throughout the year. John also convened a meeting between the clubs and Nenagh CBS and put a timetable in place which ensured that the Schools had access to the players for the Dean Ryan and Harty Cup competitions in future and that it would not impede on clubs involved in the knock stages of county championship's.

Finally, when we evaluate the county finals won and lost this year we may feel justifiably disappointed with the North's return, but we should not lose sight of the fact that eight players from North Tipperary started on the county minor team in the All Ireland Final. These players are only just out of the CNG spectrum and really this is what we should strive to provide, ie quality minor players.

Special thanks to all the clubs for their participation in this year's championship and the spirit that our games were played in and we look forward to doing it all again in 2016. Happy Christmas to all our supporters and a successful sporting 2016 from all in Coiste na nÓg Thuaidh.



North Tipp Under 15 Hurling team - Roger Ryan Cup winners.

Back: Cathal Ryan, Conor Grace, Fiachra Starr, Sean Spillane, Evan Murphy, Liam Hogan (Selector). Next Row- James McGrath(Selector), Luke Cashen, Conor Ryan, Conor Burke, Stephen Kirwan, Jack Ryan, Mark O'Neill, Jack Boland, Jack Connelly, David Moran (Selector). Next Row-: Shane Hodgins (Selector), Oran Bergin, Alvis Danco, Stephen Frend, Alan O'Meara, Conor O'Brien, Sean McAdams, Brian McLoughney. Front - Darragh Nolan, Ray McCormack, John McGrath, Kevin McCarthy, Darragh McKelvey, Sean Ryan, Conal Moran, Darragh Flannery, Darragh Tynan.



Newport Gaels - North U16 'B' Football champions.

Back l-r: Cathal Ryan, Aidan Healey, Jack Connolly, Emmett Floyd, Niall Harrington, Michael Gorman, Jay Madden, Ciaran Braddick, Adam Wixted, Thomas Floyd, Elliott Slattery, Nathan Hartigan, Thomas Mulryan, James Lynch.

Front l-r: Colin Coleman, Colm Harrington, Ben Wixted, Jordan Mooney, Patrick Murtagh, Bryn Gleeson, Brendan Coffey, Aaron O'Neill, Ciaran Flynn, Brian Keane.



Roscrea North U-14 'A' Hurling Champions.

Back l to r: Conor Dooley, Jamie Ryan, Joe Brooks, Kevin Moore, Gary Sheils, Nathan Carroll, Gavin Meagher, Aidan Booth, Dean Pyne, Kenny Lee, Jed Feehan, Conor Phelan, David McLoughlin, James Treacy.

Front l to r: Jack Flynn, Aaron Delahunty, Jack Lee, Ian Spencer, Jamie Ryan, James Synnott (Capt), Bradley Neville, Calin Byrne, Conor Donovan, Dylan Carey, Brian Bergin, Conor Shanahan, Tré Loughnane, Luke Seacy, Dara Lee.

Absent from photo: Dylan Hogan and Jamie Boland.



Roscrea North U12 'C' Hurling winners.

Back l to r: Liam O'Reilly, John Donovan, James O'Connor (Capt), Josh Moloney, Daniel Russell, Michael Fitzgerald, Josh Moriarty.

Front l to r: John Quelly, Tommy Murphy, Martin Mulrooney, Aaron Lee, John Conlon, Scott Kelly, Jake McEvoy, Leo Condron, Shane Conlon.



Portroe - North and County Under 14 'C' Football Champions.

Back l-r: Maurice O Riordan (Manager), Mark Madden, Conor Shanahan, Brian Keating, John Moroney, Sam Madden, Patrick Finn, Shane Keating, James Finn, James Ferris, Robbie Creamer, Oisín Keating, Brian Rainsford (Selector). Front l-r: Andrew Ferris, Sonny Dower, Oisín O'Connor, Ben O'Connor, Luke Creamer, Peter Rainsford (capt), Eoin Quinn, Adrian O'Halloran, Barry Connaughton, Evan Rainsford, Conor O'Riordan.



Portroe - North & County U14 'C' Hurling champions.

Back l-r: Maurice O'Riordan (manager), Luke Creamer, James Finn, Sonny Dower, Shane Keating, Sam Madden, Niall Helebert, Patrick Finn, Robbie Creamer, James Ferris, Eoin Quinn, Oisín O'Connor, Oisín Keating, Brian Rainsford (selector). Front l-r: Ben O'Connor, Andrew Ferris, Peter Rainsford, Adrian O'Halloran, Brian Keating (C), John Moroney, Mark Madden, Conor O'Riordan, Evan Rainsford, Barry Connaughton.



Silvermines - North & County U12 'A' Hurling champions. Front: G. Leamy, A. Reynolds, Ml. Corcoran (C), C. Murphy, C. McKelvey, D. Cunningham, D. Ryan. Back: E. Ryan, J. Ryan, Donnellan, L. O'Brien, P. Quigley, B. Leamy, S. Ryan Prenderville



Borris-Ileigh North U12 'B' Hurling winners. Back l-r: Michael Kennedy, Dylan Fahy, Danielle Ryan, Katie Fitzgerald, Eddie Ryan, Aaron Ryan, Daniel Ryan. Front l-r: Harry Gould, Cian Murphy, Paddy McCormack, David Delaney, Seán Young, Colm Boyle.



Inane Rovers U-14 A North Tipp Football Champions and Feile Peil Winners 2015 Front l-r : Dominik Mroczke, Dylan Carey, Luke Seacy, Conor Shanahan, Kevin Moore (Capt.), Nathan Carroll, Joe Brooks, Dylan Buckley, Dara Lee, Brian Bergin. Back l-r : Conor Donovan, Jamie Boland, Sean Harnett, Dylan Hogan, Aidan Booth, Bradley Neville, Jamie Ryan, Gavin Meagher, Jack Lee, Shane Treacy, Wojcek Spyra, Cian O'Connor, David McLoughlin, James Synott



Lorrha/Shannon Rovers - North U-16 Hurling 'B' Champions. Back l-r: Aleksandrs Semjonovs, Oliver Cleary, Jack Dunne, David O'Sullivan, Daniel O'Donoghue, Alan O'Meara, Dean Harding, Matthew Tierney, Eamon Hough, Ray O'Meara, James O'Sullivan, Michael Tierney, Michael Slattery, Michael Mulvihill. Front l-r: Conal Moran, Tomas Kennedy, Cody Watson, Adam Slattery, Ciaran Redmond, John O'Meara, Shaun Balfry, Jack Moran, Mark Stanley, Conor Ryan. Absent from photo: Andrew Lennox.



Lorrha - North Under 12 'C' Football champions. Front l-r: Scott Mannion, Martin Gorman, Dan Needham, Ronan Shewbridge, Kevin Cahalan, Frances Bulger, Fergus Donoghue, Sarah Gorman. Middle: Conor Moylan, Lee Reddan. Back: Riain Lane, Donnacha O'Meara, Lochlann McGrath, Patrick O'Meara, Brandon Kennedy, Darragh Guinan, Oisín Guinan, Sean Williams, Emily Needham, Sarah Mannion.



Burgess U12 group 2 North Champions Back l-r: Colm Conneally (Manager), Eoin Grace, Jason Quigley, Peter Artimage, Joshua Delaney, Adam Guilfoyle, Dylan Hough, Ciaran Slattery, Donal Purcell (Selector). Front l-r: Luke Purcell, Oisín Tucker, Aidan O'Dwyer, Conor Reidy, Luke Connelly, Michael Ryan (Capt), Liam Grace, Owen Moriarty, Kieran Grace.



Inane Rovers U-16 A North Tipp Football Champions 2015 Front l-r : Jason Gilmartin, Luke Cashin, Daragh Tynan, Eoin Tynan, Eoghan Bergin, Ruairi Murphy, Colman Treacy (Capt.), Brian Parlon, Brian McCabe, Fionn Ryan, Aaron Loughnane, Stephen Carey. Back l-r : Paul Booth, Joe Carroll, Daniel Ryan, Aaron Moloney, Eoin Dooley, Adam Fitzpatrick, Conor Booth, Enda Parlon, Jay Culleton, Emmet Fitzgerald, James O'Meara, Liam Seacy, David Buckley.



Lorrha North U13 B Plate Champions. Front l-r: Martin Gorman, Adam Clancy, Daniel Madden, Micheal Houlihan, Tom Duggan, Colm Fogarty, Darragh Guinan, Brandon Kennedy. Back: JP Houlihan, Kieran Kennedy, Donnacha O'Meara, Ronan Shewbridge, Dan Needham, Oisín Guinan, James guinan, Ronan O'Meara, Ruain O'Meara, Sean Heenan, Kevin Cahalan, Des Clancy, Louise Mannion.



Nenagh Eire Og North U16 'A' Football champions. Back l-r: Daniel O'Donovan, Fiachra Starr, Fiachra Carey, Cian O'Farrell, Seán Shanahan, Liam Heffernan, Barry Coffey, Cian O'Brien, Conor Sullivan, Mark O'Farrell (Capt), Killian Malone, Daniel Molamphy, Conor McCarthy, Shane Flynn, Peter Folan, Alan Manning. Front Row L/R: Conor Hennessy, Seán McTiernan, Conor Bonar, Jake Morris, Evan Murphy, Ethan O'Brien, Scott O'Brien, Aaron White, Seán Phelan, Stephen Hallinan.

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Templederry - North U16 'C' Hurling champions. Back l-r: Liam Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Sean Ryan, Mathew Ryan, Tim McCutcheon, Niall Slattery, Michael Burke, Aidan Ryan. Front l-r: Mikie Ryan, Michael Griffin, Charlie Ward, Colm Murray, Willie Ryan, Connor Looby (Captain), Darragh Murray, Mark Kinnane.



North U14 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r:



Portroe - North Under 16 'C' Football Champions. Back l-r: John Hogan (selector), Paul Ferris (manager), Michael Shanahan, William Flood, Diarmuid Boyle, Kieran Mc Keogh, Adrian Willis, Martin Rainsford, Conor O'Brien, John Bray, Ethan Farkar, Dylan Kennedy, Damien Ryan (selector), Mark Geanery (selector). Front l-r: James Brady, Sam Madden, Brian Keating, Shane Keating, James Ferris, Peter Rainsford, John Moroney, Patrick Finn.



Toomevara U12 Winners D

Back l-r: Paddy Mcinerney, Daniel O'Farrell, Tadhg Gleeson, Fionn McGuigan, Harry Duff, Dylan Carroll, Michael Grace, Capt. Front l-r: Aaron Egan, Oisín Troy, Colm Maher, Matthew Coffey, Cathal Frend, Jack Harford.



Inane Rovers U-12 D North Tipp Football Champions 2015

Front l-r : Graham Dooley, Tommy Murphy, Josh Moriarty, Michael Fitzgerald (Capt.), Devon Loughnane, Lee Loughnane, Aaron Lee. Back l-r : John Harnett, Luke Fletcher, Daniel Russell, Robert Gunnell, Alex Moloney, John Donovan, Scott Kelly, Eoin Mullins, Jamie Conlon.



Toomevara North U13 'A' Hurling Plate winners. Back l-r: Cathal O'Farrell, John Brislane, Eoin Healy, Eamonn White, Joseph Coffey, James Meagher, Cian Ryan, Enda Shanahan, David Corcoran, Ted Evans, Tim Flaherty, Patrick Mounsey. Front l-r: Mark Carroll, Jack Ryan, Stephen Cantwell, James Duff, Cathal Spillane, Kenneth Ryan, Conor Grace (Capt), Kieran Boyle, Cormac Hogan, Jack Gleeson.



J.K. Brackens - Mid Under 12 Football champions. Included in photo are Paddy Crampton, John Shaw, Edward Ryan, Gearoid Sullivan, James Ryan, Sean Collier, Don Devine, Ned Delaney, Ned Walsh (capt), Aidan Prout, Michael Cahill, Mikey Delaney, Fionn Kavanagh, Michael Coffey.

Mid Tipperary – Under 14 Peadar Cummins Divisional Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Chris Monroe, Lorcan Campion, Paddy Stakelum, Kevin Hayes, Max Hackett, Cian Stakelum, Jack Morrissey, Final Purcell, Martin Bergin, Patrick Purcell, Paddy Campion, Conor McGrath, Josh O'Dwyer. Front l-r: Kieran Costello, Peter Melbourne, Keith Ryan, Conor Nesbitt, Darren Flood, Kieran Larkin, Eoin Purcell, Shane Lowe, A.J. Shanahan, Darragh Bourke, Jack Lanigan.



Mid Tipperary – Under 14 Divisional Football Champions

Back l-r: Josh O'Dwyer, Paddy Stakelum, Joe Dwan, Cian Russell, Kevin Hayes, Dean Lawlor, Darren Flood, Jack Morrissey, Paddy Campion, Fintan Purcell, Lorcan Campion, Paddy Purcell. Front l-r: Brian O'Callaghan, Kieran Costello, Eoin Purcell, Cian Stakelum, Shane Lowe, Cian O'Dwyer, Conor McGrath, Peter Melbourne, Conor Nesbitt, Garry Delaney, Max Hackett

Coiste na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Meanach

Results 2015

Date	Competition	Team	Score	Team	Score	Venue	Referee
Hurling							
29.4.2015	Féile A Jimmy Coppinger	Moycarkey/Borris	6-08	Durlas Og	2-04	Templemore	Liam Shanahan
24-4-2014	Féile B Jimmy Coppingger	Upperchurch/Drombane	4-06	Holycross/Ballycahill	0-04	Templetuohy	Martin Ryan
8.8.2015	U-12 G1 Centenary Co-op	Durlas Og	2-07	Upperchurch/Drombane	0-3	Boherlahan	Kevin Jordan
8.8.2015	U-12 G2 Snap Printing	Moycarkey/Borris	3-5	Loughmore/Castleiney	2-5	Boherlahan	Kevin Jordan
8.8.2015	U-12 G3 Guilfoyles Shop	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	5-08	Clonakenny	1-1	Boherlahan	Denis Hickey
18.8.2015	U-12 G4 Joe O'Sullivan Bus Hire	JK Brackens	2-5	Moycarkey/Borris	0-2	Pairc na nOg	Paddy Kenny
8.8.2015	U-12 G5 Pied Piper Chemicals	Upperchurch/Drombane	2-1	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	0-3	Boherlahan	Denis Hickey
15.8.2015	U-14 A Spain Family	Durlas Og	1-20	Moycarkey/Borris	4-10	Holycross	Kevin Jordan
15.8.2015	U-14 B Pied Piper Chemicals	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	5-5	Moyne/Templetuohy	3-9	Holycross	Tom McGrath
31.8.2015	U14B Shield Doran Oil	Upperchurch/Drombane	4-12	Loughmore/Castleiney	2-2	Holycross	Mark Dunne
19.9.2015	U-16 A Eamon Darmody Sports Turf Care	Moycarkey/Borris	5-17	Holycross/Ballycahill	2-9	The Ragg	Johnny Ryan
19.9.2015	U-16B Stakelum Hardware Ltd	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	1-16	Boherlahan/Dualla	3-6	The Ragg	Kevin Jordan
14.9.2015	U16B Shield Stakelum Office Supplies	Moyne/Templetuohy	2-8	Moycarkey/Borris	1-8	Kickham Park	Johnny Butler

Football

6.4.2015	Peil A Jimmy Coppinger	Durlas Og	4-4	Moycarkey/Borris	1-4	Littleton	Mark Dunne
6.4.2015	Peil B Jimmy Coppinger Round Robin	Boherlahan/Dualla	1-12	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-2	Littleton	Michael Heffernan
9.5.2015	U-12 G1 Seamus Hanafin Furniture	Upperchurch/Drombane	4-5	Durlas Og	3-4	Holycross	Martin Ryan
9/5/2015	U-12 G2 Liam Young Plant Sales	Holycross/Ballycahill	2-5	Boherlahan/Dualla	0-3	Holycross	Martin Ryan
9.5.2015	U-12 G3 Doran Oil	Moyne/Templetuohy	5-1	Clonakenny	2-2	Holycross	Tom Loughnane
9.5.2015	U-12 G4 Hayes Hotel	JK Brackens	3-5	Moycarkey/Borris	1-2	Holycross	Tom Loughnane
23-5-2015	U-14 A Eamon Darmody	Durlas Og	1-9	Moycarkey/Borris	1-6	Boherlahan	Sean Everard
26-5-2015	U-14 B Gleeson Quarries	Thurles Gaels	4-5	Upperchurch/Drombane	3-5	Pairc na nOg	PJ Nolan
11-6-2015	U-14 B Shield Gleeson Quarries	Holycross/Ballycahill	4-3	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	2-6	Pairc na nOg	Martin Ryan
15.5.2015	U-16 A Templemore Jewellers	Moycarkey/Borris	0-8	JK Brackens	0-5	Pairc na nOg	Tom McGrath
23.5.2015	U-16 B Tom Murphy & Sons Machinery	Moyne/Templetuohy	1-4	Loughmore/Castleiney	1-9	Boherlahan	Andy Murray
27.9.2015	U-16 B Shield Joe O'Sullivan Bus Hire	Durlas Og	4-12	Upperchurch/Drombane	3-5	Kickham Park	Michael Heffernan

Shield

3.10.2015	U11 Group 1 Shield	JK Brackens	4-4	Durlas Og	1-6	Holycross	Kevin Jordan
3.10.2015	U11 Group 2 Shield	Drom\Inch	1-9	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	1-8	Holycross	Paddy Kenny
3.10.2015	U11 Group 3 Shield	Moyne/Templetuohy	0-8	Thurles Gaels	0-0	Holycross	Ollie O'Reilly
3.10.2015	U11 Group 4 Shield	Durlas Og	6-4	Moycarkey/Borris	3-0	Holycross	Ollie O'Reilly
10.10.2015	U13 Group 1 Shield	Drom\Inch	5-12	JK Brackens	0-0	Kickham Park	Martin Ryan
10.10.2015	U13 Group 2 Shield	Boherlahan/Dualla	3-05	Gortnaheel/Glengoole	1-5	Pairc na nOg	Donal Leahy
31.10.2015	U15 Group 1 Shield	Moyne/Templetuohy		Winners through blitz			Kevin Jordan
31.10.2015	U15 Group 2 Shield	Holycross/Ballycahill	3-7	Boherlahan/Dualla	0-7	Holycross	Liam Shanahan
17.10.2015	U15 Group 3 Shield	Upperchurch/Drombane	0-14	Clonakenny	2-5	The Ragg	Eddie Costello

Coiste na nÓg Thiobraid Árann Méanach

Le Cairtriona Ó Doinn, Runai.

There were many highlights for Mid clubs but mention must be made of Moycarkey/Borris U16 A Hurling team who won the county title for the first time in over 30 years and also of Gortnahoe/Glengoole who won the County U16B title, the last time they won the now infamous Shane Long was part of the team. A total of 345 games were played in the Mid Division. The Mid inter-divisional teams were very successful this year with the U14's winning the divisional football and hurling and the U16's winning the divisional hurling.

Under 16 Garda Cup Hurling

On Saturday March 28th saw the opening action of 2015 with the staging of the Inter Divisional Hurling tournaments. This year saw a change in the running format with the Round Robin system being used. The Mid were up against the West in the opening period with the strong wind to their backs coming off the pitch with an interval lead of 1-03 to 0-01. Upon the resumption it was all the West as they clocked up points without reply. However two Darragh Woods' points increased the Mid total to 1-06 which was sufficient to win the game by one point on a finishing score line Mid 1-06 West 0-08. The South were our next opponents and here the Mid ran out winners by 0-08 to 0-02. The final game, North v Mid game was all to play for as the winners were entitled to lift the cup. The Mid opted to play with the wind but it was their opponents that were in dominant form coming off at the interval ahead on a score of 0-03 to 0-02.

To any neutral observer it would appear that the North men would be favourites to clinch the contest based on their first half dominance coupled with the aid of the wind in the second half. However led by Darragh Woods who scored some brilliant points the Mid went on to lift the cup on a final score of Mid 1-11 North 0-05.

The Mid Under 16 panel: Christopher Carew (Durlas Óg), David Nolan (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Edward O'Gorman (Holycross/Ballycahill), Jimmy Ryan (Holycross/Ballycahill), Neil Quinlan – Capt (J.K. Brackens), Eoghan Ryan (Loughmore/Castleiney), Paddy Cadell (J.K. Brackens), Brian O'Mara (Holycross/Ballycahill), Michael Purcell (Durlas Óg), Paul Bergin (Drom/Inch), Anthony Cooney (Durlas Óg), Dara Woods (Holycross/Ballycahill), Aidan O'Meara (Drom/Inch), Anthony McKelvey (Moycarkey/Borris), Alex Murphy (Holycross/Ballycahill), Michael Stakelum (Durlas Óg), Michael Clohessy (Drom/Inch), Eoin Collins (Drom/Inch), Ciarán Connolly (Loughmore/Castleiney), Conor Fahy (Upperchurch/Drombane), James Kirby (Boherlahan/Dualla), Conor O'Hagan (Durlas Óg), Matthew O'Sullivan (Clonakenny), Eanna Ryan (Upperchurch/Drombane).

Under 14 Divisional Football

The South were looking for a clean sweep of football titles after Under 15s and Under 16s victories. However the Mid showed right from the off that they would be the team to beat. First up it was Mid v West and Mid won on a final score of 2-07 to 1-01. Next up, Mid v South and the defense takes the plaudits here. If you had left this one after ten minutes the end result would be a surprise. Playing with the wind the South dominated the early exchanges. An early goal chance was brilliantly saved by Gary Delaney in goals, a significant moment. All the backs, Patrick Stakelum, Lorcan Campion, Kieran Costello and Peter Melbourne when he came on, deserve mention. Dean Lawlor broke the deadlock with a point. The game changed thanks to two goals in two minutes. Joe Dwan and Eoin Purcell were the

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Officers of Mid Bórd na nOg 2015

Back l-r: Willie Clohessy (Vice Chairman), Morgan Lanigan (PRO), Martin Treacy (County Bórd na nOg Rep). Front l-r: Catherine Dunne (Secretary), Martin Bourke (Chairman), Mary Shelly (Treasurer).

scorers, leaving the Mid leading by 2-01 to 0-00 at halftime. The South replied with two second half goals but two points by the Mid was sufficient to give them victory on a scoreline of Mid 2-03 South 2-00. Last up, Mid v North and a polished performance from the whole squad gave them victory (4-08 to 0-02) and the title.

Mid Tipp Squad: Gary Delaney-Thurles Gaels, Shane Lowe-Moyne Templetuohy, Conor Nesbitt-Clonakenny, Cain Russell-Clonakenny, Patrick Stakelum-Durlas Og, Lorcan Campion-Drom/Inch, Kieran Costello-Durlas Og, Jack Morrissey-Moycarkey/Borris, Joe Dwan-Durlas Og, Patrick Campion-Gortnahoe/Glengoole, Conor McGrath-Loughmore/Castleiney(Capt), Cian O'Dwyer-Clonakenny, Max Hackett-Moycarkey/Borris, Darren Flood-Moycarkey/Borris, Fintan Purcell-Drom/Inch, Dean Lawlor Moyne/Templetuohy, Peter Melbourne-Moycarkey/Borris, Eoin Purcell-Durlas Og, Kevin Hayes-Moycarkey/Borris, Joshua O'Dwyer-Boherlahan/Dualla, Cian Stakelum-Durlas Og, Patrick Purcell-Upperchurch/Drombane, Brian O'Callaghan-Moycarkey/Borris.

Under 14 Peadar Cummins Hurling

The Under 14 Peadar Cummins tournament hosted by Borris/Ileigh club in memory of the late Peadar Cummins commenced with Mid defeating West by 2-07 to 0-05 in their opening match. The next game between Mid and South produced a total of 8-11 with victory going to the Mid side on a concluding score Mid 6-09 South 2-02. The final game between the North and Mid had a lot at stake as victory or a draw would be sufficient for the Mid to clinch the Cup, but nothing less than outright could suffice for the North. The opening period was very low scoring with the Mid holding a one point lead (0-3 to 0-2) at half time. In the second half both sides added a point to

their tally and then the Mid upped their performance notching up four unanswered points to clinch the cup on a final score of Mid 0-08 to North 0-03.

The Mid Under 14 victorious panel: Jack Lanigan Durlas Og, Peter Melbourne Moycarkey/Borris, Conor Nesbitt Clonakenny (c), Shane Lowe Moyne/Templetuohy, Patrick Stakelum Durlas Og, Kieran Larkin Moyne/Templetuohy, Kevin Hayes Moycarkey/Borris, Jack Morrissey Moycarkey/Borris, Lorcan Campion Drom/Inch, Fintan Purcell Drom/Inch, Darren Flood Moycarkey/Borris, Keith Ryan Upperchurch/Drombane, Eoin Purcell Durlas Og, Patrick Purcell Upperchurch/Drombane, Max Hackett Moycarkey/Borris, Darragh Bourke Upperchurch/Drombane, A.J. Shanahan Upperchurch/Drombane, Chris Monroe Thurles Gaels, Cian Stakelum Durlas Og, Josh O'Dwyer Boherlahan/Dualla, Kieran Costello Durlas Og, Martin Bergin .JK. Brackens, Patrick Campion Gortnahoe/Glengoole, Conor McGrath Loughmore/Castleiney.

Mid Féile Skills and Long Puck 24-5-2014

On May 24th the Under 14 Féile Skills, Under 14 Poc Fada and Under 16 Poc Fada took place in Boherlahan. In the Under 16 Long Puck the participants were Adam Ferncombe (Boherlahan/Dualla), David Nolan (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Michael Mulcair (Thurles Gaels), Oran Cullen (Upperchurch/Drombane), Anthony McKelvey (Moycarkey/Borris) & Eddie O'Gorman (Holycross/Ballycahill). Some great long pucks were produced by all involved but no-one came anyway close to Eddie O'Gorman of Holycross/Ballycahill who was eventually crowned Mid winner of the Under 16 long puck.

The Under 14 Long Puck had nine participants, Paul Glasheen (Drom/Inch), Frank Hanafin (Holycross/Ballycahill), Luke Kevin (Boherlahan/Dualla), Conor Nesbitt (Clonakenny), Kieran Larkin (Moyne/Templetuohy), Patrick Purcell (Upperchurch/Drombane), Patrick Campion (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Chris Munroe (Thurles Gaels), Jack Lanigan (Durlas Og). Again as like the Under 16 long puck each participants had three attempts with Kieran Larkin of Moyne/Templetuohy taking the Under 14 long puck title.

The Feile skills competition was indeed very competitive. Participants were Dean Lawlor (Moyne/Templetuohy), Conor McGrath (Loughmore/Castleiney), Josh O'Dwyer (Boherlahan/Dualla), Brian Maher (Gortnahoe/Glengoole), Jack Lanigan (Durlas Og), Chris Munroe (Thurles Gaels), A.J. Shanahan (Upperchurch/Drombane). Each participant performed very well but it was Gortnahoe's Brian Maher with full marks in skill 4 which gave him the top spot, he was followed closely by Dean Lawlor of Moyne/Templetuohy and Josh O'Dwyer of Boherlahan/Dualla in 3rd place. Huge thanks must go to Andy Ryan who co-ordinated the whole event.

Shield Competition

This year we ran a shield competition in Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 which as in previous years is designed to give extra games. These shields also give an insight into the following years Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 panels. There was a total of 79 games played in these shield competitions.

Thanks

The smooth operation of any organisation is only as good as the people involved and we as a board are delighted to acknowledge all the people who give so freely of their time throughout the year.

Thanks to the *Tipperary Star* for printing all our notes and photographs throughout the year, to Eamon McGee and John O'Loughlin for capturing the special moments for players and clubs.

Thanks to our Senior Board colleagues Joe Kennedy, Sally Young and Liz Flanagan for the help and guidance throughout the year.

We would like to acknowledge the sponsors of our Mid championships and the Mid divisional teams and thank them for their financial assistance. Andy Ryan GDA has given us great assistance and we thank him for his help and cooperation throughout the year.

The valued contribution of referees, umpires, linesmen, gate checkers and coaches is also appreciated.

Finally we would like to say a special thanks to all the club field officers who do so much voluntary work and help to present such a positive impression with their presentation of their club grounds especially for semi finals and finals.

Friend we lost: Eddie Connolly RIP

It was with great regret and sadness that we learned of the death of Eddie Connolly who sadly passed away on Thursday, September 17th 2015. Eddie was born on October 22nd, 1985 and played for the Loughmore Castleiney club. Eddie won County and Munster Club Championship honours with Loughmore Castleiney in 2007. Eddie played for the Tipperary Under 21 Footballers in 2006 and was part of the Tipperary Senior Football panel in 2006 and 2007. In continuing his upward ascent Eddie finally arrived on the Tipperary Senior Hurling panel in 2011, making his National Hurling League debut against Offaly at corner-back in March 2011. Further success followed when Eddie captained Tipperary to Munster and All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling titles in 2012. In late 2013, Eddie was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since then he had been bravely and courageously battling to overcome his illness and had a terrific outlook on life and was undergoing a new form of cancer treatment in Spain prior to his death. Our sincere sympathy to his parents Jim and Maureen, brothers James and Gerard, sisters Niamh and Fiona on their untimely loss.



Mid Under 16 – Divisional Garda Cup Hurling Champions.

Back l-r: Martin Bourke, Joe Bracken, Conor O'Hagan, Michael Stakelum, Matthew O'Sullivan, Anthony McKelvey, Conor Fahy, Eddie O'Gorman, James Kirby, Ciarán Connolly, Paul Bergin, Eoin Ryan, Jack Croke, Denis Ryan, Matthew McGrath. Front l-r: Aidan O'Meara, Michael Clohessy, Jimmy Ryan, Brian O'Mara, Michael Purcell, Michael Lavery, Christopher Carew, Paddy Cadell, Alex Murphy, Eanna Ryan, Eoin Collins, David Nolan, Willie Clohessy. Lying at front (l-r): Neil Quinlan Capt., Darragh Woods. Missing from photograph Anthony Cooney, Andy Ryan and Michelle McKelvey.



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Durlas Óg Under 14A County Champions 2015



Back: Eoghan Ryan, Sean Collins, Dean O'Halloran, Peter Wall, Cathal Hayes, Paddy Creedon, Paddy Stakelum Capt., Cian Stakelum, Joe Dwan, Luke Fogarty, Cian McDonnell, Stephen Donovan, David Mawe, Henry Fogarty.
Front: Luke Beresford, Dean Fanning, Aaron Mulcaire, James Armstrong, Ciaran Costello, Jack Janigan, Conor Stapleton, Darragh Stakelum, Eoin Purcell, Jordan Fahey, Conor Fogarty, Oisín O'Brien, Jack Kelly

Durlas Óg Under 16B Shield Winners 2015



Back: Ciaran Murphy, Ronan Maguire, Rory Fogarty, Conor Murphy, Benny McGrath, Jamie Donovan, Ben Murphy, Shane Fitzpatrick, Shane Dunne (C), Parick Scully
Front: Eoin Purcell, Kieran Costello, Patrick Stakelum, Darren Fahey, Kieran Moloney, Fred Crowley, Dylan Costello



Durlas Óg – Mid Under 12 Group 1 Hurling Winners
Back l-r: Conor Stakelum, Aidan Butler, Philip Hayes, Emmet Fogarty (Capt.), Daniel Ruddy, Jack O'Meara, Jock Fogarty, Killian Rafter, Michael Cornally, David Fogarty. Front l-r: Michael Mullaney, Tristan Twomey, Urban Nolan, Conor Ruddy, Aidan Stakelum, Darragh Stakelum, Cathal McElgunn, Danny Ruddy, Kevin Dunne.

