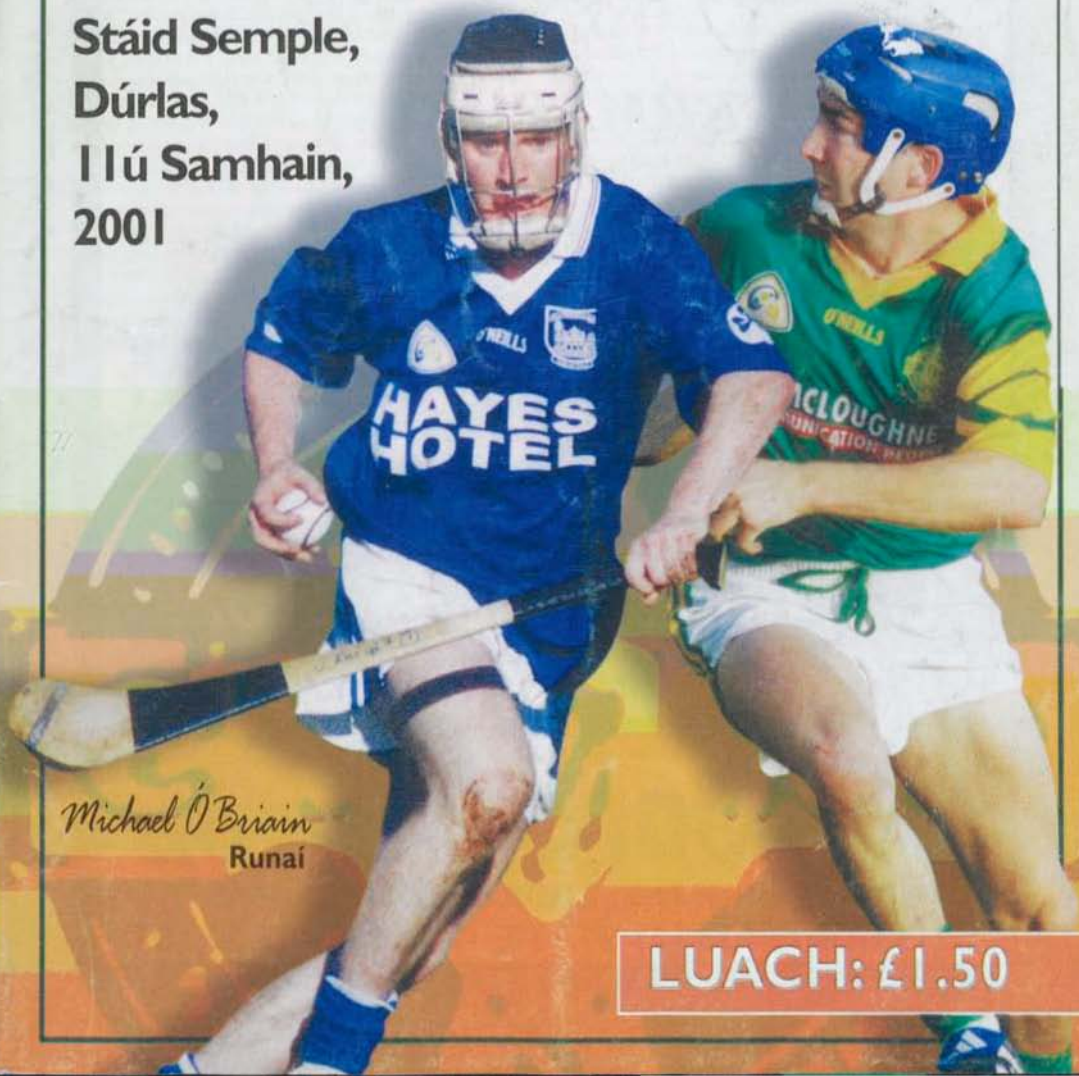


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This is a unique day in Tipperary as we witness the Credit Unions Tipperary Senior Football and Senior Hurling finals here in Semple Stadium. We deviated from the usual practice of holding the minor and senior football finals together, likewise with the hurling. Our championships are later than usual due to a number of factors, dual clubs, replays and players involved at inter county level up to All Ireland day. The good weather has been a welcome bonus as the championships draw to a close.

An added attraction to-day is the fact that all four Divisions are represented. This makes it more attractive and representative for the spectators. It is interesting to note that Toomevara and Aherlow wear green and gold, while Thurles Sarsfields and Fethard sport blue and white. All four clubs have a proud tradition. Fethard, a dual club, has provided many inter county players, Aherlow, small in size but big in spirit and contribution, Thurles Sarsfields, so long the kingpins of Tipperary hurling and Toomevara bidding for their fourth title in a row. Each of the four teams has come through a searching process to reach the finals. Thanks to all the club teams at all levels that participated in the various championships in 2001.

What a great year for Tipperary, winning the Mc Carthy Cup, the All Ireland Masters

Title in hurling, the O Duffy Cup and the Junior camogie All Ireland. Tipperary celebrated as everyone shared the joy of success. Our players are excellent ambassadors both

on and off the field. Our management teams professional and well organised. Our footballers are in the process of team building, we look forward to success coming their way in the future

I take this opportunity to acknowledge all our sponsors and thank them for their support.



