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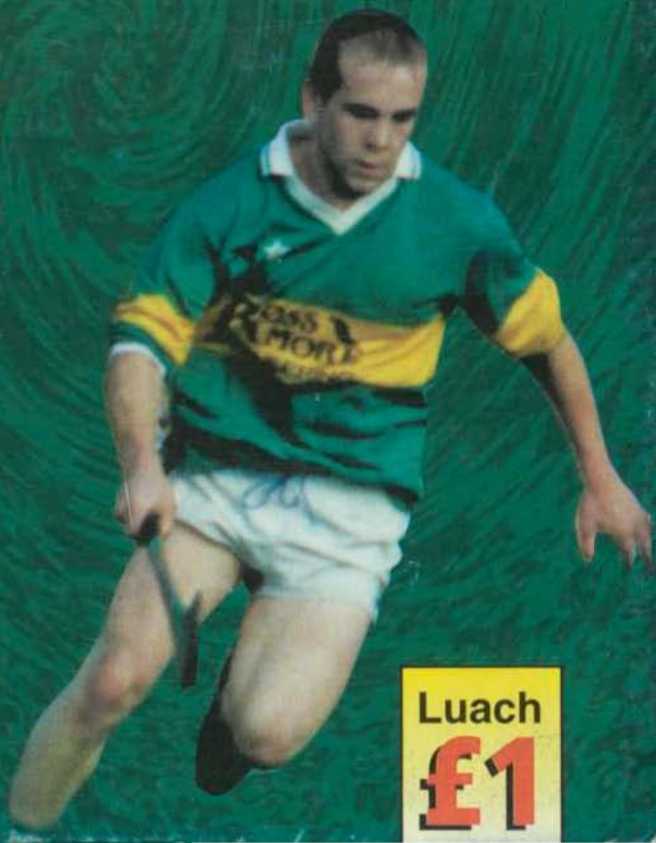
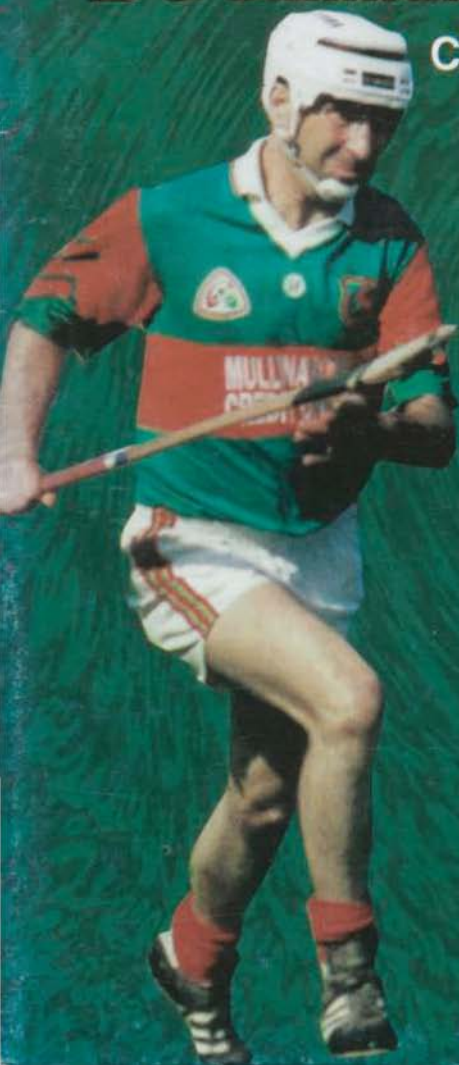
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Welcome to the Minor and Senior Finals of the Nenagh Co-Op Tipperary County Hurling Championships. County Final day is the showpiece of the year, and I hope that today's games will provide skill, excitement, sportsmanship and worthy champions at the call of time.

Mullinahone make history as they contest their first Senior Final. They played fast skilful hurling in the semi-final against Holycross-Ballycahill. Clonoulty-Rossmore had a sensational victory over reigning champions Boherlahan-Dualla, scoring three goals in the closing four minutes. Experience may favour Clonoulty-Rossmore, but the youthful enthusiasm of Mullinahone cannot be ignored. Both teams have an abundance of talent.

The Minor final between Toomevara and Golden-Kilfeacle is also a difficult one to call. Toomevara survived a determined Drom'n Inch team in their semi-final while Golden-Kilfeacle ousted Ballingarry in a superb game.

I thank our sponsors Nenagh Co-Op for their generous support. Also to John Quirke who is sponsoring "Man of the Match" in both games.

My thanks to the very many voluntary workers throughout the County who give so generously of their time to ensure that our National games and ideals are nurtured in the Premier County.

I hope that you, the supporters, enjoy the day here in Sempé Stadium. We all look forward to splendid sporting hurling.

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CLÁR AN LAE

1.30 p.m.: COUNTY MINOR HURLING FINAL

GOLDEN-KILFEACLE v. TOOMEVARA

Reiteóir: SEAMUS ROCHE (Kilsheelan)

3.00 p.m.: NENAGH CO-OP COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL

**C.J. KICKHAMS (Mullinahone)
v. CLONOULTY-ROSSMORE**

Reiteóir: MICHAEL CAHILL (Kilruane McDonaghs)



Buairchas

Maria Morrissey, County Youth Officer and Clonoulty-Rossmore; Richard Sheehan, Mullinahone; Noel Dundon 'Tipperary Star'; Liz Howard; Seamus O'Doherty; Jim Fogarty and Jerry Ring and Brendan O'Connor for their photography.

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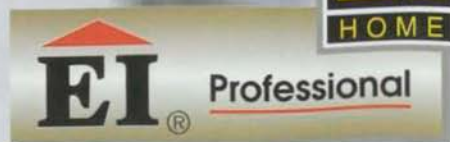


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TO paraphrase John B. Keane, Knocknagow has arisen and taken its place among the nations. A modern day Matt the Thresher, in the person of John Leahy, has brought his bunch of young braves to the County Final for the first time.

What an achievement this is for a parish, which up to the arrival of John Leahy in the late 1980s was known only as a football club. Since John's first donning of the blue and gold he has been followed in the Tipp jersey by the Kellys, Eoin and Paul, Sean Brett, Ky Vaughan, Eddie Carey, Brian O'Meara and Pat Croke. What a legacy Leahy has inspired.

There is only one word which can describe John's style while playing for the honour of the Little Village and, indeed, for his county, namely brio. During the semi-final against Holycross, leading by example, he stood in for every throw-in, took every line-ball and covered every blade of grass.

The real value of his contribution to Mullinahone is evidenced by the unusual statistic that in his club's last two games, against Knockavilla and Holycross, he was outscored in his contribution from play, respectively by Brian O'Meara and Paul Kelly.

Is there any other player, still in his

LEAHY THE LEADER



The Leahy brothers celebrate the semi-final victory.

prime, who has developed and encouraged such able lieutenants? This was particularly illustrated by his coaching of the Mullinahone minors to their appearance in last year's county final in which, ironically, they lost to Clonoulty-Rossmore. A number of those players will turn out alongside John against the same opponents in this year's senior final.

John's 'dark night of the soul' of a few years back has been thoroughly ventilated in the media. Perhaps it is now time to

acknowledge his contribution to his neighbours and friends in Mullinahone, his manliness and his innate modesty.