Durlas Óg Mid Feile Peil Champions 2015



Back: Cathal Hayes, Paddy Creedon, Cian Stakelum, Joe Dwan, Patrick Stakelum, Conor Stapleton, Sean Collins, Cian McDonnell, Henry Fogarty
Front: Luke Fogarty, Ciaran Costello, Jack Kelly, Daragh Stakelum, Jordan Fahy, Eoin Purcell, James Armstrong, Jack Lanigan



Gortnahoe/Glengoose Mid and County Under 16 'B' Hurling Champions 2015 Back l-r: David Nolan, Mikey O'Mahony, Patrick Campion, Rory Downing, Mark Mullally, Ger Kavanagh, Matthew Kavanagh, Jake Kelly, David Butler, Jack Moore, Thomas Brophy, John Kennedy. Front l-r: Robbie Gleeson, Roan McDonnell, Oisín Cleary, Eamonn Fogarty, Sean Lyons, Luke Moore, Karl Campion (capt.), Niall Moore, Brian Maher, Luca Lacavara, Jack Atkinson-Lynch.



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We Would Like To Invite All Primary School Students in Our Catchment Area to our Open Night on Thursday 14th January 2016 @ 7.pm



Arravale Rovers – West Under 16 'A' Hurling Championship and League winners 2015.

Back l-r: Billy Ryan (Juvenile Chairman), Brian Jones (coach), Eddie Moroney (coach), Christopher Ryan, Timmy Esmonde, Conor Leahy, Jordan Doyle, Fergus Halligan, Cormac Maher, Darren O'Dwyer, Jack Quinlan, Tadgh O'Connor, Michèal Sharpe, Damian Quinlan (selector), James Sid Ryan (selector), Liam Doyle (selector). Front l-r: Niall Sharpe, Martin Dillon, Chris Malone, Killian Noonan, Jonathon Ryan, Nathan Murphy Crowe, Jack Lowry, Brian Lowry, Matthew Moroney, Jamie Lonergan, Conal Donovan.

West Tipperary Coiste na nOg 2015

<i>Football Competition</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ref</i>
U11 A Football		Knockavilla Kickhams (U11A)	Conor Farrell	Golden	03/10/2015	E Lonergan
U11 B Football		Cappawhite Gaels (U11A)	Jamie Buckley	Cappawhite	03/10/2015	D Garrett
U11 C Football		Galtee Rvs (U11A)	Darragh Ryan	Lattin	26/9/2015	W Kennedy
U11 D Football		Golden Kilfeacle (U11B)	Daniel Quelly	Golden	26/9/2015	
U12A Football	Michael Martin & Associates, Acc., Tipp	Knockavilla Kickhams (U12A)	Jamie Duncan	Dundrum	10/5/2015	M Duffy
U12B Football	P.P. O'Dwyer Hardware, Dundrum	Golden Kilfeacle (U12A)	Thomas Fogarty	Dundrum	10/5/2015	W Kennedy
U12C Football	Kala Electric, Tipperary	Rockwell Rvs (U12A)	Thomas Downey	Dundrum	10/5/2015	P Skeffington
U12D Football	Fitzpatrick Printers, Tipperary	Knockavilla Kickhams (U12B)	Diarmuid Kinnane	Dundrum	10/5/2015	S Peters
U12E Football	The Friary Pharmacy, Cashel	Galtee Rvs (U12B)	Tadhg Gubbins	New Inn	18/5/2015	M Geraghty
U12F Football	The Friary Pharmacy, Cashel	Eire Og Annacarty (U12B)	Kyle Quinn	Annacarty	18/5/2015	D Grogan
U12 Football Shield	Friends of Tipperary Football	Arravale Rvs (U12A)	Michéal Lowry	Sologhead	24/5/2015	D Garrett
U12 Football Plate	Friends of Tipperary Football	Eire Og Annacarty (U12A)	Cian Ryan	Sologhead	24/5/2015	W Kennedy
U12A Football League	Michael Martin & Associates, Acc., Tipp	Knockavilla Kickhams (U12A)	Cormac Carr			
U12B Football League	P.P. O'Dwyer Hardware, Dundrum	Golden Kilfeacle (U12A)	Thomas Fogarty			
U12C Football League	Kala Electric, Tipperary	Rockwell Rvs (U12A)	Thomas Downey			
U12D Football League	Fitzpatrick Printers, Tipperary	Arravale Rvs (U12B)	Jack Ryan			
U12E/F Football League Gr1	The Friary Pharmacy, Cashel	Golden Kilfeacle (U12B)	Lucy Fogarty			
U12E/F Football League Gr1	The Friary Pharmacy, Cashel	Galtee Rvs (U12B)	Tadhg Gubbins			
U13 Richardson Cup Football		Galtee/Golden (U14A)	Eoin Marnane	S T Park	04/10/2015	S Peters
U13 Richardson Plate Football		Cappawhite Gaels (U13A)	Anthony Barry	S T Park	04/10/2015	M Duffy
U14A Football Championship	Curry Hanley Tyres, Tipperary	Galtee/Golden (U14A)	Stephan Moloney	Dundrum	14/6/2015	F Horgan
U14B Football Championship	Little Treasures Creche, New Inn	Aherlow-Lattin	Tadhg Carew	Dundrum	14/6/2015	S Bradshaw
U14 C Football Championship	Jordan Embroidery	Arravale Rvs (U14B)	Jake O'Dwyer	Dundrum	11/6/2015	S Peters
			Andrew Richardson			
U14 Football Shield	Tipperary Mid West Radio	Arravale Rvs (U14A)	Craig Maher	Sologhead	14/6/2015	P Russell
U14 Football Plate	Tipperary Mid West Radio	Eire Og Annacarty	Cian Mooney	Sologhead	14/6/2015	D Garrett
U14 A Peil na nOg	The Venue, Dundrum	Knockavilla Kickhams (U14A)	Hugo Bourke	Annacarty	20/4/2015	J O'Grady
U14 B Peil na nOg	Permanent TSB Clonmel	Rockwell/Rosegreen	John Marnane	Cappawhite	15/4/2015	R O'Connor
U16A Football Championship	AIB, Tipperary	Galtee/Golden	Shane Ryan	Dundrum	11/5/2015	P Russell
U16B Football Championship	Cashel Credit Union	Knockavilla Kickhams	Zack O'Halloran	Annacarty	18/5/2015	D Grogan
U16 Football Shield	Rea Group	Emly-Treacys	Conor Phibbs	Sologhead	20/5/2015	R O'Connor
<i>Hurling Competition</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ref</i>
U11 A Hurling	Devitts Bus Hire, Cashel	Cashel KC (U11A)	Ronan Connolly	Cappawhite	19/09/2015	E Lonergan
U11 B Hurling	Devitts Bus Hire, Cashel	Arravale Rvs (U11A)	Caolan Halligan	Clonoulty	12/09/2015	S Peters
U11 C Hurling	Devitts Bus Hire, Cashel	Rosegreen (U11A)	J P Anglim	Golden	12/09/2015	E Lonergan
U11 D Hurling	Devitts Bus Hire, Cashel	Rockwell Rvs (U11A)	Luca Fitzgerald	Bansha	12/09/2015	S O'Halloran
U12A Hurling	Gleeson Concrete	Knockavilla Kickhams (A)	Cormac Carr	Cappawhite	09/08/2015	P Coffey
U12B Hurling	Tipperary Co-Op	Golden Kilfeacle (U12A)	Jack Leamy	Cappawhite	15/08/2015	S Peters
U12C Hurling	Donovan Auctioneers, Tipperary	Eire Og Annacarty (U12A)	Darragh O'Brien	Cappawhite	15/08/2015	W Kennedy
U12D Hurling	Joe Hammersley, Butcher, Clonoulty	Knockavilla Kickhams (U12B)	Cameron Verdon	Cappawhite	15/08/2015	R O'Connor
U12E Hurling	Tipperary Healthcare Ltd	Knockavilla Kickhams (U12C)	Darragh Kennedy	Sologhead	24/08/2015	P Skeffington
U12F Hurling	Tipperary Healthcare Ltd	Galtee Rvs (U12B)	Emer McCarthy	S T Park	24/08/2015	E Moroney
U12A/B Hurling League	Gleeson Concrete	Clonoulty Rossmore (A)	Jack Kennedy	Golden	11/09/2015	S O'Halloran
U12B Hurling League	Tipp Co-Op	Cashel KC (U12A)	Cathal Quinn			
U12C Hurling League	Donovan Auctioneers, Tipperary	Rosegreen (U12A)	Dion Gleeson			
U12D Hurling League	Joe Hammersley, Butcher, Clonoulty	Knockavilla Kickhams (U12B)	Cameron Verdon			
U12E/F Hurling League Group 1	Tipperary Healthcare Ltd	Arravale Rvs (U12C)	Ben Ryan			
U12E/F Hurling League Group 2	Tipperary Healthcare Ltd	Golden Kilfeacle (U12B)	Jason Morey			
U12 Hurling Shield	John Quirkas Jewellers, Cahir	Cappawhite Gaels (U12A)	Ben White	Sologhead	24/8/2015	P Skeffington
U12 Hurling Plate	John Quirkas Jewellers, Cahir	Rockwell Rvs (U12A)	Kyle Burke	S T Park	24/08/2015	E Moroney
U13 Hurling Garda Cup	Donal T Ryan & Sons, Cashel, Solicitors	Cashel K C (U14B)	Daniel Molonet	Golden	26/9/2015	F Horgan
U13 Hurling Garda Plate	Donal T Ryan & Sons, Cashel, Solicitors	Rockwell Rosegreen	Lee Gleeson	Dundrum	10/09/2015	D Grogan
U14A Hurling Championship	D J Butler Centra, Dundrum	Knockavilla Kickhams (A)	Conor Farrell	Cashel	23/08/2015	J O'Grady
U14B Hurling Championship	Minogue Furniture, Cashel	Lattin Aherlow	Tadhg Carew	Cashel	23/08/2015	P Ryan
U14C Hurling Championship	MacGrath Oil, Emly	Cashel K C (U14B)	Dillon Foley/ Eoin Murphy	Golden	31/08/2015	M Geraghty
U14 Hurling Shield	John Quirkas Jewellers, Cahir	Cappawhite Gaels (U14A)	Ryan Renehan	Dundrum	07/09/2015	J O'Grady
U14 Hurling Plate	John Quirkas Jewellers, Cahir	Arravale Rvs (U14B)	Daniel Ryan	Sologhead	03/09/2015	P Russell
U14 A Feile na nGael	Susan Morrissey, Chart. Accountant, Cashel	Knockavilla Kickhams (A)	Conor Farrell	Dundrum	1/5/2015	J O'Brien
U14 B Feile na nGael	Susan Morrissey, Chart. Accountant, Cashel	Lattin/Aherlow	Conor O'Dwyer	Dundrum	29/4/2015	John Ryan (B)
U16A Hurling Championship	Tipperary Credit Union	Arravale Rvs (U16)	Nathan Murphy Crowe	S T Park	13/09/2015	F Horgan
U16B Hurling Championship	Centenary Co Op, Cashel	Rockwell Rosegreen	Kevin Tobin	S T Park	12/09/2015	E Lonergan
U16 Hurling Shield	Allbright Roadmarking	Cashel K C (U14B)	Ross Bonner	Golden	26/9/2015	J O'Grady
U16 Hurling League	Allbright Roadmarking	Arravale Rvs (U16)	Nathan Murphy Crowe	Cappawhite	03/10/2015	P Ryan



Arravale Rovers – West Under 14 'C' Football Champions.

Back l-r: Eddie Moroney (Coach), Mike Howe, Noel Mahoney, Evan Hawkins, Shane Maher, Jack English, Edward Moroney, Eoghan Lonergan, Mark Kelly, Brian Touhy, Lee Jack Ryan, Ronan Finnan, Billy Ryan (Coach). Front l-r: Joshua Flannery, Aidan Roche, Patrick O'Donnell, Michael Lowry, Jake O'Dwyer (Co Captain), Andrew Richardson (Co Captain), Kieran Bourke, Raymond Kelly, Caleb Molloy Hickey, John Paul Lohan, Gavin O'Meara, Andrew Richardson.



Arravale Rovers - West Under 14 Hurling Plate winners.

Back l-r: Billy Ryan (Coach), Mark Butler, Mike Howe, Aidan Roche, Shane Maher, Darren Hueston, Patrick O'Donnell, Jake O'Dwyer, Eoghan Lonergan, Edward Moroney, Raymond Kelly, Bartosz Czyzewski, Padraic Russell, Eddie Moroney (Coach). Front l-r: Mark Ryan (Mascot), Michael Lowry, Luke Kiely, Cormac Donovan, John Paul Lohan, Gavin O'Meara, Eoin Kelly, Eamon Ryan, Brian O'Donnell, Caleb Molloy Hickey, Adam Ryan (Mascot). Front Middle: Daniel Ryan (Captain)



Arravale Rovers – West Under 14 Football Shield winners

Back l-r: Frankie Nolan (Coach), Mark Butler, Edward Nolan, Adam Roche, Darren Hueston, Padraic Russell, Bartosz, Adam Dunne, James Cussen, Eamon Ryan, Jake O'Dwyer, Andrew Richardson, Oisín McCall, Mark Leonard (Coach). Front l-r: Noel O'Mahoney, Eoin Kelly, J.J. Bennett, Craig Maher (Captain), Jack Ryan, Jonathon Ryan, Andrew Richardson, Brian Roche, Donagh Hickey, David Kelly, Niall Sharpe.



Arravale Rovers – West Under 12 Football Shield winner.

Back l-r: Caleb Mollloy Hickey, Shane Maher, Nathan Duggan, Patrick O'Donnell, Raymond Kelly, Jack Ryan, Evan Hawkins, Eoghan Lonergan. Front l-r: Mark Ryan (Mascot), Peter Ryan, Joshua Flannery, Aidan Roche, Gavin O'Meara, John Paul Lohan, Eoin Doocey. Front middle: Michael Lowry (Captain)



Arravale Rovers – West Under U12 'E' Hurling League winners

Back l-r: Donnacha Quigley (Mascot), David Delaney, James Kilmartin, Jack O'Halloran Hayes, Darren Slater, Ben Ryan, Ronan O'Connor. Front l-r: Sean Lewis, Adam Ryan, Ben Dudley, Shane Quigley, Odhran O'Dwyer, Patrick English. Mascots Mark Ryan, Mark Dudley, Daragh Ryan.



Arravale Rovers – West Under 11 'B' Garda Cup winners.

Back l-r: Billy Ryan (Coach), Jack O'Halloran Hayes, Evan Hawkins, Colm Power, Peter Ryan, Richie Lohan (Coach), Cormac Donovan, Jack Ryan, Will Power (Coach). Front l-r: Alfie O'Halloran Hayes (Mascot), Eoin Doocey, Gavin Cussen, Caolan Halligan (Captain), James Kinane, Dion O'Brien. Front Middle: John Paul Lohan



Rockwell/Rosegreen - West Under 16 'B' hurling champions

Back l-r: Frank Dowling, Andrew Moloney, Brian Flavin, Colm Moloney, Tomas O'Connor, Conor Walsh, Mark Ryan, Jack Costello, Ger Cummins, Conor English, Tom Dowling, Christopher Geraghty, Harry Tobin, Kevin Freir, Fergus English, John Costello, Tom O'Connor. Front l-r: Matty Cummins, Mark Downey, Charlie Costello, Tom Tobin, Shane Cummins (lucky mascot), Kevin Tobin (Capt), Conor O'Brien, John Burke, Sean O'Connell.



Rockwell Rosegreen - West U13 Garda Shield winners.

Back l-r: Jake Phelan, Dion Gleeson, Tyler McCormack, Tom Downey, Adam Ryan, Sean Ryan, Kevin Cleary, Conor O'Neill, Ben Corcoran, Middle l-r: Kevin Keating, Adam Gallagher, Diarmuid English, Lee Gleeson (Capt), Finbarr English, Diarmuid O'Brien, Tom Marnane, Kyle O'Brien, Kyle Burke. Front: Tom Tobin, Micheal Quinlan and Brian Og O'Dwyer.



Rockwell/Rosegreen - West Under 14 Peil na nOg 'B' winners.

Front l-r: Jack Phelan, Robbie Murphy, Lee Gleeson, Kevin Cleary, Tom Downey, Eoin McSweeney, Michael Quinlan, Finbarr English, Diarmuid English, Conor O'Neill. Back l-r: Cian Hayde, Jake Fitzgerald, Harry Fitzgerald, John Marnane (Capt), Christopher Geraghty, Adam Ryan, Brian Og O'Dwyer, Tom Tobin, Sean Ryan, Cormac Freir, Patrick Hickey.



Rockwell Rovers - West U12C Football, West U12C Football League, County U12C Football and West U12 Hurling Plate champions.

Mentors: Ml (Taylor) Ryan, Cyril O'Gorman, Seanie Moloney, Dermot O'Brien. Back l-r: Kyle Burke, Eoghan Doyle, Joseph Lawrence, Diarmuid O'Brien, Tom Marnane, Claire Ryan, Cody Lee Downey. Front l-r: Conor O'Dwyer Fitzgerald, Jason O'Gorman, Kevin Keating, Tom Downey (Capt), Luca Fitzgerald, Ciara Moloney, Lucky mascot: Conor Moloney. Please note Cathal McCarthy and Danny Doherty played in the hurling plate therefore not in photo.



West U11 Hurling Champions, Rockwell Rovers.

Back l-r: Conor O'Dwyer Fitzgerald, Conor Hennessy, Niamh Ryan, Senan McMahon, Luca Fitzgerald (Capt), Cathal McCarthy, Eoghan Doyle, Jason O'Gorman, Mark O'Grady. Front l-r: Peter Heaney, Jack Moloney, Andrew Tobin, Cian O'Brien, Matthew Tobin, Oisín Cummins, Adam Guerin. Right in front : Liam Moloney (lucky mascot)



Aherlow / Lattin - West Under 14B Football Champions

Back l-r: D. O'Halloran, J. Kiely, B. Carew (Mentors). Middle l-r: P. Duddy, T. Carew, D. Looby, R. Hennessey, D. Cunningham, G. Bourke, B. Carey, N. O'Dea, S. Carew, M. Elligott. Front l-r: S. Crehan, K. Mulcrone, J. Whelton, P. Power, J. O'Halloran, C. Cunningham, C. O'Dwyer (Capt.) T. O'Neill, D. O'Dwyer, G. Spencer.

Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams Juvenile Club

2015 was another very successful year for Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams Juvenile GAA Club. The hard work that has been put in with the boys and girls at under 8 and under 10 in recent years was rewarded impressively with a very successful summer of achievements on the playing field.

One of the many high points was the club's victory in the Under 12 'A' county football final. This is the second time in three years that the club has won this title. The club were very unfortunate not to complete another double in this grade, with the under 12 'A' hurlers being narrowly defeated in the county hurling final. This is the third year in succession that Kickhams have contested the under 12 'A' county hurling final, having won the double in 2013.

3 West Titles

The club also had the unique distinction of winning West finals in hurling at three under 12 grades this year. As well as our Under 12 'A' players winning their West final, Kickhams Under 12 'B' and 'C' teams won their respective finals.

Kickhams Under 14's won both the West 'Peil' football and West Feile hurling competitions early in the year before going on to win the West hurling championship final. Also Kickhams Under 16's had a very successful year, winning a West 'B' Football title and reaching a 'B' county football final.



Lattin – Aherlow - West Under 14B Hurling and West Under 14B Feile na nGael Champions. Rear l-r: B. Carew, J. Kiely (Mentors). Middle l-r: S. O'Dwyer, D. O'Halloran (Mentors), K. Quirke, M. Elligott, C O'Dwyer, D. Cunningham, R. Hennessey, N. O'Dea, G. Bourke, D. Looby, S. Carew, C. Cunningham, C. O'Sullivan, S. Crehan. Front l-r: T. O'Neill, J. Whelton, D. O'Dwyer, J. O'Halloran, T. Carew (Capt.), E. Reardon, P. Duddy, B. Carey, G. Spencer.



Galtee Rovers – St. Pecaun's West Under 12 E Football Champions 2015 Back l-r: Tadgh Gubbins, Daniel O'Dwyer, Robbie McGrath, Evan Kennedy, Kieran McCarthy, Aoife Flynn, Conal Grogan, Alex Harold Barry. Front l-r: Owen Byrnes, Joe O'Callaghan, Jenny Ryan, Liam Finnane, Darragh Ryan, Jack Crowe.



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams Under 12 C panel. Mentors and Players as follows: Back row: Mentors Willie Heney, Micheál Gleeson, Christy Ryan, Tommy Landers (Club Chairman) and Frank Dwyer. Middle row: Michael Hourigan, Michael Gleeson, Liam Slattery, Jack Ryan Barry, Aidan Heney, Diarmuid O'Carroll, Saoirse Madigan, Emma Ryan. Front row: Aidan Farrell, John Hogan, Micheál O'Dwyer, Joseph O'Dwyer, Darren Kennedy (capt.), Thomas O'Dwyer, Eimear Gleeson



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams Under 12 B panel. Mentors and players as follows: Back row: David Horgan, Jerry Buckley, Liam Hayes, Chloe Farrell, Mary-Louise O'Rourke, Eoin Horgan, Seamus McCormack, Eamon Madigan, Gerry Kinane. Front row: Danial O'Shea, John Crosse, Emma Daly, Holly Fitzgerald, Cameron Verdon, Jack O'Neill, Dylan Sexton



Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams Under 12 'A' (Hurling & Football Panel). Mentors and Players as follows: Back row: David Heelan, Paddy Fitzgerald, Rebecca Farrell, Ellie Hadnett, Leonie Farrell, Michael Duggan, Diarmuid Kinane, Dylan O'Grady, Tommy Landers. Front row: Adam Daly, Jamie Duncan, Conor Horgan, Ailbe Ryan, Cormac Carr, Orrin Jones, Fergal Horgan.

Successful year for Golden/Kilfeacle

2015 proved to be a most successful year for our Juvenile Club, with our Under 12 Hurling team winning the County B final for the first time in the club's history. This bridged a 61 year wait for a County title at Juvenile level, with our only other juvenile success coming in the early '50s when the Under 15 Hurling Team won three titles in a row (1952, 1953 and 1954).

The Under 12 team completed a West double in 2015 by also winning the football championship.

As is the case with many clubs in the county today, this year we had to join with our neighbours Galtee Rovers, so that we could field teams in the Under 14, 16 and Minor Hurling and Football competitions.

And what a year they had – winning West football titles in all three competitions, with the Under 16s being unlucky to lose to Moyle Rovers in the County Final. At time of writing, the Minor Football county semi final has yet to be played.

The combo teams in hurling competed extremely well in their respective competitions in the West A Championship.

The club's under 10 team was very unlucky to lose the finals of the highly prestigious Mullinahone Festival of Hurling and the Fermoy ground hurling tournaments in 2015.



Golden Kilfeacle West U12 Football champions 2015. Back: Daithi Bargary (selector), John Curriivan (selector). Middle: Fiona Tuohy, Jason Money, Darragh Hogan, Jack Leamy, Robby Smith, Michael Coman, Luke Keane, Sean O'Halloran (selector). Front: Eanna Ormond, Cian Rya, Brian Marnane, Thomas Fogarty (C), Jack Lonergan, Ben Curriivan, Jack Bergin.



Golden Kilfeacle West and County U12 Hurling Champions 2015. Back: Daithi Bargary (selector), Gavin Dalton, Brian Marnane, Jack Leamy (C), Thomas Fogarty, Billy Loveridge, Paddy Crowe, John Curriivan (selector), Sean O'Halloran (selector). Front: Jack Lonergan, Ben Curriivan, Cian Ryan, Lee Hayes, Eanna Ormond, Michael Coman, Levi Loveridge.



Golden Galtee Combo - West U16 'A' Football Champions 2015. Back l-r: Josh Sweeney, Edmund O'Dwyer, Christopher Farrell, Brian Barlow, Darren Lonergan, Jack Fogarty, Adam McGrath, Maurice O'Sullivan, Patrick Tynan, Tony Byron, Alex Ryan, Shane Ryan, Brian Hally, Danny Ryan. Front: Kevin Hally, Jack Curriivan, Eoin Nagle, Andy Byrnes, Niall Heffernan, Jake Flannery (C), Killian Hayde, Alan Flannery, Niall Hogan, Derry Ormond.



Golden Galtee - West U14 'A' Football Champions 2015. Back l-r: Brian Leamy (selector), Eoin Marnane, Cillian Burns, Cian Ryan (supporter), Aaron Griffin Donnelly, Mikey Bergin, Robbie Byron, JP McCarthy (selector), David Harold Barry, Like Bennett, Evan Breen, Daniel Ryan. Front: Darragh Kennedy, David Sinclair, Bradley Barry, Jack Curriivan, Stephen Moloney (C), Regan McCarthy (mascot), Alan Flannery, Calum McCarthy, Sean Dowall, Jack Leamy, Eoin Gallagher.



Golden Galtee Combo U13 Football, winners of Tommy Richardson Cup 2015. Back l-r: Mikey Bergin, David Harold Barry, Eoin Pyke, Eamonn Quirke, Robbie Byron, Luke Bennett, Dominic O'Dwyer, Robert Moloney, Brian Marnane, Darragh Kennedy, Michael Coman, Ben Curriivan. Front l-r: Calum McCarthy, Sean Gubbins, Bradley Barry, Cillian Burns, Jack Leamy, Eoin Marnane (C), Evan Breen, Sean Ryan, Thomas Fogarty, Regan McCarthy (mascot).

Bórd na nÓg Tiobraid Árann Theas

Officers of Board for 2015:

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FOOTBALL:

Under 12 Football

Under 12A Moyle Rovers 0-08 (Capt Rory Collins)
Runners up Clonmel Commercial 0-04
Held in Ned Hall Park on 3rd May. Referee: Miceal O'Donnell (Clonmel Og)

Under 12B Kilsheelan 5-3 (Capt. Conor Neville)

Runners up Grangemockler Ballyneale 2-08
Held in Monroe on 3rd May. Referee: Martin Doyle (Ardfinnan)

Under 12C Clonmel Commercial 1-04 (Capt Shane Ryan)

Runners up Clonmel Og
Held in Monroe on 3rd May. Referee: Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)

Under 12D Clonmel Commercial 2-07 (Capt. Tadgh Sheehan)

Runners up Newcastle 0-02
Held in Ned Hall Park on 3rd May. Referee: Miceal O'Donnell (Clonmel Og)

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL:

Under 14A Clonmel Og 3-11 (Capt Conor Anderson)

Runners up: Moyle Rovers 4-07
Held in Ardfinnan on 4th June. Referee: Martin Doyle (Ardfinnan)

Under 14B Kilsheelan 5-11 (Capt. Billy Murphy)

Runners up: Mullinahone 1-3
Held in Ned Hall Park on 4th June. Referee: Miceal O'Donnell (Clonmel Og)

Under 14C St. Patrick's 4-4 (Capt. Jack Meagher)

Runners up Clerihan 1-2
Held in Fethard GAA Park on 1st June. Referee: Paul Guinan Killenaule)

Under 14 Peile 'A' Moyle Rovers 2-3 (Capt. Harry Phelan)

Runners up Newcastle/Ballyporeen 0-7
Held in Goatenbridge on Wed 15th April. Referee: Kieran Barrett (Clerihan)

Under 14 Peile 'B' Clonmel Og 3-9 (Capt. Conor Anderson)

Runners up Ballingarry 1-2
Held in Duneske on 19th April. Referee: Brian Tyrell (Clonmel Commercial)

UNDER 16 FOOTBALL

Under 16A Moyle Rovers 2-09 (Capt. Luke Fogarty)

Runners up Clonmel Commercial 0-08
Held in Goatenbridge on 25th May. Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

Under 16B Grangemockler Ballyneale (Capt. Jack Lyons)

Runners up Anner Gaels
Held in Clonmel Sportsfield on 18th June. Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

HURLING

Under 12A Hurling Carrick Swans 2-9 (Capt. Niall O'Keeffe)

Runners up: Cahir 0-7
Held in Kilsheelan on 17th August. Referee: Tadgh Loneragan (Kilsheelan)

Under 12B Kilsheelan 1-8 (Capt. Emmet Butler)

Runners up: St. Pats 0-05
Held in Monroe on 15th August. Referee: Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)

Under 12C St. Mary's 3-5 (Capt. Ruairi Leahy)

Runners up: Ballylooby 2-05
Held in Monroe on 15th August. Referee: Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)

Under 12D Hurling Ballingarry 3-03 (Capt. Geraldine Ryan)

Runners up: St. Mary's 2-04
Held in Kilsheelan on 17th August. Referee: Tadgh Loneragan (Kilsheelan)

Under 14 HURLING

Under 14A Carrick Swans 5-14 (Capt. Jack Murphy)

Runners up: Ballingarry 0-05
Held in Clerihan on 31st August. Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

Under 14B Grangemockler Ballyneale 2-10 (Capt. James Daly)

Runners up: Killenaule 1-04
Held in Ned Hall Park on 1st September. Referee: Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)

Under 14C St. Patrick's 6-05 (Capt. Pat Griffin)

Runners up: Fethard 3-07
Held in Monroe on 31st August. Referee: Sean Loneragan (Moyle Rovers)

Under 14 Feile Fe 'A' Carrick Swans 1-08 (Capt. Jack Murphy)

Runners up: St. Mary's 1-01
Held in Clonmel on 27th April. Referee: Paul Guinan (Killenaule)

Under 14 Feile Fe 'B' Cahir 5-02 (Capt. Tommy McDonagh)

Runners up: Ballybacon Grange 1-03
Held on Ballylooby on 22nd April. Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

Under 14 Skills Kevin Grogan of Cahir

Under 14 Long Puck Harry Phelan of Moyle Rovers

Under 16 Long Puck Denis Hanrahan of Grangemockler Ballyneale

Under 16 HURLING

Under 16A Moyle Rovers 3-11 (Capt. Luke Delahunty)

Runners up: Carrick Swans 3-09
Held in Clonmel Sportsfield on 19th Sept. Referee: Paul Guinan (Killenaule)

Under 16B Cahir 2-15 (Capt. Eoin O'Neill)

Runners up: Grangemockler Ballyneale 1-07
Held in Clonmel Sportsfield on 19th Sept. Referee: Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)

DIVISIONAL SQUADS

South Division Under 14 Football Squad, Captained by Kevin Hogan (Ardfinnan). Management Team: Stephen Landy (Ardfinnan), Johnny Cummins (Ardfinnan), Sean Quirke (Clonmel Og) and Billy Macken (Ballyporeen). Squad: Cian O'Leary (Ardfinnan), Conor Vaughan (Ballingarry), Oisín Brennan (Ballyporeen), Thomas McDonagh, Kevin Grogan & Killian Halpin (Cahir), Conor Whelan (Carrick Davins), Cathan McGuigan, Jack Dillon, Conor Anderson & Reece O'Regan (Clonmel Og), Stephen Crotty (Fethard), Robbie Maher & Gavin English (Fr. Sheehy's), Billy Murphy, Jack O'Loughlin, Billy O'Connor, Jack O'Gorman & Sean Franey (Kilsheelan/Kilcass), Brian McKeown, Callum Maher & Michael McGrath (Moyle Rovers) and Pádraigh O'Loughlin (Newcastle).