The Credit Unions sponsor all our Tipperary championships. Sponsorship is a two-way deal, both parties benefit. The Credit Unions and the GAA are part and parcel of the community. There is considerable media coverage of hurling and football in the county, courtesy of print, radio and TV. This coverage is appreciated.

The contribution to Tipperary GAA by the Tipperary Supporters Club and the Friends of Tipperary football is immense. I thank them on behalf of the County Board and the players. They ease the financial burden. I ask you to support the Senior Hurlers Holiday Fund, Race Night in the Anner Hotel next Friday night. You have been wonderful supporters during the year, the hurlers did us proud, so let us reward them now.

I wish everyone a good day, the players, match officials and you, our loyal supporters.

May we have a great day of hurling and football, sporting and honest endeavour in the best traditions of Tipperary.

Conchúr Ó h-Ógáin

## Clár an Lae

12.45 p.m. **County Senior Football Final**

### Aherlow v Fethard

Reiteoir: Jimmy Sweeney

2.15 p.m. **County Senior Hurling Final**

### Thurles Sarsfields v Toomevara

Reiteoir: Seamus Roche

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# A year's work COMES DOWN to today

By: NOEL DUNDON ("Tipperary Star")

COUNTY FINAL day is always a very special day in County Tipperary and today is no exception. In fact, County Final day 2001 is extra special because of the fact that the senior football decider between Fethard and Aherlow is billed alongside the clash of Toomevara and Sarsfields in the hurling final.

A feast of entertainment is on offer today and expectations are quite high for both games. Pundits predict that the attendance at today's game could be higher than those of the last number of years (weather permitting of course) and the fact that all the divisions in Tipperary are represented today will further enhance the occasion.

In the hurling final, a repeat of last year's affair, there is a real sense of excitement. Popular belief is that this is Sarsfields year and their displays thusfar would seem to suggest just that. However, those in the know will tell you that Toomevara are at their most dangerous at the present time – they have

not been playing from the top drawer but are still in the County Final. Going for four in a row, they will need little incentive to win this one.

The hurling final last year saw Toomevara overcome a disappointing Sarsfields side. This time round the Thurles men want to do themselves justice. They have waited for a year to get another crack at the County champions and are really relishing the challenge against the famed Greyhounds.

Patrons will also be keeping an eye out today for potential talent for the Tipp. senior side. The senior hurling management team of Nicky English, Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin will be watching with interest with the notebooks out. Perhaps they will be scribbling a few names down of potential Tipperary senior hurlers.

On the football front, Aherlow and Fethard do battle in what is a unique pairing. This should be a very interesting tussle indeed and it is great to see the cream of Tipperary football coming to Semple Stadium for the County

Final.

Both teams have had interesting paths for the decider and the number of games they have played to date ensure that they are ready and willing for action. Again, this is a chance to spot potential for the senior football side – players who can perform under pressure in high octane games such as county finals are needed for, and are vital to, county teams.

For the four clubs involved in today's finals these are special times. The culmination of a year's work, hard graft, toil, and honing of skills, have brought them to this point. It's a credit to the four clubs, the players, management teams, backroom teams and all involved to say that they have made it to the county final.

The four parishes have been boosted greatly by the clubs participation in the final and a wonderful community spirit has been formed. Long may that continue in Tipperary and in the G.A.A.

Best of luck to the four clubs involved.

Enjoy the games.

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# The Dan Breen Cup

Research by Liam Ó Donnchú and Seamus O'Doherty

Up to 1931 there was no trophy presented to the County Senior Hurling Champions in. In 1931, when the Tipperary team returned home after an American Tour, they brought with them a cup which had been presented by Dan Breen to Tipperary County Board.

The magnificent trophy was presented to these successful captains:

1931	Martin Kennedy	Toomevara
1932	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1933	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1934	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1935	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1936	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1937	Paddy Ryan	Moycarkey-Borris
1938	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1939	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1940	Tom Kennedy	Moycarkey-Borris
1941	Phil O'Dwyer	Boherlahan
1942	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1943	Tom Ryan	Eire Óg/Anacorthy
1944	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1945	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1946	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1947	Willie Wall	Carrick Swans
1948	Francis Maher	Holycross/B'cahill
1949	Sean Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1950	Sean Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1951	Francis Maher	Holycross/B'cahill
1952	Tommy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1953	Tim Ryan	Borrisoleigh
1954	Francis Maher	Holycross
1955	Mickey Byrne	Thurles Sarsfields
1956	Mickey Byrne	Thurles Sarsfields
1957	Larry Keane	Thurles Sarsfields
1958	Tony Wall	Thurles Sarsfields
1959	Tony Wall	Thurles Sarsfields
1960	Willie Donovan	Toomevara
1961	Martin Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1962	Michael McElgunn	Thurles Sarsfields
1963	Bobby Mockler	Thurles Sarsfields
1964	Jimmy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1965	Patsy Dorney	Thurles Sarsfields
1966	Richie Walsh	Carrick Davins
1967	Mick Roche	Carrick Davins
1968	John Dillon	Roscrea
1969	Mick Hogan	Roscrea
1970	Patsy Rowland	Roscrea
1971	Jim Fogarty	Moyne/Templetuohy

Due to wear and tear down the years, the Cup was damaged to such an extent that by this year it was felt that a new trophy was needed. The Dan Breen Memorial Committee provided the new Dan Breen Cup. It was first presented in 1972.