Leahy has been criticised for going for goal in this year's All-Ireland final. Who, having watched his sterling performances for Mullinahone and Tipperary in the last ten years, would have expected anything else? A great artist always works on a large canvas.

'What happens next is stirring in the dark that waits behind my shoulder. The story's open-ended'.

(From the *Story in the Bowl* by Michael Coady).

Seize the day, John!

Jim Fogarty (Cullen & Kilkenney)

THE MINOR



TOOMEVARA: Back row (l. to r.): Pádraig McGrath, Paddy O'Brien, Anthony O'Neill, Brian McGrath, Michael Kelly, Kevin Cummins, Andrew Ryan, Paul McGrath. Front row: Brendan Dunne, Andrew Ryan (captain), Stephen O'Meara, James O'Meara, Owen Brislane, Ken Hall, Thomas Ryan.

By Noel Dundon
(Tipperary Star)

The success of the Tipperary team in the minor grade over the past few years has prompted quite a bit of interest in today's final between Toomevara and Golden/Kilfeacle. Hurling enthusiasts around the county will be on the watch out for young starlets whom they feel should wear the county jersey in years to come and if they can stand up to the pressure and rigours of county final day they are ready for anything.

Of course Tipperary now have a new minor manager in Paudie Butler (Drom /Inch) and although he was involved as a selector with the team in the last few years he really has a hard act to follow Dinny Cahill who brought back the All-Ireland title after so long an absence. No doubt Butler and his co-selectors will be watching today for talent for the squad and they will be scouring the county in the next few months for players to make the grade.

The game today should be an entertaining opener to county final day. The fruits of the labours of both

clubs should be seen in Semple Stadium and it is everybody's dream to make it to a minor final. If you are lucky you might get two and that's what sets the minor final apart from all the others.

Golden/Kilfeacle have surprised a few people on their way to the final but they have showed time and again what a potent force they are. They have good forwards, something that is vital for any team, and their backline is strong and very determined.

As a whole the team is quite skillful and Semple Stadium should suit them down to the ground, if they

FINALISTS



GOLDENKILFEACLE: Back row (l. to r.): John Ryan (selector), Kevin McCarthy, Gerard Fogarty, James Tierney, Michael Carr, Aidan O'Sullivan, Damien Fogarty, Michael Sherlock, Robert Kennedy, P. J. Collins (selector), Pat Stapleton (selector). Front row (l. to r.): Aidan Fogarty, Richard Walsh, Seamus Carr, Mark Bargary, Danny Hallissey, Shane Stapleton, Thomas Ryan, Donncha Carr, Paul Fogarty, Anthony Ryan.

can get going in this game they will be quite difficult to stop and Toomevara will have their work cut out to beat them.

The North champions too have impressed in their run-up to the final. They beat Mid champions Drom/Inch in a fine game of hurling in the semi-final and although the weather conditions were atrocious both sides served up an entertaining clash. Toome' showed their mettle when it was put up to them and as always they are a very fine team and have key players all through the side. Toome' have a physical strength in this

minor team that is rarely seen in the grade and how they will cope in the big field remains to be seen. Like any team, some will prefer the big open space while others would relish tight pitches.

Whatever the outcome of the game today both sides can feel very proud of having made it to the county final. There was good opposition in the Premier County this year and it augurs well for the coming year at inter-county level. The amount of work that goes into preparing a team is incredible and the demands on managers

and selectors are increasing all the time. This is an occasion to praise them for what they have achieved and they have helped to turn boys into men.

Well done too to the players themselves who have slogged it out over the past few months in developing their skills and building up their fitness. That can only benefit them in the future and the sense of pride they feel when wearing the club colours generates a big buzz in the parishes.

Best of luck to both teams. Now, let the games begin.



Toomevara

Colours: Glas is Ór

(1)

P. MacCraith

PADRAIGH McGRATH

(2)

S. Ó Meára

STEPHEN O'MEARA

(3)

B. MacCraith

BRIAN McGRATH

(4)

S. Ó Meára

JAMES O'MEARA

(5)

B. Ó Duinn

BRENDAN DUNNE

(6)

A. Ó Riain

ANDREW RYAN

(7)

E. Ó Brisléain

OWEN BRISLANE

(8)

A. Ó Riain

ANDREW RYAN (capt.)

(9)

T. Ó Riain

THOMAS RYAN

(10)

C. de Hál

KEN HALL

(11)

P. Ó Briain

PADDY O'BRIEN

(12)

P. MacCraith

PAUL McGRATH

(13)

C. MacCoimin

KEVIN CUMMINS

(14)

M. Ó Ceallaigh

MICHAEL KELLY

(15)

A. Ó Neil

ANTHONY O'NEIL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Jerry Kelly, Frank Devaney, Declan O'Meara

Fir Ionaid:

(16) A. Ó Cofaigh
Allen Coffey

(17) B. Ó Duinn
Barry Dunne

(18) T. Ó hAisí
Thomas Hassett

(19) S. Ó Briain
John O'Brien

(20) R. Ó Teimhneain
Ronan Tynan

(21) B. Ó Beolláin
Brendan Boland

(22) A. Ó Slatara
Aidan Slattery

(23) M. Ó Dubháinaigh
Michael Devaney

(24) L. Ó Duibh
Bill Duff

(25) C. Ó Haicéid
Kevin Hackett

(26) B. Ó hAisí
Brian Hassett

(27) M. Ó Riain
Marty Ryan

Toomevara	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

Golden-Kilfeacle

Colours: Glas is Bán

(1)

D. Ó hÁileasa

DANNY HALLISSEY

(2)

S. Ó Carra

SEAMUS CARR

(3)

A. Ó Riain

ANTHONY RYAN

(4)

S. MacTiarnaigh

JAMES TIERNEY

(5)

T. Ó Riain

THOMAS RYAN

(6)

C. MacCartaigh

KEVIN MCCARTHY

(7)

M. Bargary

MARK BARGARY

(8)

A. Ó Fogartaigh

AIDAN FOGARTY

(9)

M. Ó Carra

MICHAEL CARR

(10)

G. Ó Fogartaigh

GERARD FOGARTY

(11)

D. Ó Fogartaigh

DAMIEN FOGARTY

(12)

A. Mac an Ghaill

SHANE STAPLETON

(13)

M. Scórlóg

MICHAEL SHERLOCK

(14)

A. Ó Suileabhain

AIDAN SULLIVAN

(15)