South Division Under 15 Football Squad, Captained by Diarmuid Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers). Management Team: Paudie Malone (GDA), Delcan Hickey (Ballyporeen), Paddy O'Gorman (Cahir), Aaron Loneragan (Ardfinnan) and Mark Stokes (Player Assistant). Squad: Darragh O'Leary (Ardfinnan), Kevin O'Mahony, Rian Hennessey & Thomas Vaughan (Ballyporeen), Dylan Fitzgerald, Eoin Kelly & Stephen Grogan (Cahir), Aidan Keane, Ian Holloway & Jack Connolly (Carrick Swans), Cian Mullane & Liam McGrath (Clerihan), Conor Deely (Clonmel Commercial), Cian O'Sullivan (Clonmel Og), Jack Ward (Fethard), Cian Quinn (Kilsheelan/Kilcass), Ben Owens, Brian Quirke, Conor McGrath, Jack Houlihan & Rian Quigley (Moyle Rovers). Martin Kehoe (Mullinahone) and Conor Duggan (St. Patricks).

South Division Under 16 Football Squad, Captained by Jack Hayes (Killenaule). Management Team: P. J. Hayes (Killenaule), Pat O'Brien (Cahir), Jamie McCormack (Fethard) and Jason Hally (Newcastle) (Player Assistant). Squad: Johnny Coveney & Dylan Nugent (Ardfinnan), Conor O'Brien, Eoin O'Neill & Patrick Meehan (Cahir), Dean McMorro, Alan O'Donnell & Conor Horan (Clerihan), Aidan Tobin, Conal Kennedy, Calvin Boland, Ryan Lambe, Adam Peters & Patrick Murchan (Clonmel Commercial), Cody O'Regan (Clonmel Og), Jack Dolan, Ross McCormack & Jesse McCormack (Fethard), Jack Harney, Alan Boland & Darragh Bolger (Moyle Rovers) and Jamie Grant (Newcastle).

South Division Under 14 Hurling Squad, Captained by Conor Whelan (Carrick Davins). Management Team: Tommy Foran (St. Mary's), Johnny Cummins (Ardfinnan), Peter Egan (St. Mary's) and Sean Quirke (Clonmel Og). Squad: Conor Vaughan, Stephen Donovan & Aidan Ryan (Ballingarry), Kevin Hogan (Ballybacon Grange), Michael Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Tommy McDonagh (Cahir), Luke McNamara & Christy Griffin (Carrick Swans), Jack Dillon, Tommy Hickey, Conor Anderson & Cathal McGuigan (Clonmel Og), Stephen Crotty (Fethard), Darragh Fitzgerald (Killenaule), Jack O'Gorman, Jason Madigan & Barry Kehoe (Kilsheelan/Kilcass), Tony Phelan (Moyle Rovers), Darragh O'Brien & Michael O'Shea (Mullinahone), Oisín Brennan & Dean Finn (Skeheenarinky) and Enda Dunphy (St. Mary's).

South Division Under 15 Hurling Squad, Captained by Paudie Maher (Ballingarry). Management Team: Paudie Mahone (GDA), Paddy O'Gorman (Cahir), Declan Hickey (Skeheenarinky) and Aaron Loneragan (Ardfinnan). Squad: Dylan Smith (Ballylooby Castlegrace), Stephen Grogan, Nicholas Reidy & Tiernan McLoughlin (Cahir), Jack Connolly, Aidan Keane & Ian Holloway (Carrick Swans), Cian Mullane (Clerihan), T. J. Quigley (Clonmel Og), Conor Harrington (Fethard), Mark Stokes & Cian Quinn (Kilsheelan/Kilcass), Brian Quirke, Ben Owens, Rian Quigley & Conor McGrath (Moyle Rovers), Baylea Grace, Oisín Drennan & Martin Kehoe (Mullinahone), Josh Ryan, Darragh O'Keeffe & Corey Kelly (St. Mary's), Conor Duggan (St. Patrick's) and Thomas Vaughan (Skeheenarinky).

South Division Under 16 Hurling Squad: Management Team: Noel Russell (Carrick Swans), Michael Nash (St. Patrick's), Ronan Desmond (Moyle Rovers), Carmel Hanrahan (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Rory McLoughlin (Skeheenarinky), Stephen Morgan & Harry Morgan (Ballylooby/Castlegrace), Paudie Malone (GDA), Paddy O'Gorman (Cahir), Una Hayes (Killenaule) and Ann Fleming (Fethard).

Squad for Garda Cup: Captain: Jack Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale). Luke O'Dwyer & Lee Dunne (Carrick Swans), Dean McMorro & Cathal Moloney (Clerihan), Michael Meaney, Josh Ellis, Loran Magorrian & Denis Hanrahan (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Kevin Lawlor, Jack Hayes & Andrew O'Connell (Killenaule), Luke Delahunty (Moyle Rovers), Eoghan Brett & Brendan Kearney (Mullinahone), Maitiu McGrath & Jamie Grant (Newcastle), Fionn McLoughlin (Skeheenarinky), Sean Kennedy, Cian O'Dwyer, Joe Gunne, Aidan Tobin & Jamie Maguire (St. Mary's) and Barry O'Dwyer (St. Patrick's).

Squad for Munster Tournament: Captain: Kevin Lawlor (Killenaule). Fiachra Scott & Patrick Ivors (Ballingarry), Dean McMorro (Clerihan), Josh Ellis, Denis Hanrahan & Jack Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale), Andrew O'Connell (Killenaule), Luke Delahunty (Moyle Rovers), Eoghan Brett (Mullinahone), Jamie Grant & Maitiu McGrath (Newcastle), Fionn McLoughlin, Josh Macken & Kevin O'Mahoney (Skeheenarinky), Sean Kennedy, Aidan Tobin & Jamie Maguire (St. Mary's) and Barry O'Dwyer (St. Patrick's).

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS 2015

Martin Cody – Mullinahone. Austie & Mary Godfrey – Fethard



Moyle Rovers - South U16 'A' Hurling Champions

Back l-r: Eileen Boland, Owen Fogarty, Conor McGrath, Gavin Byrne, Louis Quirke, Colm Power, Ronan Quigley, Brian Quirke, Riain Quigley, Joey Deevooy, Cathal McKeown, Kieran Quirke, Luke Fogarty, Sam Power, Tony Smith, Fionnula Hackett. Front l-r: Noreen Burke, Seamius Ryan, Ben Owens, Sean Hackett, Darragh Bolger, Jack Holohan, Brian Lacey, Luke Delahunty(capt), Diarmuid Mulcahy, Sean Cotter, Cillian Crowe, Jack Harney, John McGrath



Moyle Rovers - South U12 'A' Football Champions

Back l-r: P.J. O'Halloran, Michael McGarry, Peter McGarry, Harry Lane, Shane Ryan, Thomas O'Connor, Riain O'Halloran, Rian McCormack, James O'Reilly, Ger Roberts. Front l-r: Tadgh O'Halloran, Conor Walsh, Daire Luttrell, Michael Buckley, Rory Collins (capt) James Cronin, Dean English, Ciaran Condon, Marie O'Connor.



Moyle Rovers - County and South U16 'A' Football Champions

Back l-r: John McGrath, Tony Smith, Darragh Bolger, Cathal McKeown, Sam Power, Rowan Wagner, Luke Delahunty, Tadgh Carroll, Alan Boland, Michael Cleary, Sean Hackett, Colm Power, Jack Phelan, Joey Deevooy, Conor McGrath, Owen Fogarty. Front l-r: Noreen Burke, Eileen Boland, Gavin Byrne, Louis Quirke, Cillian Crowe, Jack Harney, Luke Fogarty (capt), Sean Cotter, Jack Holohan, Diarmuid Mulcahy, Brian Lacey, Daniel Foley, Riain Quigley, Brian Quirke, Kieran Quirke, Ben Owens



Kilsheelan/Kilcash – South Under 12 'B' Hurling Champions. Back l-r: Jack Mulcahy, Micheal Freaney, Casey Jay Coleman, Zac O'Loughlin, Conor Neville, Jack Landy, Oisín Lavin, Conor Nugent, Alex Hanrahan. Front l-r: Jake French Davis, Thomas O'Connor, Michael Ryan, Emmet Butler (capt.), Aidan Morrissey, David O'Donovan, Aaron Costin, Senan Butler.



Kilsheelan/Kilcash – County and South Under 14 'B' Football Champions. Back l-r: Billy O'Connor, Lee Ryan, Barry Kehoe, Jason Madigan, Jack O'Gorman, Tommy Morrissey, Adam Quigley, Jack O'Loughlin, Barra Thompson, Ben O'Connell, Sean Freaney. Front l-r: Ben Roche (mascot) Jack Roche, Charles Shanahan, Dáire Murphy, Conor Grant, Bill Murphy (Capt.) Ben Smith, Casey Jay Coleman, Catha Kelly, Emmet Butler. Mentors: Brian O'Gorman, Kevin Kelly, Keith Madigan and Eddie O'Connell.



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Brendan Cummins

won the M. Donnelly Senior Poc Fada competition for the 9th time this year. He has now won the title five years in a row, having previously won the title in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Brendan covered the course in 57 pocs.



Carrick Swan - South U14 'A' Champions

Back l-r: Ewin Ryan, Danny Callaghan, Aaron O'Sullivan, Cian Dunphy, Jay Meagher, Ben Rocket, Jamie Holloway, Lee Kirwan, Erin Walsh, Luke McNamara, Ryan Walsh, Cian Robinson, James Burke, Tim Treacy, Ben Mulcaire. Front l-r: Luke Prout, Cian Walsh, Dane Finn, Josh Delaney, Noel Anyonwa, Christy Griffin, Jack Murphy (Capt), Josh Hanlon, Brad Murphy, Aidan Water.



Grangemockler/Ballyneale – County and South Under 16 'B' Football Champions.

Back l-r: Denis Hanrahan, Ian Brett, Jake Hennebry, Michael Meaney, David Power, John Fleming, Shane Corcoran, Josh Ellis, David Needham, Lorcan MaGorrigan. Front l-r: Manus McFadden, C.J. Houlihan, Jamie Walsh, Joey Lyons, Jack Lyons (Capt), Mark O'Meara, Thomas Parle, Brandon Brunnock. Missing from photo Mentors Carmel Hanrahan, Mark Cahill and Liam Walsh.



St. Patricks - South U14 'C' Football Champions

Back l-r: Declan Morrissey, Michael Ryan, Mikey O'Brien, Matthew McCormack, Patrick Griffin, Eamon Hall, Jack Cuddihy, Keith Morrissey, Denis Clancy, Jimmy O'Brien. Front l-r: Pauric O'Brien, Robert Barton, Darragh Hall, Jack Meagher, Aidan Fitzgerald, Cathal Foley, Fergal Keane, Thomas O'Brien.



Kilsheelan/Kilcash – South Under 12 'B' Football Champions.

Back l-r: Oisín Lavin, Jack Landy, Jack Mulcahy, Micheal Freaney, Emmet Butler, Casey Jay Coleman, Aaron Costin, Alex Hanrahan, Conor Nugent, Zac O'Loughlin. Front l-r: Jake French Davis, Michael Ryan, Cian Roche, Thomas O'Connor, Conor Neville (capt.) Senan Butler, Jack O'Donoghue, Aidan Morrissey.



Carrick Swan - South U12 'A' champions.

Back l-r: Nathan Huntengurg, Dylan Murphy, Tayler Fleming, Tayler Hanlon, Glen Cooke, Sean Power, Owen Harrigan, Calum Lannigan. Front l-r: Danny Murphy, Nathan Booth, Aaron O'Halloran, Nigle O'Keeffe (Capt), Fionn Barry, Daryl Hannrahan, Evan O'Dwyer (Mascot).



Grangemockler/Ballyneale – County and South Under 14 'B' Hurling Champions.

Back l-r: Ben Comerford, Tommy O'Hanlon, Martin Murray, Conor Murphy, Brandon Brunnock, Shane Corcoran, Leon Kennedy, Joey Lyons, Zach Ellis, Mark O'Meara, Harley Joy. Front l-r: Paudie O'Shea, Eimhin Hanrahan, Jamie Walsh, Jack Walsh, Sean Daly, Mikie Lyons James Daly Capt, Luke Sheehan, Luke Maguire, Darragh Lambe, Tom Brett. Missing from photo mentors Eamon Phelan, Liam Brett, Nigel Hanrahan and Debbie Murphy.

County Tipp Scór 2014/2015



The Scór season 2014-2015 was yet another enjoyable and successful year for Scór in Tipperary. Building on the successes of recent years competitors yet again took to the stage to showcase the best of talent in music, song, recitation, drama and dance and the standard of performance was as usual excellent. The three competitions Scór na bPáistí, Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear are now well established and it is no wonder that we yet again succeeded in bringing home three All-Irelands to the Premier county.

Ciarán Byrne of J.K. Brackens club won the All Ireland Scór na nÓg in Recitation with an enthralling performance of 'What sort of an eejit are you' in City West. City West was again the venue with Noel Joyce of the same club winning the Scór Sinsear Final in recitation with his own composition 'Mammy's Day out in Tramore'. We are expecting that Noel will do a hat-trick in the near future following on from his previous victories. Newport's Ceol Uirlise made history on the same evening when their instrumental group of Áine Ní Mháille, Ruairí de Flóid, Brian McAuliffe, Niamh de Flóid agus Laoghaise Ní Riain. What a night of celebration it was in the city's capital. Ella Marie Stapleton of Upperchurch-Drombane sang like a lark as did the Newport Ballad Group and though fortune did not favour them we are equally proud of their performances on the national stage.

The Trath na gCeist teams of Loughmore Castleiney (Scór na nÓg) and Moyne Templetuohy (Scór Sinsear) were able representatives in a competition that is extremely challenging and demanding and both teams enjoyed the experience.

Sunday March 1st 2015 saw throngs of supporters travel to Cashel's Halla na Féile to attend the County Final of Scór na bPáistí. What a joy and sense of occasion there is in seeing so many young competitors in eight disciplines, including Sean Nós Dancing take to the stage, some having competed at parish, area and divisional levels. Comghairdeas leo uile and well done to all involved. Noel McGrath commended all these young people and urged them to do their best and take part in many more enjoyable competitions.

Buíochas ó chroí le gach uile duine atá bainteach le Scór-our Committees, mentors, judges, guests, CLG personnel, and last but by no means least all our competitors from local to national Stage. We hope that 2015-2016 will be another successful year for us all.

Nuair a stadann an ceol stadann an rince.



Aoibheann Slattery, Tempelberry, County Champion in Solo Singing, Scór na bPáistí with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and Co. Senior hurler Noel McGrath.



Aoife Butler, Seán Treacy's-Co. Champion in Solo Singing, Scór na nÓg with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and Co. Tipperary Hurling Captain Brendan Maher



Borris-Ileigh-Co. Champions in Nuachleas-Emma Galvin, Emma Doolin, Chantal Feighery, Nicole Colgan, Niamh Ryan, Jane Delaney, Michael Kennedy, Conor Kinane with Co. Tipperary senior hurler Noel McGrath and Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail.



Borris-Ileigh-Co. Champions in Léiriú-Nóirín Boyle, Lucia Ryan, Paddy Dolan, Paul Boyle, Martina Carr, Diarmuid Boyle, Christina O'Dwyer, Teresa Ryan with Co. Scór secretary Máire de Búrca and Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail.

Winners of County Final of Scór na nÓg 2014

Comórtas	Buaiteoirí
Rince fóirne	Newcastle
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Aoife Butler-Seán Treacy's
Ceol Uirlise	Shannon Rovers
Aithriseoireacht	Ciarán Byrne JK Brackens
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Newport
Léiriú	Moyne Templetuohy
Rince Seit	JK Brackens
Tráth na gCeist	Loughmore Castleiney

Winners of County Final of Scór Sinsear 2015

Comórtas	Buaiteoirí
Rince fóirne	Newcastle
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Ella Stapleton-Upperchurch
Ceol Uirlise	Newport
Aithriseoireacht	Noel Joyce JK Brackens
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Newport
Léiriú	Borrisoleigh
Rince Seit	Borrisoleigh
Tráth na gCeist	Moyne Templetuohy

Winners of County Final of Scór na bPáistí 2015

Comórtas	Buaiteoirí
Rince fóirne	Newcastle
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Aoibheann Slattery-Templederry
Ceol Uirlise	Moneygall
Aithriseoireacht	Jane Brereton Drom and Inch
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Newport
Léiriú	Borrisoleigh
Rince Seit	Newcastle
Tráth na gCeist	Seán Treacy's
Sean Nós	Katie Bourke Killea



Borris-Ileigh-County Champions and Munster Finalists in Set Dancing-
Thomas Walsh, Henry Groome, Michael Brown, Paraic Maher, Julie Treacy,
Margaret Ryan, Aileen Óg Groome, Michelle Maher.



Ciarán Byrne J.K.Brackens-County, Munster and All-Ireland Champion in Recitation pictured here at the Co. Final with Co. Tipperary hurling captain
Brendan Maher and Chairperson Co. Scór Seosaimhín Ní Chathail.



Mary Bourke (Secretary Tipperary Scór) and Josephine Cahill (Chairperson Tipperary Scór) with Tipperary hurler Brendan Maher.



J.K.Brackens Co. Champions in Set Dancing Scór na nÓg-Rebekah Collins, Lorna O'Shea, Colleen Giles, Aine Delaney, Ben Collins, Eamonn Stamp, Shane Doyle, Anthony Ryan with Johnie Delaney, Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and Brendan Maher.



Newport Set-Dancing group who took part in the Co. Final Scór Sinsir.



Jane Brereton, Drom Inch, County Champion in Recitation, Scór na bPáistí with Co. Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and co. hurler Noel McGrath.



Katie Bourke, Killea-County Champion in Sean-Nós Dancing, Scór na bPáistí with Co. Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and co. hurler Noel McGrath.



Moyne Templetuohy-County Champions in Léiriú Competition, Scór na nÓg-Jamie Kiely, Shane Lowe, Diarmuid Collier, Lurna Dunne, Marie Kennedy, Grace Moore, Edwina Cleere, Rebekah Birmingham-Jordan.



Newcastle-Co. Champions in Set Dancing-Sarah English, Clara English, Niamh O'Connor, Abbie Burke, Emma Wyse, Hollie Burke, Saoirse McCarra, Aurora Moore with Co. Scór Chairperson S. Ní Chathail and Co senior hurler Noel McGrath.



Newcastle-Co. Champions, Rince Seit, Scór na bPáistí -Sarah English, Clara English, Niamh O'Connor, Abbie Burke, Emma Wyse, Hollie Burke, Saoirse McCarra, Aurora Moore with Co. Tipp. captain Brendan Maher and S. Ní Chathail.



Newcastle-Co. Champions in Figure dancing Scór Sinsir-Sinéad Grant, Shauna Ryan, Lucy Heffernan, Catherine Ryan, Treasa McGrath, Leah Condon, Rosie McCarra, Veronica McNamara with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail



Ella-Marie Stapleton, Upperchurch Drombane-Munster Champion and All-Ireland Finalist in Solo Singing



Ciaran Byrne receiving his All Ireland medal from GAA President, and the National Scór Chairman.



Noel Joyce receiving his All Ireland medal from GAA President, and the National Scór Chairman.



Moneygall-County Champions in Instrumental Music, Scór na bPáistí-Cathal Green, Maria Maher, Sarah Egan, Alice Maher, Caoimhe Ryan with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and c.o. hurler Noel McGrath.



Newcastle-Co. Champions in Figure dancing Scór Sinsir-Sinéad Grant, Shauna Ryan, Lucy Heffernan, Catherine Ryan, Treasa McGrath, Leah Condon, Rosie McCarra, Veronica McNamara with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail.



Loughmore Castleiney Tráth na gCeist team who represented Tipperary so ably in the Scór na nÓg All Ireland Final in City West: Eimear Nic Craith, Seán Ó Cuilinn, Conchubhair Ó Riain, Micheál Mac Craith



Joe Kennedy, Jim O'Meara, Tom Collier and Francis Cleere (Moyne Templetuohy) representing Tipperary at the Scór Sinséar All Ireland Finals in City West

2014/15 Mid Tipperary Scór Winners

Category	Scór na nÓg
Rince Foirne	J.K. Brackens
Amhránaíocht Aonair	J.K.Brackens +Drom/Inch
Aithriseoireacht	Moyne/Templetuohy + J.K.Brackens
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/Castleiney
Leiriu	Moyne/Templetuohy.+ J.K.Brackens
Bailead Ghrupa	J.K. Brackens
Rince Seit	J.K.Brackens +Moycarkey/Borris
Tráth na gCeist	
Scór na bPaistí Novelty Act	
New competition Sean Nos Dancing	

Scór Sinséar
J.K. Brackens
J.K. Brackens + Upperchurch/Drombane
J.K. Brackens
none
none
J.K. Brackens
J.K.Brackens + Upperchurch/Drombane
Moyne/Templetuohy +Clonakenny
Killea + J.K. Brackens

Scór na bPaistí
Moyne/Tuohy +Drom/Inch
Clonakenny + Durlas Og.
Drom/Inch + Clonakenny
Killea +J.K. Brackens
Novelty Act instead of Leiriu
Killea + Drom/Inch
J.K. Brackens +Durlas Og.
Durlas Og



Newport-All-Ireland Champions in Instrumental Music-Ruairi Floyd, Brian McAuliffe, Áine O'Malley, Louise Ryan, Niamh Floyd.



Newport-Co. Champions in Ballad Group , Scór na bPáistí-Marie O'Brien, Sorcha Kirby, Mia Kissane, Edel O'Brien, Aoife Kirby with Co. Tipperary senior hurler Noel McGrath and Co. Scór Chairperson S. Ní Chathail.



Newport-County and Munster Champions and All-Ireland Finalists in Ballad Group, Scór Sinsir-Back: Fiona Ryan, Co. Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail, Lorna Floyd. Front: Marie Floyd, Conor Floyd, Teresa Galvin.



Newport-County Champions in Ceol Uirlíse-Brian McAuliffe, Co. Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail, Ruairi Floyd. Front: Niamh Floyd, Louise Ryan, Áine O'Malley.



Shannon Rovers-Co. Scór Champion , Scór na nÓg in Ceol Uirlíse-Manus Heenan, Clíodhna Heenan, Cialan McGrath with Co. Tipperary Hurling captain Brendan Maher and Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail.



Seán Treacy's-County Champions in Tráth na gCeist-Leona Ryan, Brian Nolan, Eimear Carey, Paul Nolan with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ní Chathail and Co. senior hurler Noel McGrath.

Two All Ireland titles for JK Brackens Scór

2015 was a very busy and successful year for the JK Brackens club. The Club was well represented (92%) in all three Scór categories (six out of the eight in Scór Sinsear, eight out of eight in Scór na nOg, and nine out of nine in Scór na bPáistí) winning five divisional titles and three county titles, and the highlight being the winning of two Munster and All Ireland titles.

SCÓR na nÓG

The Mid final of Scór na nÓg was held in Drombane on Saturday, November 28th and J.K. Brackens were represented in the following items:-

Figure Dancing – Lorna O'Shea, Kaithlin Young, Sarah Kate Coffey, Caoimhe O'Brien, Danielle Bowe, Áine Delaney, Katie Murphy, Rebekah Collins.

Solo Singing – Ben Collins

Instrumental Music – Ciaran Byrne, Áine Delaney, Niamh Kennedy, Sarah Kate Coffey, Danielle Bowe.

Recitation – Ciaran Byrne

Ballad Group – Ben Collins, Áine Delaney, Ruth Everard, Katie Bourke, Niamh Kennedy.

Léiriú – Ciaran Byrne, Joe Stamp, Troy Costello, Diarmuid Delaney, Emma Holly.

Set Dancing- Colleen Giles, Áine Delaney, Lorna O'Shea, Rebekah Collins, Ben Collins, Eamon Stamp, Shane Doyle, Anthony Ryan.

Four Mid titles were won in figure dancing, solo singing, Leiriú and set dancing.

The county final was held in Holycross on December 12th with the recitation by Ciara Byrne and the set dancers capturing county honours, Ciaran having been allowed to participate as a result of no competitor from the south and west divisions. The Munster semi-final was held in Cashel on January 4th and it was a big disappointment that the set dancers failed to make it to the final. However Ciaran Byrne was successful and he went on to crown a great year for himself by winning Munster (January 18th in Cappquin) and All Ireland (February 14th Citywest) titles. A huge crowd turned out the following evening to welcome him back to Clonmore, and various speakers including Mid and County Scór and GAA, JK Brackens Scór and GAA, Fr Joe Walsh, Munster Scór all spoke in glowing terms of the wonderful achievement in Ciaran winning an All Ireland medal, and the great work being done by the club in promoting our Irish culture, through music, song, dance and recitation.

In the quiz competition which was run as an all county competition the club entered two teams as follows: Team 1 Rebekah Collins, Ciaran Byrne, Stephen Delahunty, Ruth Everard. Team 2 Diarmuid Delaney, Troy Costelloe, Caolan Costelloe, Ewan Scott.

SCÓR SINSEAR

No Mid final took place and the county final took place in Borrisoleigh on March 7th, with J.K. Brackens represented in the following items:

Ballad Group – Nicole Joyce, Lisa Fogarty, Aoife Fogarty, John Geary, Ciara Ryan.

Figure Dancing – Chloe Giles, Yvonne Meehan, Ciara Bourke, Leona Bowe, Nicole Joyce, Aoife Fogarty, Rachel Giles, Jennie Moore.

Solo Singing – John Geary

Recitation – Noel Joyce

Set Dancing - Mairéad Delaney, Jennie Moore, Yvonne Meehan, Katherine Meehan, Ciara Ryan, Chloe Giles, Nicole Joyce, Leona Bowe.

Our only successful participant was Noel Joyce, and he went on to have a marvellous year winning Munster (March 28th

Ovens Cork) and All Ireland (April 25th Citywest) titles. In excess of one hundred travelled to support him in the All Ireland final in the Citywest, and there was huge excitement when the result was announced, his second All Ireland in three years. A huge crowd, similar to the reception for Ciaran Byrne's homecoming, turned out the following evening for the welcome home in Clonmore, and again speaker after speaker were loud in their praise of Noel's historic achievement.

In the All County Quiz Aoife Percy, Leo Collins, Mervyn Bradish and Sean Leahy represented the club, but were unsuccessful on the night, with victory going to the Moyne Templetuohy club,

SCÓR na bPÁISTÍ

The first Mid semi-final took place in Moyne on February 1st and J.K. Brackens were represented in the following items:

Figure Dancing – Saoirse Fogarty, Leanne Donegan, Emily Kirwan, Katie Johnston, Kate Delaney, Ava Murphy, Anna Finn, Molly Nevin.

Solo Singing – Aisling Meehan

Instrumental Music – Eoin Leahy, Gillian Fogarty, Jennifer Sergeant, Sarah Holly, Katie Johnston.

Recitation – Leanne Donegan

Ballad Group – Saoirse Fogarty, Kate Delaney, Anna Ryan, Aisling Meehan, Jack Nevin.

Sean Nós Dancing – Sarah Hogan.

Question Time – Dylan Hickey, Darragh Cunningham, Mikey Delaney, Anna Ryan.

Léiriú – Mikey Delaney, Leanne Donegan, James Ryan, Emily Kirwan, Kate Delaney, Rachel Joyce, Anna Ryan, Tommy Martin.

Set Dancing - Dylan Hickey, Tommy Martin, James Ryan, Kate Delaney, Anna Ryan, Aisling Meehan, Sarah Bergin, Leanne Donegan.

All eight, the exception being recitation, qualified for the mid final in Templetuohy on February 21st, with the Set Dancing group winning the Mid title. However they failed to add a county title. The question time team put up a great performance, scoring 66 marks and were only two marks behind eventual winners, Durlas Og.



Upperchurch Drombane Set-Dancers who took part in the Co. Final Scór Sinsir.



Winner of Scór na bPáistí Art Competition with Co. Scór Chairperson Seosaimhín Ni Chathail.



Tipperary Handball Report 2015

by Paddy Collins P.R.O.

Tipperary Handball has had a remarkable year with success at Munster, National and International competitions in both Juvenile and adult grades. The coaching programmes at club, county and Munster level are now bearing fruit and our players are among the best in the world. All our clubs now have Level 1 and Level 2 coaches and there is a big increase in young players both girls and boys taking up Handball.

There are various competitions including the Adult and Juvenile Championships, Feile na nGael, Cumann na mBunscoil, College, Community Games, Irish Nationals, 1 Wall, Interprovincial teams, Club Teams, County Teams and various open and Club tournaments in the yearly calendar to compete in. We also have players who compete at international level in the World Championships and also in the USA Open and many other USA tournaments.

Juveniles

Ballina, Lahorna and Ballinahinch host local tournaments and the North Tipperary Handball Board host a Juvenile B competition in 40x20. Handball was included in the Thurles 2015 Sports Festival and the winners were David Tobin and Paul Maher Carrick-on-Suir/Clonmel.

Our year started off in January with the North Tipperary 40x20 Championships hosted by Nenagh and Ballinahinch. Juveniles from Ballinahinch, Ballina, Lahorna, Nenagh, Newport, Silvermines and Youghalarra contested both Girls and Boys finals.

The North Tipperary Juvenile 40x20 Championships were hosted by Nenagh and Ballinahinch.

North Tipperary winners

Boys U10 Singles Jack Mulcahy (Lahorna)
U10 Doubles Cathal Lenihan and Mike Carroll (Ballinahinch)
U11 Singles David Ryan (Silvermines)
U11 Doubles Jack and Malachy Mullaly (Ballinahinch)
U12 Singles Rory Grace Lahorna
U12 Doubles John Ryan and Oisín Kennedy (Newport)
U13 Singles Owen Healy (Newport)
U13 Doubles Aaron Sharkey and Conor McAuliffe (Youghalarra) or (Lahorna)- To be Played
U14 Singles Jack O'Keeffe (Youghalarra)
U14 Doubles Matthew Spain and Sean Hayes (Lahorna)
U15 Singles Daire Madden (Lahorna)
U15 Doubles Colm Harrington and Brendan Coffey (Ballinahinch)
U16 Singles Jerome Cahill (Lahorna)



All Ireland Under 14 Doubles 40x20 winners
Matthew Spain and John McGrath.