1972	Jackie Hannon	Roscrea
1973	Francis Loughnane	Roscrea
1974	Jimmy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1975	Pat Sheedy	Moneygall
1976	Mick Doherty	Moneygall
1977	Dinny O'Meara	Kilruane MacDonaghs
1978	Jim Williams	Kilruane MacDonaghs
1979	Liam O'Shea	Kilruane MacDonaghs
1980	Kevin Brady	Roscrea
1981	Timmy Stapleton	Borrisoleigh
1982	Jack Bergin	Moycarkey-Borris
1983	Francis Spillane	Borrisoleigh
1984	Jack Bergin	Moycarkey-Borris
1985	Tony Sheppard	Kilruane MacDonagh
1986	Mick Ryan	Borrisoleigh
1987	John O'Neill	Cappawhite
1988	Eamon Sweeney	Loughmore/C'iney
1989	T.J. Ryan	Clonoulty-Rossmore
1990	Declan Carr	Holycross-Ballycahill
1991	Colm Bonnar	Cashel K.C.
1992	Michael O'Meara	Toomevara
1993	Jody Grace	Toomevara
1994	Pat Meagher	Toomevara
1995	Conor O'Donovan	Nenagh Éire Óg
1996	Philip Ryan	Boherlahan Dualla
1997	Noel Keane	Clonoulty Rossmore
1998	Philip Shanahan	Toomevara
1999	Thomas Dunne	Toomevara
2000	Thomas Dunne	Toomevara

## Record Holder

Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne won 14 County Senior Hurling Medals in a long career with Thurles Sarsfields. His successful years were 1944, 1945, 1946, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965. He captained Sarsfields to County Honours on two occasions, 1955 and 1956 and also won five Senior All-Ireland Medals with Tipperary.



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# *Do's & Don'ts*

1. Do show **RESPECT** to all relevant individuals/units within G.A.A.
2. Do **LISTEN** carefully, delegate **MEANINGFULLY**, and **ACKNOWLEDGE** generously.
3. Do **ENCOURAGE** players to improve skills in order to reach maximum potential.
4. Do maximise **ENJOYMENT** for players from participation.
5. Do recognise **EFFORT** as well as skill.
6. Do make training **INTERESTING** by using **VARIETY** of methods.
7. Do use **CHRISTIAN** names (always).
8. Do be **SENSITIVE** to feelings.
9. Do prepare and present a **PLANNED** programme at beginning of year.
10. Do **HARMONISE** with all other relevant G.A.A. units.
11. Do **ENCOURAGE** and support younger administrators.
12. Do practice **FAIR** dealings with all.
1. **Don't** adopt a '**WIN-AT-ALL-COSTS**' approach.
2. **Don't** ever use crude or **VULGAR** language to emphasise a point.
3. **Don't** be **ARROGANT**, **DISMISSIVE** or **RUDE**.
4. **Don't** **TALK DOWN** to players.
5. **Don't** be **LATE** for activity/game.
6. **Don't** alter published programmes **LIGHTLY**.
7. **Don't** celebrate victory in an '**ALCOHOLIC DRINK**' environment.
8. **Don't** **WASTE TIME** before, during or after training/activity.
9. **Don't** **BLAME OFFICIALS** for teams' failure.
10. **Don't** encourage (allow) players to **BLAME REFEREE**.
11. **Don't** take **LOYALTY** of players for granted.
12. **Don't** **EVER** despair.

Is maith comhairle ach  
is fearr cobhair.

Nól an óige agus  
tíocfaidh sí.

# County Senior Football

## Finalists 2001 AHERLOW



Aherlow panel at Semi-final against Cahir — Front, 1 to 11: Brian Leonard, Peter Leonard, Fergal Clifford, Timmy Leonard, Mark O'Shea, Mark O'Brien, Denis O'Shea, Derry Peters, Cathal O'Shea, Seanie Peters, Lionel Leonard, Declan Kiely, Shane Leonard. Back: Sean Hennessy, Conor O'Shea, Brian Moroney, Noel Clifford, Kieran Moroney, Leo Leonard, Mark Leonard, David Cleary, Patrick Hennessy, Thomas Russell, Michael Moroney, Anthony Moroney, Denis Grogan, Ian Costelloe.