R. Ó Cinnaolaidh

ROBERT KENNEALY

ROGHNÓIRÍ: John Ryan, P.J. Collins, Pat Stapleton



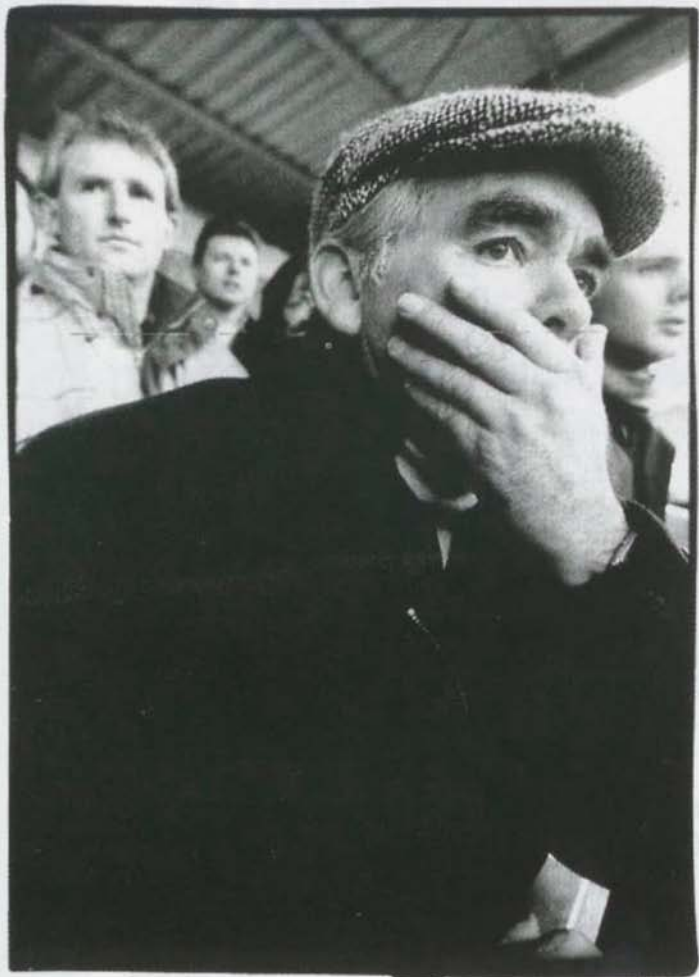
Fir Ionaid:

(16) R. Breathnach
Richard Walsh

(17) D. O'Carra
Donnacha Carr

(18) P. Ó Fogartaigh
Paul Fogarty

<i>Golden-Kilfeacle</i>	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
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"Tradition recently made"

IT IS LESS than a dozen years since the name of Mullinahone impinged itself on the hurling consciousness of Tipperary. In 1987 John Leahy burst onto the minor scene and failed, not through his own fault, to take a minor All-Ireland hurling medal back to Kickham's town.

John was to become the diamond which cut away all opposition in Mullinahone's relentless rise towards the top of the hurling tree. Others fell in behind their natural leader as Mullinahone took a first ever county hurling title - "21B" - in 1988 with a panel of only 18 players.

In 1989 the hurling surge went on. Senior and minor All-Ireland medals came to Mullinahone in September but then shock followed shock as "the boys of Kickham's town" won county junior and "21A" titles later in December 1989 (a very good month for hurling).

The two years of 1990 and 1991 were spent in intermediate grade, winning back-to-back South Tipp titles. Portroe defeated Mullinahone in the 1990 county final and injuries broke our effort in the '91 semi-final. By now the Skehan twins, Philip and Michael, and Brian O'Meara had become county minors. Sean Brett had given a magnificent display in Portlaoise in the All-Ireland junior final.

Even in defeat the Mullinahone lads will give everything. A new crop of hurlers were coming on-stream for club and county. Pat Croke was to be a hero for Tipp minors in the Munster final of 1993 against Cork.

The previous year Mullinahone had entered senior ranks and just a year later they took their first South Tipp senior

hurling crown, defeating 20 times champions Carrick Swan in the final.

In 1995 Mullinahone took another South Tipp senior title, but the year before a new crop of juveniles again swept all before them to win a county under-12A hurling and football double. Two years later the same team were the first ever winners of the Tipperary "14A" championship. Their captain, Eoin Kelly, is a member of today's panel. At 15 he is already a county minor and is likely to see senior action.

He follows in the footsteps of his brother Paul who along with Eddie Carey played on the 1996 All-Ireland winning Tipp minor hurling team and brought back those elusive minor medals to Mullinahone. Last year Mullinahone again captured the "21A" and minor hurling titles in Tipperary.

The waters behind the dam are building. Can Leahy and O'Meara drill through the dam and sweep tradition aside? Will today be yet another day of destiny for Mullinahone? Prior to John Leahy in 1987, only one Mullinahone man had played championship hurling once for

Tipperary in all of 103 years. It is but a decade since "things fall apart, the centre cannot hold a terrible beauty is born."

The champions of West and Mid have fallen before the hurling princes of the South. It is 28 years since a Southern side has challenged for premier hurling honours. It is 30 years since Davins took the last title South and 50 since "Swans" took the first title to the modern South division. Can Clonoulty/Rossmore halt the drive of Leahy's lads and the onward march of Tipperary hurling history?



Ricky Sheehan - one of the men behind Mullinahone

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BERNADETTE RYAN (11)
– Turraheen N.S.

Three goals in the last four minutes gave Clonoulty-Rossmore a great win in the semi-final. Boherlahan looked as if they were going to win. With four minutes to go Declan Ryan scored a goal, followed by another, then Maurice Quirke clinched the title for Clonoulty/Rossmore by scoring the third. I was thrilled with the result. I am looking forward to the County Final. I hope it will be an exciting and lively match but that Clonoulty-Rossmore will be victorious.



(L-R): Timothy Hammersley, Thomas Lyng, Bernadette Ryan, Joe O'Keeffe.

JOE O'KEEFFE (10) – Rossmore N.S.

I was only two years old when Clonoulty-Rossmore won the last time. My Mammy told me I was at the match but that I slept. I will stay wide awake on Sunday. My aunt is coming home from England for the match.

When we win we will celebrate with bonfires and the cup will come to the school. We might even get a day off school. Everyone is looking forward to Sunday and there are flags and banners up everywhere. The whole parish will be in Thurles.

THOMAS LYNG (11) – Ballagh N.S.

Bhí sceitimíní atháis agus gliondar croí orm nuair a bhuaigh Cluain an Ulaigh-Ros Mór an cluiche leath cheannais. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an bua acu ar an Domhnach seo chugainn freisin.

TIMOTHY HAMMERSLEY (9) – Clonoulty N.S.

I was feeling a bit upset when I felt Clonoulty-Rossmore were going to lose the county semi-final. When Declan and Maurice scored the winning goals it was so exciting it was amazing. I was so happy I waved and waved my flag. I was too young to remember the last time they won a County Final, but maybe I will see them do it on Sunday.

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KEVIN BOLGER (10) – Poulacapple N.S.

I am really excited about my team playing in the county senior hurling final in Semple Stadium. It is going to be a great day with all the noise from the crowd, the colour and the team marching behind the band.

MICHAEL EGAN (11) – Mullinahone N.S.

I have been going to Mullinahone games since I was 2 years of age. My idol is John Leahy. I hope we win today because if we do John Leahy will be captain of the Tipperary team. Declan Ryan wouldn't be bad but John would be better.
UP MULLINAHONE!



(L-R): Kevin Bolger, Michael Egan, Alan Curran, John Skehan

ALAN CURRAN (12) – Kilvennon N.S.

The last time Mullinahone were in a county final I was too young to remember but this year I doubt I will ever forget. The colour and excitement has been fantastic. There is a great buzz about the little village. It's brilliant to witness it and make's me very proud to be from Mullinahone.

JOHN SKEHAN (12) – Mullinahone N.S.

I am delighted to see Mullinahone in their first county final. It is a great achievement. Mullinahone have been senior for only 3 years. I think they are good enough to become county champions for 1997.