All Ireland GMAD 60x30 Winners
Pat and Tony O'Flaherty Youghalarra

U16 Doubles John McGrath and Sean McAdams (Lahorna)

U17 Singles Aidan O'Flaherty (Youghalarra)

U17 Doubles Barry O'Meara and Dan Healy (Newport)

Girls U12 Singles Megan Morris (Nenagh)

U12 Doubles Anna Mulcahy and Aine Spain (Lahorna)

U13 Singles Emily Gould (Lahorna) or G. Shanahan (Silvermines)

U13 Doubles Siobhan Prentice and Isabel Farnan (Ballina)

U14 Singles Katie Morris (Nenagh)

U15 Singles Eimear Meagher (Nenagh)

U15 Doubles Eleanor Percy and Katie Gould (Lahorna)

U16 Singles Sinead Meagher (Nenagh)

U17 Singles Sile Spain (Lahorna)

The County 40x20 Juvenile finals were hosted by Cashel on Sunday 18th January. The winners were

Boys U10S Jack Mulcahy (Lahorna)

Boys U10D Anthony Walsh/David Mc Grath (Cashel)

Boys U11S David Ryan (Silvermines)

Boys U11D Jack and Malachy Mullaly (Ballinahinch)

Boys U12S Rory Grace (Lahorna)

Boys U12D John Ryan / Oisín Kennedy (Newport)

Boys U13S Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel)

Boys U13D Jack Mc Grath/Ben White (Cashel)

Boys 14S Jack O' Keeffe (Youghalarra)

Boys U14D Mathew Spain / Sean Hayes (Lahorna)

Boys U15S Luke White Cashel

Boys U15D Colum Harrington / Brendan Coffey (Ballinahinch)

Boys U16S Jerome Cahill (Lahorna)

Boys U16D John McGrath / Sean McAdams (Lahorna)

Boys U17S Aidan O'Flaherty (Youghalarra)

Boys U17D Barry O'Meara / Dan Healy (Newport)

Girls U11D Katie O'Keeffe and Emma Cooney (Youghalarra)

Girls U12S Megan Morris (Nenagh)

Girls U12D Anna Mulcahy / Aine Spain (Lahorna)

Girls U13S Emily Gould (Lahorna)

Girls U13D Siobhan Prentice / Isabel Farnan (Ballina)

Girls U14S Katie Morris (Nenagh)

Girls U15S Eimear Meagher (Nenagh)



*All Ireland MBS 60x30 Winner
Davy Tobin Carrick-on-Suir with John Roche Wexford*

Girls U15D Eleanor Percy / Katie Gould (Lahorna)
Girls U16S Sinead Meagher (Nenagh)
Girls U17S Sile Spain (Lahorna)

County Juvenile Doubles Trials

U12 Doubles Conor Mc Kelvey and Kyle O'Gorman
U13 Doubles: Ben White and Jack McGrath
U15 Doubles: Daire Madden and Devlin Courtney
U17 Doubles Barry O'Meara and Dan Healy.

Cumann na mBunscoil Handball County Finals

The Cumann na mBunscoil Handball County Finals were hosted by Ballinahinch and Youghalarra Handball Clubs. We had 13 schools entered with 58 juveniles competing and a total of 39 Games. The schools involved were Ardcroney, Ballina, Ballinahinch, Ballyporeen, Burgess, Cashel, Kilruane, Lahorna, Lissenhall, Newport, Poulacapple, Silvermines and Youghalarra.



*Feile Division 4 Winners Lahorna
Rory Grace, Kian O'Kelly, Cormac Doheny, Jack Mulcahy and Willie Roche
(Handball President)*

Both venues played out to Semi-Finals with the finals taking place in Ballinahinch. Thanks to both clubs for hosting the venues and to all who helped with refreshments for both competitors and spectators. Thanks also to the referees David O'Brien, Ger Foley, Darren Prentice and Paddy Collins.

The players who went forward to represent Tipperary in the Munster Cumann na mBunscoil finals in Ballydesmond, Cork on Saturday 7th. February were

Girls U11 Singles: Katie O'Keeffe, Youghalarra

Boys U11 Singles: Evan Carey, Ballina

Girls U11 Doubles: Abi Ryan and Kate Maher Ballyporeen

Boys U11 Doubles: Anthony Walsh and David Mc Grath Cashel

Girls U13 Singles: Amy Mc Keogh, Ballina

Boys U13 Singles: Conor O'Dwyer, Cashel

Girls U13 Doubles: Siobhán Prentice and Isobel Farnan Ballina

Boys U13 Doubles: Ben White and Jack McGrath Cashel

At the Cumann na mBunscoil Munster finals hosted by Ballydesmond on Saturday 7th February Tipperary came out on top taking 5 Titles. Tipperary also were finalists in the Boys U11 Doubles and Semi Finalists in the Boys U11 Singles and Girls U11 Singles. This was a great achievement as the standard was very high in all grades.

Munster Final Results:

Boys U11Doubles: Rossa Keehan/Sean Tracey [Scariff] beat Anthony Walsh /David Mc Grath (Cashel)

U13 Singles: Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel) beat Jimmy O'Gorman (Tulla)

U13 Doubles: Ben White/Ross Whelan (Cashel) beat Sean Wiley/Jake Butler [Bodyke]

Girls U11Doubles: Abi Ryan/Kate Maher [Ballyporeen] beat Jennifer Nicholas/Eabha Mc Inerney [St Mochullas Clare]

U13 Singles: Amy Mc Keogh (Ballina) beat Yvonne Stack (Broadford)

U13 Doubles: Siobhan Prentice/Isobel Farnan [Ballina N.S.] beat V Keri Murphy/Eimear Lehane (Broadford).

40x20 Munster Juvenile Finals

In February Tipperary Clubs Nenagh, Kilcoleman and Ballinahinch hosted the 40x20 Juvenile Munster final.

From U14 to U17 the Winners represented Munster in the All-Ireland semi-finals in Connaught on Sunday March 15th and the Juvenile All-Ireland finals on March 28th in Ulster. Tipperary fared very well winning 8 Munster titles, Girls U12D, Girls U14S, Girls U15D, Girls U16S, Boys U12D, Boys U14D, Boys U15D and Boys U17S.

Girls 12D: Anna Mulcahy/Aine Spain [Tipperary] beat Emma O'Riordan/Sarah O'Malley [Cork] 15-12, 15-8

Girls 14S: Katie Morris [Tipperary] beat Danielle O'Donoghue [Kerry] 15-6, 15-13



Sinead Meagher All Ireland Under 16 Singles Winner



**All Ireland DMAS
60x30 Winner**
*Billy Mullins, Clonmel
with John Rossiter,
Carlow*

Girls 15D: Eleanor Percy /Eimear Meagher [Tipperary] beat Aoife Hurley /Ellen Murphy [Cork] 15-9, 15-3

Girls 16S: Sinead Meagher [Tipp] beat Ella Donnelan [Clare] 21-6, 21-16

Boys 12D: Conor Mc Elelv/Kyle O'Gorman [Tipperary] beat Gearoid Healy/Tiernan Mc Allister [Cork] 15-8, 15-9

Boys 14D: Matthew Spain/Sean Hayes [Tipperary] beat Sean Murphy/Michael O'Callaghan [Cork] 14-15, 15-13, 15-2

Boys 15D: Daragh Madden/Delvin Courtney [Tipperary] beat Niall Delaney/Michael O'Malley [Cork] 13-15, 15-2, 15-10

Boys U17S: Aidan O'Flaherty [Tipperary] beat Kevin O'Connell [Cork] 21-9, 21-5

Tipperary Juveniles continued to impress in the Juvenile Team Competitions winning both the U12/13 and U16/17 Munster Finals. In The U12/13 team Tipp beat Clare 71-67 while in the other semi-Final Cork beat Kerry 74-37. In the final Tipp beat Cork 84-63. Tipperary-Conor Mc Elevey, Kyle O'Gorman, Conor O'Dwyer, Ben White, Jack McGrath, Rory Grace. In the U16/17 Team Munster Final Tipperary: Ronan Tucker, Michael Ryan, Dan Healy, Evan Hannon beat Cork 80-32.

60 x30 Munster Juvenile Finals

The 2015 60X30 Munster Juvenile Singles and Doubles Finals,



Cumann na mBunscoil Tipp U13 Winners Back : Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel) Jack McGrath (Cashel) Ben White (Cashel). Front: Siobhan Prentice (Ballina), Isobel Farnan (Ballina), Amy McKeogh (Ballina)

which were held in Ballymacgelligot in Kerry over three days on the weekend of 25th-27th September, saw Tipperary dominate proceedings.

Results:

Girls U12 Singles: Grainne O'Brien [Tipperary]

Girls U12 Doubles: Anna Mulcahy /Aine Spain [Tipperary]

Girls U13 Singles: Emily Gould [Tipperary]

Girls U13 Doubles: Siobhan Prentice/Isabel Farnan [Tipperary]

Girls U15 Singles: Eimear Meagher [Tipperary]

Girls U15 Doubles: Eleanor Percy /Katie Gould/ [Tipperary]

Girls U16 Singles: Sinead Meagher [Tipperary]

Girls U17 Singles: Sile Spain [Tipperary]

Boys U13 Doubles: James Loughnane/Cormac Doheny [Tipperary]

Boys U15 Doubles: Daire Madden/Conor Burke [Tipperary]

Boys U16 Singles: Jerome Cahill [Tipperary]

Boys U16 Doubles: James Prentice/Sean Mc Adams [Tipperary]

Boys U17 Doubles: Barry O'Meara/Dan Healy [Tipperary]

In the Inter County Team competition hosted by Hospital Limerick the Tipperary U12/13 team of Rory Grace (Lahorna), Kyle O'Gorman (Ballyporeen) Adam Fogarty (Ballina), Cormac Doheny (Lahorna), James Loughnane (Lahorna), James Power (Ballina), Kian Donnelly (Ballina) defeated Cork.

Juvenile All Ireland

At the Juvenile All Ireland 40x20 Finals in Kingscourt in Cavan on Saturday 28th March Tipperary competed in 5 All-Ireland Finals winning 2. Sinéad Meagher (Nenagh) defeated Meagan McCann from Armagh 21/13, 21/14. In the Boys U 14 Doubles Matthew Spain and Sean Hayes (Lahorna) defeated Josh McMahon and Cian Kehoe Wexford in a thrilling 15/14, 15/14 final. Our U15 Girls Doubles Eleanor Percy and Eimear Meagher (Lahorna/Nenagh) were beaten by Beth Doris and Meabh Mc Cambridge from Armagh 15/8, 15/2. In the Boys U15 Doubles Delvin Courtney and Daragh Madden (Newport/Lahorna) were beaten by Ronan Curran and Shane Grimes (Tyrone) 15/7, 15/9. In the Boys U17 Singles Aidan O'Flaherty (Youghalarra) was beaten by Sean Muddiman from Kildare 21/15, 21/9. Well done to all our Juveniles who reached All-Ireland finals. The titles won by County were: Tyrone 3, Armagh 2, Kildare 2, Tipperary 2, Limerick 2, Mayo 2, Galway 1, Clare 1, Cork 1.

In April Tipperary U16/17 team of Evan Hannon, Dan Healy, Mike Ryan and Jack Moloney travelled to Kingscourt and beat Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. They met Kilkenny in a thrilling final and were narrowly beaten by 3 aces.

In the College All Ireland Junior final representing Borrisokane C.C. Daire Madden and Sean Mc Adams were beaten by Lorcán



Tipperary Juvenile All Ireland Winners 60x30

Back (l-r): Sean McAdams, James Prentice, Jerome Cahill, Conor Bourke, Daire Madden. Front (l-r): Sinead Meagher, Sile Spain, Eleanor Percy, Emily Gould.

Mc Bride & Antoin Fox Omagh CBS 15/9, 15/3.

Tipperary handball got a big boost at the final weekend of the All-Ireland Finals with our Juveniles winning 6 gold and 1 silver in Ballymoe in Roscommon. The Girls U15 Doubles from Lahorna started off what turned out to be a remarkable day beating Lauren Flanagan and Leanne Boland from Wexford 15/3, 15/14. The Boys U16 doubles James Prentice (Ballina) and Sean McAdams (Lahorna) won in great style beating Anthony Butler and Patrick Boland from Wexford 21/4, 21/6. The only setback came in the third final when the U17 Doubles from Newport Barry O'Meara and Dan Healy were beaten by Liam Rossiter and Laurence Dunne from Wexford 21/14, 21/16. Sinéad Meagher (Nenagh) got the Tipperary dominance back on track winning the U16 Singles beating Molly Dagg from Kildare 21/2, 21/8. Gerome Cahill was next in the U16 Singles and he overcame a strong challenge from Ben Devlin from Louth but went on to win 21/18, 21/13. In the U15 doubles Daire Madden (Lahorna) and Conor Bourke (Ballina) after a close first game against Eoghan Doheny and Padraic Dunne from Laois winning 15/12 went on to win the second 15/8. Síle Spain from Lahorna finished off a great day winning the U17 singles against Catriona Lawlor from Kilkenny 21/4, 21/3.

Munster 40x20 Juvenile Development Tournament

The inaugural Munster 40X20 Juvenile Development Tournament took place with Kilcolman, Nenagh and Ballinahinch hosting the Boys competitions on Saturday 21st March, while Broadford hosted all the Girls on Sunday 22nd March. This new Provincial 40X20 Juvenile Development Tournament was brought in specifically for all player-girls and boys from U12 singles/doubles up to U17 singles/doubles that had not played/represented their county, in any Munster 40X20 Juvenile Championship grades in singles or doubles from U12 to U17. Tipp girls reached 2 Finals. In U13 singles - Amy Mc Keogh [Tipperary] beat Ciara Sheehy [Limerick] in the final, while the U13 doubles section saw Keri Murphy/ Eimear Lehane [Limerick] taking gold against Abie Sheedy/Sarah Hallinan [Tipperary].

In the Boys section, U12 Singles - Gearoid Sheedy [Clare] beat Johnny Ryan [Tipperary]; U13 Singles Cormac Doheny [Tipperary] beat Donal Jones [Cork], U13 Doubles Cork-Cian Flaherty/Liam Moynihan beat James Power/Matthew Power [Tipperary]. U16 Singles Mikey Ryan (Tipperary) beat Cillian Custy [Clare].

Feile na nGael

Feile na Gael was hosted by Ulster and Lahorna Handball Club had a great outing in Féile Handball winning the 60x30 Cup and also took first and second in the Skills. They also won the Division 4 40x20 final.

In Kingscourt Sean Hayes, Matthew Spain James Loughnane and Louis Kennedy put in a great performance beating St. Comans from Roscommon in the final 21/18, 21/3. They also excelled in the Handball Skills with Sean Hayes winning and Matthew Spain coming in a close second. The Div. 4 team of Rory Grace, Kian O'Kelly, Cormac Doheny and Jack Mulcahy beat St. Mellons from Monaghan 21/12, 21/13 in the final.

Munster Club Team Competition

In August the Munster U13 and U15 Club Team competition took place in Hospital Co Limerick on Thursday August 6th. Tipperary were represented by Lahorna and Ballina in the U13 Section and by Lahorna in the U15 Section. In the U13 Lahorna beat Ballina in the Munster Final 55-40. Teams: Lahorna: Cormac Doheny, James Loughnane, Rory Grace, Emily Gould, Aine Spain Ballina: James Power, Matthew Power, Adam Fogarty, Cian Oakley, Kian Donnelly. In the U15 Final Lahorna bt Mallow 60-45. Lahorna: John McGrath, Sean McAdams, Daire Madden, Sean Hayes, Matthew Spain, Louie Kennedy.

World Handball Championships

Tipperary were well represented at the World Handball Championships in Calgary in Canada in August .



Lahorna 60x30 Feile Winners

James Loughnane, Sean Hayes, Louis Kennedy, Matthew Spain, Martin Spain

Sinéad Meagher made a sensational impact winning Gold and Silver at the 2015 Finals. Tipperary had seven players competing at the World Championships namely Pat O'Flaherty and Aiden O'Flaherty from Youghalarra, Colin Ryan, Daniel Hayes, John O'Donoghue and David Moloney from Cashel and Sinead Meagher from Nenagh.

In the 4 Wall singles Sinéad was defeated by Fiona Tully from Roscommon. Sinéad teamed up with Clodagh Nash from Clare in the doubles and they went on to beat Ella Donnellan and Doireann Murphy from Clare to win Gold.

Daniel Hayes (Cashel) won Silver in the 19 and Under doubles when he teamed up with Colin Corbett from Clare. David Moloney (Cashel) won Silver in the 35+ grade doubles where he partnered Ducksy Walsh from Kilkenny.

Munster and All Ireland Championships

Our Adult players did not fare so well in the Munster



World Champions Gold and Silver

Clodagh Nash, Tuamgraney and Sinead Meagher, Nenagh



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Championships winning only 1 Singles title and 2 Doubles titles. In Master A Singles David Moloney from Cashel, David Moloney and John O'Donoghue, Cashel in the Master A Doubles and Pat O'Flaherty and John McQuaid Youghalarra/Ballina in the Silver Master A Doubles. David Moloney beat Pat Foy from Mayo in All-Ireland semi-final.

In the Masters All-Ireland final in Dungarvan David Moloney was in top form and gave an impressive display beating Michael Ducksy Walsh from Kilkenny 21/13, 10/21, 21/15. In the Master A Doubles All-Ireland final David Moloney & John O'Donoghue were beaten by Michael Ducksy Walsh and D.J. Carey from Kilkenny. In the Silver Masters A Doubles all-Ireland semi-final Pat O'Flaherty and John McQuaid were beaten by James Towey and Joe Dowling from Mayo.

60x30 Championships

Tipperary Adult players had a great run in the 60x30 Championships winning 15 Munster titles.

EMBS: Martin Ryan Silvermines

MBS: David Tobin Carrick-on-Suir

SMAS: Adrian Johnson Ballyporeen

DMBS: Martin Kelly Lahorna

MAS : David Moloney Cashel

DMAS : Billy Mullins Clonmel

SMAD: Adrian Johnson and John Mc Quaid Ballyporeen/Ballina

EMBD: Martin Ryan and Gary Howard Silvermines/Youghalarra

O35AD: David Moloney and Paul Mullins Cashel/Clonmel

GMAD: Tony and Pat O'Flaherty Youghalarra

DMBD: Eamon Spillane and Martin Kelly Nenagh/Lahorna

MBD: David Tobin and Eddie Farrell Carrick-on-Suir

O35BD: John Ferncombe and Michael Purcell Cashel

DMAD: Billy and Pakie Mullins Clonmel

MAD: Martin McNerney and John Corbett Ballina/Ballyporeen

In the Singles All-Ireland Semi-Finals Tipperary contested 4 Semi-Finals and received a bye to the finals in 2.

In MBS David Tobin Carrick-on-Suir beat Michael Ginley Mayo 21/2, 21/2

In EMBS Martin Ryan Silvermines was beaten 21/9, 21/20 by Willie Corcoran Galway



Cumann na mBunscoil Tipp U11 winners

Back: Katie O'Keefe (Youghalarra) Evan Carey (Ballina) Abi Ryan – Katie Maher B/Poreen; Front: Anthony Walsh –David Mc Grath (Cashel)



Tipperary U12/13 Team Silver Medal Winners

James Loughnane, Adam Fogarty, Cian Donnelly, Rory Grace, James Power, Cormac Doheny.

In SMAS Adrain Johnson Ballyporeen was beaten by Tom Sweeney Mayo 21/5, 7/21, 21/20

MAS: David Moloney Cashel

DMAS: Billy Mullins Clonmel

After the success of our Juveniles reaching 7 All-Ireland Finals our Adult players won two out of three Singles finals in Dungarvan in Waterford. Davy Tobin from Carrick-on-Suir after a tough battle against John Roche from Wexford came out on top to win the Master B Singles All-Ireland title 21/18, 7/21, 21/17. In the Diamond Masters A Singles Billy Mullins (Clonmel) had a great win over the much fancied Johnny Rossiter from Carlow. Rossiter led 20-13 in the first but Mullins made a great comeback to win 21-20 and then went on to win the second 21/14. The final game in Dungarvan saw David Moloney from Cashel beaten by Michael Ducksy Walsh in the MAS 21/11, 21/6.

All Ireland Doubles

In St. Comans in Roscommon John Lee (Ballina) and Paul Maher (Clonmel) won the SMBD All-Ireland beating Kenny Curran and Finbar Fullen from Tyrone 21/6, 21/11. In Garryhill in Carlow the O'Flaherty brothers Pat and Tony from Youghalarra had a great win over Robbie McCarthy and K Flanagan Westmeath in the GMAD winning 21/14, 6/21, 21/16. Also in Garryhill in SMAD John Mc Quaid (Ballina) and Adrian Johnson (Ballyporeen) were beaten by Tom Sheridan & John Leahy from Meath 21/7, 21/14. John Fercombe and Michael Purcell (Cashel) were beaten by Joe Cummins and Stephen Quinn from Meath 21/12, 21/13. Tipperary had 3 games deferred due to unplayable courts and the Masters A Doubles was refixed for Dungarvan in Waterford. Martin McNerney (Ballina) and Adrian Johnson (Ballyporeen) were up against Wexfords Tommy Hynes & Paul Carty. The Wexford pair won by 21/15, 21/14.

The final two games in the 60 x 30 Championships were played in Talbotts Inch in Kilkenny. In the DMAD Billy Mullins partnered by his brother Pakie won in style taking the final in two straight 21/17, 21/7 against John Rossiter and Sean Ryan from Carlow. In the Master B Doubles David Tobin and Eddie Farrell rounded up a great year for Tipperary winning the Final 21/4, 21/13 against Wexford's John Roche and Damien Kelly from Wexford.

COUNTY TEAMS – 2015

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HURLING

Senior

WATERFORD CRYSTAL TOURNAMENT

9/1/2015 at Dr. Morris Park (First Round)

Tipperary 4-16 Mary Immaculate College 1-16

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan); Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Kieran Bergin (Killenaule) 0-1; Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Liam Treacy (Loughmore-Castleiney), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 1-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 3-7 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), David Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-4. Subs: James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Stephen Maher, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 for Butler, Colm Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Denis Maher, David Butler (Drom-Inch) for Patrick Maher, Daniel Guinan (Killenaule) for Callanan.

18/1/2015 at Sixmilebridge (Quarter Final)

Clare 0-16 Tipperary 0-15

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan); Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Stephen Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Tom Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh); David Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) 0-2, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-7 (0-5 frees). Subs: Micheal Butler (Drom-Inch) for O'Dwyer, Kieran Bergin (Killenaule) for Ryan, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Butler, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1 for Denis Maher.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

15/2/2015 at Parnell Park

Dublin 2-20 Tipperary 0-14

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Joe O'Dwyer (Killenaule); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-1, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh); Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-6 (0-1 free), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-4 (0-3 frees), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1 free. Subs: Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) for McGrath, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) for Denis Maher, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) for Ryan, Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1 for O'Mahony, Michael Breen (Ballina) for Joe O'Dwyer.

22/2/2015 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-18 Galway 0-20

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe) 0-1 (free); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Paul Curran (Mullinahone), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Michael Breen (Ballina), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Kieran Bergin (Killenaule) 0-3, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-3, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 1-3 (0-2 frees), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2. Subs: James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Ryan, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 for D. Maher, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for J. McGrath, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Bergin.

8/3/2015 at Cusack Park, Ennis

Tipperary 2-19 Clare 0-20

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Michael Breen (Ballina) 0-2, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 1-0; Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh), John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-4 (0-2 frees), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-0, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-7 (0-5 frees), John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-5. Subs: Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1 for Kenny, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for O'Meara, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Noel McGrath, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for John McGrath, Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) for Woodlock.

15/3/2015 at Semple Stadium

Tipperary 2-22 Kilkenny 1-13

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); Michael Breen (Ballina) 0-2, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-4, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 1-7 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65'), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1-2. Subs: Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) for Curran, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Forde, John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for O'Meara, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for Noel McGrath, Darragh Egan (Kildangan) for Gleeson.

22/3/2015 at Pairc Ui Rinn

Tipperary 2-28 Cork 4-21

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule) 1-0, Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Thomas Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-7 (0-1 free), Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 1-4; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-1 free, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-10 (0-5 frees), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3. Subs: Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) for Brendan Maher, Michael Breen (Ballina) for Shane McGrath, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for O'Dwyer, James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) for Stapleton, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 for O'Meara.

29/3/2015 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-16 Offaly 0-13

Team and scorers: Darragh Egan (Kildangan); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill); Michael Breen (Ballina), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1; James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Kieran Bergin (Killenaule) 0-3; Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-3, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha); Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 1-6 (0-4 frees), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1. Subs: Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) for Bergin, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for O'Meara, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) for Forde, Sean Maher (Clonoulty-Rossmore) for Patrick Maher.

19/4/2015 at Nowlan Park (Semi Final)

Waterford 1-19 Tipperary 2-15

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), Conor O'Mahony (Newport), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1, Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Michael Breen (Ballina); Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 1-0, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 1-1, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-8 (0-6 frees, 0-1 '65'), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2. Subs: James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Stapleton, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for O'Dwyer, Conor Kenny (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1 for Forde, Gearoid Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) for McGrath, John Meagher (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Curran.

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

21/6/2015 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final)

Tipperary 4-23 Limerick 1-16

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Paddy Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch) 0-2; Jason Forde (Silvermines) 1-3, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrha) 0-3; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-7 (0-1 free), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 2-5 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65'), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1. Subs: Michael Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) for Stapleton, Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) for McGrath, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for O'Meara, Michael Breen (Ballina) 1-0 for Callanan.

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12/7/2015 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 0-21 Waterford 0-16

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Michael Breen (Ballina) 0-1; Kieran Bergin (Killenaule), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-2, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrrha) 0-2; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-5 (0-2 frees), Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 0-6 (0-4 frees, 0-2 '65'), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-3. Subs: Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-1 for Breen, Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) 0-1 for Forde, Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty) for McGrath.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

16/8/2015 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Galway 0-26 Tipperary 3-16

Team and scorers: Darren Gleeson (Portroe); Cathal Barrett (Holycross-Ballycahill), James Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Conor O'Brien (Eire Og Annacarty); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Kieran Bergin (Killenaule); James Woodlock (Drom-Inch), Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch); Jason Forde (Silvermines) 0-1, Brendan Maher (Borris-Ileigh) 0-1, Patrick Maher (Lorrha-Dorrrha) 0-1; John O'Dwyer (Killenaule) 0-2, Seamus Callanan (Drom-Inch) 3-9 (0-3 frees, 0-1 pen, 0-1 '65'), Niall O'Meara (Kilruane MacDonaghs). Subs: Shane Bourke (J.K. Brackens) for Forde, Lar Corbett (Thurles Sarsfields) for McGrath, Noel McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1 for Bourke, Conor O'Mahony (Newport) 0-1 for Woodlock, Michael Breen (Ballina) for Ronan Maher.

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

21/6/2015 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final)

Limerick 1-23 Tipperary 2-13

Team and scorers: Darragh Mooney (Éire Óg Annacarty Donohill); Sean O'Brien (Newport), Micheal Butler (Drom & Inch), Tom Treacy (Cappawhite); Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), John Coghlan (Moyne-Templetuohy), Willie Ryan (Clonakenny); Liam Ryan (Drom-Inch), Daire Quinn (Nenagh Éire Óg); Paudie O'Dwyer (Éire Óg Annacarty), Kieran Morris (Moycarkey-Borris) 1-1 (0-1 free), David Butler (Drom-Inch) 0-1; Davin Flynn (Roscrea) 0-1, Adrian Ryan (Templederry Kenyons) 0-4, Liam McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 1-5 (0-4 frees). Subs: Justin Cahill (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 for Quinn, Alan Maloney (Rockwell Rovers) for Flynn, Kevin Fox (Éire Óg Annacarty) for Ryan, Joe Carroll (Roscrea) for O'Dwyer.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

17/7/2015 at Gaelic Grounds, Limerick (Semi Final)

Limerick 3-16 Tipperary 3-14

Team and scorers: Paul Maher (Moyne-Templetuohy); Tom Fox (Eire Og Annacarty), Michael Breen (Ballina) 0-1 free, Jack Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Ronan Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Barry Heffernan (Nenagh Eire Og) 0-1, Tomas Hamill (Moyne-Templetuohy) 0-1; Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-1, Stephen Cahill (Thurles Sarsfields) 0-2; John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-6 (0-2 frees, 0-2 '65'), Willie Connors (Kildangan), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 2-0; Billy McCarthy (Thurles Sarsfields), Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Tadhg Gallagher (Kildangan) 1-0. Subs: Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-1 free for Connors, Jack Shelly (Mullinahone) 0-1 for Shanahan, Andrew Coffey (Nenagh Eire Og) for McCarthy, Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) for Gallagher.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

08/4/2015 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-14 Waterford 0-16

Team and scorers: Padraig Hayes (Ballingarry); Emmet Moloney (Drom-Inch), James Quigley (Kildangan), Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-3 (0-2 '65', 0-1 free), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Liam McCutcheon (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1, Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen); Daragh Carey (Templederry Kenyons) 0-8 frees, Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Ruadhan Mulrooney (Portroe) 1-0, David Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Alan Tynan (Roscrea), Ross Peters (St. Mary's Clonmel). Subs: Lyndon Fairbrother (J.K. Brackens) 0-2 for Peters, Kevin Hassett (Drom-Inch) for Neville, David Roberts (Moyle Rovers) for Mulrooney, Gavin Dunne (Holycross-Ballycahill) for McCutcheon.

25/6/2015 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 1-15 Clare 1-11

Team and scorers: Padraig Hayes (Ballingarry); Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Emmet Moloney (Drom-Inch), James Quigley (Kildangan); Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Kevin Hassett (Drom-Inch); Daragh Carey (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2, Alan Tynan (Roscrea) 0-1; Liam McCutcheon (Templederry Kenyons), Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Garry Ryan (Borrisokane) 0-1; Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 1-1, David Gleeson (Ballinahinch) 0-4, Lyndon Fairbrother (J.K. Brackens) 0-5 (0-4 frees). Subs: Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers) for Quirke, Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen) for McCutcheon, Ruadhan Mulrooney (Portroe) for Ryan, Mikey Connors (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Lowry, Cian Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) for Carey.

12/7/2015 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 0-20 Limerick 0-17

Team and scorers: Padraig Hayes (Ballingarry); Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Emmet Moloney (Drom-Inch), James Quigley (Kildangan); Kevin Hassett (Drom-Inch), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Daragh Carey (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Liam McCutcheon (Templederry Kenyons) 0-2; Cian Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1, Garry Ryan (Borrisokane) 0-2, Alan Tynan (Roscrea) 0-2; Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 0-3, David Gleeson (Ballinahinch) 0-1, Lyndon Fairbrother (J.K. Brackens) 0-7 (0-4 frees). Subs: Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill) for Heffernan, Gavin Dunne (Holycross-Ballycahill) for Moloney, Ruadhan Mulrooney (Portroe) for McCutcheon, Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen) 0-1 for Darcy.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

16/8/2015 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 2-17 Dublin 1-15

Team and scorers: Padraig Hayes (Ballingarry); Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Emmet Moloney (Drom-Inch), James Quigley (Kildangan); Kevin Hassett (Drom-Inch), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Daragh Carey (Templederry Kenyons) 0-1; Liam McCutcheon (Templederry Kenyons); Garry Ryan (Borrisokane) 0-1, Alan Tynan (Roscrea) 0-1, Cian Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1; Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 1-3, David Gleeson (Ballinahinch) 1-0, Lyndon Fairbrother (J.K. Brackens) 0-7 (0-5 frees). Subs: Ruadhan Mulrooney (Portroe) 0-2 for McCutcheon, Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill) for Darcy, Michael Connors (Drom-Inch) for Gleeson, Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen) 0-1 for Ryan.