Derry Peters  
(Aherlow Captain)

## Roll of Honour

### County Champions:

Intermediate Football	1995
Senior Football League	2000
U21 Football 'A'	1992, 1995, 1996
U21 Hurling 'B'	1992
Minor Football 'A'	1994
Minor Football 'B'	1998, 1999

### West Champions:

Senior Football 1968 (with Emly)	1997
Intermediate Football	1980, 1992, 1994, 1995
Intermediate Hurling	1998

U21 Football 'A'	1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997
U21 Football 'B'	2000
U21 Hurling 'B'	1992, 1996
Juniors Football	1950, 1962, 1970, 1971, 1978, 1990, 1991
Junior Hurling	1967, 1975, 1995, 1996
Minor Football 'A'	1990, 1994
Minor Hurling 'B'	1990, 1991, 1994, 1996
Minor Football 'B'	1988, 1989

## Club Officers

Chairman	Tom O'Shea
Secretary	David Grogan
Treasurer	Larry Nash

Aherlow G.A.  
would sincerely like to  
thank all supporters and  
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# FIODH ÁRD

## (Fethard)

*Dathanna: Blue & White*

### Fir Ionaid:

- (16) T. Ó Goháin  
**TOMMY GAHAN**
- (17) M. Ó Quinlan  
**MICHAEL QUINLAN**
- (18) M. Ó Uachtarán  
**MICHAEL AHERNE**
- (19) C. Ó Meachair  
**KARL MAHER**
- (20) C. Ó Domhnaill  
**KENNETH O'DONNELL**
- (21) M. Ó Ceorbháill  
**MICHAEL CARROLL**
- (22) B. De Comhdain  
**BRIAN COEN**
- (23) M. Ó Diollúin  
**MICHAEL DILLON**
- (24) M. Ó Riain  
**MARTIN RYAN**
- (25) L. Ó Meara  
**WILLIE O'MEARA**

(1)

P. McGearailt

**PAUL FITZGERALD**

(2)

S. Ó Meara

**JIMMY O'MEARA**

(3)

C. Ó Meachair

**CIAN MAHER**

(4)

T. Ó hAinglim

**TOMÁS ANGLIM**

(5)

L. Ó Muireasa

**WILLIE MORRISSEY**

(6)

D. Ó Broin

**DAMIEN BYRNE**

(7)

S. Ó Domhnaill

**STEPHEN O'DONNELL**

(8)

B. de Búrca

**BRIAN BURKE**

(9)

A. McGearailt

**AIDAN FITZGERALD**

(10)

G. De Búrca

**GLEN BURKE**

(11)

T. Ó Sióchán

**TOMMY SHEEHAN**

(12)

S.P. Ó Luibí

**JOHN P LOOBY**

(13)

C. McCarthaigh

**CONOR MCCARTHAIGH**

(14)

M. Ó Spillane

**MICHEÁL SPILLANE**

(15)

C. Ó Broin

**KENNETH BYRNE**

**ROGHNÓIRÍ** — Tom Mansfield (Manager), Pat Sheehan,  
Jimmy O'Shea, Danny Kane.

Fethard	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

# EATHARLACH

## (Aherlow)

Dathanna: Green & Gold



(1)

C. Ó Maolruaigh  
**KIERAN MORONEY**

(2)

L. Ó Loinín  
**LEO LEONARD**

(3)

M. Ó Briain  
**MARK O'BRIEN**

(4)

T. Ó Loinín  
**TIMMY LEONARD**

(5)

L. Ó Loinín  
**LIONEL LEONARD**

(6)

D. MacPheadair  
**DERRY PETERS**

(7)

S. MacPheadair  
**SEANIE PETERS**

(8)

T. Ó Ruiséil  
**TOMMY RUSSELL**

(9)

D. Ó Cleirigh  
**DAVID CLEARY**

(10)

A. Ó Maolruaigh  
**ANTHONY MORONEY**

(11)

M. Ó Loinín  
**MARK LEONARD**

(12)

D. Ó Sé  
**DENIS O'SHEA**

(13)

M. Ó Sé  
**MARK O'SHEA**

(14)

C. Ó Sé  
**CATHAL O'SHEA**

(15)

M. Ó Maolruaigh  
**MICHAEL MORONEY**

### Fir Ionaid:

- (16) P. Ó hAonasa  
**PATRICK HENNESSY**
- (17) D. Ó Gruagáin  
**DENIS GROGAN**
- (18) P. Ó Loinín  
**PETER LEONARD**
- (19) C. Ó Sé  
**CONOR O'SHEA**
- (20) N. Ó Clúmháin  
**NOEL CLIFFORD**
- (21) S. Ó hAonasa  
**SEAN HENNESSY**
- (22) S. MacCoisteala  
**IAN COSTELLOE**
- (23) S. Ó Loinín  
**SHANE LEONARD**
- (24) D. Ó Cadhla  
**DECLAN KIELY**
- (25) B. Ó Maolruaigh  
**BRIAN MORONEY**
- (26) B. Ó Loinín  
**BRIAN LEONARD**
- (27) B. Ó Maolruaigh  
**BRIAN MORONEY**

**ROGHNÓIRÍ** – Thomas Peters (Manager), Seamus Frewen, Lar Ivory.

Aherlow	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					



# County Senior Football



**A** town where football is always spoken of and, our aim to have the O'Dwyer Cup and our 21st senior title coming home to the friary town this 11th of November 2001. Our honours list in senior football stretches from 1887 to 1997 (20 titles), winning three in the nineties 1991, 1993, 1997.