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numerous to mention individually*

An Open Verdict

By

LIZ HOWARD

(P.R.O. Tipperary G.A.A. Board)

I'M REALLY looking forward to both games today. County final day is a special day, the culmination of a season of effort and hard work by the participating teams. Any club fortunate enough to have played in a county final knows the wonderful "buzz" it generates in the parish, not only for the players but almost for the entire community. The sense of anticipation and unity of purpose, provides a common bond.

Mullinahone have captured the public imagination. Most people respond favourably to a new team arriving on the scene. Mullinahone are relative newcomers to senior ranks. They concentrated on their juvenile members and are now reaping the rewards. The emergence of John Leahy as one of the country's top hurlers helped to maintain interest in the club. John is and has been a regular at juvenile games in which Mullinahone participate. Players such as Paul and Eoin Kelly, Eddie Carey, Brian O'Meara, Ky Vaughan, Pat Croke and Sean Brett have worn the blue and gold with distinction, which has a positive spin-off.

The choice of Theo English as coach is an inspired one. There are few

shrewder judges in the game. Theo is also very tuned into fitness. This was a big factor in the semi-final. Granted Holycross /Ballycahill had a demanding schedule of matches and showed signs of tiredness in the semi-final, but Mullinahone were flying fit.

John Leahy has had his hand in plaster until Friday, this has to curtail his level of fitness. His rôle in the semi-final was one of significant influence, he worked wherever he was needed, falling back into defence as extra cover, moving forward to pick off points and generally supporting his team mates. Paul Kelly was another player who impressed, his points were top class. I feel that he is an excellent prospect, such is his level of skill. Eddie Carey, Seán Brett, Ky Vaughan, Damien Maher and Pat Croke contributed handsomely, in what essentially was a team effort.

It was a real case of "it's never over until the fat lady sings", for Clonoulty / Rossmore, who hammed home three late goals against champions, Boherlahan - Dualla. Some spectators had already left before the late rally and only heard the news hours later. Declan Ryan and Maurice Quirke came alive and devastated the champions.

Noel Keane had a powerful game, he toiled when it looked all over for Clonoulty. "Big Dec" showed his power and skill, albeit late in the game, but that's Declan, he has such natural ability. Andrew Fryday's saves against Philip O'Dwyer were also a factor, he showed his experience to good stead. Maurice Quirke had a solid game all through, while "Bonny" took his frees well.

John Kennedy, Dan Quirke and Peter Brennan are recovering from injuries, all three are seasoned players. Clonoulty have the edge of experience and are also physically stronger. They also have the capacity to slow a game to suit their style of play. They have been through "the mill" in recent years, a valuable asset on final day.

Whichever side wins, we will have a popular captain to lead Tipperary. Declan commands respect and nothing phases him. A fine singer (only heard on occasions) he also has a laid back sense of humour. Leahy is Leahy, Tipperary loves him. He has matured into a fine person after some difficult times.

The minor clash promises to be an intriguing clash, both sides have fine players. Toomevara are veterans when it comes to finals, Paddy O'Brien, Andrew Ryan, Benny Dunne, Eoin Brislane and Kevin Cummins being their brightest stars. Golden/Kilfeacle impressed when disposing of Ballingarry, Kevin McCarthy, Aidan Sullivan, Aidan Fogarty and Seamus Carr were outstanding in an excellent side. The verdict is wide open.

As the hurling year draws to a close, no doubt people will be looking for new talent for the county team, keep your eyes open today. Enjoy county final day, one of the best day's in the year.



Referee Michael Cahill

Nol An Óige

An Introduction

Mol An Óige is a multi-stranded system development project covering the area of North Tipperary. The target group is ten to twenty year olds who are at the risk of failing at school and consequent lifelong marginalisation. It aims, through a series of innovative measures, to enable providers from education and other systems, as well as Community Organisations, to respond flexibly to meeting their needs.

The local G.A.A. Club / Camogie Club can play a part in Mol An Óige, giving such young people a sense of purpose and inclusion in their activities. Joe McDonagh, President of the G.A.A., is one of the speakers at a National Conference in Dromineer Bay Hotel, Dromineer, Nenagh on November 28.

C.J. KICKHAMS – MULLINAHONE – CO

Liam O'Connor (Captain) (28). General operative. In goal for Tipp in first ever Tony Forristal win in 1983. County U21B, U21A and Junior medals.

Kyran Vaughan (21). Farmer. Played Minor hurling and football and U21 football with Tipp. All-Ireland Colleges S.H. medal with St. Kieran's.

Sean Brett (30). Company Director. Played football for Tipp at all grades and in All-Ireland finals of 1984 (M.F.), 1990 (J.H.) and 1995 (S.F.'B'). Has come back from two cruciate ligament operations.

Jackie Bolger (35). Electrician. The "Daddy of the side". Current Club Chairman. County Junior hurling medal 1989. All-Ireland Firms 'B' medal. Played previously with Éire Óg.

Paul Cahill (19). Seagate employee. Played previously with Ballyneale/ Grangemockler. U21F. with Tipperary in 1997.

Noel Leahy (26). Salesman. Played Junior football with Tipperary 1997 and member of county Senior football panel 1997. Has county U21'B' hurling and football and U21'A' hurling medals.

Tony Dalton (23). Electrician. All-Ireland Colleges 'B' medal with Callan C.B.S. South Tipperary Senior medal 1993/95.

John Leahy (28). Company Rep. Played for Tipperary at nearly all grades of hurling and football. The Club's first ever All-Ireland medalist. Twice an "All Star" – so far. Ambition: To win a county Senior hurling title with the "Little Village".

Eddie Carey (19). Student. All-Ireland Minor hurling medal 1996 – a first for Mullinahone. Many under-age awards.

Paul Kelly (19). Factory worker. All-

Meet the players



Ireland Minor hurling medal 1996 – a first twice over for Mullinahone. Tony Forristal and Nenagh Co-op. medals. Captain of Tipperary Vocational schools' team 1997.

Brian O'Meara (24). Fitzgibbon Cup medal with Waterford R.T.C. Has represented Tipperary in four grades of championship hurling. North American Senior hurling medal 1992 with Boston Tipps.

Damien Maher (19). Student. Played on five South Tipp championship winning teams in 1996: I.F., U21'B' F., Minor 'B' F., U21'A' H., and Minor 'A' H. A first cousin of Limerick's James and Ollie Moran.

COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINALISTS 1997

County of Mullinahone



Above: C.J. KICKHAMS (Mullinahone) – County Senior Hurling Finalists 1997. – BACK ROW (l.-r.): Sean Brett, Brian O'Meara, Edward O'Brien, Tony Dalton, Mossy Tobin, Noel Leahy, John Leahy. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Paul Kelly, Kyran Vaughan, Damien Maher, Liam O'Connor, Pat Croke, Paul Cahill, Jackie Bolger, Eddie Carey.

Mossie Tobin (31). Computer operative. Nephew of former Kilkenny player Mick Brophy. His early goal in the semi-final proved vital.

Pat Croke (22). Fitter-Welder. Star of Tipp's M.H. win over Cork in 1993. All-Ireland U-21 hurling medal 1995. Has a habit of notching up four goals in a game!

Edward O'Brien (18). Apprentice butcher. Played also with Ballingarry. Minor football with Tipp 1997. Another star of the future.