6/9/2015 at Croke Park (Final)

Galway 4-13 Tipperary 1-16

Team and scorers: Padraig Hayes (Ballingarry); Enda Heffernan (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Emmet Moloney (Drom-Inch), James Quigley (Kildangan); Kevin Hassett (Drom-Inch), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'), Darragh Peters (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-1 '65'; Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-2 (0-1 sideline); Liam McCutcheon (Templederry Kenyons); Cian Darcy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-2 frees, Garry Ryan (Borrisokane), Alan Tynan (Roscrea) 0-1; Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 1-2, David Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Lyndon Fairbrother (J.K. Brackens) 0-5 (0-4 frees). Subs: Ruadhan Mulrooney (Portroe) for McCutcheon, Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill) for Ryan, Michael Connors (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Fairbrother, Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen) 0-1 for Gleeson.

FOOTBALL

Senior

McGRATH CUP

11/1/2015 at Clonmel (Quarter Final)

Cork 1-14 Tipperary 0-12

Team and scorers: Colin Nugent (Ardfinnan), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Gerald Halley (Cahir), Robbie Kiely (Arravale Rovers) 0-1, Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-2, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers); Ian Fahy (Clonmel Commercial), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2, Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-5 (0-5 frees), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercial) 0-1. Subs: James Feehan (Killenaule) for Halley, Liam Casey (Cahir) for Fahy, Darragh Kearney (Clonmel Og) for Acheson, Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers) for Hannigan, Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Grogan, Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) for Sweeney.

COUNTY TEAMS – 2015

(Compiled by John Smith)

Allianz National League

1/2/2015 at Athletics Grounds, Armagh Armagh 2-8 Tipperary 0-13

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-3, Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 (0-1 free), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-4 (frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials). Subs: Philip Austin (Borrisokane) for Fahy, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Grogan, Sean Flynn (Fr.Sheehys) for Hannigan.

8/2/2015 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 1-14 Limerick 1-2

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy) 0-1 ('45'); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2, Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Barry Grogan (Aherlow), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-2; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-5 (0-3 frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) 1-0. Subs: Philip Austin (Borrisokane) for Fox, Daragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for Leahy, Dean Lonergan (Cahir) for Grogan, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for O'Riordan, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Morrissey, Liam Casey (Cahir) for O'Brien.

1/3/2015 at Brewster Park, Enniskillen Fermanagh 2-9 Tipperary 0-11

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy) 0-1 ('45'); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-5 (0-4 frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials). Subs: Liam Casey (Cahir) for O'Brien, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Grogan, Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for Austin, Sean Flynn (Fr.Sheehys) for Codd, Dean Lonergan (Cahir) for Sweeney.

7/3/2015 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 2-11 Clare 1-8

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy); Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1; Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2; Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-2, Liam Casey (Cahir); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-2 (0-2 frees), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-2 (0-1 '45'). Subs: Sean Flynn (Fr.Sheehys) for Quinlivan, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Flynn, Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers) for Grogan.

15/3/2015 at Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda Tipperary 4-16 Louth 3-11

Team and scorers: Colin Nugent (Ardfinnan); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rovers) 0-1; Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-2; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 1-0, Stephen O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2; Liam Casey (Cahir) 1-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 1-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials); Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-5 (0-5 frees), Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-3 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45'), Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty). Subs: Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers) for Kiely, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Fahey, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Kennedy, Dean Lonergan (Cahir) for Grogan, Dara Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for Austin, Sean Flynn (Fr.Sheehys) for Fox.

29/3/2015 at Semple Stadium Tipperary 0-15 Sligo 0-13

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rovers) 0-1; Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Colin O'Riordan

(J.K. Brackens) 0-1; George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina); Liam Casey (Cahir), Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-3, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1; Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-5 (0-4 frees), Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers). Subs: Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Casey, Daragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers) for O'Riordan, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1 for Lonergan, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Campbell, Sean Flynn (Fr.Sheehys) for Fahey, Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials) for Mulhair.

5/4/2015 at Clonmel Wexford 2-16 Tipperary 2-12

Team and scorers: Colum Nugent (Ardfinnan); Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Daragh Dwyer (Moyle Rovers), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rangers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers) 1-0, Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials); Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers) 0-5, Barry Grogan (Aherlow), Sean Flynn (Fr Sheehys) 0-1; Dean Lonergan (Cahir) 0-1, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-3, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 1-1. Subs: Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) for Flynn, Darragh Kearney (Clonmel Og) for Morrissey, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Lonergan, Gerald Halley (Cahir) for Dwyer, Kevin Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) for Sweeney, Conor O'Sullivan (Galtee Rovers) for Grogan

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

14/6/2015 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final) Kerry 2-14 Tipperary 2-8

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy); Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rangers); Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), George Hannigan (Shannon Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 0-1, Philip Austin (Borrisokane), Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers) 0-1; Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 0-2 frees, Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 2-0, Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1. Subs: Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 for Kiely, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1 free for Hannigan, Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) 0-1 '45' for Austin, Liam Casey (Cahir) for Fox, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Sweeney, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Kennedy.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUALIFIER

11/7/2015 at Semple Stadium (Round 2B) Tipperary 3-21 Louth 0-7

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy); Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule); Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rangers), Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers); Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens) 1-1, Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers) 0-2; Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers) 1-0, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen) 1-2 (1-0 pen, 0-1 free), Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-1; Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) 0-7 (0-4 frees, 0-2 '45'), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2, Philip Austin (Borrisokane) 0-2. Subs: Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-1 for Mulhair, Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan) for Kennedy, Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 for Casey, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) 0-1 free for Austin, Andrew Morrissey (Galtee Rovers) for Acheson, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for Kiely.

18/7/2015 at Semple Stadium (Round 3B) Tyrone 0-19 Tipperary 0-7

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcassidy); Alan Campbell (Moyle Rovers), Paddy Codd (Killenaule), Ciaran McDonald (Aherlow); Seamus Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials), Robbie Kiely (Carbery Rangers) 0-1, Brian Fox (Eire Og Annacarty); Peter Acheson (Moyle Rovers), Colin O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens); Ger Mulhair (Arravale Rovers), Stephen O'Brien (Ballina), Philip Austin (Borrisokane); Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) 0-5 (0-4 frees, 0-1 '65'), Michael Quinlivan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Conor Sweeney (Ballyporeen). Subs: Jason Lonergan (Clonmel Commercials) for Sweeney, Liam Casey (Cahir) for O'Brien, Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule) for McDonald, Barry Grogan (Aherlow) for Austin, Brian Mulvihill (Moyle Rovers) for O'Riordan, Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan) for Mulhair.

COUNTY TEAMS – 2015

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MUNSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

14/6/2015 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Kerry 2-13 Tipperary 1-8

Team and scorers: Gearoid Slattery (Cashel King Cormacs); Ger Hally (Cahir), Daragh Kearney (Clonmel Og), Donal Lynch (Clonmel Commercials); Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule); Aldo Matassa (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2, Martin Dunne (Moyle Rovers); Shane Leahy (Arravale Rovers), Alan O'Riordan (J.K. Brackens), Donagh Leahy (Arravale Rovers); Kevin Fox (Eire Og Annacarty) 0-4 (0-3 frees), Dean Loneragan (Cahir) 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45'), Dean McEnroe (J.K. Brackens) 1-0. Subs: Tommy Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for O'Riordan, Gerry Cronin (Ardfinnan) for Dunne, Niall Gleeson (Portroe) for Shane Leahy, Mark Russell (Aherlow Gaels) for Matassa, Dominic Walsh (Moyle Rovers) for Donagh Leahy.

MUNSTER UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

18/3/2015 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-15 Clare 0-7

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcass), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan); Colin O'Riordan (J.K.Brackens) 0-1, Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-1; Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-2, Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2; Paul Shanahan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Jason Loneragan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-5; Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-1, John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-1 free. Subs: Dean McEnroe (J.K. Brackens) for Keane, Gerry Cronin (Ardfinnan) for Shanahan, Tommy Sweeney (Ballyporeen) for Paul Maher.

9/4/2015 at Semple Stadium (Final)

Tipperary 1-15 Cork 3-8

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcass), Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials); Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-1, Colin O'Riordan (J.K.Brackens) 0-2; Jason Loneragan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) 1-0, Liam Casey (Cahir); Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) 0-6 (0-5 frees), Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-2 (0-1 free), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-2. Subs: T.J. Ryan (Rockwell Rovers) for Keane, Willie Connors (Kildangan) for Boland.

ALL IRELAND UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

18/4/2015 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-14 Dublin 0-12

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcass), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan); Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass); Steven O'Brien (Ballina) 0-2, Colin O'Riordan (J.K.Brackens) 0-2; Jason Loneragan (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Liam Casey (Cahir) 0-1; Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) 0-4 (0-3 frees), Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-3 frees, Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass). Sub: Dean McEnroe (J.K. Brackens) for Paul Maher.

2/5/2015 at Parnell Park (Final)

Tyrone 1-11 Tipperary 0-13

Team and scorers: Evan Comerford (Kilsheelan-Kilcass), Kevin Fahey (Clonmel Commercials), Jimmy Feehan (Killenaule), Colm O'Shaughnessy (Ardfinnan); Ross Mulcahy (Moyle Rovers), Luke Boland (Moyle Rovers), Bill Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-1; Steven O'Brien (Ballina), Colin O'Riordan (J.K.Brackens) 0-2 (0-1 free); Jason Loneragan (Clonmel Commercials), Ian Fahey (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Liam Casey (Cahir); Kevin O'Halloran (Portroe) 0-6 (0-5 frees), Josh Keane (Golden-Kilfeacle) 0-3 (0-1 free), Paul Maher (Kilsheelan-Kilcass). Sub: John McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Paul Maher.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

15/4/2015 at Semple Stadium (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 2-16 Waterford 1-7

Team and scorers: Charlie Manton (Fethard); Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Morgan Irwin (Moyle Rovers), Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers); Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcass), Shane Power (Galtee Rovers), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers); Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-5 (0-3 frees), Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 0-2; Aidan Buckley (St. Patricks) 0-2, Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-3, Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers); Emmett Moloney (Drom-Inch), Conor Cashman (Cahir), Jack Delahunty (Newport) 1-2. Subs: Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 1-1 for

Cashman, Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch) for Fahy, Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) for Delahunty, Gavin Whelan (Ardfinnan) for Fitzgerald, Ross Peters (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 for Nolan, Jack Butler (Upperchurch-Drombane) for Kehoe.

13/5/2015 at Semple Stadium (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-16 Clare 2-9

Team and scorers: Charlie Manton (Fethard); Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Morgan Irwin (Moyle Rovers), Shane Power (Galtee Rovers) 0-1; Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcass), Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill); Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1; Emmett Moloney (Drom-Inch) 0-1, Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-5 (0-3 frees), Ross Peters (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1; Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-5, Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Jack Delahunty (Newport). Subs: Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch) for Delahunty, Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers) for Skehan, Jordan Moloney (J.K. Brackens) for E. Moloney, Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers) for Kehoe.

5/7/2015 at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney (Final)

Kerry 2-14 Tipperary 1-11

Team and scorers: Charlie Manton (Fethard); Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Morgan Irwin (Moyle Rovers), Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers); Shane Power (Galtee Rovers), Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers); Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-2 (0-1 free), Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch); Aidan Buckley (St. Patricks) 1-2, Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Emmett Moloney (Drom-Inch); Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers) 0-1, Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-2. Subs: Gavin Whelan (Ardfinnan) for Lowry, Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch) for Moloney, Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-1 for Fahy, Ross Peters (Clonmel Commercials) for Moloney, Jordan Moloney (J.K. Brackens) for Skehan.

ALL IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

3/8/2015 at O'Connor Park, Tullamore (Quarter Final)

Tipperary 1-10 Galway 0-6

Team and scorers: Charlie Manton (Fethard); Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers); Emmett Moloney (Drom-Inch), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers), Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers); Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1, Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch); Ross Peters (Clonmel Commercials), Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 1-5 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45'), Aidan Buckley (St. Patricks); Colin English (Fr. Sheehys) 0-1, Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-2. Subs: Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) for English, Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch) 0-1 for Peters, Jack Delahunty (Newport) for Martin, Michael Connors (Drom-Inch) for Buckley, Gavin Whelan (Ardfinnan) for Moloney.

30/8/2015 at Croke Park (Semi Final)

Tipperary 0-11 Kildare 0-9

Team and scorers: Charlie Manton (Fethard); Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers), Emmett Moloney (Drom-Inch); Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-4 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45'), Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch); Aidan Buckley (St. Patricks) 0-1, Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 0-3 (0-2 frees), Colin English (Fr. Sheehys); Ross Peters (Clonmel Commercials), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) 0-1. Subs: Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers) 0-1 for Peters, Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch) for English, Morgan Irwin (Moyle Rovers) for Martin, Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) for Buckley, Gavin Whelan (Ardfinnan) for Fahy.

20/9/2015 at Croke Park (Final)

Kerry 4-14 Tipperary 0-6

Team and scorers: Charlie Manton (Fethard); Tadhg Fitzgerald (Moyle Rovers), Jack Skehan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Tommy Lowry (Arravale Rovers); Danny Owens (Moyle Rovers), Liam Fahy (Rockwell Rovers), Emmett Moloney (Drom-Inch); Jack Kennedy (Clonmel Commercials) 0-1 '45', Tommy Nolan (Drom-Inch) 0-2; Aidan Buckley (St. Patricks), Alan Tynan (Inane Rovers) 0-2, Colin English (Fr. Sheehys); Stephen Quirke (Moyle Rovers), Brian McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney) 0-1, Brendan Martin (Kilsheelan-Kilcass). Subs: Jamie Bergin (Drom-Inch) for English, Ross Peters (Clonmel Commercials) for Buckley, Morgan Irwin (Moyle Rovers) for Fitzgerald, Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcass) for McGrath, Gavin Whelan (Ardfinnan) for Moloney, Conor Cashman (Cahir) for Martin.

Scoreboard 2015

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County Finals – Hurling

Senior (Dan Breen Cup) - 25/10/2015
at Semple Stadium

Thurles Sarsfields 1-18 Nenagh Eire Og 3-11

Intermediate – 25/10/2015 at Semple Stadium
Clonakenny 2-13 Thurles Sarsfields 3-9

Junior "A" – 17/10/2015 at The Ragg
Roscrea 1-17 Clonoulty Rossmore 2-12

Junior "B" – 15/11/2015 at Lattin
Eire Og Annacarty 1-16 Newport 0-11

Under 21 "A" -

Under 21 "B" -

Minor "A" – 21/11/2015 at The Ragg
St. Mary's Clonmel 2-11 Kildangan 0-13

Minor "B" –
Moneygall/Clonakenny v Knockavilla Kickhams

Under 16 "A" – at Annacarty
Moycarkey-Borris 1-19 Nenagh Eire Og 2-12

Under 16 "B" – at Annacarty
Gortnahoe-Glengoose 2-13 Lorrha / Shannon
Rovers Gaels 1-8

Under 14 "A" – 12/09/2015 at Boherlahan
Durlas Og 3-11 Roscrea 0-7

Under 14 "B" – 12/09/2015 at Boherlahan
Grangemockler/Castlegrace 2-10
Gortnahoe/Glengoose 0-6

Under 14 "C" – 12/09/2015 at Boherlahan
Portroe 4-8 Cashel King Cormacs 1-1

Feile na nGael A -
Moycarkey awarded game v Borris-Ileigh
Feile na nGael B – at Littleton
Silvermines 1-7 Upperchurch Drombane 0-5

County Finals – Football

Senior – 18/10/2015 at Semple Stadium
Clonmel Commercials 1-12 Moyles Rovers 3-5

Intermediate – 24/10/2015 at New Inn
Upperchurch Drombane 2-7 Clonmel Og 0-11
Junior "A" - 25/10/2015 at Lattin
Golden Kilfeacle 2-8 Emly 1-6

Junior "B" –

Under 21 "A" – 24/10/2015 at Golden
Clonmel Commercials 0-16 Loughmore Castleiney
2-8 AET

Under 21 "B" – 05/09/2015 at Golden
Upperchurch-Drombane 1-10 Ardfinnan 1-10 AET

Under 21 "B" Replay – 03/10/2015 at Boherlahan
Upperchurch-Drombane 0-10 Ardfinnan 0-9

Minor "A" –
Minor "B" –

Under 16 "A" – at Ballylooby
Moyle Rovers 4-12 Galtee/Golden 2-0

Under 16 "B" – at Ballylooby
Grangemockler/Ballyneale 2-10
Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams 1-5

Under 14 "A" – at Templetuohy
Durlas Og 4-10 Clonmel Og 1-8

Under 14 "B" – at Templetuohy
Kilsheelan/Kilcass 6-17 Lattin Cullen/Aherlow 0-0

Under 14 "C" – at Templetuohy
Portroe 4-9 Arravale Rovers 1-0

Féile Péil A – 26/04/2015 at Holycross
Durlas Og 3-12 Moyle Rovers 4-1

Féile Péil B – at Holycross
Clonmel Og 4-5 Rosegreen 1-1

County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup Finals

Johnny Ryan Cup Final – 04/07/2015 at Boherlahan
Drom and Inch 1-19 Clonoulty Rossmore 1-17

Jim Devitt Cup Final – 10/07/2015 at Dolla
Upperchurch Drombane 0-19
Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-13

Dr. Fogarty Cup Final – 07/08/2015 at Templetuohy
Nenagh Eire Og 4-33 Mullinahone 2-15

James Holohan Cup Final – 07/08/2015 at
Holycross
Ballina 7-18 Moyne Templetuohy 4-12

County Hurling League Finals

County Intermediate Hurling League Final
Ballinahinch v Golden-Kilfeacle

County Junior Hurling League Final
Clonoulty Rossmore 1-21 St Patricks 0-12

County Adult Football League Finals

Premier Division – 22/11/2015 at Ardfinnan
Clonmel Commercials 1-14 Ardfinnan 0-7
Division 2 – 25/10/2015 at Ardfinnan
Ballylooby Castlegrace 2-8 Newcastle 0-5

Inter County Championships Hurling

Senior

21/06/2015 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Tipperary 4-23 Limerick 1-16 (Munster Semi-Final)

12/07/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-21 Waterford 0-16 (Munster Final)

16/08/2015 at Croke Park
Galway 0-26 Tipperary 3-16 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

Intermediate

21/06/2015 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Limerick 1-23 Tipperary 2-13 (Munster Semi-Final)

Under 21

16/07/2015 at the Gaelic Grounds Limerick
Limerick 3-16 Tipperary 3-14 (Munster Semi-Final)

Minor

08/04/2015 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-14 Waterford 0-16 (Munster Quarter-Final)

25/06/2015 at Semple Stadium
Tipperary 1-15 Clare 1-11 (Munster Semi-Final)

12/07/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-20 Limerick 0-17 (Munster Final)

16/08/2015 at Croke Park
Tipperary 2-17 Dublin 1-15 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

06/09/2015 at Croke Park
Galway 4-13 Tipperary 1-16 (All-Ireland Final)

Allianz National Hurling League – Division 1A
15/02/2015 at Parnell Park Dublin
Dublin 2-20 Tipperary 0-14

21/02/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-18 Galway 0-20

08/03/2015 at Cusack Park Ennis
Tipperary 2-19 Clare 0-20

15/03/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-22 Kilkenny 1-13

22/03/2015 at Pairc Ui Rinn
Tipperary 2-28 Cork 4-21

29/03/2015 at O'Connor Park Tullamore
Tipperary 1-16 Offaly 0-13 (Quarter-Final)

19/04/2015 at Nowlan Park Kilkenny
Waterford 1-19 Tipperary 2-15 (Semi-Final)

Inter-County Championship – Football

Senior
31/05/2015 at the Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-24 Waterford 0-5 (Munster Quarter-Final)

14/06/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Kerry 2-14 Tipperary 2-8 (Munster Semi-Final)

11/07/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 3-21 Louth 0-7 (All-Ireland Qualifiers)

18/07/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tyrone 0-19 Tipperary 0-7 (All-Ireland Qualifiers)

Junior

31/05/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-12 Waterford 1-9 (Munster Quarter-Final)

14/06/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Kerry 2-13 Tipperary 1-8 (Munster Semi-Final)

Under 21

18/03/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-15 Clare 0-7 (Munster Semi-Final)

09/04/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-15 Cork 3-8 (Munster Final)

18/04/2015 at O'Connor Park Tullamore
Tipperary 0-14 Dublin 0-12 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

02/05/2015 at Parnell Park Dublin
Tyrone 1-11 Tipperary 0-13 (All-Ireland Final)

Minor

15/04/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-16 Waterford 1-7 (Munster Quarter-Final)

13/05/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-16 Clare 2-9 (Munster Semi-Final)

05/07/2015 at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney
Kerry 2-14 Tipperary 1-11 (Munster Final)

03/08/2015 at O'Connor Park Tullamore
Tipperary 1-10 Galway 0-6 (All-Ireland Quarter-Final)

30/08/2015 at Croke Park
Tipperary 0-11 Kildare 0-9 (All-Ireland Semi-Final)

20/09/2015 at Croke Park
Kerry 4-14 Tipperary 0-6 (All-Ireland Final)

Allianz National Football League – Division 3
01/02/2015 at Athletic Grounds Armagh
Armagh 2-8 Tipperary 0-13

08/02/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 1-14 Limerick 1-2

01/03/2015 at Brewster Park Fermanagh
Fermanagh 2-9 Tipperary 0-11

07/03/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 2-11 Clare 1-8

15/03/2015 at Drogheda
Tipperary 4-16 Louth 3-11

29/03/2015 at Semple Stadium Thurles
Tipperary 0-15 Sligo 0-13

05/04/2015 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Wexford 2-16 Tipperary 2-12

Waterford Crystal SH Tournament
09/01/2015 at Dr. Morris Park Thurles
Tipperary 4-16 Mary Immaculate College 1-16

18/01/2015 at Sixmilebridge
Clare 0-16 Tipperary 0-15

McGrath Cup Senior Football
11/01/2015 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Cork 1-14 Tipperary 0-12

Cumann Na mBunscol County Finals

Hurling

Under 11 A Hurling -
St. Mary's CBS 2-6 Scoil Ailbhe 0-6

Under 11 A1 Hurling -
St. Mary's CBS B 6-2 Scoil Ailbhe B 1-0

Under 11 B Hurling -
St. Peter & Paul's 4-6 Templederry 4-3

Under 11 B1 Hurling -
Gaelscoil Durlas 4-3 St. Peter & Paul's 1-4

Under 11 C Hurling -
Borrisoleigh 4-14 St. Oliver's 6-6

Under 11 C1 Hurling -
Borrisoleigh 11-5 Gaelscoil Clonmel 5-4

Under 11 D Hurling -
Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir 4-8 Rahealty 4-6

Under 11 D1 Hurling -
Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir 5-1 Rosegreen 3-5

Under 11 E Hurling -
Mullinahone 3-16 Ballycahill 5-4

Under 11 E1 Hurling -
Dualla NS 5-8 Golden NS 3-5

Under 11 F Hurling -
Drangan 5-4 – Dunkerrin 2-9

Under 13 A Hurling -
Templemore 4-8 Cashel BNS 1-6

Under 13 B Hurling -
Holycross 1-8 Carrig Nenagh 2-3

Under 13 C Hurling -
Gaelscoil Durlas 3-7 Knockavilla 1-6

Under 13 D Hurling -
Borrisoleigh 5-7 Killenaule 2-3

Under 13 E Hurling -
Corville 8-8 Ardfinnan 1-3

Under 13 F Hurling -
Ballinahinch 9-10 Barnane 7-12

Under 13 G Hurling -
Inch 9-07 Lisronagh 2-17

Under 13 H Hurling -
Ballysloe 10-8 Killea 5-5

Camogie

Under 11 A Camogie -
St. Mary's Nenagh 4-3 Boherlahan NS 4-1

Under 11 A1 Camogie -
New Inn GNS 10-1 Gaelscoil Clonmel 1-0

Under 11 B Camogie -
Ballylooby 9-1 Upperchurch 2-4

Under 11 C Camogie -
Donaskeigh 6-9 Moycarkey 0-3

Under 11 D Camogie -
Borrisoleigh 5-1 Knockavilla 2-1

Under 13 A Camogie -
Ballina 4-1 St. Mary's Nenagh 1-0

Under 13 B Camogie -
Holycross 4-9 Cashel 2-1

Under 13 C Camogie -
Annacarty 4-4 Ballylooby 4-2

Under 13 D Camogie -
Thomastown 12-4 Sacred Heart Roscrea 4-1

Under 13 E Camogie -
Kilbarron 5-5 Donaskeigh 3-8

Under 13 F Camogie -
Ayle 8-8 Cloneen 7-2

Football

Under 13 Football

A: Templemore beat Gaelscoil Durlas

B: Moycarkey beat Cashel BNS

C: Knockavilla beat Gaelscoil Clonmel

D: Carrig N.S., Nenagh beat New Inn BNS

E: Rosegreen beat Ballyneale

F: Corville beat Rahealty

G: Rossmore beat Lissenhall

H: Ballinahinch beat Barnane

I: Gurtagarry beat Ballagh

Under 13 Ladies Football

A: Ballylooby beat Sisters of Charity, Clonmel

B: Moycarkey beat Clerihan

C: Anacarty beat St. Josephs, Templemore

D: Thomastown beat Scoil Eoin Naofa, Roscrea

E: Bansha beat Lisronagh

F: Ayle beat Lismackin

Under 11 Football

A: St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel beat Gaelscoil Durlas

A-1: St. Peter and Pauls 'B' beat Gaelscoil Durlas 'B'

B: Rahealty beat Cashel BNS

B-1: Cashel BNS 'B' beat Powerstown 'B'

C: Rosegreen beat Gaelscoil Clonmel

C-1: Rosegreen 'B' beat Gaelscoil Clonmel 'B'

D: Lisronagh beat Ballina

D-1: Gaelscoil Carrick on Suir 'B' beat Leugh 'B'

E: Moneygall beat Donaskeigh

E-1: Ballycahill 'B' beat Scoil Ailbhe 'C'

F: Barnane beat Bansha

Under 11 Ladies Football

A: Sisters of Charity, Clonmel beat Mount Bruis

A-1: Sisters of Charity 'B' beat Powerstown 'B'

B: Boherlahan beat Powerstown

C: Moycarkey beat Thomastown

C-1: St. Josephs Templemore 'B' beat Gaelscoil Clonmel 'B'

D: Donaskeigh beat Upperchurch

Munster Club Championship

Senior Hurling

Semi-Final – 15/11/2015 at Gaelic Grounds
Limerick

Na Piarasigh (Limerick) 2-15 Thurles Sarsfields 0-17

Intermediate Hurling

Quarter-Final – 01/11/2015 at Templetuohy
Clonakenny 1-17 Portlaw (Waterford) 1-13

Semi-Final – 08/11/2015 at Cloughduv
Newcestown (Cork) 0-14 Clonakenny 0-13

Junior Hurling

Quarter-Final – 01/11/2015 at Ennistymon
Ennistymon (Clare) 2-8 Ballylooby-Castlegrace 1-9

Senior Football

Quarter-Final – 01/11/2015 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Clonmel Commercial 0-12
Newcastlewest (Limerick) 1-7

Semi-Final – 15/11/2015 at Clonmel Sportsfield
Clonmel Commercial 1-13
St. Josephs Miltown (Clare) 0-3

Final – 29/11/2015 at Mallow
Clonmel Commercial v Nemo Rangers (Cork)

Intermediate Football

Quarter-Final – 01/11/2015 at Leahy Park Cashel
St. Marys (Kerry) 2-12 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-10

Junior Football

Quarter-Final – 07/11/2015 at Leahy Park Cashel
Bandon (Cork) 0-14 Golden-Kilfeacle 0-7

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM 2014

County Championship

2014 County Senior Football Final

21/12/2014 at Leahy Park Cashel
Loughmore-Castleiney 2-7 Cahir 1-10

2014 County Senior Football Final Replay

26/12/2014 at Leahy Park Cashel
Loughmore-Castleiney 0-9 Cahir 2-2

2014 County Intermediate Football Final

26/12/2014 at Boherlahan
Drom & Inch 2-9 Upperchurch-Drombane 1-9

2014 County Junior B Football Final

29/11/2014 at Littleton
Gortnahoe-Glengooile 1-9 Eire Og Annacarty 1-3

2014 County Under 21 A Hurling Final

25/01/2015 at The Ragg
Loughmore-Castleiney 1-8 Kildangan 0-10

2014 County Under 21 B Hurling Final

25/01/2015 at Leahy Park Cashel
Moyle Rovers 1-14 Cappawhite / Sean Treacys 0-15

County Hurling League Final

2014 County Junior Hurling League Final

29/11/2014 at Holycross
St. Patricks 2-16 Toomevara 2-13

2016 Munster Championship Fixtures



Senior and Intermediate Hurling

Quarter-Final –

Tipperary v Cork in Sempie Stadium Thurles –
May 22nd 2016

Semi-Final –

Clare v Waterford in Sempie Stadium Thurles –
June 5th 2016

Semi-Final –

Limerick v Tipperary or Cork in Sempie Stadium, Thurles
or Gaelic Grounds Limerick –
June 19th 2016

Intermediate Hurling Final – July 6th 2016

Senior Hurling Final – July 10th 2016

Under 21 Hurling

Quarter-Final –

Limerick v Cork in Pairc Ui Rinn

Semi-Final –

Clare v Waterford in Walsh Park, Waterford

Semi-Final –

Tipperary v Limerick or Cork in Sempie Stadium, Thurles
or Pairc Ui Rinn

Minor Hurling

Quarter-Final –

Limerick v Clare in Gaelic Grounds, Limerick

Quarter-Final –

Cork v Waterford in Walsh Park, Waterford

Play-Off 1 –

Tipperary v Loser of Cork v Waterford in Pairc Ui Rinn or
Walsh Park Waterford

Senior and Junior Football

Quarter-Final –

Tipperary v Waterford in Fraher Field, Dungarvan – May
28th / 29th 2016

Quarter-Final –

Limerick v Clare in Gaelic Grounds, Limerick - May 28th
/ 29th 2016

Semi-Final –

Cork v Tipperary or Waterford in Sempie Stadium
Thurles or Fraher Field Dungarvan – June 11th / 12th
2016

Semi-Final –

Kerry v Limerick or Clare in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney
- June 11th / 12th 2016

Junior Football Final –

June 30th 2016

Senior Football Final –

July 3rd 2016

Under 21 Football

Quarter-Final –

Clare v Cork in a Clare venue

Quarter-Final –

Kerry v Tipperary in Austin Stack Park, Tralee

Semi-Final –

Waterford v Clare or Cork in Fraher Field, Dungarvan

Semi-Final –

Limerick v Kerry or Tipperary in the Gaelic Grounds,
Limerick

Minor Football

Quarter-Final –

Kerry v Waterford in Fraher Field, Dungarvan

Quarter-Final –

Clare v Limerick in Cusack Park, Ennis

Quarter-Final –

Tipperary v Cork in Pairc Ui Rinn

Play-Off 1 –

Loser of Clare v Limerick v Loser of Tipperary v Cork

Play-Off 2 –

Winner of Play-Off 1 v Loser of Kerry v Waterford

Semi-Final –

Winner of Kerry v Waterford v Winner of Clare v
Limerick

Semi-Final –

Winner of Tipperary v Cork v Winner of Play-Off 2

Friends We Lost

Michael Banaghan (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
1933-2015

The passing of Michael Banaghan, Vice-President of Kilruane MacDonaghs, deprived the club of one of its most loyal servants and Cloughjordan parish of one of its most iconic personalities. In 1961 he was a founder member of the Thomas MacDonagh Park Committee which developed and opened MacDonagh Park on Easter Sunday 1966. He served as secretary for over fifty years. Michael exemplified and typified all that is best in an efficient secretary. He set high standards, encouraged efficiency, worked tirelessly and delegated wisely. Michael was meticulous and methodical in everything he did. He oversaw the erection of the Pavilion in 1969, the building of the stand in 1995, the opening of the Sports Complex and Clubroom in 2006 and the construction of the Hurling Wall in 2010. Michael was always a key figure in raising finance from the original Silver Circles in the 1960s right up to the present. Michael was an integral part of the Club Lotto committee since its inception in 1996. On the day the Complex was opened in 2006, he received a presentation in recognition of his role in the development of MacDonagh Park. In 2007 the Tipperary County Board honoured him with a Sean Ghael Award. In 2010 he was elected Vice-President of Kilruane MacDonaghs. The following year the club marked his fiftieth year as Park Committee secretary with a special presentation. Michael served his community faithfully and sought no recognition or reward. His coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and club members, together with staff of Banaghans Company, formed a guard of honour as his funeral made its way to Cloughjordan Church. To his wife, Bernie and extended family sympathy is extended. Go ndéana Dia trócaire air.