Fethard club was formed in 1884 under the guidance of Munster Council (1901) who celebrated their centenary this year in mallow 30/6/2001. The club was honoured to be represented at this function by no other than our own Dick Cummins past chairman of our club and current life president of Tipp South Board. We have won county senior titles in every decade since the foundation of the association (except the 60s).

Our path to this final started on 29th June in Gorthnahe: Fethard 3-13, Moyne, Templetuohy 1-5. Our next outing was in Killsheelan, 22th July: Fethard 1-15, Mullinahone 1-6. Our quarter final also in Killsheelan on 7th October: Fethard 3-4, Moyle Rovers 0-6 and the semi-final was in Clonmel, 27th October: Fethard 1-9, Ardfinnan 0-9.

Our last opponents in county final (1997) were none other than Aherlow, and today we have nine of that first fifteen on duty (Brian Burke, Tommy Sheehan, Willie Morrissey, Michael Quinlan, Damien Byrne, Stephen O'Donnell, Jimmy O'Meara, Micheal Spillane and Paul Fitzgerald) who are joined by fifteen other players aiming for their first senior county title.

Fethard club officers 2001:

**Chairman:** Gussy Fitzgerald

**Secretary:** Noel Byrne

**Treasurer:** Nicholas O'Shea

Fethard Club are indebted to Coolmore, Ronan (Industries), Martin Burke, Thomas Anglim, and others for their continued support.

# Finalists 2001

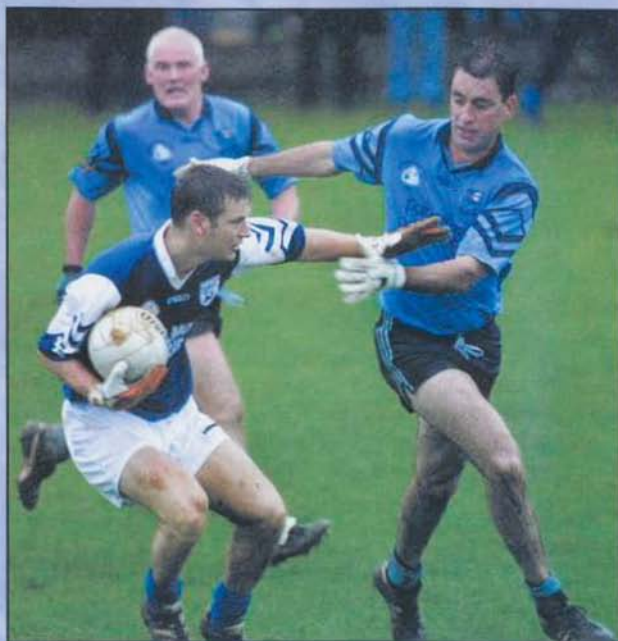
## FETHARD



*Fethard Senior Football Team (South Tipp Finalists 1999). Back row L to R: Michael Quinlan, Shay Coen, Philip Blake, Brian Burke, Paul Fitzgerald, Miceál Spillane, Michael O'Riordan. Front L to R: Willie O'Meara, Conor McCarthy, Thomas Anglim, Tommy Sheehan, Damien Byrne, Willie Morrissey, Jimmy O'Meara and Martin Coen.*



*Michael Quinlan  
(captain Fethard Senior  
Football team)*



*Moyle Rovers v Fethard*



# County Senior Hurling

## Path to the Final

### Sarsfields 1-16 : Boherlahan/Dualla 0-11

Scorers: L. Corbett 0-4; T. Ruth 1-1; P. Lawlor 0-4;  
M. O'Dowd, E. Enright 0-2 each; T. Ryan,  
B. Carroll, C. McIntyre 0-1 each.

### Sarsfields 1-20 : JK Brackens 4-7

Scorers: J. Enright 0-9; L. Corbett,  
P. Lawlor 0-3 each; G. O'Grady 1-0;  
C. McIntyre 0-2; T. Connolly 0-1; E. Costello 0-1.

### Sarsfields 2-13 : Loughmore/Castleiney 1-9

Scorers: G. O'Grady 1-2; J. Enright 0-4;  
M. Dowd 0-3; L. Corbett 0-4; P. Lawlor 1-0.

### Sarsfields 2-16 : Ballingarry 1-12

Scorers: J. Enright 0-11; L. Corbett 1-2;  
G. O'Grady 0-2; P. Lawlor 0-1; J. Lawlor 1-0.

### Sarsfields 3-25 : Cappawhite 0-10

Scorers: T. Ruth 2-3; M. Dowd 1-3;  
L. Corbett, J. Enright, G. O'Grady 0-5;  
P. Lawlor 0-4, C. McIntyre 0-1.



The Thurles Sarsfields team that defeated...  
row (l. to r.): Pat Lawlor, Brian O'Grady,  
Cathal McIntyre, Gary Mernagh, G...  
Stephen Mason, Matthew O'Dowd, G...



Thurles Sarsfields senior hurling selectors (l. to r.): Tom  
Barry, Paddy McCormack and Paddy Doyle.



## Roll of Honour

**County S.H. Titles (28):** 1887, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1929, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1974.