Eoin Kelly (15). "The baby of the team". Played Minor hurling with Tipperary 1997. Munster Minor hurling medal 1997. Potentially great forward or goalkeeper.

Alan Foxe (22). Office worker. All-Ireland Colleges 'B' with Callan C.B.S. Skilful defender who has also played up front.

Dermot Hackett (19). Student with Waterford I.T. a bright prospect with numerous under-age awards.

Michael Skehan (25). Quantity Surveyor. Played Minor with Tipperary. A first-class defender who can also play in attack.

John McCormack (35). Factory worker. Ever present for Club on all hurling teams. Numerous awards with Club.

Kevin O'Meara (21). Student. Seriously injured in accident earlier in the year. He was ever present on team until then.

Paul Curran (16). Student at Scoil Ruain. Likely to be Mullinahone's next Tipperary Minor hurler.

Kieran Kennedy (21). Student. Numerous under-age awards with Club.

Brendan O'Sullivan (21). Student. Member of Waterford I.T. football panel. Numerous under-age awards.

Ger Costelloe (23). Farmer. Played with Callan C.B.S. Numerous under-age awards.

Ger Dalton (22). Recently qualified in construction management. Numerous under-age awards.



Clonoulty/Rossmore

Colours: Green & Gold

(1)

A. Fryday

ANDREW FRYDAY

Fir Ionaíd:

(16) A. Ó Cinnéide
Alan Kennedy

(17) R. Ó hÉatháin
Rody Ahern

(18) M. Ó Cadhain
Micheál Coen

(19) M. Ó hAodha
Michael Hughes

(20) P. Ó Coirc
Philip Quirke

(21) D. Ó Coirc
Dan Quirke

(22) L. Ó Mantáin
Liam Manton

(23) B. Ó Floinn
Barty Flynn

(24) S. Ó Cofaigh
Seamus Coffey

(25) N. Ó hIfeárnáin
Nollaig Heffernan

(26) L. Ó Cahain
Liam Coen

(27) R. Ó Máirtín
Richard Martin

(2)

M. Ó Riain

MICHEÁL RYAN

(3)

N. Ó Céin

NOEL KEANE

(4)

P. Ó Braonáin

PETER BRENNAN

(5)

M. Ó hIfeárnáin

MICHAEL HEFFERNAN

(6)

A. de Buitléir

AIDAN BUTLER

(7)

A. Ó Cinnéide

JOHN KENNEDY

(8)

C. Ó Riain

KEVIN RYAN

(9)

C. Ó Lanagáin

KEVIN LANIGAN-RYAN

(10)

M. Ó Braonáin

MICHAEL BRENNAN

(11)

M. Ó Coirc

MAURICE QUIRKE

(12)

M. Ó Cinnéide

MICHAEL KENNEDY

(13)

S. Ó Riain

JAMES RYAN

(14)

D. Ó Riain

DECLAN RYAN

(15)

M. Ó hIfeárnáin

MICHAEL HEFFERNAN

ROGHNÓIRÍ: T. J. Ryan (*Manager*), Kevin Fox (*Trainer*),
Joe Hammersley, Dr. J. O'Sullivan (*Team Physician*)

<i>C'noulty/R'more</i>	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

C.J. Kickhams (Mullinahone)

Colours: Green above Red

(1)

L. Ó Conchúir

LIAM O'CONNOR (Capt.)

(2)

A. Daltúin

TONY DALTON

(3)

S. de Breit

SEAN BRETT

(4)

S. Ó Bolgair

JACKIE BOLGER

(5)

P. Ó Cathail

PAUL CAHILL

(6)

N. Ó Laocha

NOEL LEAHY

(7)

C. Ó Macháin

KYRAN VAUGHAN

(8)

S. Ó Laocha

JOHN LEAHY

(9)

E. Ó Cíara

EDDIE CAREY

(10)

P. Ó Ceallaigh

PAUL KELLY

(11)

B. Ó Meara

BRIAN O'MEARA

(12)

D. Ó Meachair

DAMIEN MAHER

(13)

M. Ó Tóibín

MOSSIE TOBIN

(14)

E. Ó Briain

EDWARD O'BRIEN

(15)

P. Cróc

PAT CROKE

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Sean Waltzer, John Croke, Jimsy Kelly,
Theo English (Coach).



Fir Ionaid:

(16) E. Ó Ceallaigh
Eoin Kelly

(17) A. Ó Sionnaigh
Alan Foxe

(18) D. Haicéid
Dermot Hackett

(19) S. Mac Cormaic
John McCormack

(20) C. Ó Meara
Kevin O'Meara

(21) Paul Ó Curáin
Paul Curran

(22) M. Mac Sceacháin
Michael Skehan

(23) G. Daltúin
Ger Dalton

(24) C. Ó Cinnéide
Kieran Kennedy

(25) B. Ó Suilleabháin
Brendan O'Sullivan

(26) G. Mac Coisteala
Ger Costelloe

(27) T. Ó Cathail
Thomas Cahill

C.J. Kickhams	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

CLONOLTY-ROSSMORE – COUNTY

Andrew Fryday (33). Farmer/Agricultural Contractor – Married to Kathy. Senior goalkeeper for club. Member of 1989 Clonolty/Rossmore senior county final winning team. Selector on last year's Clonolty/Rossmore minor county final winning team.

Micheál Ryan (22) Company Representative – son of newly appointed county minor selector Denis Ryan. Favourite playing position – backs.

Noel Keane (28) (Captain) Carpenter. Married to Sandra. Member of 1989 Clonolty/Rossmore senior county final winning team. Favourite playing position – backs. Now living in Rosegreen next door neighbour of Ramie Ryan (county player).

John Kennedy (33) Bank of Ireland Finance Manager. Married to Martina – three children. Member of 1989 Clonolty/Rossmore senior county final winning team. Captained Tipperary to All-Ireland hurling minor victory. He was also former Tipperary senior hurling selector.

Kevin Ryan: (28) Electrician. He was a member of the 1989 Clonolty-Rossmore senior county final winning team, also Tipperary All-Ireland winning Under-21 team of that year. Brothers Cecil and Patrick also on Clonolty-Rossmore 1989 team. Cousin of former Limerick manager Tom Ryan. Favourite playing position – centrefield.

Kevin Lanigan-Ryan: (21) Student. Captain of this year's Clonolty/Rossmore winning U-21 West Final team. Favourite playing position – centrefield.

James Ryan: (19) Student at University of Limerick. Son of former club chairperson Jim Ryan "Hanna" and brother of David of the Clonolty-Rossmore 1989 team. Member of last years successful county minor winning team. Sister Elaine married to former Tipp senior hurler Bobby Ryan.

Michael Heffernan: (19) Farmer. Member of Clonolty-Rossmore county final winning minor team. Cousin of Nollaig and Michael "Shiner" Heffernan. Favourite playing position – half-back line.

Aidan Butler (22) Farmer. Member of Tipperary All-Ireland winning U-21 team in 1995. Cousin of Declan Ryan. Father T. J. won All-Ireland U-21 medal with Tipp in 1964. First father and son combination to achieve this distinction. Member of 1997 Tipperary senior hurling panel. Favourite playing position backs.