Seamus Barrett (Holycross/Ballycahill)

Seamus Barrett, father of Tipperary hurler Cathal, was an ever present member of Holycross/ Ballycahill GAA club who was always willing, ready and able to lend a hand in many capacities. He was regarded as being a very loyal and steadfast GAA man and his invaluable experience and insight was utilised to the full in recent times when the club embarked upon major development works including the provision of the new John Doyle Centre.



His contribution to Holycross/Ballycahill began many years ago when, as an outstanding hurler in his youth, he won a county U-16 A medal in 1973 playing at left corner forward in the victory over Cashel. But, work commitments took him to the UK and he was a huge loss to the club, even though he maintained contact at all times and loved to come home to visit and attend the games. He hurled with the Granuaile club in London for many years and won championship medals with them which are prized family possessions now.

Upon retirement to this native parish, Seamus immediately became involved in the club again whether by supporting the juvenile and camogie teams which featured many of his own family members, or by selling County Board Draw and club lotto tickets - or indeed any fundraising activities the club might have had going. Seamus helped out at the grounds on big match occasions, but was also there when the crowds had left and helped with the preparing of, and clean-up after of the pitch and facilities. He was a senior committee member for many years and his contributions were valued and sought throughout his time.

Seamus is sadly missed by all in Holycross/Ballycahill GAA club - his unique banter on training nights and at the games was a feature of life in and around St Michael's GAA grounds.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Eileen Bell (nee O'Connor) (Rockwell Rovers)
1941 - 2015

The parish of New Inn was greatly saddened last January at the sudden passing of Eileen Bell. Eileen had been a parish stalwart for many years, ever since she came to live with her husband Gerry at Glenagat, New Inn. Eileen served as PRO of Rockwell Rovers for many years and indeed was doing the work of a PRO long before that position was recognised in GAA circles. Eileen was the local *Nationalist* correspondent for over quarter of a century and she long recognised the appeal held by seeing one's name in the "Paper". In later years she was heard on Tipp Mid-West Radio with Seamus King and Anne Devitt dishing out all the local news and events and the exploits of the local GAA teams were always high on her agenda.

Eileen's children played with the Rovers especially Desmond and Ivan and her many grand-children grace the local club and other clubs in Tipperary and further afield.

Eileen is survived and sorely missed by her husband Gerry, sons Fergus, Ivan and Desmond and daughters Sandra, Shari-Anne and Raelleen and also her brother Vincent and sisters Roseanne, Cindy and Berri. Sandra (English) is carrying on Eileen's fine tradition and serves as PRO of both Senior & Juvenile Rockwell Rovers GAA club and acts as *Nationalist* correspondent and continues Eileen's slot on Tipp Mid-West Radio.

Eileen's legacy lives on and she will be remembered for many years as the "go to" person when any parish event was being organised. She wrote two history books on New Inn which encapsulated the history of Rockwell Rovers and also a history of her native Rosegreen including its GAA events and achievements.

Eileen, a busy woman, gone to her rest - may she rest in peace.



Johnny Breen (Cappawhite)

Johnny Breen, Life President of Cappawhite GAA Club, will long be remembered for his tremendous and outstanding dedication to the club. Affectionately known 'The Grey', Johnny was deeply involved with Cappawhite club throughout his life. He played for many years at full back on the senior team. He was part of the junior football team that won the first adult football title for the club in 1973. It was at juvenile level that he contributed most for over 30 years. Every player that has played for any Cappawhite team are unanimous in their admiration for Johnny's role in their development. Johnny was also instrumental in the development of our facilities in the GAA grounds and gave unlimited time ensuring that the pitches and dressing rooms were in pristine condition. Johnny will be sadly missed by all involved in the club, which will always be indebted to him. May he rest in peace.



David Brosnan (Templederry)
1946-2015

It was with great sadness in Jan. 2015 that the death occurred of long-serving Templederry Kenyons club man, David Brosnan. David was a gifted hurler who was known for his forward play and scoring ability.

He had much success in his career, with the highlights being an All-Ireland Vocational Schools Medal in '62 and North Junior Medals for Templederry in '65, '70 and '77. He also served the club as secretary and as team selector over the years. He was also instrumental in the setting-up of the racquetball club, which has become one of the strongest in Tipperary.

May he rest in peace.



Dominic Browne (Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickhams)
1934-2015

It was with great shock and sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Dominic (Dom) Browne of Kilmore and formerly Knockavilla on Saturday night 2nd May. He was attending the under 21 All Ireland football final between his beloved Tipperary and Tyrone in Parnell Park Dublin when he took ill, and despite the best possible medical assistance, sadly passed away. Dom who was a life President of the Kickham club, died watching the game and county he loved. Football and Tipperary GAA were some of his favourite passions in life. He had been attending Football All Ireland finals since 1948 and had earlier this year travelled to Armagh and Drogheda to support the County during their National Football League campaign. In his youth Dom played hurling for his beloved Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams. He won a minor West medal in 1951 and a junior in 1952. He along with club mate Billy Hayes of Donaskeigh also won an All-Ireland minor hurling medal with Tipperary in 1952. Playing at full forward against Dublin Dom scored a goal in the match. Dom played his hurling at a time when the Kickham club was a powerful force in Senior hurling in the West Tipperary division. Kickham's won 12 West senior hurling titles from 1946 to 1960 and Dom was an integral part of those great teams, winning divisional medals in 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958 and 1959 as well as a Croscó Cup in 1957. Dom, along with fellow players from that golden era of Kickham hurling was honoured at a Club presentation night in 2003 when the club history was also launched. The Browne family have a long involvement with the Kickham's and continue to be involved in the club to the present day, with his son Michael the present Juvenile Club PRO and his grandchildren featuring on many of the clubs teams. The esteem and respect that Dom and the Browne family are held in was evidenced by the large attendance of mourners for his funeral at his home in Kilmore on Wednesday night and again on Thursday morning when the members of the Kickham club, along with representatives of Tipperary Co. Football Board and his many GAA friends from near and far formed a guard of honour as his remains arrived at Knockavilla Church. Following Requiem Mass, Dom was laid to rest in the nearby St Senans Cemetery. The committee and membership of Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickham's GAA Club offer our deepest sympathies to Dom's devoted wife Eileen, his sons John and Michael, daughters Miriam and Margaret, sisters Peggy Ryan and Mai Doherty, his nine adoring grandchildren, sons-in-law John and David, daughters in law Margaret and Mary, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, the extended Browne family, relatives, neighbours and friends. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Mickey Buckley (Cashel King Cormacs)
1931-2015

Born in the first week of September you could say he was destined to play on All-Ireland Sunday for his beloved Tipperary. Educated in Cashel N.S. and Rockwell College, he excelled on the field of sport at an early age winning various West medals for Cashel. He played on the Tipperary minor hurling of 1949, the same year Tipperary won the senior final with fellow Cashel man, Jim Devitt, on the team. He also won a County Meath title with Gormanstown Agriculture College. One of his most famous matches was one played for Aghabullogue in Co. Cork. His brother, Jerry, was club secretary and asked Mickey to help them win in the Cork county semi-final!

Mickey loved going to the All Ireland every year and did so from 1949 to 2011 a great achievement in itself. He followed his beloved Cashel King Cormacs and was a very proud supporter closing his business on a Sunday from 2-5 to attend all local games. He loved in later years to see his grandchildren play and could often be seen in The Rag sitting in the car behind the goalpost in the county camogie grounds.

Mickey was a great supporter of all games and dabbled in rugby, tennis and cricket.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Paddy Buckley (Moycarkey-Borris)

Paddy Buckley was a player from the 1950s and described by one of his contemporaries as a defender of class. In 1950 with victories over Dualla and Rahealty this No. 2 side went on to beat Gortnahoe to win the Mid title. The following year he was a member of the number 1 team that won the Mid final but failed to 13th Battalion, Clonmel in the county final. He later joined the Galbertstown club and played with them for a couple of seasons. After his playing days were over he took an interest in the juvenile club and contributed to their successes in his era with them.

Tom Buckley (Rockwell Rovers)
1941 – 2015

Tom's life was a sporting life and his favourite sport was our national games. He got his first taste of hurling and football in the local Boys School in the early 1950s. This was the beginning of Tom's love of all things GAA which endured right up to his untimely passing on the 11th April of this year.

In 1954 Tom was on the Rockwell Rovers team that won its first Juvenile West title. Better was to come the following year as, remarkably, his team won West & County titles in both hurling and football at U15 – a feat unequalled since or before. The following year, 1956, they won West and County football titles with Tom as captain.

Tom also won a West minor medal in 1958 and West Junior title in 1967. He was also trainer/manager of the U21 team that won the West title in 1971 and was also a selector on many junior hurling teams over the years.

In later years Tom became more involved in the administrative side of club affairs and was part of the committee that purchased and developed the fine field we have today. In 1998 he was elected Treasurer of the club, a position he held for 4 years before becoming chairman in 2002 - a position he held with great distinction for 6 years. During this time he extended the clubhouse to provide the viewing stand but probably the standout achievement of his chairmanship was the erection of the new floodlights which was one of the first high spec systems in the division. In his final year as chairman he helped organise a successful fund raising event in conjunction with the charity "Heart Children Ireland" which helped clear many of the club's debts. When Tom passed on the torch, he left the club he graced as player, manager and administrator in excellent health on all fronts.

In recognition of his tireless work over many years, Tom was elected President of the club in 2011 and the following year received the Sean Gael award from Tipperary County Board in recognition of his services to the Association.

It seemed entirely fitting that two of Tom's grandchildren were on the U12 Team that won the county C football title just a few short months after his sad passing. He loved nothing better than following the various juvenile teams and quietly impart a small piece of his vast knowledge of all things GAA.

Tom is survived and sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters Carmel and Michele, son Thomas, many grandchildren, relatives and large circle of friends. He worked tirelessly for the betterment of all. Ar Dheis de go raibh a hAnam.



Willie Cleary (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
1928-2015

Willie was a reliable defender who played most of his career in the number three jersey. In 1952 he was full-back on the intermediate team that lost to Borrisokane in the North semi-final. The following year MacDonaghs lost to a Burgess outfit that went on to claim the title. Once again, Willie was on the edge of the square. In 1954 the MacDonaghs intermediate team regraded to junior. It proved to be a profitable move as Kilruane claimed the junior title with a victory over Kilcommon in Nenagh. Willie was soundness personified at full-back in that game. Kilruane defeated intermediate champions, Burgess in the play-off, got the better of Marlfield in the county semi-final but lost out to Moycarkey in the final. After winning the junior title, Willie and his colleagues were promoted to the intermediate ranks for the 1955 season. MacDonaghs made good progress and reached the semi-final where they lost out to a very strong Toomevara team. In 1956 the club decided that the intermediate team would step back into the junior ranks. They advanced to the final with a victory over Borris-Ileigh. Willie collected his second divisional junior medal when MacDonaghs saw off the challenge of



Toomevara. He put in his customary assured display at full-back. Kilruane defeated intermediate champions, Burgess in the play-off. Unfortunately, they lost the county semi-final to Carrick Davins. In 1957 the MacDonaghs junior team stepped up into the intermediate ranks. Kilruane reached the semi-final where they lost to Borrisokane. Willie appears to have retired at the end of that season as he didn't feature on the MacDonaghs junior team that lost to Toomevara in the 1958 final. As his funeral entered Kilruane graveyard, club members formed a guard of honour. To his wife, Nuala, daughters, Patricia and Mary, sympathy is extended. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Rita Clohessy (Moycarkey-Borris)

The untimely death of Rita Clohessy, Ballydavid, Littleton has removed a well-known Gael and personality from our community. Rita gave a lifetime of service to the local Moycarkey-Borris GAA club and the association in general. At the time of her death she was Treasurer of the club and a former Secretary. In that capacity she used computer technology to present reports and other documents in a most innovative and presentable manner. Her reports were looked forward to annually. She loved all things Gaelic included dancing, the juvenile club, hurling and football and all associated activities. Her joy was to see the club successful at all levels and in more recent times gained great satisfaction from the involvement of her sons on the playing fields. The Clohessy household was always open for visitors and Rita and Michael were hospitable hosts and the club successes were often celebrated there into the late hours.

Overflow attendances were present for all stages of her obsequies with guards of honour provided by the GAA and LIT and her coffin was draped with the red and yellow colours of her beloved Moycarkey-Borris.

Ar dheis Dia to bfuil an hanam dílis.

Jackie Condon (Fr Sheehy's)

Our club was saddened to hear the news of Jackie's passing on 2nd of February. At the time of his death he held the position of Vice President in our Club.

Jackie held a number of roles during a lifetime of service to Fr Sheehy's. He was a calm and highly intellectual man who brought these qualities to the positions he filled. Jackie started his career as a player where hurling was his number one. He followed as a referee and continued as long time mentor and selector with our Adult Hurling Teams. A quiz enthusiast he with Dinny Lonergan and John Clohessey brought huge honour to the parish when they won the All Ireland Scor Question Time for Fr Sheehy's and Tipperary in 1978. Jackie served as Chairman of our Hurling Club and was Runai when we annexed the County Junior Hurling Title in 2001. His son Liam was a member of that panel. As popular member of our club we provided a guard of honour as a fitting tribute to accompany his removal to Clogheen Church. Jackie was laid to rest in Shanrahan. We extend our sympathies to his wife Ann and family on their loss.

Ar Dheis de go raibh a anam.

Mick Conway (Shannon Rovers)

Tug o' War, handball, hurling have all featured in the sporting life of Michael Conway who passed away last October. His minor days were shared with Shannon Rovers and Kildangan (when Rovers didn't have a team). He graduated to the Junior team which enabled him win a North Junior medal in 1952 when Rovers overcome Eire Og Nenagh in the final. He added a North Intermediate medal in 1954. However his greatest honour came in 1953 when he won an All-Ireland Junior medal with Tipperary. Tipp defeated Offaly (an all-Ireland that split a parish) in the home decider at Birr with Michael lining out at midfield alongside Theo English. Later Tipp defeated Warwickshire in the final proper.

After retiring from the game, Michael served his time as coach and trainer with both hurling and camogie teams. In 2005, Michael received a Sean Gael award, a fitting tribute to him for loyal service to the game.

Ar Dheis de go raibh a anam.

Paddy Cooney (Moycarkey-Borris)

The death of Paddy Cooney at the end of 2014 removed a prominent figure from the local sporting and cultural life. He played hurling and football with the club but it was in the 1970s that he left his mark with his handling of juvenile teams. In 1972 he trained the Under 14 hurlers and two years later the Under 16 hurlers to county final wins. Successes that laid the foundation of the teams of the 1980s. Paddy was synonymous with the promotion of Scór in the parish since it began. Ably assisted by his wife Josie he was the driving force behind Moycarkey's success at Mid, county and provincial level in those early years. The pinnacle for him and his family was being crowned All-Ireland set dancing champions in Scór na nÓg in 1973 and Scór Sinsear in 1977. Paddy was one of the five Cooney brothers who played in the Seán Treacy Pipe Band.



Richard (Dick) Corrigan (Boherlahan/Dualla) 1948-2015

It was with regret and much sadness that the death of Richard (Dick) Corrigan, Pouldine, Thurles and originally of Clane, Co. Kildare, was met with on 25th May. Dick passed away peacefully at the Community Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles after a long illness bravely borne. He was a committed member of Boherlahan Dualla GAA Club, where he was an active member on the Committee whilst also playing the role as mentor with football teams down through the years. We extended our sympathy to his partner Rita, daughters Sonya, Linda and Clare, sons John and Richard, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters Maura, Trish and Peg, brothers Noel and Pat, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. May he Rest in Peace.



Ann Cryan (Cappawhite)

Ann Cryan (nee Coughlan) passed away on December 18th 2014 after a long illness. One of the great servants of Cappawhite camogie and ladies football. In 1965 Ann played on the St Cormacs team, when three intermediate clubs joined to form a senior team. She played mid field on the Tipperary team, which lost to Limerick by one point in the Munster championship. In 1973 and '75, playing with Doon she won county junior league and championship. In 1977 she was full back on the Cappa team that won the county junior camogie championship. In 1980 and '82 she won junior ladies football titles with Cappa.

May she rest in peace.



Sally Darcy (Ballina)

In December 2014, Ballina and Tipperary lost a great supporter and follower of hurling, Gaelic Games and of all things Irish. Sally Darcy was a former Principal in Boher National School where her passion for teaching and the Irish Language was matched by her love of Gaelic Games. Sally was a great supporter of hurling and camogie in the school, from organising coaching sessions to arranging games to transporting pupils to and from games.

Sally followed Tipperary at every chance she got and travelled far and wide supporting the various county teams. At the time of her death Sally was also President of Ballina Camogie Club.

We extend our sympathy to Sally's sisters, brother, sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives and friends.



Edward Dignam (Carrick Swan)

The Swan Club were very saddened to hear of the sudden passing of their esteemed Vice-President Edward Dignam aged 85 years of Church View, Faugheen on February 10th, better known as Neddy he was a lifelong supporter of the club. Neddy was a true Swan man and was responsible for a lot of young boys from the village and surrounding areas playing with the club down many years. He would selflessly pack his car with boys that wanted to learn the greatest game in the world and he ensured they all stuck with it and harnessed their skills on the Green the spiritual home of the Swan. Neddy always enquired about the club and the players and even though he was not seen out much up to the time of his passing he never lost his love of the Swan. Men like Neddy Dignam are scarce and Heaven has welcomed home another of our great men. Our sympathy to his wife Bridget and family at this sad time. Neddy was given a full guard of honour as he was laid to rest in Faugheen Cemetery on February 13th.

‘Leaba i measc na naomh dó’.



Kevin Dwan (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1952-2015

Kevin's family was steeped in the G.A.A. tradition. Kevin's grandfather, Jack captained the legendary De Wets. His father, Rodge played with MacDonaghs in the 1935 senior final. Kevin first played hurling with the MacDonaghs juveniles in 1965. However, it was in football that he won his first medals. In 1970 Kevin played on both the minor and U21 football teams that won the club's inaugural titles in those grades. He added a North senior football medal in 1972. The same year Kevin played full-back on the U21 hurling team that made the breakthrough by winning the North title for the first time and he wore the number three jersey once again when the divisional title was retained and the county crown was added in 1973. In 1974 he made his debut on the senior hurling team. The following year Kevin was a member of the senior football squad that made history by winning the county title. While he didn't feature in the final, Kevin had lined out in both the quarter and semi-finals. Work commitments compelled him to move away from the parish and hastened the end of his playing career. As a player, Kevin was a tough and tenacious defender who revelled in the physical exchanges of that era. Off the field, he was a very sociable character and great company. Although domiciled in Belleen for many years, Kevin always kept in touch with his roots and was a staunch MacDonaghs supporter. As his health deteriorated, his spirit remained defiant and he attended the North Tipperary senior hurling final. To those who knew him best, his determination to be present was no surprise as it typified the positive attitude he had displayed throughout his life in general and during his illness in particular. At Kevin's funeral the coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and on the journey to his final resting place in Monsea graveyard, club members, including many of his former colleagues, formed a guard of honour. To his wife Liz, son Shane, daughters Ciara, Eimear and Orla and extended family sympathy is extended. Solas na bhflaitheas dá anam uasal.



Martin Dwan (Drom & Inch) 1931 - 2015

On February 28th 2014 Martin Dwan passed away at home in Drom in his 84th year. He left behind a legacy of contribution to the GAA that began in the 1950s. His love for Gaelic games was inspired by the contribution of his father to the legendary Toomevara Greyhounds in the early years of the 20th century. In December 2010 he was proud to join other descendants and present day club members for a commemoration in Toomevara of that great team.

Martin himself was a proud Drom and Inch man and played for the club in the 1950s. There is a record of him scoring 4-01 in a Mid Junior championship game. At this time his contribution to administration also began as one of the organisers of the Drom platform – an important source of funds for the club in those days. For a period in the 1960s and 1970s Martin lived in Thurles a stone's throw from Semple Stadium. He rarely missed a match.



Back in his native Drom, Martin was on the founding committee of the Juvenile club in 1982. He served as the Club Treasurer and delegate to the juvenile Mid Board. His contributions to administration at parish level were followed by contributions at Mid and County Board level. He was a member of the County Board and an officer of the Mid Board for a period in the 1980s including the memorable year of 1984 when the All Ireland hurling final was held in Thurles. In more recent times he served as a committed steward at Semple Stadium for many years.

Above all however Martin was passionate about the games themselves, especially hurling. He held the enviable record of being at every Munster and All Ireland hurling final from 1950 until 2014 and left behind an impressive collection of programmes and match day memorabilia.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

John Dwyer (Moycarkey-Borris)

The death of John (Jake) Dwyer, Ballyvinnane, Littleton was felt with regret in the area. John was a very likeable personality and took a great interest in sporting affairs and followed the fortunes of all local sports clubs. He played hurling with the Moycarkey-Borris club and was captain of the club team that won the Mid Tipperary Junior "B" hurling championship in 1987, and had the honour to be the first recipient of the Gus Ryan Memorial Cup, the trophy presented to perpetuate his beloved club colleague. John was full back on that occasion in the victory over Thurles Kickhams. John was also an accomplished handballer and a successful member of the Horse & Jockey handball club winning many awards. At the removal of his remains a guard of honour was provided by the Moycarkey-Borris GAA Club and colleagues in Bord na Mona. The coffin was adorned with the GAA club colours. May he rest in peace.



Philly Dwyer (Holycross/Ballycahill)

Philly Dwyer, Whitefort, Holycross was regarded as being one of the most loyal GAA men in the famed parish of Holycross/Ballycahill. Father of current Chairman Tom, Philly had the honour of seeing his three sons, Tom, Phil and Patrick representing the club with distinction and following in his own footsteps in the green and white jersey. And, he was hugely proud of their achievements and of those of his grandchildren who continue to carry on the proud tradition in the club colours to this day.

Philly himself played with great distinction for many years at both junior and senior level before the breakthrough season of 1948, and his interest in the club fortunes never waned, right up to the day he was called home by the Great Referee. A most sincere GAA man who appreciated the artistry of the ancient game of hurling, and the many wonderful exponents who enhanced the matches, Philly had many a story which he loved to tell. He was delightful company, a real conversationalist and invariably the chat would turn to hurling, the games and the great players of his time.

Holycross/Ballycahill has lost a great clubman and supporter, a man of unquestionable loyalty who maintained his links with the club until his final hours. But the club was very proud of having provided a Guard of Honour for Philly Dwyer as his remains were conveyed to Holycross Abbey on his final journey. A man very close to nature, he was laid to 'rest' neath the soil of his native parish - a parish he loved dearly - with the waters of the River Suir flowing gently by.

Sympathy to his family and all those who mourn his loss at this time. May he rest in peace.



T.K Dwyer (Moycarkey-Borris)

T.K. Dwyer of Turtulla, Thurles was one of Tipperary's most versatile personalities. While athletics was perhaps his first love he contributed handsomely to the GAA too. On the athletic fields he won several county, provincial and national medals in the weights. He played hurling and football with the local GAA clubs, winning three Mid Tipperary junior football medals and was secretary of the Moycarkey-Borris GAA Club in 1962, '63 and '64, during a fairly successful period for our senior hurlers. He co-wrote the Moycarkey-Borris GAA History



(1984). His terrific community spirit was manifested in his great work with Moycarkey-Borris Muintir na Tire, an organisation he was County Tipperary Chairman. He was also a great quizzier and with such as his brother Eamonn, sister Kitty, Pat Ryan and Rita Barry competed successfully at both Scor and other open quiz events. A versatile man in many facets of life he had an extraordinary repertoire in sport, crafts, history, poetry and journalism.

**Very Rev. James Feehan (Boherlahan/Dualla and Thurles Sarsfields)
1924-2015**

As word of the death of the Very Rev. James Feehan became known, there was widespread sadness and loss among the people of Boherlahan-Dualla, Ballinure and his beloved Thurles. He had reached the fullness of years and was in the 65th year of his ordination. Fr. James was a loyal and faithful servant of God. Although a native of Ballinure, he developed a great affinity to Dualla and Boherlahan during his early years. He, along with his family, attended church services in Dualla and he went to school in Ballytarsna where his father Tom was principal.



Fr. James was ordained in June 1950 at Maynooth for the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly but due to a surplus of priests, he opted to take up missionary work in the diocese of Wellington, New Zealand, where he spent six and a half years. He returned to the archdiocese in 1957 to take up a short appointment as chaplain to the Presentation Convent, Cashel, before being made diocesan inspector. In 1964, he became a curate in the parish of Thurles where he remained for twenty-one years, the last three as administrator. A staunch supporter of the GAA, he became involved with Thurles Sarsfields Club and developed a deep bond and friendship with the Thurles Blues. Fr. James was chairman of Sarsfields when the club proposed in 1971 that the then Thurles Sportsfield be dedicated to the memory of the late Tom Semple and be known as Semple Stadium.

Coming to the rural parish of Boherlahan/Dualla in 1985 gave him the opportunity to develop a latent literary talent. He published a number of books including *Stories for Preachers*, *Preaching in Stories*, *Preaching Christ Crucified* and *An Hour Glass on the Run*. He was also a regular contributor to the *Boherlahan/Dualla Historical Journal* and his series on 'The Mannin Records', the earliest known baptismal, marriage and death records in the archdiocese, provide a bridge between the family records of the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries.

Fr. James resided in Thurles during his years of retirement. He died on Friday, 2nd January at Padre Pio Nursing Home, Holycross. He is survived by his nephews Gerald and Seán, nieces Kathleen and Mary, relatives and a wide circle of friends. May the green sod of Boherlahan lie softly upon him and may his good deeds go before him in the sight of the Lord, whom he served faithfully.

**Danny Gibson (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
1937-2015**

Danny had his first success with MacDonaghs when he played centre-field on the juvenile team that overcame Moneygall in the 1951 North final. Seven years later he lined out at corner-forward on the senior side that lost to Toomevara in the North final. His brothers, Billy and Jimmy also featured in that game. In 1960 he was a prominent member of the junior team that got the better of Ballinahinch in the divisional decider and went on to make history with a famous triumph over Moycarkey in the county final which was played in Borrisoleigh. Four years later Danny was centre-back on the junior team that saw off the challenge of Lorrha to regain the North title. 1965 was a special year for Danny. He played wing-forward on the senior team that had a dramatic win over Lorrha in the North final. His brother Jimmy starred at centre-back in that memorable victory. In retirement, he continued to remain active in the club. Danny was a selector with the senior team in 1970. He served as chairman from 1971 to 1975. Danny's stint in the chair coincided with a golden era for the club that saw MacDonaghs win five county and fifteen divisional championships. Among the honours won were maiden county titles in minor and U21 hurling as well as the historic senior football success over Loughmore in 1975. His term in office finished on a high note when MacDonaghs won the inaugural North Tipperary Club of the Year Award in 1975. As a player, Danny was a skilful forward. As an administrator, he was honest and hardworking. In keeping with the family tradition, he was also a skilled ploughman, winning numerous competitions including an All-



Ireland title in Athy in 1955. At his funeral the coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and a guard of honour walked in silent tribute as Danny made his final journey to Cloughjordan Church. To his family sympathy is extended. Leaba i measc na naomh dó.

Dan Gleeson (Ballinahinch)

Ballinahinch GAA Club lost one of its Presidents this year when on Sunday June 7th news spread of the passing of Dan Gleeson at his home in Newcastlewest aged 86 years. Dan was from a family steeped in the traditions of the GAA, in Ballinahinch and Knockmeal Rangers clubs. He and his brother Paddy played for Knockmeal Rangers in the late '40s and early '50s. Dan played minor hurling for Knockmeal Rangers in 1947 and went on to play Junior and Intermediate hurling for Knockmeal Rangers up to 1954. Dan left Killoscully in the mid '60s to pursue his career in the Forestry Services and after a time in Mountrath, Co.Laois he settled in Newcastlewest, Co.Limerick in the mid '70s. Dan is survived by his wife Mary; his daughters Catherine and Marie; as well as his sons Sean and Donal who also kept up the GAA traditions playing hurling and football to a high level with their club Newcastlewest as well as his son and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. On the 9th of June Dan was buried in his native Killoscully. May he rest in peace.



Jackie Griffin (Thurles Sarsfields)

News of the tragic death of Lt. Col. Jack Griffin, Mayfield, Clongour, sent a pall of sadness and shock throughout the town and hinterland of Thurles. It was Saturday afternoon, October 31st and he was involved in a motor traffic accident at Turtulla cross, as he was out jogging just a short distance from his home.

Known to us all as Jackie, he had earlier in the day trained Sarsfields senior hurlers in preparation for their Munster semi-final clash with Limerick's, Na Piersaigh. Jackie was a lifetime member, former player and loyal supporter of Thurles Sarsfields, whose total membership was left shocked and devastated by the tragic news. His father, also Jackie, had been secretary of Thurles Sarsfields in the early 1950s.

Jackie had a very distinguished career in the Defence Forces, which he joined following his Leaving Certificate in 1986 and was commissioned two years later. Indicative of his leadership ability, his progress through the ranks was rapid. A former instructor at the Military College, Jackie accumulated vast experience particularly through his military service overseas. His tours of duty included Lebanon, Western Sahara, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad and the Ivory Coast in Africa. Described as a "soldier's soldier", he epitomised the values of Óglaigh na hÉireann-loyalty, integrity, moral and physical courage. At the time of his death, Jackie was home on leave from Brussels, where he was serving with EU military staff.