**County M.H. Titles (9):** 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1975, 1985, 1999, 2000, 2001.

**County U-21 H. Titles (1):** 1988.

**County J.H. Titles (5):** 1955, 1956, 1958, 1987, 1995.

**County J.F. Titles (1):** 1989.

**All-Ireland Champions Club Selection (6):** 1887, 1906, 1908, 1930, 1937, 1945.

# Finalists 2001

# LES SARSFIELDS



ated Cappawhite in the semi-final at Semple Stadium. Back row: Lar Corbett, Eddie Enright, John Lawlor, Seamus O'Shea, front row: Tony Ruth, Brendan Carroll, John Enright (captain), O'Grady. Mascot: Aidan McCormack.



Lar Corbett



Thurles Sarsfields captain,  
Johnny Enright





# TUAIM UÍ MHEÁRA

Colours: Green & Gold

(1) J. de Cotreil (Capt)

**JUSTIN COTTRELL**

*Templedowney*

## Fir Ionaid:

(16) **Tomás O'Meara**

*Loughisle*

(17) **Francis Devaney**

*Grenanstown*

(18) **David Kennedy**

*Ballinalick*

(19) **Padraig Hackett**

*Knockane*

(20) **Tommy Carroll**

*Blean*

(21) **Barry Dunne**

*Curraheen*

(22) **Dermot Brislane**

*Coologue*

(23) **Andrew Ryan**

*Ballinlough*

(24) **Bill Duff**

*Ballinalick*

(25) **Brian McGrath**

*Knockinglass*

(26) **John Boland**

*Newtown*

(27) **William Ryan**

*Ballinlough*

(28) **Joe McCormack**

*Ballybeg*

(29) **Ronan Tynan**

*Kilkeary*

(2) G. Frend  
**GEORGE FREND**

*Barnagrotty*

(3) R. Ó Brisleáin  
**RORY BRISLANE**

*Ashgrove*

(4) P. Ó Seancháin  
**PHILIP SHANAHAN**

*Colderry*

(5) B. Ó Duibh  
**BRYAN DUFF**

*Ballinalick*

(6) T. Ó Dúlainigh  
**TONY DELANEY**

*Chapel Street*

(7) B. Ó Doinn  
**BRENDAN DUNNE**

*Curraheen*

(8) T. Ó Doinn  
**TERRY DUNNE**

*Curraheen*

(9) O. Ó Brisleáin  
**OWEN BRISLANE**

*Ashgrove*

(10) P. MacCraith  
**PAUL McGRATH**

*Castlequarter*

(11) T. Ó Doinn  
**TOMÁS DUNNE**

*Curraheen*

(12) C. Ó Doinn  
**KEN DUNNE**

*Curraheen*

(13) M. Bevans  
**MICHAEL BEVANS**

*Ballymackey*

(14) S. Ó Briain  
**JOHN O'BRIEN**

*Fortwilliam*

(15) C. de Hál  
**KEN HALL**

*Ballymackey*

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# County Senior Hurling

## Path to the Final

24 April:	Toomevara 2-24 : Upperchurch-Drombane 1-6	League
12 May:	Toomevara 0-15 : Holycross-Ballycahill 0-14	League
20 May:	Toomevara 1-12 : Killenaule 2-12	League
09 June:	Toomevara 1-22 : Borrisokane 0-8	North C'ship
16 June:	Toomevara 1-15 : Holycross-Ballycahill 0-7	League
14 July:	Toomevara 1-15 : Borrisoleigh 0-19	Nth C'ship S-final
25 July:	Toomevara 2-16 : Killenaule 0-7	League
30 Sept.:	Toomevara 1-23 : Boherlahan-Dualla 2-6	League
14 Oct.:	Toomevara 2-16 : Loughmore-Castleiney 2-16	County Quarter-final

### Replay:

29 Oct.:	Toomevara 1-16 : Loughmore-Castleiney 0-16	
4 Nov.:	Toomevara 2-14 : Clonoulty Rossmore 1-12	County Semi-final



Toomevara senior hurling selectors (l. to r.): Tony Dunne, Denis Haverty, Sean Stack (coach), Roger Ryan and Bertie Sherlock (trainer).

## Roll of Honour

Senior North Champions: (28) 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1946, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000.

Senior County Champions: (16) 1890, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1919, 1923, 1930, 1931, 1960, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2000.

Senior North Tipp League: (7) 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998.

Senior County League: (1) 2000.

Intermediate North: (3) 1944, 1955, 1984. County: (1) 1984.

Junior Hurling North: (5) 1913, 1914, 1958, 1991, 1997.

Junior County: (2) 1913, 1997.

Under-21 North: (9) 1967, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000.

Under-21 County: (4) 1985, 1986, 1990, 1995.

Minor North: (15) 1932, 1937, 1954, 1956, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 (1979B).

Minor County: (3) 1986, 1987, 1997.



# Finalists 2001 TOOMEVARA



Rory Brislane

Toomevara team that defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore in the semi-final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Philip Shanahan, Thomas Dunne, Francis Devaney, Brian Duff, Tony Delaney, Ken Dunne, Eoin Brislane. Front row: Terry Dunne, George Frend, John O'Brien, Justin Cottrell (captain), Paul McGrath, Michael Bevans, Brendan Dunne, Rory Brislane.