Rody Ahern: (22) Farmer. Captained club U-21

Meet the players of



team which contested last year's county final. Favourite playing position – half-back line.

Maurice Quirke: (26) Computer programmer – Consistent member of the senior panel since 1990. Brother of Dan and Philip – scored the winning goal against Boherlahan in the semi-final. Would play centrefield on the half-forward line.

Michael "Bobby" Kennedy (19) Carpenter. Member of All-Ireland winning Tipperary minor team of 1996. Captain of Clonolty/Rossmore county minor champions of 1996. Versatile player.

Micheál Coen: (20) Student at University of Limerick. Son of club secretary Michael Coen. Brother of Liam. Member of last years Clonolty/Rossmore U-21 team that reached the county final. Favourite playing position – forwards or midfield.

Declan Ryan: (29) Company Rep. Married to Olive, who is sister to Andrew Fryday. Olive's twin sister

SENIOR HURLING FINALISTS 1997

Clonoulty-Rossmore



Above: Clonoulty/Rossmore – County Senior Hurling Finalists 1997. – BACK ROW (l.-r.): John Kennedy, Aidan Butler, Michael Coen, Michael Heffernan, Andrew Fryday, James Ryan, Maurice Quirke, Michael Ryan. FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Rory Aherne, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Noel Keane, Michael Heffernan, Kevin Ryan, Declan Ryan.

Hazel is married to Dan Quirke – member of Clonoulty/Rossmore 1989 team. Has won every honour in the game and has contributed greatly to club and county over the years. A model to any aspiring young hurler.

Michael "Shiner" Heffernan: (33) Sales Manager. Married to Mary. Now living in Two-Mile-Borris. One child. Member of Clonoulty/Rossmore 89 team. Manager of last years Clonoulty/Rossmore county final winning minor team. Favourite playing position – forwards.

Alan Kennedy: (17) Student. Nephew of team-

mate John Kennedy. Member of last year's successful county minor winning team.

Michael Brennan: (26) Farm Manager. Nephew of club chairperson John Kennedy and minor selector Denis Ryan. Michael has been a consistent member of all club teams.

Peter Brennan: (37) Came to parish as Curate from Drangan. Harty Cup winning medal with Templemore C.B.S. – All-Ireland winning medal with Tipperary U-21 team. County senior hurling medal with Loughmore/Castleiney in 1988. Favourite playing position – full-back.

Michael Hughes: (26) Metal Fabricator. Member of 1996 winning Clonoulty/Rossmore senior hurling West Final – captained club U-21 team – winning West Final. Favourite playing position – half-back.

Nollaig Heffernan: (22) Student in Maynooth. Member of last years Club U-21 team who contested the county final. Favourite playing position – half-back line.

Philip Quirke: (28) Electrician. Married to Sadie. Member of 1989 team. Dedicated club player. Captained last year's club junior hurling team. Favourite playing position – full-back.

Liam Manton: (17) Student. Member of last year's Clonoulty/Rossmore winning minor county final team. Panelist on this year's Tipperary minor panel. Favourite playing position – full-back.

Seamus Coffey: (27) Electrician. Cousin of today's team manager T. J. Ryan. Keen goal scorer but also net minder when called upon. Product of under-age hurling.

Bartie Flynn: (17) Apprentice Electrician. Member of last years county minor team. Favourite playing position – half-backs.

Liam Coen: (23) Carpenter. Brother of Micheál. Son of club secretary Michael. Member of Clonoulty U-21 West Final

winners in 1991 and 1993.

Dan Quirke: (29) Restaurant owner. Married to Hazel, who is sister of Olive (Declan Ryan's wife) and Andrew Fryday. One daughter. Member of 1989 team. Member of Tipperary All-Ireland winning U-21 team of 1989. Captained the club to an U-16 county hurling final.

Richard Martin: (38) FÁS Employee. Local servant of the club at all grades for many years. Member of the '89 team. Played in Junior B West semi-final this year. Favourite playing position – corner-forward.



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A HAPPY ENDING TO THE FAIRYTALE

Séamus O'Doherty

ON SEPTEMBER 1st 1996, John Leahy sat as an unrecognised face in the crowd, at the All-Ireland hurling finals, in Croke Park. From his seat in Section P of the Hogan Stand, he watched Mullinahone club mates Paul Kelly and Eddie Carey do their utmost in pursuit of a minor victory for Tipperary. Thereafter, John observed a Wexford team defeat Limerick in the senior final.

At the conclusion of the days play, a departing supporter suggested to him that a place on the pitch

should be his All Ireland target for 1997.

In a year that will hold mixed memories, John duly made it to the pitch and even if fortune didn't favour the brave on that occasion, his season has included many highlights.

The emergence of his club has ensured a whole new interest in today's County Senior Final. It is the first time the south division has produced a finalist since 1969, when Carraig Davins sustained a heavy loss to the powerful Roscrea squad which dominated that era.

New teams always bring colour, excitement and

anticipation and Mullinahone are no exception. The efforts of John Leahy and his colleagues will be vociferously supported by their partisan followers, but their enthusiasm will be complemented by the many neutrals who would love to witness an historic breakthrough for the C.J. Kickhams club.

The 'arrival' of this club has been rapid in hurling terms. Ten years ago the name of John Leahy was first noted as he earned a place on the Tipperary Minor team which reached the All-Ireland final. This boost ignited the club and a memorable 1988 was followed by an amazing 1989 which saw county honours annexed in Junior and Under 21 hurling. Clonoulty Rossmore were the surprising victims in that Under 21 decider played at Holy-cross. The good work continued and the highpoint was probably reached when the south Tipp club won Under 12 county honours in 1994 and Under 14 county honours in 1996. Thereafter all things were possible!

It was only last year that Clonoulty Rossmore got their revenge on the green and red when their minors managed to secure victory by a point in the decider. Now John Leahy has plenty of support from a decade of work with juveniles. In the recent semi final victory

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over Holycross Ballycahill the southerners showed great composure and continued to shoot points from all angles, even after the mid champions had capped a great rally, by levelling the scores with a few minutes to go. The guiding hand of their experienced coach Theo English was clearly visible in a confident display. In an ordinary year, Clonoulty Rossmore would probably enjoy much more support. Their path was perilous but after their semi final comeback their bid for success will be taken very seriously today. Among their rivals is another very popular hero in Declan Ryan, whose goal scoring exploits kept the club alive when it looked like they had been overrun by the defending county champions. Kevin Fox has been coaching Clonoulty Rossmore and he knows how difficult the final hurdle will be. Injury problems have been an unwelcome distraction. Patrons were impressed by the strong finishes in both semi finals and there is no doubt that today's finalists will last the pace. It is only eight years since the westerners lifted the county title, so they have some experience of the big day within their squad. The recent trends have been for Mullinahone to score regularly (1-20 v. Kickhams and v. Holycross Ballycahill), while Clonoulty Rossmore's practice has



Liam O'Connor, Mullinahone captain.

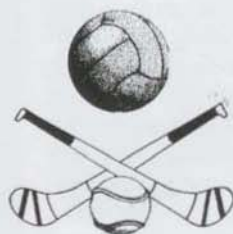
been to score less frequently, but to raise green flags (4-9 v. Ballingarry and 4-12 v. Boherlahan Dualla).