Jackie's hurling career commenced with the newly-formed local club for juveniles, Dúrlas Óg. During his Post-Primary years at Cistercian College, Roscrea, Jackie was to the fore on the hurling teams, winning a Leinster Colleges B title in 1986. From the mid 1980s, his name is listed on Sarsfields hurling and football teams. As a minor he saw county hurling championship success in 1985, a feat emulated in 1988 with the Under 21 team. His goal in that final is well remembered. At senior level Jackie won Mid Tipperary medals in 1993, '96 and 2,000, while county honours were his in 1995 at Junior A and Junior B in 2002. Jackie's usual position on the field was at centre-field or centre-forward, where in the tackle or in the clash of the ash Jack gave one hundred per cent. His game was filled with energy, physicality, drive, enthusiasm and encouragement for team-mates. He was a leader both on and off the field. Playing days over, Jack was generous with his time for club activities. Even though his military duties took him far from the 'Outside Field', Jack found time to help the 'Blues' as a selector on various teams. He was a vital cog of the current senior and intermediate hurling management teams, which won the past two senior hurling county championships and reached both county intermediate finals. Jackie was a selector and also physically prepared both panels. His larger than life personality, his leadership qualities, good humour and banter, will be sorely missed. Jackie's loyalty to the club is an example to us all.

The funeral cortège was flanked by a Guard of Honour made up of members from his beloved Thurles Sarsfields, as it made its way from



Clongour to the Cathedral of the Assumption for Requiem Mass. On arrival at the Cathedral, Lt. Col. Griffin's remains were received by Fr. Martin Hayes, Adm., Thurles and Fr. P. J. Somers, chaplain to the Defence Forces. The funeral cortège was also greeted by members of the Defence Forces, many of whom he trained and served with throughout his twenty-nine year military career.

Minister for Defence, Simon Coveney, was present at the ceremony while An Taoiseach Enda Kenny and President Michael D. Higgins were both represented by their Aide-de-camps. Following Requiem Mass, Lt. Col. Jack Griffin's remains were removed to St. Patrick's Cemetery, where he was buried with full military honours.

We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Trisha, daughters Laragh, Isabelle and Emma Mai, brother Charles, sisters Jacqueline, Catriona and Maria, relatives, Defence Force colleagues and to his wide circle of friends.

Ned Harty (Kildangan)

It was with a sense of sadness that members of Kildangan GAA Club heard of the passing of Ned Harty on 16th October at the age of 94 years.

Ned Harty of Ballyanny was a prominent hurler with Kiladangan during the 1940s. He played with the Kiladangan Minor team that reached two North finals in the 1930s. In 1935 Kiladangan were beaten by Roscrea and in 1937 they fell to Toomevara. Ned was the last surviving member of those teams. He was a member of the Kiladangan team that won the North Senior final in 1943 with a thrilling one-point victory over Roscrea. The following year he reverted to playing Junior and was on the Kiladangan team that won the 1944 North Junior title with a victory over the Borrisokane combination known as Erin's Hope.

Ned returned to the senior ranks the following year and played in the 1945 North senior final when Kiladangan went down badly to Roscrea. He continued playing senior hurling with Kiladangan up to 1950.

Ned was the last surviving member of those minor, junior and senior teams he played on in the 1930s and '40s.

To his brother John, sister Breda Hayes, nephews, nieces and extended family and friends we extend our sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Michael Haverty (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 1951-2015

It was only natural that Michael would play hurling for MacDonaghs. Michael's father, Martin played with Kyle and lined out at full-back on the MacDonaghs junior team that won the 1950 North final. In 1964 Michael played wing-back on one of the club's most successful U15 sides, winning North Rural and Urban/Rural championships and adding the county Rural title. Michael wore the number five jersey throughout the campaign. In the Rural final MacDonaghs overcame Borris-Ileigh and they took county honours with a victory over Moyne-Templetuohy. Michael had poor eyesight and wore glasses off the field. Helmets with faceguards were still a long way off, so reluctantly he played his last game for MacDonaghs in 1967. His brother, Seamus continued the family tradition by winning divisional Rural and Urban/Rural medals in 1968. With his playing days over, Michael continued to follow the fortunes of both MacDonaghs and Tipperary. Michael saw his own sons, Martin and Michael enjoy great success with the MacDonaghs juveniles. Both of the lads went on to play senior with the Magpies while Martin won a Munster minor hurling medal in 1993. At his funeral his coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and club members formed a guard of honour. To his wife, Kathleen, daughter, Caitriona, sons, Martin and Michael sincere sympathy is extended. Leaba i measc na naomh dó.



Jacko Hayes (Hollycross/Ballycahill)

It was with great regret that members of Hollycross/Ballycahill heard of the passing of one of the parishes great characters, Jacko Hayes. A man known throughout the length and breadth of Tipperary, Jacko hurled with the club at all levels and was even goalkeeper on the successful county U-21 winning side of 1963. He always maintained contact with the club and his interest in activities was huge even though the passing years had diminished his role.

The Hayes family has contributed handsomely to the development of Hollycross/Ballycahill GAA club and are very proud of their contribution to the club - none more so than Jacko, who lived but a puck of the ball away from St Michael's GAA Grounds.



It was fitting that his funeral cortege should be flanked by fellow clubmen, including some of those with whom he hurled, as he was conveyed to Hollycross Abbey on his final journey.

Sympathy is tendered to the bereaved at this time.

Tommy Hayes (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams) 1933-2015

The death occurred on Wednesday the 18th of March of Tommy Hayes, Ballygriffin, after a long illness bravely borne. The committee and membership of Knockavilla/Donaskeigh Kickham GAA Club extends its deepest sympathies to his beloved wife Alice and devoted daughter Margaret, who is our Senior Club Secretary, on their sad loss. Tommy was a life President of our club and was so proud when Margaret was elected Hon. Secretary at the Club AGM in 2013. In his youth Tommy wore the Black and Amber with pride. He played at a time when the Kickham club was a powerful force in Senior hurling in the West Tipperary division, and would have hurled with some of the club greats. He won a minor West medal in 1951 and a junior in 1952. Kickham's won 12 West Senior hurling titles from 1946 to 1960 and Tommy was part of two of those great teams, winning medals in 1954 and 1956. He, along with other players from that golden era of Kickham hurling was honoured at a Club presentation night in 2003 when the club history was also launched. Tommy was a tireless and hardworking member of the club. He was involved in the drainage of the original and new fields, club development, fundraising, management committee, and stewarding at matches up until illness struck in September 2002. However, he still attended matches when possible as he had a willing driver and able scorekeeper in Margaret. His last Kickham match was the 2014 Junior West hurling final. Tommy didn't confine his involvement to men's GAA only. Margaret was Secretary and a player in the newly formed Camogie club in 1985 and it was inevitable that Tommy would also be involved. He served as a selector from 1985 to 1992 winning three U/16, one U/18 and two junior County Championship's as well as one County junior league. Tommy was a lifelong Kickham and Tipperary Supporter as well as a great community man, husband and father. As a mark of respect to Tommy and the Hayes family, the Kickham GAA and Camogie clubs along with Knockavilla Community Council and lifelong friends provided a guard of honour on the evening of removal of his remains to Knockavilla Church. We also offer our condolences to his extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh an anam uasal.



Johnny Hennessy (Carrick Davins)

Johnny Hennessy, throughout his life was an unassuming, pleasant and thoughtful man. He played for the Davins as man and boy winning a South minor hurling title and three Under 21 South titles. Johnny was also a part of the senior panel of the late 60's and early seventies when he also gained South senior hurling honours.

Johnny retired as a player at a relatively young age but his passion for his club and county never waned. Johnny was also very knowledgeable man when it came to local history, he would often be called upon for facts about the town and surrounding districts.

Johnny's passing at a relatively young age is a loss to all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to all his family.



Martin Henzey (Carrick Swan)

When word broke that Martin had passed away on September 18th it was met with disbelief in the Swan Club and wider community, as very recent up to the time of his passing he had helped out at the club's bingo which he loved doing, although Martin aged just 62 years had some health issues his passing came as a tremendous shock, Martin was a true gentleman and helped anyone he could, he was a volunteer for any organisation that needed assistance and he helped willingly while seeking nothing in return, to the Swan Club he was one of their own and his death following so soon on the passing of his wife Kathleen in June means he leaves a bereft family in mourning. The Swan Club accorded Martin a full guard of honour at his funeral and he was laid to rest in St Mary's Cemetery, Carrick-beg. 'Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh ananam'.



Jackie Hogan (Carrick Swan)

Carrick Swan Club were sad to announce the passing of Jackie Hogan after an illness borne with great dignity on May 14th aged 73 years, Jackie was the epitome of what being a club man is all about and he served the club well down many years. He served as a player, selector, committee member, caretaker, first aid man, referee and held many more positions besides. Jackie went about his duties in a quiet unassuming way and always had the clubs best interests at heart. He will be a major loss to the club but even more of a loss to his heart broken family, we in the club extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Nancy and family at this sad time. A full guard of honour was accorded and the large crowd was testament to the esteem in which he was held, Jackie was laid to rest in Faugheen Cemetery on Sunday May 17th.

'Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



Dick Ivers (Cashel King Cormacs) 1933-2015

Dick Ivers passed away on January 20th, after a lengthy illness which curtailed the last twenty years of a very active life. Born in the Green, Cashel in 1933, he was one of a family of three boys and two girls. Following National School on the Green, he went to the CBS on the Golden Road, where his singing talent was recognised by the famous Roy Croft and he was offered a scholarship to the U.S. He didn't take it up and confined his talent to singing with a local group, the Hill Billies, and entertaining his friends and acquaintances in impromptu sessions with a fine singing voice.

His other talent was hurling and this was recognised at a very early age. He was on the Cashel King Cormacs team of 1953 that won divisional and county titles. He progressed from there to senior ranks and played consistently with the club until 1969, winning a divisional title in 1965. He was recognised as a fine forward. He also played football and was a runner of note.

His work life took him to Dowleys, Gortdrum Mines and Cashel Town Council. Always a keen gardener, his home, where he was married to Bridget with four children, was always neat and tidy and he featured regularly in Munitir na Tire prizes.

Cashel King Cormacs provided a guard of honour at his funeral, where he was mourned by Bridget, his children Marie, Richie, Breda and Deirdre, and his relations and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm dilis.



Pat Keane (Silvermines) 1929-2015

The passing of Pat Keane on the 24 August 2015 coincided with a historical talk in Cuan Mhuire, Silvermines, a place of peace and reflection which the late Pat played a leading role in establishing. Pat was a great community person and was very involved in the Tidy Towns Committee for many years. He was an inspirational figure in the Pioneer Association and was President of the local branch at the time of his death.

Neighbours and friends will remember Pat for the many roles he had in the local GAA club. Married to Notie Moylin, the daughter of Michael Moylin, Secretary of the North Board for over forty years (1921-1963) it was inevitable that Pat would be immersed in the traditions of the GAA. He was a member of the Silvermines Juvenile Club from its foundation in 1968 and his car was at the disposal of the club for many years transporting players to games and coaching sessions. With his fellow members he coached a number of teams to divisional honours and was very involved with the under 15 team which participated in the first Feile na nGael. He was also the club's First Aid person for several years and many claim that Pat was the first person in North Tipperary to hold such a position in any of the clubs. He acted as Club PRO for nine years, from 1970 to 1978, and never failed to produce a weekly column in the local paper. In later years Pat travelled to all parts of the country supporting his club and county. He was always in good form, with a ready smile and time for a chat. To his sons Seamus and Michael, to his daughter Helen, to his grandchildren, his son-in-law and his daughter-in-law the sympathy of the club is extended.



Marie Kelly (Cappawhite)

During the year we also lost a great friend in camogie, Marie Kelly, Chadville. She played on the Doon camogie team in 1971 that won the junior league championship playing at full back. In 1973 she won junior league and championship medals with Doon. She was also a member of the Cappawhite juvenile camogie team in 1965.

Sincere sympathy to her family, relatives and friends.



Paddy Kelly (Marlfield) 1946 - 2015

Paddy hailed from Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny and played underage hurling with his Club. As a young man he moved to Dublin to work, while there he played with Good Council.

In 1971 Paddy and Anne married and lived and worked in Dublin before moving to Tralee. All the time he continued playing hurling and football. 1977 saw Paddy and family move to Clonmel where they took over the running of "The Savery Club". After settling in to his new job as manager, Paddy joined Marlfield G.A.A. Club, playing centre field, forwards and goals, his best position, where he had a keen eye and good advice for his backs.

Paddy won a South Junior Hurling League medal in 1980 and a South Junior Hurling Championship medal in 1983 with Marlfield. A keen footballer, Paddy was a guest, playing on the Chadwicks Corporation Factory League team that won South and County honours also in 1983. After a number of years in Clonmel, Paddy moved to Carrick-on-Suir opening Figgertys and then to Edenderry for a short time before finally moving to Nenagh, where he and Anne set up "Figgertys" in Summerhill. Paddy, a keen golfer, played on a regular basis but he never lost interest in the G.A.A.

Paddy suffered a stroke in 2008 and was cared for in the Manor Nursing Home, Nenagh where Anne tended to him every day.

Paddy died 19th January 2015 with his family by his bedside.

The huge crowds that attended both the removal and funeral was testament to the great esteem in which Paddy was held.

To his beloved wife Anne, his children Jennifer, Patricia and her partner Niall, Kieran and his wife Ann, his grandchildren Nicole and Josh, his brother Sean, his sisters Nora and Betty and extended family and friends.

Sincere sympathy on your great loss. "May you never walk alone".



Brendan Kennedy (Templemore)

Brendan's death after a brief illness, came as a great shock to the people of Templemore. A native of Ballinakill, Portumna, Co. Galway, he qualified as a panel beater and emigrated to London. It was there that he met his future wife Peggy, a native of Knocktopher. During a family holiday in Ireland in 1964 Brendan was offered a job in Templemore Motor Works and without much hesitation he and Peggy, along with their daughters, moved to Templemore where they set up home on the Roscrea Road. He was a devoted family man and much loved by his daughters Bernadette, Colette and Geraldine. Brendan had a keen interest in athletics and was actively involved in the development of the athletic track in the Park. He also enjoyed hurling, with divided loyalties to Galway, Tipperary and of course Kilkenny. Brendan played hurling with all of the parish teams, Clonmore, Killea and Templemore. He was a man of deep faith and was a regular at the 10 a.m. Mass, after which he loved to join his friends for the analyses on the hurling and football matches. The large crowds which attended at his funeral was testament to the popularity of Brendan. He will be greatly missed by his wife Peggy, daughters Bernadette, Colette and Geraldine, his sons-in-law, grandchildren, sisters Nancy, Bridie and Josephine, his brother Jimmy and his many friends and relations.



Johnny Kennedy (Toomevara)
1923-2015

At the time of his death earlier this year, Johnny Kennedy of Clonteigue was Vice-President of Toomevara GAA Club. This was a fitting role for Johnny because all through his long life he was a loyal and dedicated supporter of his local club. He also enjoyed a long career as a player in the Green and Gold. He won a North Senior medal in 1946 when Toome defeated Roscrea in the final. Nine years later in 1955 Johnny cut an imposing figure as full-back on the Toome Intermediate team that beat Burgess in the North final. Right up to the time of his death Johnny took a keen interest in the affairs of the club and nothing pleased him more than to see Toome doing well in any grade.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire air.



Michael Kennedy (Kildangan)
1938 – 2014

Michael passed away on Christmas Eve 2014, in hospital. He had been given the option a few days earlier to go home for Christmas but he declined. This wasn't like Michael. He loved his native Castlesheila, where he was born, bred and lived all his life on the family farm. Then again this was Michael. He didn't want to be at home, in bed, a burden, as he would have seen it, on wife Josephine and family, especially at that time of year. Neither did he ever want to be the centre of attention.

Michael played hurling with Kildangan for almost twenty years and when his playing days were over he continued his involvement as trainer and selector of parish teams. From the first day that Michael donned the blue and gold jersey of Kildangan, it bestowed a huge burden upon his shoulders. He was the only son of the late Martin Kennedy, the greatest forward of his era, if not the greatest of all time. The expectations were great. While Michael never scaled the same heights as his illustrious father, he was a most skilful hurler, had a quick alert mind and speed to match. He was a regular and integral part of all Kildangan teams in the late fifties, sixties and into the seventies. Unfortunately, Michael missed out on Kildangan's divisional and county success in 1971 – that year, family took precedence over hurling.

Until the time of his passing, Michael was a regular at all Kildangan games. In fact he was a regular at all games played in North Tipperary and beyond. He loved hurling and all that it embodied.

Apart from family and GAA, Michael's other passion was a "pack of cards". Wherever there was a "45" Michael was there. At cards he could literally "read your mind". Then, having outwitted opponents, there was always a "boyish" roguish smile.

Michael, we miss your smile. We miss the quiet, placid and gentle man that you were. We miss the loyal Kildangan supporter and servant.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.



Pat Lahert (Moyne Rovers, Drangan and Killenaule)
1916 - 2015

In July one of our oldest members Pat Lahert passed away RIP. Pat was the last survivor of the famed Moyne Rovers team who defeated Boherlahan in the South Tipperary minor hurling final of 1930 only to have it taken from them in the boardroom. This was the first South minor hurling final and the Moyne Rovers team which was captained by Bill Lahart also included Jim Lahart. Older people tell us that Pat was a very good hurler which is borne out by the fact that he played on a winning minor team at 14 years of age. Pat, Bill and Jim continued hurling with the Moyne Rovers for several years afterwards when they were also joined by another older brother Mikie. In later years Pat also cycled long journeys to see several hurling matches. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Jim Leahy (Moycarkey-Borris)
1928-2015

As the autumnal shades came to a close, long serving Treasurer and Secretary Jim Leahy passed to his eternal reward. Jim hurled with the club in the 1950s and won Mid and County No. 1 medals as a tidy wing back and graduated to senior winning a Mid league in 1956 and also played Fitzgibbon Cup with UCC. He was on the Ballyduff-Dovea team beaten in the Munster inter firms hurling in 1955. He was club Treasurer for thirty years and Secretary for a spell too, referee and President at time of his death. Jim was a recipient of a Sean Gael award. He was to the fore in all club developments i.e. purchase of field in 1960s and development in the 1980s. One of the clubs great administrators and Gaels he took great pride with the county senior hurling successes of 1982 and '84. It was also immense solace to him when his son Jimmy shared in these successes and represented Tipperary at under age level as was the feat of his grandson Kieran Bergin now a Tipperary senior hurler. Gaels and friends from a wide horizon attended the obsequies and the club paid their tribute to their beloved Jim with the club colours and a guard of honour. Solas na bhFhaitheas da anam.



Thomas Joseph Leahy (Boherlahan/Dualla)
1932-2015

It was learned with regret of the death of Tommy Leahy, UK and late of Tubberadora. His grandfather Tom organised the Tubberadora team in the 1890's. He was also a first cousin of Johnny Leahy, Tubberadora. His father Tom was a lifelong member and past Chairman of the Boherlahan/Dualla GAA Club in the 1950's. Indeed, his brother Seamus hurled for many years and is still involved today, as is his nephew Seamie who is a present day player. We extend our sympathies to the family on Tommy's passing.



Johnson Lyons (Grangemockler/Ballyneale)
1958-2015

The death of Johnson Lyons on the 23rd January, removed a man from our midst steeped in the tradition of our club. Johnson fought his illness over a number of years with the same courage he displayed on the playing fields. Johnson won a South junior football title with the club in 1977. In 1987 he played at full forward on the junior hurling team that won the South title bridging a 39 year gap. He won a South intermediate football title in 1990 and a county title in 1991. When his playing career was over he continued with the club in many roles as selector, Tipperary Draw promoter, treasurer, secretary and was chairman over a number of years until 2013. He took great pride in recent years watching his sons and daughters play with the club. Johnson was a great community man getting involved in many local projects and always a generous sponsor.

The club extends its sympathy to his wife Margot, daughters Caoimhe and Aine, sons Jack and Joey, mother Peggy, brothers and sisters and his nieces and nephews.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



Paddy Macken (Ballyporeen)
1922-2015

The death of Paddy Macken occurred on August 5th in his 94th Year. He was well known in his club Ballyporeen and surrounding parishes. Paddy married Bridie Cahill a staunch Mitchelstown GAA family in 1954; they were blessed with 14 children. He had a vivid interest in All Gaelic games especially handball and up until the time of his death read the daily paper to keep in touch.

Paddy played for his club during the '40s and '50s, many have great memories of him as a top class player. He won many honours in handball, county and provisional titles. He won a Handball All Ireland Gold title in 1975 when he teamed up with his good friend the late Dermott Wall. He was instrumental in building 40 X 20 court in his parish Ballyporeen.



Paddy was delighted to see his sons Tom and Billy, grandchildren Finonan and Josh follow in his footsteps representing Tipperary.

Paddy was a great club man he was honoured in 2007 for his outstanding service in handball with a Sean Gael award. Paddy is survived by his beloved wife Bridie, sons, daughters, grandchildren and extended families, whom he was so dedicated to and of whom he was so proud he had a special place in their hearts, our sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Haulie Maher (J.K. Brackens)

Although Haulie had reached the ripe old age of 85, and despite being in failing health for some time, a feeling of real sadness and profound regret descended on the parish when news of his death, on October 25th began to filter through as this icon in our community, this legend was held in very high esteem by so many people whose pleasure it was to have known him.

Haulie, born in Bank Street in 1929, took a deep interest in the town, the people that lived in it, and there was no better man to trace any aspect of the town. As a young boy his father died and Haulie took up employment locally in Triplex at the age of sixteen, a position he continued in until ill health forced him to retire in 1986. We know that if there was a single thread running through his life, a thread which united all the different strands of his being, it was a compelling love of his commitment and loyalty to the Gaelic Athletic Association, a commitment and loyalty which was total and unswerving and which covered the entire spectrum of the Association's activities from being the youthful footballer and hurler of skill and tenacity, through his years as a club stalwart both on and off the field. From an early age he took a passionate interest in gaelic games, in particular football, and at the age of ten he is pictured in the team photo of the 1939 Templemore team that won the Mid senior final. Haulie gave loyal and devoted service to the Templemore club in the late forties and during the fifties but without success except in 1957 when the club won Mid and county honours in junior football, defeating Baile na dTeac in the Mid and Grangemockler in the county by 2-2 to 1-2, Haulie playing a prominent role at left corner back. He also played hurling with the Collegehill team from 1950 to 1957, winning a Mid No 2 junior hurling title in 1954. In the early eighties he took a keen interest in the area of the Templemore club he regarded as the most important of all, the juveniles, and was involved in the training and coaching of these youngsters, enjoying considerable success at football level, winning a Mid U-12 A in 1984 and a county U13½ community games in 1987. He was also on the juvenile committee, before he moved up to take an administrative position on the senior committee, becoming secretary in 1988 and it was while in that position that he put forward a motion to the Templemore AGM in 1990, requesting talks with the other clubs of the parish, regarding amalgamation. These talks, chaired by county board appointed personnel continued throughout 1991 and eventually led to the formation of JK Brackens in February 1992. Haulie was on the committee, being Registrar, and continued in that position for a number of years, always doing his utmost for the club. Even when not directly involved, and during his recent illness he took a keen interest in the affairs and progress of the club, and he was vividly moved during the summer months when three Brackens players, Colin O Riordan, Shane Bourke and Lyndon Fairbrother visited him in his home with three Munster trophies won by Tipperary in 2015, U-21 football, Minor and Senior hurling. His work for the GAA was rewarded when he was presented with a Sean Gael award, by GAA President Sean Kelly, an award that recognised a lifelong voluntary contribution to the Association.

Haulie was a man of dignity and sincerity, a man of gentle nature with a warm and gentle heart. We have lost a colleague, a real friend and we mourn his passing. How great then is his departure from the people he loved most of all, his wife Nancy, three sons Ger, Luke and Micheal. They were the core of his life, the centre piece around which his world revolved and without whom he would not have been the man that we knew, respected and admired. They alone will mourn the real loss of this man from the loving family circle which prospered out of the mutual respect which they shared with one another. The beautiful magnificent way the family cared for Haulie throughout his ill health reflects the goodness of the man himself and gave him the inner peace which he deserved at the final moments.



Gavin McGuirk (Rockwell Rovers) 1973 – 2015

The parish of New Inn and the Rockwell Rovers GAA club were rocked with the news of Gavin's unexpected and untimely passing just two days after former PRO Eileen Bell. The double blow cast a pall over the whole area. Gavin was just 42 and in the prime of his life when he was suddenly snatched from this life.

It was made all the more incomprehensible as Gavin was a larger than life individual being 6 foot 2 inches tall and a fantastic sportsman. He had been a member of Rockwell Rovers since primary school right up to his college days and excelled in both hurling and football and indeed played minor football for Tipperary in 1990 - 1991. Gavin won a West U21B football title in 1994 and the West Junior football league with his club. He won a scholarship to finish his primary school education in the Gaeltacht area of Kerry (Ventry) and whilst there he was coached in football by the great Mick O'Connell. His Ventry team mates included Fergal and Dara O'Shea. Gavin was always passionate about his native Tipperary and Rockwell Rovers.

He excelled in many sports and was a scratch golfer and an accomplished rugby player. His other love was music and he won the All Ireland Slogadh competition in the solo singing under 9 years section. Gavin played the piano and the guitar composing instrumental pieces and arranging songs etc. One piece was dedicated to his late Dad, Brendan.

In 2008 Gavin married his soul mate Maria de Charmant. Gavin was immensely talented and had the world at his feet when he was cruelly struck down. He will be forever missed by his mother Patsy, brother Fintan and darling wife Maria. Ar Dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.



Paddy McLoughlin (Sean Treacys)

Although in poor health for some time Paddy McLoughlin's death caused shock and sorrow in our parish and surroundings areas. It was hard to accept that one of the finest sportsmen that our club has ever produced is no longer with us. Paddy, affectionally known as 'The Twin' had a long and illustrious career with his beloved Treacys. Playing a leading role in many championship victories, Paddy made his debut with the Treacys on their first day in West Tipp competition. When the club reached the county final in 1966,

Paddy was central to a never to be forgotten contest played in Thurles. He led Treacys to victory in the 1968 senior hurling West final and once again he gave an inspirational display.

At inter county level he won All Ireland intermediate medal with Tipperary in 1966 when Dublin were defeated in a game played in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

With playing days over, Paddy served on the club committee for many years rarely missing a meeting. He enjoyed the role of selector on many championship winning teams where his no nonsense approach was respected by all. His total dedication and unwavering loyalty to Sean Treacys made him one of the most popular and admired members of the community. His untimely demise was one of the saddest occasions in the history of Sean Treacys GAA Club.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.



Denis (Dick) Mulcahy (Kildangan)

The Kildangan club lost one of the founding members of their Juvenile club when Denis passed away on 16th April. A Nenagh native, Denis, better known as Dick played a big part in the development of the club with his time as juvenile club Secretary, Chairman and being involved in various club committees and juvenile teams for a number of years. Kildangan won various North titles at that time where as well as being a member of the committee he was also a coach on various winning underage teams. His hard working and forward thinking initiative laid the foundations for the current healthy state of the Kildangan juvenile club.

Denis had four sons, all of whom under his guidance played for Kildangan in both football and hurling with his eldest son Michael representing Tipperary at minor level in football and also representing Kildangan at divisional level. His sons Pdraig and John also represented the club at divisional level in both hurling and football codes, both sons went on to win many North titles along the way. His youngest son



Donnacha has been involved with the Kildangan Senior team acting as fitness coach for the past number of years while also still representing the club at Junior level. His devoted wife Margaret was born in the Kildangan parish and stood by Denis along the way, washing many sets of jerseys for the club throughout the years.

Denis went on to be a club representative at divisional level and served as Chairman of North Tipp Bòrd na Nòg. Denis was also involved in numerous divisional juvenile hurling and football teams during his time on the North Tipp Bòrd na Nòg. He also served on the County Juvenile Board as a divisional representative and as County Chairman. He was well known as a referee at Juvenile level.

Denis was also heavily involved in Scòr at club and divisional level, not just through his involvement in the administration of the events but also represented his club and county in Senior Scòr competitions.

The esteem in which he was held throughout the area was evident by the large crowds that attended his removal, funeral Mass and burial. A guard of honour was provided by Kildangan GAA club from his family home to the church on his removal. The Kildangan club offer their deepest sympathies to the Mulcahy family.

Ar dheis dè go raibh a anam.

Bobby Mockler (Thurles Sarsfields)

Bobby Mockler, Mathew Avenue, Thurles, who died on October 20th, came to prominence as a hurler with Thurles C.B.S. in the mid 1940s. In 1947 he won an All-Ireland minor medal with Tipperary, playing at left corner-back, on a team captained by Paddy Kenny, Borris-Ileigh. The following year Bobby again lined out in the same position but the team, captained by John Doyle, lost the Munster final to Waterford. In his early years, Bobby hurled with Rahealty but in 1952, he transferred to Thurles Sarsfields. The following years were the most successful in the 'Blues' history, winning several Tipperary championships and Bobby Mockler played a vital part in those successes and captained the team to county final victory over Roscrea in 1963. Bobby was on the Tipperary panel that won the 1956/'57 National Hurling League and travelled to the U.S.A. with the team in the autumn of '57 and while there won a St. Brendan's Cup medal with Tipperary.

As a hurler, playing full-back for Sarsfields, Bobby possessed a very safe pair of hands. Though slight in stature 'the little full-back', as he often referred to himself, was an immense rock in the Sarsfields defence. Renowned for his close tackling and blocking and his quick flick of the ball away from the danger area. Not for Bobby the spectacular or long clearance – he was the master at minding the ball, protecting with calm assurance, while heading for safer territory. He often remarked that his task was made simple by the fact that he had Michael 'Blackie' Keane in goals behind him, Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne beside him and Tony Wall in front of him.

At Semple Stadium, Bobby is remembered for his work in maintaining the pitch, cutting the grass and making sure that the playing area was in pristine condition for Munster championship games and particularly for the Centenary All-Ireland hurling final, played here in 1984. This was a task Bobby performed with diligence for many years and he had great personal pride in the stadium, ensuring that the Thurles pitch maintained its reputation as the best hurling surface in the country. Bobby was also a member of Semple Stadium Committee and is credited with proposing the fundraising scheme 'Double Your Money', which generated much needed funds for the stadium in the 1980s.

We extend sincere sympathy to his wife Nora, sons Pat, Jim, Gerard and Paul, daughters Mary, Nuala and Anne, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

Fr. Paudie Moloughney (Moycarkey-Borris) 1947-2015

When the death of the Moycarkey-Borris Club Vice President Father Paudie Moloughney became known it caused a deep sense of mourning in his native parish, his Missionary Society and much further afield in places like Brazil and Nigeria where he ministered. He had a great love for sport, music, folklore and he was at home in any company. He had a special interest in Tipperary hurling and was proud to sport the county colours at all their games, he also played hurling and football with Moycarkey-Borris GAA. One could say that Paudie was a great ambassador for Tipperary sport worldwide. When Moycarkey-



Borris or Tipperary remained in the championships late in the summer Father Paudie always managed to get his Superiors to grant him an extended vacation so that he could remain on until the conclusion of a particular championship.

Father Paudie was a man of integrity, vibrant spirituality and a great lust for life and who brought smiles to all with whom he came in contact and brightened many's day. We know that Paudie is now enjoying his just reward in his heavenly home for a job well done in this life across three continents. Ar dheis De go bhfuil a anam uasal.