Toomevara captain,  
Justin Cottrell

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# FINAL DAY MISCELLANY

By: SÉAMUS O'DOHERTY

## SUCCESSFUL CAPTAINS

The last Tipperary man to captain his county to All-Ireland honours and his club to the county title in the same year was Tony Wall in 1958.

Declan Carr successfully captained his club in 1990 and his county in 1991 – a feat also achieved by Jimmy Doyle 1964 and 1965, Sean Kenny 1949/1950, John Maher 1944/1945 and Jim Lanigan 1936/1937.

Since the Dan Breen cup was first presented to the captain of the county title winning team, only one set of brothers has lifted the trophy in consecutive seasons. Thomas Dunne of Toomevara (1999) was succeeded as winning captain by Terry Dunne in 2000.

The men who received the Dan Breen Cup most frequently were: Jim Lanigan (Thurles Sarsfields) 5 times; Phil Purcell (Moycarkey-Borris) and John Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 3 times each.

Among the list of those who have received it twice is current Tipperary senior selector Jack Bergin (Moycarkey-Borris). Jack captained Tipp. in the 1985 Munster Championship and also played in the unforgettable Centenary Year campaign. His brother Liam captained Tipperary in the 1983 Munster Championship.

## SEMI-FINAL SCORCHER

Thurles Sarsfields 24 point semi-final victory over Cappawhite sent people to the record books to establish when there had been a penultimate victory of such magnitude.

Working in reverse order, Nenagh Éire Óg beat Mullinahone by 17 points in 1999. Toomevara beat Kickhams by 18 points in 1998 and Thurles Sarsfields by 14 points in 1996. They had a similar 14 pts margin to spare over Clonoulty-Rossmore in 1994, while Cashel K.C. had 15 pts win over Kilruane McDonaghs the same year.

Clonoulty-Rossmore had a 14 pts win over Toomevara in 1989, Roscrea beat Carrick Swans by 15 points in 1985 and had 20 points to spare over Oliver Plunketts (Mid) in 1976. Kilraune had an 18 pts win over Silvermines in 1975, while Roscrea were 15 points better than Carrick Davins in 1970.

However, it was Carrick Davins in 1967, who beat the Sarsfields 2001 winning margin, defeating Éire Óg (West) by 5-15 to 0-2, a margin of twenty eight points! Not surprisingly

the Davins, led by Mick Roche, retained their County title.

## WHEN WILL WE SEE THEM AGAIN?

Some of the prominent clubs which achieved County honours in the past 25 years have been absent from County final day for some time. Roscrea last appeared in 1985, Kilraune-McDonaghs in 1986, Borrisoleigh 1988, Moneygall 1976, Moycarkey-Borris 1984, Loughmore-Castleiney 1988, Holycross-Ballycahill 1991 and Cappawhite 1987.

## DRAWN

The County S.H.C. has been drawn on nine occasions. The years were 1899, 1930, 1945, 1965, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1988 and 1992 respectively.

## NEW COLOURS

Two of Lorrha's key players during their last quest for glory were John and Cathal McIntyre. John recently coached Clarinbridge to Galway honours for the first time, while Cathal is a 'Thurles Blue' in recent years and they are poised to win a long overdue County title in Tipperary.

## NO DOUBLE PROGRAMME

There was some surprise that the Minor 'A' County Final was not 'held' and played with this senior decider as is the usual practice. However, in noting the various reactions to the decision, we should point out that the Minor 'A' Final was played on a separate occasion as recently as 1998, when the Minor 'B' decider was the curtain raiser to the big game. Two years earlier, we had a Minor 'A' semi-final to open the programme, Toomevara v. Clonoulty-Rossmore.

## LATE DATES

It is interesting to note that the County final date has varied significantly over the past thirty years. In 1971 it was played on October 31st, 1981 it was October 25th, in 1991 it was November 10th and this year it is November 11th. Today's date is not the latest in this thirty years – the 1972 County S.H.C. final, Roscrea v. Borrisoleigh, was played on November 12th (without a curtain raiser!) and Tipp. had been

eliminated from the championship on July 9th.

### EARLY FINISH

The September 12th date of 1976 is unlikely to be emulated in the immediate future, but you have to go back to the 1986 decider between Borrisoleigh and Kilraune-McDonaghs for the last decider played in September.

### ELUSIVE DOUBLE

The County Senior/Minor 'A' hurling double has not been achieved since Thurles Sarsfields beat Borrisokane (minor) and Na Piersaigh (South) in the 1957 finals.

### ALL COMERS

It is interesting to note that Toomevara's trebles of 1992/93/94 and 1998/99/00 comprised of victories over Mid, North and West opposition in both sequences.

### REMEMBER THE DISPLAY?

The 'Man of the Match' award has been won by many deserving players over the years. In the past decade the hurlers honoured in this way on County Final day were - 1991: Raymie Ryan (Cashel K.C.); 1992: Philip Shanahan (Toomevara); 1993: Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Óg); 1994: Pat King (Toomevara); 1995: Eddie Tucker (Nenagh Eire Óg); 1996: David Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla); 1997: Michael Heffernan (S) (Clonoulty-Rossmore); 1998: Tony Delaney (Toomevara); 1999: Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara); 2000: John O'Brien (Toomevara).