If that form is maintained today a high scoring decider is a probability. Mullinahone were somewhat 'loose' in their full back line last time out and Clonoulty Rossmore had similar problems. Unless there is more dedicated marking, green flags could decide the outcome. As we said the last day - what is

rare is wonderful. Is it too much to anticipate another day of drama with a fairytale ending for the debutants or will the perceived strength of the westerners prevail? One hour will tell and at the end of that we should know the identity of Tipperary's next captain. I can't help feeling that John Leahy has some unfinished business in Croke Park on All Ireland day. Perhaps the fairytale is only beginning!



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1988:

Quarter Finals:

Killenaule 5-14, Knockvilla/Danaskeagh
Kickhams 4-6; Cashel K.C. 3-11, St.
Mary's 2-6.

1991:

Quarter Finals:

Cappawhite 2-18, Killenaule 0-13;
Cashel K.C. 4-18, Carrick Swans 1-7.

1994:

Quarter Finals:

Cashel K.C. 1-19, Mullinahone 1-7.
Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-20, Ballingarry 0-4.

1997:

Quarter Finals:

Clonoulty/Rossmore 4-9, Ballingarry 1-10;
Mullinahone 1-20, Kickhams 0-15.

1997:

County Final:

Mullinahone v Clonoulty-Rossmore

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Bits and Pieces

Golden-Kilfeacle have not appeared in a Minor "A" Co. Hurling Final since losing to Roscrea in 1967. The score was 4-7 to 0-3.



Noel Keane (Clonoulty/Rossmore captain)

The last team from the South Division to reach the county senior hurling final was Carrick Davins. They lost the 1969 final to Roscrea on a 4-13 to 0-5 scoreline.

Mullinahone might be encouraged by Cappawhite who won their first senior title in 1987, Kilruane McDonaghs who did the same in 1977. Carrick Davins who retained their crown in 1967 and their south neighbours Carrick Swans who were champions for the only time in 1947. Is "7" still a lucky number for "new" teams?

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Clonoulty-Rossmore 1989-1997

IT IS now eight years since Clonoulty-Rossmore's historic County Senior Hurling Final success and, like all clubs, the intervening years have brought their ups and downs. Today's team is radically different from that of 1989 in that only seven of the first fifteen of the team of '89 are panelists today.

Andrew Fryday, our local custodian of many campaigns, remains in goal. John Kennedy, despite a career blighted by frequent injuries, retains an admirable appetite for the game. Noel Keane, a sprightly 20 year old in '89, has developed into one of the most consistent and powerful defenders in Tipperary club hurling. At centrefield, Kevin Ryan has consistently shown good form for his club since '89, while in attack Michael "Shiner" Heffernan, Dan Quirke and Declan Ryan survive. "Shiner's" loyalty to his club is unquestionable, he has combined his playing duties for the last four years with coaching the minor team with his friend and colleague Andrew Fryday and they reaped their just rewards last year with a memorable county final victory. When on song, Dan Quirke is a formidable forward, with strength and accuracy which has caused grief to many a good defender. What can one say to Declan Ryan? At club and county level he has produced the goods while not always getting the acclamation he deserves. Declan carries a huge burden of responsibility and expectation onto the field each time he lines out but the unassuming big man has been awesome, his loyalty unflinching. Of such a man one can only say "Ní bheidh a leithéad arís ann".

Gone from '89 are such notables as Joe and Peter Hayes, Cecil Ryan, David Ryan, Seamus Hammersley, Phil

Shanahan and Tommy Kennedy while T. J. Ryan, who captained the side that year is team manager today.

To fill the void left by the loss of these

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Treasurer: JOE HAMMERSLEY.

players some "new kids" have arrived on the block, the product of a series of teams which achieved successes at under-age level.

Coincidentally, four of today's players, Michael Kennedy, Michael Heffernan, Micheál Coen and James Ryan were members of the U-12 team which won the West "B" final in '89. While the senior team were celebrating their victory the U-12s went on a weekend exchange to County Antrim club, Cushendall.

When Clonoulty-Rossmore won the county final in '89 six members of the panel had previously won county minor final medals in 1981, while five others had county U-16 medals. On this year's panel, again coincidentally, are six of last year's victorious minors, Michael Heffernan, Michael Kennedy, James Ryan, Barty Flynn, Liam Manton and Alan Kennedy. Can history repeat itself?

In 1991 and 1993 the club won West U-21 "B" championships and from these teams have come Michéal Ryan, M. Brennan, Maurice Quirke, Michael Hughes, Seamus Coffey and Liam Coen. 1995 and '96 saw the club win back to back West U-21 "A" finals. In 1995 our team was unlucky to be defeated by Thurles Sarsfields in a replay of the County semi-final while Holycross-Ballycahill proved too strong for us in last

year's decider. Many of today's players were the backbone of these teams. Aiden Butler's performances in 11995 earning him a call to the county team which defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland U-21 final that year. Roddy Ahern, Nolláig Heffernan, Michéal Coen and Kevin Lanigan/Ryan, together with the minor players already mentioned, were others to gain valuable big-match experience in these games.

For rural clubs with a limited player base it is essential to hold on to as many players as possible as they progress through the ranks. We have been fortunate in Clonoulty/Rossmore to have retained the majority of our players in

recent years but this trend may not always continue. Lack of suitable employment opportunities in the local area has driven players away in the past and will do so in the future. This is why a certain level of success is vital to bond players together and give those who do leave an incentive and appetite to return and remain loyal to their club.

Finally Clonoulty-Rossmore and Mullinahone have twice previously clashed in county finals, the U-21 final in 1989 which Mullinahone won and last year's county minor final, won by Clonoulty-Rossmore. The score is 1-1. Who will make it 2-1?

PLAYER PROFILE:

Michael Heffernan

(Clonoulty/Rossmore)

IT CAN BE a commentators nightmare having two players of the same name playing on the pitch at the same time, but having two players of the same name playing on the same team is highly unusual. That's the situation that Clonoulty/Rossmore find themselves in time and again as Michael Heffernan and Michael Heffernan line out together regularly.

So how do we distinguish one from the other. Well, "Shiner" plays in the forwards while Michael simply plays in the backline at the other end of the field. A wing forward and a wing back - there must be great fun in training when they

mark each other!

Anyway, Michael Heffernan is one of the young stars of the side having graduated from the minor team of last year which won the county final. A tenacious player with plenty of guts and yet loads of skill, Heffernan is a vital member of the Clonoulty/Rossmore side, so much so, that they decided to bring him home from the continent for the semi-final game against Boherlahan/Dualla. He has stayed home since and honed his skills and he is ready for action today.

A very modest and down to earth player, Michael Heffernan has a bright future in hurling and should have a

lot of big days ahead of him.

Shiner on the other hand is an experienced campaigner and a man who has been in the limelight before with the club. He is recognised as being a great club man and he has given tremendous service to the West men. If ever a player needed to look at someone to follow, it would be Shiner Heffernan. He has great pride in his parish and he always gives his all for the green and gold of Clonoulty/Rossmore.

Both Michael Heffernans deserve to have county medals. Let's see if they get what they deserve. Mullinahone will have something to say about it.