Albert Murphy (Boherlahan/Dualla) 1936-2015

On Monday 30th March, the news of the unexpected death of Albert Murphy, St Joseph's Avenue, Boherlahan, shocked not only his family but his neighbours and friends. He was a gentleman, full of friendship, kindness and neighbourliness. Albert was known for his fleet footedness and crafty style. His love of sport, in particular hurling, was handed on to the members of his family whom he loved to see partaking in the games. He enjoyed reminiscing and talking about the fortunes of the local club. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Noreen, sons Albert, Pat, Christy and Aidan, daughters Margaret, Mary, Geraldine, Esther and Olivia, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and a large circle of friends. May the green sod of Ardmayle rest gently upon him.



Tom "Senator" Murphy (Carrick Davins)

Tom was a part of Carrick Davins as both selector and player spanning many years. He won many honours with club and county including a South minor hurling title as captain in 1950, a South junior title in 1953 and an All-Ireland junior medal with Tipperary during the same year.

In the '60s Tom captained another South winning junior team and the following year won an intermediate county title. To add to all these titles Tom also won a County Senior hurling title in 1966.

Even though family circumstances meant Tom was living in Clonmel he was still very much a part of the club adding senior South titles as a selector to his playing titles. Tom also served as a selector with Tipperary at junior and intermediate level and added an All-Ireland title to one he won as a player in 1953.

Tom, or "Senator" as he was affectionately known as, will be missed by all who knew him and we offer his family our deep felt condolences.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire air.

P.J. Myles (Fr Sheehy's)

On 22nd of April all Fr Sheehy club members were saddened to hear that P.J. Myles had passed peacefully to his eternal reward after a long brave battle with illness. P.J. was only 35 years old and although many were aware of his illness his death still came as a huge shock.

P.J. had a quite unassuming nature and was a true gentleman. On the field for Fr Sheehy's he was highly regarded and never gave less than a 100%. He was a tenacious wing back who was blessed with great pace and was often given the onerous task of marking the opposition's danger men. P.J. played at all levels in both codes for Fr Sheehy's, his finest hour came when he won a County Junior Hurling title in 2001 starring a right half back. The large turnout at his funeral was a testament to his popularity and the club were privileged to salute him with a guard of honour at his removal to Ballybacon Church. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him but none more so than his family and friends.

Ar Dheis de go raibh an anam.



Billy O'Brien (Toomevara)
1933-2015

Although Billy O'Brien of Mountain Lodge had a relatively short hurling career, he was regarded as a very accomplished player. He played juvenile hurling with Toomevara and junior hurling with Monanore. In 1955 he was full back on the Toome junior team beaten by Kilruane in the North final. In 1956, the junior teams in the parish came together to form a senior team. His performances on the junior team earned him a place on the senior team and he played at full back all through 1957. In March of that year Toome defeated Nenagh by 2-8 to 3-2 in the final of a tournament in aid of the Convent of Mercy Nenagh. The same two teams met again in August of that year in the North senior final and this time Nenagh won the day by 5-5- to 4-5. Billy's prowess on the hurling field earned him a place at corner back on the Tipperary Junior team of 1957. Sadly, this team failed to win inter county honours but Billy had obviously made an impression. Thus ended Billy's hurling career at the age of 24 but he maintained a strong interest in Toomevara GAA affairs down the years.

He was very proud of Toome's hurling achievements and of his two sons who both wore the Green and Gold.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Michael O'Brien (Sean Treacys)
1943-2015

Michael O'Brien of Reafadda, Hollyford was involved in all aspects of the Sean Treacys club from an early age. He played juvenile hurling, football and handball with the club and continued hurling and football to junior adult level.

His work commitments took him away from the club when he went to live and work in Dublin for a few years. On his return he got involved and became almost a full time worker with the club. He was particularly interested in juvenile affairs. He revived the O'Brien cup competition. This cup was presented to the club by his uncle, the late Bill O'Brien from Clonmel, for a hurling competition between the schools of the parish. He gave himself unselfishly to training, selecting and carrying as many juveniles as possible to matches. He was also involved in Scór and in Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. He was a senior selector for the Sean Treacys team that won their last West senior hurling championship in 1982.

Unfortunately for his family and the club Michael suffered a serious illness in August 1989 which incapacitated him for the remainder of his life. He died on the 13th July, 2015 and his passing was mourned by his wife, Bridie, children Charlotte, Sadie, Michael, P. J., Aine, Declan, Kieran and Bernard, as well as his many friends.

Gay O'Connell (Arravale Rovers)
1945 - 2015

When news broke of Gay O'Connell's death there was shock and great sadness in Tipperary Town. The sudden nature of her passing left a great void in the lives of her relatives and many friends.

Gay's love of life found expression in her commitment to the I C A, in fund-raising to assist people affected by cancer and especially, through her more than thirty years dedicated support for Arravale Rovers.

When Gay's husband Jimmy was elected Hon. Secretary of Arravale Rovers in January, 1982 she immersed herself in club activities. The O Connell residence was an open house for "the Rovers" and Gay was always a welcoming presence with the tea and fresh scones! The 80's was a busy decade for Arravale Rovers with the 1984 G A A Centenary celebrations, followed immediately by the club's centenary the year after. And to add to the excitement, Rovers annexed the County Senior Football title in 1985. Jimmy's outstanding organisational ability and attention to detail allied to Gay's gifted way with people, ensured that the challenges faced by the club were met and properly managed.

In 1992 Gay became an Hon. Treasurer's wife when Jimmy moved to Finance, a post she held for twenty plus years. Her enthusiasm continued unabated.

All the usual day to day tasks of a G A A club officer's wife Gay sorted in her own inimitable way; year after year she took particular pride in



looking after the needs of the club juveniles with nourishing food after games, at Cul Camps, after town league finals, after medal presentations at the clubhouse, et al.

Gay's baking prowess wasn't all lavished on the juveniles. Wedding cakes for players past and present were a speciality, scones, and porter cakes for elderly club members were all part of Gay's generous support for "the Rovers."

Every Tuesday night for three decades, up to the week she passed away, without fail Gay attended and helped organise the 45 Card Drive at the clubhouse, Sean Treacy, Park where she loved the company and repartee of "the gamblers."

Gay was truly 'the mother of the Rovers'. Ar dheis lámh De go raibh si.

Gerry O'Connor (Rockwell Rovers)
1948 - 2014

The Parish of New Inn and surrounding areas was stunned at the sudden passing of Gerry in late September 2014. Gerry ran a very successful tyre business for many years in the centre of the village, a business which had been founded by his father Sonny as a local garage and petrol station many years before.

Gerry was a lifelong follower of the national games and served in many positions in the club during his lifetime. Ger excelled as a player winning a West U21 football title in 1969. He was also on the 1972 panel that won the West Junior Football title along with four of his brothers Martin, J.J., Noel and Tom.

When Gerry's playing days were over he remained very involved in club affairs and was a selector on the County winning Intermediate and U21B football teams of 1987. He was also a member of the finance committee that raised the money to pay for the fine field and facilities we have today and he was also very involved with the Juvenile club over many years.

Gerry comes from a family steeped in GAA some of whom are still involved in our underage teams and his brother Tom was once manager of the Tipperary minor football team.

As was fitting, his coffin was draped with the club flag and the cortege was met on arrival to New Inn church by a guard of honour of club members. Gerry is survived and deeply missed by his wife Mary, son Lee, daughters Lisa, Anne Marie and Zoe, brothers, sisters, relatives and large circle of friends. A great community man, friend and hard worker, may Gerry rest in peace.

Lar O'Dwyer (Newcastle GAA)

Lar O'Dwyer passed away in Northolt, London on 27th June and up until the time of his passing at the age of 94, was Newcastle GAA Club's oldest surviving player. Lar was born in Garran Casey in 1921, the third youngest of 11 children.

Newcastle was a fledgling club in the 1930s and victories were scarce but Lar showed great promise as a young hurler. He played at left half back in the club's memorable victory over Ballybacon Grange in the 1939 junior hurling championship and he was a member of the team that played Ballylooby at the official opening of Newcastle GAA Field on 14th Sept 1941.

Unfortunately, as was common at that time and like many other young lads of his age, emigration loomed and even though London was in the throes of war, work was available. Lar began his life in England working at building and enlarging airfields in preparation for the invasion of Europe. Part of his regular routine was registering as an "alien" at local police stations for the duration of the War.

However he came back to Ireland to marry a Ballybacon lady, Josie Fleming. Although they made their life in London, Lar never forgot his Newcastle roots and always followed the Club's fortunes with great interest. In later years he took great pleasure in frequently perusing his copy of the "History of Newcastle GAA Club 1932-2007". He delegated his youngest daughter, Bridget, to travel to attend the Club's "Gathering" celebration in 2013 on his behalf.

He was also an ardent Tipperary fan and during the eulogy at his funeral, his son commented on his despair during the lean period from 1972 to 1989 when Tipp didn't win any All Irelands!

Emblems used at his funeral included the Newcastle Club flag, soil from Garran Casey and a photo of the 1939 Newcastle team.

Ar dheis lámh De go raibh a anam dílis.



Liam O'Dwyer (St. Patricks)
1965 - 2015

In September of this year St. Patrick's GAA club lost Liam O'Dwyer after his brave battle with serious illness. Liam was a key player on our football and hurling teams in the 1980s and 1990s. He played in five South Junior Football Finals in 1985, '86, '87, '90 and '91 winning in '86 and '91 with a county title added in 91.

In 1991 Liam also won a South Junior hurling title. Earlier in his career Liam won a South U17 Football Final. With his playing days over, Liam acted as manager, selector and trainer of numerous St. Pat's teams. Liam was manager of St. Pat's minor football team in 1989 winning a South title and was again manager in 1998 winning a South Junior B hurling final. Apart from Liam's ability as a player he was one of the wittiest men ever to play for St. Pats.

Liam's funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Mullinahone- a testament to his huge popularity. Our sincere sympathies to his wife Colette, his children Nicola, Eoin and Brian, his mother Breda and his brothers and sisters Michael, Kathleen, Eileen and Eamon.

Ni bheidh a leithead aris ann. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Sean O'Dwyer (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
1936-2015

Sean was a great servant in the green and gold of MacDonaghs. He played corner-back on the juvenile team that overcame Moneygall in the 1951 North final. Sean was a member of the minor panel that got the better of Nenagh in the 1952 divisional decider and two years later he was part of the junior squad that saw off the challenge of Kilcommon in claiming the North title. In 1956, playing in his favoured berth at right corner-back, he collected his second junior medal as MacDonaghs prevailed against Toomevara in the North final. He progressed on to the senior team and lined out in the 1958 North final against Toomevara with the Greyhounds coming out on top. Injury ruled him out in 1959 when MacDonaghs reclaimed the Murphy Cup after a lapse of fifteen years. MacDonaghs and Toomevara squared up to each other once more in the 1960 North final with Toomevara regaining the title. Injury curtailed Sean's career and his retirement deprived the club of a dependable and tenacious defender who seldom failed to shine in the MacDonaghs colours. In March 2012 Sean and his colleagues from the successful 1951 juvenile team celebrated the diamond jubilee of that victory at a memorable function in the Thomas MacDonagh Complex. The O'Dwyer family is held in the highest esteem throughout the parish. During the War of Independence, Sean's father, Bill participated in the Modreeny Ambush on 3rd June 1921. Sean's brothers, Mick, Paddy and Eamon all enjoyed success with MacDonaghs. Sean's coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and club members formed a guard of honour as the funeral left St. Mary's Church and headed to Ballinree cemetery. To his wife, Margaret, sons, Gerard, John, Arthur, Enda and extended family sympathy is extended. Solas síoraí da anam uasal.

Ned O'Neill (Lattin Cullen)
1930-2015

Ned O'Neill passed to his eternal reward on 20th May after a long illness. Ned and his twin sister Mai were the youngest of a family of five born to Paddy and Grace O'Neill of Ballinleenty.

He had a great love for the G.A.A. and its games. He began his playing days with the Clonpet Club from 1946 to 1952. When that club disbanded, he joined up with Lattin Cullen in 1953. Winning medals Junior hurling 1955, J.F. 1957, S.F. 1958 and acted as a selector for many years. His playing days at an end, then began his greatest legacy to the club. He was a valued committee member from 1973 to 1986. He was a very motivating, impartial and successful Chairman 1987-1990. He had reason to celebrate the success of 1989, winning 8 trophies including a County Intermediate Football title. He has been Hon. President since 1994 and was honoured with a Sean Gael award in 2006. A regular Wednesday night card player in the clubhouse and continued to support all our fundraising events. Our deepest sympathy is tendered to his wife Peg, sons Pat, Mick, Tony, Oliver, John and Eamonn, daughters Nancy and Grainne and all his relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Pat O'Shea (Thurles Sarsfields)

You'd go a long way to find a more committed G.A.A. man than Pat O'Shea, Parkview Drive, Thurles, who passed away at the age of 86 on Nov 17th. Wherever or whenever Sarsfields or Tipperary were playing you were sure to find Pat, generally deep in conversation with some other like minded enthusiast, and always in good humour, irrespective of how the game went.

Pat's son Seamus, and his late brother, Dermot, wore the county jersey at minor level, a fact which filled him with pride. So too did the fact that his four boys, Seamus, Kevin, Donal and Colm, all wore the Sarsfields blue with distinction. These things mattered a lot to Pat. Indeed, the O'Shea family are renowned as one of the club's greatest supporting families.

Pat was born in Australia and returned to Ireland when only seven years of age. He was always proud of his roots in Borris/Ileagh and was well able to trace his family's history and genealogy over several generations. Much interesting information was gleaned from his many hours of research in the local history section of the Thurles library. Pat was butcher by trade, a craft associated with the O'Shea family for over seven generations.

Pat himself has been a selector with many of the club's underage teams and was Sarsfields representative on the Tipperary Football Board for many years also. Pat, also had the distinction of being involved in one of the first every coaching initiatives in Tipperary, when he worked with the Kerry footballer Mick O'Connell in a coaching capacity with the schools and clubs of the county.

Pat was one of the grassroots G.A.A. people whose contribution to the association is immense, although often unsung. He gave of his time and energy generously, supporting the teams and players, delighting in their successes, and supportive and encouraging when things did not go well.

Pat was on the Sarsfields committee for many decades, a position he held until his passing. In 2008 he was honoured with the award of Thurles Sarsfields Clubman of the Year.

No doubt Pat is enjoying his place in Heaven now, having rejoined other Sarsfields icons who passed on this year, particularly his two great friends, legendary Jimmy Doyle and the great Bobby Mockler, companions of many years standing.

He would have been thrilled with the gathering of GAA people who came to pay their final respects to a hugely popular hurling man. His coffin was draped in the Sarsfields and Tipperary colours and Sarsfields clubmen, formed a Guard of Honour as his remains were brought to the Cathedral of the Assumption, where he had served Mass as a young lad. They were there in force again as his funeral Mass and burial in St Patrick's Cemetery.

Our sympathy to his wife Eilish, sons, Seamus, Kevin, Donal, and Colm, daughters, Deirdre, and Eileen, brother, Michael, sisters, Breda Curran, Doreen, Joan Butler, Mary Teresa, and Margaret McGrath, his grandchildren and many relatives on the loss of a great family man and a great Tipperary man. I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.

Danny Pyne (Moycarkey-Borris)

The club lost a great supporter in 2015 with the death of Danny Pyne, Knockroe. He was a most loyal member and followed teams of all grades to many venues. A committee member, the late Danny was quiet personality but was a critical analyst of all performances and his remarks were also noted by those in charge. In the 1980's during that successful period for the club Danny enjoyed the successes. He would seldom miss a training session and was first at playing venues.

Freddy Quinn (Ardfinnan)
1944-2014

When the news came through on Thursday 9th October 2014 that Freddy Quinn, former Ardfinnan GAA player and Club Chairman, had died it was with a sense of disbelief and shock throughout the village and parishes of Ardfinnan, Grange and Ballybacon and indeed South Tipperary.

Freddy married Bernie in 1973 and they had three children Siobhán, Aidan and Colm. He was a great family man who always led by example. From an early age Freddy showed a



keen interest in football and played at full back in the clubs first ever South minor football championship winning team in 1961 and added the county minor title a few weeks later. In 1962 Freddy played at centre back for Ardfinnan minors who retained their South and County minor titles. That same year Ardfinnan won the South U21 title where Freddy played wingback. In 1962 Freddy also made his senior debut for Ardfinnan playing in goal and won a South and County senior football medal in his first year as a senior player. He also gained recognition at county level and played for Tipperary Minor footballers that same year. In 1963 Freddy won South and County U21 medals and also South and County Senior Football medals whilst he added South U21 medals in 64 and 65 and a South and County senior medal in 1964. When his playing career ended he became a member of the club committee in 1969 a position he held up until his death. He also took up the role of selector on both juvenile and adult teams and was a selector on the Senior team that won the South and County titles in 1974. Following a term as juvenile Club Chairman and senior Club Vice-Chairman Freddy became Chairman of club in 1996 a position he held for two years. He was also the club's delegate to County Football Board and South Tipperary Board. Freddy was always steadfast in his beliefs, who commanded great respect and liked to see the club players fully togged out in club colours and on field for matches on time. He attended all games the club played throughout his life and indeed never missed a league or championship game that the Tipperary footballers played always in the company of his lifelong friend and colleague Pete Savage. Both of Freddy's sons Aidan and Colm are also former senior players with the club.

When the club field was opened in 1988 Freddy played a leading role and when work needed to be done in dressing rooms or in the field he was always present to carry out the work. When the dressing rooms were upgraded last year he played a key role in the work giving his time unselfishly to ensure its completion. How fitting that following the announcement of his death that the club flag flew at half mast at club field.

The club formed a guard of honour at Grange Church at his removal and the huge numbers that attended his funeral is testimony to the esteem and respect in which he was held in the community. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his wife Bernie, daughter Siobhán, sons Aidan and his fiancée Sharon, Colm and his wife Alma, grandchildren Caoimhe, Lucy, Bríd and Alex, brother Alec, sister Kathleen Halpin, extended family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Ray Reidy (Thurles Sarsfields)
1937-2015

Fr. Ray Reidy, Clonmel and formerly of Mill Road, Thurles and St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow died on 10th June, after a brief illness.

Fr. Ray was born in Thurles in 1937 and played centre-back on Tipperary minor hurling team for three years being captain the third year in 1955, when they won the All-Ireland title. He played on Tipperary senior hurling teams from 1956 to 1960, winning an All-Ireland senior medal with the team of 1958.

In 1963, Fr. Ray Reidy S.P.S. Kiltegan was ordained to the priesthood and went on the missions to Nigeria. Despite his commitment to his priestly studies, which curtailed his availability, Ray's contribution to that golden era for Thurles Sarsfields club in the late 1950s and early '60s, was immense. Simply, but aptly described by a contemporary as "a class player" and a stylish wing-back, Ray's reading of the game, and the quality of his striking, were of the highest order. He played with an elegance that was a delight to watch and was widely admired, but when the going got tough he was never found wanting. In 2012, Fr. Ray Reidy was inducted into Thurles Sarsfields Hall of Fame.

Members of Thurles Sarsfields Club were present at his removal to S.S. Peter & Paul's Church, Clonmel. Following Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel, Kiltegan, Fr. Ray was buried in the Society cemetery.

On 22nd July 2015, Fr. Ray's sister, Mrs. Anne Doyle, Glenbane Holycross, died. Anne was predeceased by her husband John, former Tipperary hurler. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nanamnacha.

Patrick Devere Reynolds (Nenagh Eire Og)
1939-2015

Patrick Devere Reynolds was born on February 7th 1939 at Bachelors Walk Nenagh to Jack and Nell Reynolds. He grew up with a hurley constantly in his hand, beating his sponge ball against the old Jailhouse wall which encouraged quick hand to eye co-ordination.

At school his hurling career developed



rapidly and he was an automatic choice on all CBS teams. He played minor hurling and football for Nenagh for four years from 1954 to 1957 and soon progressed to play centre back on the Tipperary All Ireland minor winning hurling teams of 1956 and 1957. He played for Nenagh Eire Og senior team in 1956 at the age of 17 and was centre back on the team that won the North Tipperary championship in 1957 after an absence of 42 years. He was the complete hurler, skilled, stylish, intelligence with an uncanny sense of position and when he emigrated to USA in 1961 he was a major loss to Tipperary and Nenagh hurling.

The huge crowd at his funeral in New York bore testimony to the high esteem in which he and his family were held. Many a tear was shed to the strings of his favourite song "Meeting me on the Road to Nenagh".

He is survived by his three beautiful children Laurie, Doreen and Peter and his sister Noreen and brother Billy and predeceased by his wife Ann, sister Anne and brothers Frank and Dick.

Andrew Rossiter (Thurles Sarsfields)

Andrew Rossiter, Collins Park, Thurles, died on April 13th following a serious illness, borne bravely. Known to all as Andy, his love of hurling and his uncanny wizardry with the ball attracted attention as he progressed through the local schools, Dúrlas Óg and eventually to the forward division of Thurles Sarsfields minors in 1983. Andy was an exceptional minor hurler, showing great potential as he featured on the Tipperary minor team in 1984 and '85 and was top-scorer when Sarsfields won the county minor title in 1985.

Shortly after his minor days, Andy emigrated, disrupting his hurling career, but was back in his beloved blue jersey some years later. As a hurler, Andy was physically strong, well able to read the game, great ball-control and the eye for a score. He went on to win several Mid Tipperary medals and two county titles - Junior Hurling A in 1995 and Junior Hurling B in 2002. Andy retired from hurling the following year and played his part in team management for some years, where his banter and good humour enlivened many a serious dressing-room. He was a unique character, whose presence will be sadly missed around the centre and where-ever the 'Blues' take the field.

Andy's coffin bore the Sarsfields flag as friends and team mates provided a Guard of Honour at his removal and to his final resting place in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Sincere sympathy to Michelle and his children - Daniel, Keiran, Andrew and Kaelinn, to his mother Aileen, brother Richard, relatives and friends.



Eamonn Ryan (Boherlahan/Dualla)
1949-2015

On Wednesday 10th June, word spread of the untimely death of Eamonn Ryan, Thurlesbeg, Boherlahan. Although he had been sick for some time, Eamonn bore his illness with great fortitude, maintaining a positive and good humoured outlook to the end. As a player, he was a crafty corner or wing-back and played on into his mature years. Eamonn gave generously of his time to both the juvenile and adult club, fostering a love and passion for the games. He rarely missed a club game and took great pride in Tipperary. Eamonn stemmed from an old family in the parish renowned for their craftsmanship in the world of construction. He was gifted with his hands and had an abundance of musical talent, which he shared with both young and old. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Kathleen Ryan (Clonoulty & Cappawhite)

It was with great sadness that we heard of the news of the passing of Kathleen Ryan (nee O'Neill), Ballycamus, Clonoulty and formerly Clonganhue, Cappawhite on June 8th. Kathleen Twin as she was known to her friends in Cappa lived her life in full whether it was on the dance floor, playing Bingo or in her earlier years playing camogie and ladies football with Cappawhite and Doon. She won two camogie league and championship medals with Doon in 1973 & '75, playing in goals. In 1977 she was also in goals for the Cappawhite team which won the junior county camogie for the first time, and also won a junior football county medal in 1982. She will be fondly remembered by all her friends in Cappawhite ladies football and camogie.



Michael Ryan 'Sonny' (Clonoulty/Rossmore)
1944-2015

Clonoulty Rossmore GAA club lost one of its most loyal and faithful members on March 31st with the passing of Michael Ryan Sonny or "Festy" as he was affectionately known to all his friends. Michael's passion for hurling can be traced to his primary school days in Rossmore N.S. He went on to be a very talented goalkeeper and was a key member of the U-15 Juvenile team which got to a county final against Lorrha. Although beaten on the day, Michael's performance in goal was so outstanding that he was carried shoulder-high from the pitch by legendary Tipp goalkeeper Tony Reddin.

Michael continued to hurl for his club over the following years. He also represented his club as a selector at many grades. He was a very good judge of a player and had a shrewd eye for positional switches during a match. Michael's finest achievement came in 1989 when he was a selector on the senior hurling team that won West and County honours. Together with Tom Ryan and Owen Ryan he formed the 'Ryan selection team' that brought back the Holy Grail to the club. A visit to London the following year was part of that celebration. This was a trip of a lifetime for Festy. He met family members and others whom he hadn't seen for years who had emigrated from the parish to carve out careers in London. The club and community have lost a great character in Michael Ryan Sonny. The guard of honour on April 1st, a wet and very late Wednesday evening, was a testament to the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. Chairman Andrew Fryday gave the graveside oration and Pdraig and Liam Coen played his favourite song 'Eileen McManus' as we bade him a final farewell. To his family, relations and true friends we extend our deepest sympathy. We will not see his like again. May Heaven be in his bed.



Mikey Ryan (Kilruane MacDonaghs)
1934-2015

Mikey was a member of the 1952 MacDonaghs minor team that won the club's inaugural title in that grade with a victory over Nenagh. He played wing-forward on that day. The following year he was on the senior team that lost to a powerful Borris-Ileagh side in the North final. In 1958 he was wing forward on side that lost to Toomevara in the North final. The match report stated that he "battled hard against strong opposition." The following year Mikey wore the number one jersey when MacDonaghs turned the tables on the Greyhounds to recapture the Murphy Cup. He made a valuable contribution to that triumph with the *Guardian* report stating that "Mikey Ryan maintained his already high standard by giving another fine display." It added that "he was cool and confident and effected many fine saves." Toomevara took the honours the 1960 final, but the report credits Mikey with "making some fine saves." In 1962 Toomevara proved to be the stumbling block once more in the North final with MacDonaghs suffering an agonising two-point loss. In retirement, Mikey was a loyal supporter of MacDonaghs and in 1979 he acted as a minor selector. His sons Denis, Conor and Enda continued the family tradition by lining out with MacDonaghs. He was a renowned cattle and sheep farmer, winning innumerable prizes at various shows. The huge crowds that attended his funeral were an eloquent testimony to his popularity. Mikey loved sport in general and, while hurling was his favourite, he was a great follower of Kerry football and supported Manchester United. His coffin was draped in the MacDonaghs colours and former colleagues joined with current players and members in forming a guard of honour as the funeral headed to Cloughjordan Church. To his wife Marjorie, sons, Denis, Eoin, Conor, Enda, daughter, Maighread and extended family sympathy is extended. Suaimhneas síoraí da anam uasal.



Michael Tuohy (Ballina)

Michael Tuohy was a tough defender who won a North Tipperary Junior Hurling medal with Ballina in 1967. In that win over Roscrea, Michael played at right corner back. He enjoyed his playing career with the club through the '50s and '60s. After his playing career ended, Michael continued to be a loyal supporter of Ballina and Tipperary. We extend our sympathy to Michael's sons, daughters, grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



John Vaughan (Mullinahone)
1928 - 2015

One of the great characters of C.J. Kickhams GAA Club Mullinahone John Vaughan was well known throughout Tipperary and beyond for the various roles he has played in promoting all aspects of the GAA. While never a top table man he served as Manager, Selector, Advisor and Board Delegate. In December 2012 John stepped down as the Club County Board delegate having served in that position for 24 years (a span covering eight different County Chairmen). His decision brought to an end a long association of the Vaughan family with our adult club.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Kathleen, children; Vincent, Anne, Bernadette, Jack, Helen, Catherine, Edmund, Patricia, and his much loved 18 grandchildren.



Pat Donoghue (Cashel King Cormacs)
1930-2014

Pat Donoghue became involved with the Cashel King Cormacs soon after his arrival from Drogheda in 1963. Born in Kerry, where his love of Gaelic football was fostered, Pat joined An Garda Síochána in 1955 and, after a short term in Letterkenny, served for seven years in Drogheda. He was to serve as a plain clothes detective in Cashel until his retirement in 1985.

While in Drogheda Pat lined out for the Old Gaels, winning county titles in both 1958 and 1959. He quickly became involved with the Cashel King Cormac's club and coached and trained from under 12 right up to senior level in both hurling and football. His involvement in the G.A.A. intensified with the arrival of seven children to Una and himself, Paul, Pat, James (RIP), Sean, Donal, Ronan and daughter, Majella. All six sons represented Cashel and Tipperary at some level in both codes over the years. The highlight of Pat's involvement with the club was in 1991, when Cashel won the county senior hurling title for the first time and he had four sons on the panel. In 2006 the club made Pat an Honorary Life President and the Tipperary county board made him a member of Sean Laochra Gael for his lifelong dedication to the G.A.A. in the county.

It was a fitting tribute to a man who had given so much for so long in a totally unselfish manner to the G.A.A. way of life.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an anam dilis.

Tom Long (Tipperary Association, Limerick)
1933-2014

Tom Long was a native of Gortnahoe and best known as President of the Tipperary Association in Limerick where he resided in Westfields, North Circular Road. He worked for many years with Aer Lingus in Shannon and was a leading light in Na Píarsaigh GAA Club. He promoted the Tipperary GAA Members Draw for many years amongst Tipperary people in Limerick with the proceeds distributed to worthwhile charities in the City. A staunch Tipperary GAA supporter he was passionate about Tipperary hurling and as Association President he regularly honoured successful Tipperary teams and players at the Na Píarsaigh Clubhouse. We extend sympathy to his wife Joan and family.



Pat Lee (Roscrea)

On September 18th 2014 the good Lord called time on one of the great servants to Semple Stadium Roscrea's Pat Lee. While we were all aware that Pat's health was not the best his passing when it came was a great shock to us all especially to his wife and family. Pat first saw the light of day in Templetuohy and from an early age showed great interest and enthusiasm for the GAA and that continued when he moved to his adopted town Roscrea almost a half a century ago. For almost thirty years he was a loyal efficient and most courteous steward in Semple Stadium and endeared himself to all he came in contact with. He was a renowned musician and played at many a 'gig' over the years with Pat Costello's "Midnight Dynamoes" and Jim and Emby Kennedys "Candy Country". Pat had a tremendous interest in greyhounds all his life and he had the satisfaction of winning the "Irish Bitch Stake" at the famous "Charity Meadows" in Clonanna near Adare which was one of his greatest days on the coursing fields of Ireland. For many years he travelled to the famous Waterloo Cup with his many coursing friends and while reaching the quarter final of that most prestigious trophy, which was his best effort, the great musical sessions, associated with those great occasions which Pat was central to, will go down in history. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and family and pray that Heaven be his bed.

Tipperary Minor Hurling team - Munster Champions



Back row: Stephen Quirke, Dillon Quirke, Ruadhan Mulrooney, Shane Neville, Cathal Moloney, Daragh Carey, Liam McCutcheon, Kevin Hassett,

Alan Tynan, Garry Ryan, Cian Darcy, Ross Peters, Robert Byrne, Jack Derby, Jack Skelan, Tommy Lowry. Front row: David Roberts, Michael Connors, David Gleeson, Brian McGrath, James Quigley,

Lyndon Fairbrother, Darragh Peters, Padraic Hayes, Emmet Moloney, Enda Heffernan, Tommy Nolan, Gavin Dunne, Michael Ryan

Tipperary Senior Hurlers - Munster Champions 2015



Tipperary team that defeated Limerick in the Munster SHC semi-final at the Gaelic Grounds. Standing: (l to r) John O'Dwyer, Ronan Maher, Seamus Callinan, Padraic Maher, Patrick Maher, Shane McGrath, Brendan Maher, Darren Gleeson, Eamonn O'Shea (manager). Seated: Niall O'Meara, Paddy Stapleton, Jason Forde, James Woodlock, Conor O'Brien, Kieran Bergin, James Barry.