▶ Declan Ryan strikes for goal in the semi-final to send Clonoulty-Rossmore on their way.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Seán Brett

(Mullinahone)

When Seán Brett walks out onto Semple Stadium today for the county senior hurling final it will be a return to a venue that he is very familiar with. However, Brett will carry a hurley in his hand on this occasion while on most other days his mind was on a slightly bigger ball.

Seán Brett is known throughout the length and breadth of Munster and Ireland as a footballer of note. A tenacious player who always gives of his all, Brett came to prominence most during the Seamus McCarthy days with the Tipp footballers when the Premier County reached two Munster Finals. One of those finals took place in

Semple Stadium as Tipp were beaten by Cork.

Today though it is a different story for the Mullinahone man as he prepares for the county senior hurling final with his native Mullinahone. It certainly shows a change in fortune for the club as they have come from being very lowly in South Tipp to being county contenders in the Premier County. Brett has been part and parcel of the whole revolution of C. J. Kickhams (Mullinahone) and while he is one of the most experienced players in the squad he has offered advice to the youngsters who have grown into men quite rapidly.

Playing at full-back, Brett

is a strong man who gives his direct opponents a hard time. He is a good reader of the game but it is his will to win that enables him to come out on top in quite a few battles and people have been talking about his clash with Clonoulty's Declan Ryan as being of the highlights of the county final of 1997.

Whatever way the game goes will probably hinge on the youngsters of Mullinahone coming up against the experience of Clonoulty.

With players like Seán Brett in their side, Mullinahone won't have to worry too much about experience. He has been there – done that.

Gaelic Games enter the Info Age

LÁR NA PÁIRCE, Ireland's only National Visitor's centre for Gaelic Games, has now entered the computer age to carry its records of great players and past glories. These days information which was once passed on over a pint in a pub is instead available on a multi-media system.

A plan has been developed to put together a national database profiling all players from every county, who have won all-Ireland senior hurling or football medals. Already, Tipperary has been completed and is available on a Multimedia system in Lár na Páirce, while, with the support of Aer Rianta, the full Clare role of honour has just become available. Limerick is projected for inclusion on the database early in the New Year.

So, Clare folk visiting Lár Na Páirce can now access information on their favourite All-Ireland's winning players at the touch of a button, along with a full statistical record of all Clare's inter-county victories. So, David Fitzgerald, Anthony Daly, Conor Clancy and all

the other Clare Stars are now only a touch of a button away.

Of course, Tipperary folk can also access their stars. The parishes contesting today's county senior hurling final are certainly well represented with: Declan Ryan, John Kennedy and Joe Hayes of Clonoulty and of course John Leahy of Mullinahone, all featuring in the data base. From the past there is, Vincent Vaughan, Bill Barrett, Tony Brennan, Dick Lanigan and many others.

Tomorrow, the records of the Lár Na Páirce data base will be altered to accommodate the new county champions. Whether it is the records from Clonoulty Rossmore or Mullinahone that must be added to still remains to be seen.

Lár Na Páirce is open 7 days a week from 2pm to 5.15pm. To facilitate patrons attending today's county senior hurling final, Lár Na Páirce Visitors Centre will remain open this evening until 6pm.



Photograph shows John G. O'Dwyer of Lár Na Páirce Management Committee showing former Tipperary hurler Conor Stakelum his data base record of hurling achievements.

County Final

*Mullinahone are magic, Mullinahone are keen,
Mullinahone colours are red and green.
Mullinahone are nearly at the top
all because of Mossie's shot.
When we got the winning score
the crowd got up and began to roar
When Mullinahone's boys' have hurleys in their hands
they are the best team in the land.*

*Sarah Curran (age 10)
Guess who she supports!*

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FOLLOWING the recent article "Is it time for change" in

the county semi-final programme, let us now look at how we can promote and develop our game, while at the same time address the needs of our players for more regular and meaningful competition.

Here are some suggestions on how a new Tipperary Hurling League might operate. The new league would be open to all clubs within the county with experimental grading for the first year.

SUGGESTED LEAGUE ORGANISATION

1. All teams to be divided into divisions of eight.
2. Teams to be graded according to playing standard (grading to be decided by Special Committee of the County Board).
3. All teams to play each other on a home and away basis on

alternate years.

"A Suggestion for Change"

4. Two points to be awarded for a win and one point to be awarded for a draw.
5. Top three teams in each division to be promoted.
6. Top two teams in each division to meet in divisional final.
7. Bottom three teams in each division to be relegated.
8. Each divisional winner to be awarded a cup and set of medals plus cash towards a holiday.
9. All games to be played between February and July, with finals and play-offs to be completed by 1st July.
10. After a period of two years the leagues to be used as a grading system for senior, intermediate and junior championships.



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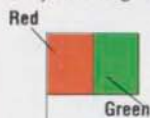
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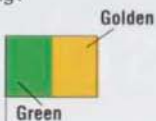
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CLUB COLOURS

Do you recognise your Club flag?



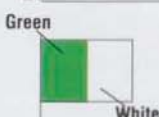
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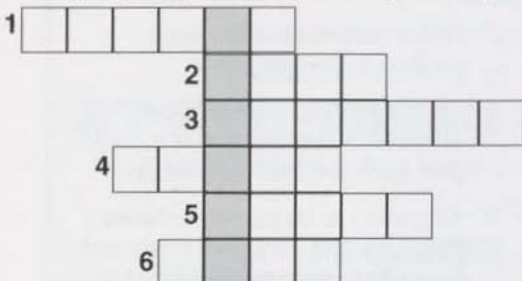
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CROSSWORD

Solve the clues (below) to reveal what County former Tipperary manager Michael 'Babs' Keating now manages:



WORD SEARCH

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C E C G O L D E N A D B
L L A L B M C R N D O E
O C R Y A N E P O F Q R
N A O R G S H T I M U O
O E N O H A N I L L Y M
U F I D U A C T B E D S
L L M A R A B O B A C S
T I G E L H F O I H G O
Y K P O I N T M F Y D R
C A D B N R O I N E S E
A L A O G B S E M P L E

CAN YOU FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS
IN THE MAZE ABOVE?

- Dan Breen • Clonoulty • Mullinahone
- Rossmore • Golden • Toom
- Kilfeacle • Senior • Minor • Semple
- Hurling • Leahy • Ryan • Goal • Point

They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal
in any direction.

QUIZ

1. WHO IS THE PRESENT MANAGER OF THE TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING TEAM?
2. WHAT A PLAYER GETS IF HE IS FOULED?
3. WHO SPONSORS THE TIPPERARY TEAMS?
4. WHO IS THE CAPTAIN OF TODAY'S CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE TEAM?
5. A MULLINAHONE PLAYER ON THE TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING TEAM
6. A CLONOULTY/ROSSMORE PLAYER ON THE TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING TEAM

The following are the winners from the Cúinne na nÓg County Quarter-final Quiz,
each will receive a hurley compliments of J.K. Brackens G.A.A. Club.

Thanks to all those many, many young people who took part.

Elaine Hough, Ballyea, Rathcabbin, Roscrea; Triona Butler, Goldengrove, Drombane, Thurles; Jason Fahey, 44 Mount George, Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary; John Ryan, Glenkeen, Lower, Borrisoleigh; John O'Dwyer, Cormackstown, Holycross, Thurles; Geraldine Stapleton, Lisaroon, Ballycahill, Thurles.

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