### A MAN OF MANY PARTS

Who was the last man to play in a County S.H.C. final and then referee the decider before going on to coach an All-Ireland U-21 winning team and act as a Tipperary senior hurling selector? Michael Doyle (Holycross-Ballycahill) played in the County finals of 1989/1990 and 1991, he refereed the 1994 decider and coached Tipp. U-21s to victory in 1995, before acting as senior selector 1996-1998. You can fill in his other career highlights yourself!

### WINNING WITHOUT A GOAL

Despite the widely held belief that goals win matches, it is possible to win the County Senior Hurling Final without raising the green flag. In the past twenty years, the title has been won on a points only basis six times. The clubs which achieved this feat were: Borrisoleigh (1983 and 1986), Holycross-Ballycahill (1990), Toomevara (1992 and 1998) and Clonoulty-Rossmore (1997). The losing team has failed to score a goal in eight of the last twenty finals.

### NO GOALS AT ALL

The last goal-less decider was the Holycross-Ballycahill 0-13 to 0-10 victory over Cashel King Cormacs in 1990.

### HIGH SCORING LOSERS

The scores registered by some losing finalists over the past two decades or so would have won many deciders on other occasions. The scores worthy of note are: 2-13 Roscrea (1978), 2-13 Kilruane-McDonaghs (1980), 2-13 Loughmore-Castleiney (1987) and 2-12 Toomevara (1996).

### LOW POINTS

The lowest winning score in deciders since 1980 was Toomevara's 0-12 v. Thurles Sarsfields in the 1992 replay. The lowest score recorded by the runners-up in that period was the 0-7 registered by Kilruane McDonaghs (then All-Ireland Club Champions) against Borrisoleigh (their successors) in 1986.

### RECORD IN SIGHT

Toomevara have won 16 County S.H.C. titles between 1890 and 2000 and while there have been three sequences of a treble - 1912/1913/1914, 1992/1993/1994 and 1998/1999/2000 - the four-in-a-row has remained elusive. The present team stands on the brink of history with a club record in sight.

### RECORD HOLDERS

Thurles Sarsfields hold the record number of County title victories in Tipperary with 28 titles won between 1887 and 1974. They have won a three-in-a-row 1944/1945/1946, a four-in-a-row 1906/1907/1908/1909 and two five timers 1955/56/57/58/59 and 1961/62/63/ 64/65. Club members will tell you their sweetest will be the next one!

### LONG TIME AGO

Thurles Sarsfields' last championship victory over Toomevara was recorded on September 15th, 1974, when they won a County S.H.C. semi-final on a 3-15 to 2-9 scoreline at Nenagh. 'The Blues' went on to win their 28th and last County title.

### LAST YEAR

The O'Brien brothers scored 2-8 of Toomevara's tally (2-10). John ('Man of the Match') notched 2-1 while Paddy added 0-7. The remaining scores were registered by Thomas Dunne (0-1) and Ken Dunne (0-1).





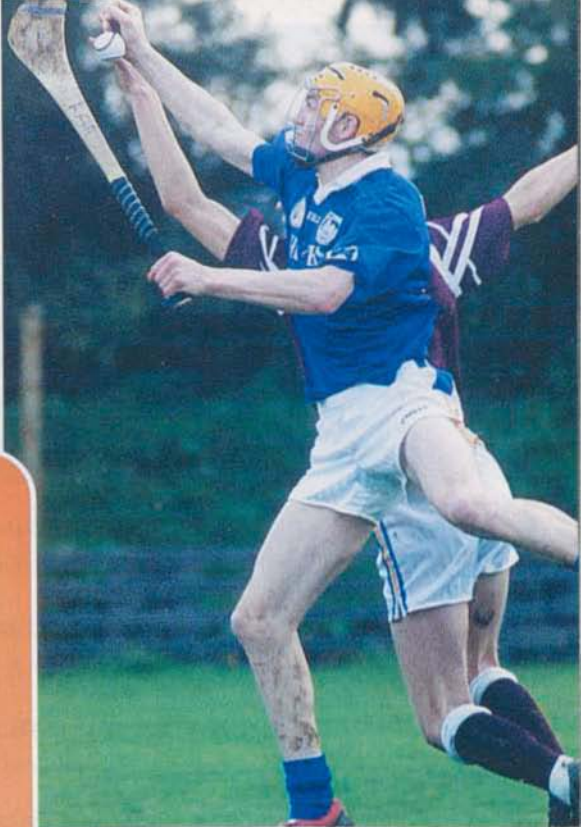
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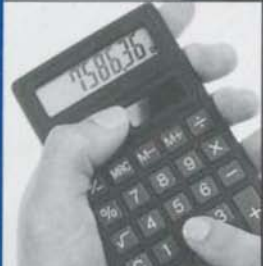
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# The Year That Was

By: LIZ HOWARD (County P.R.O.)

**I**t was a great year by any standards, a senior hurling All-Ireland, an Allianz National League hurling title, a Munster minor hurling championship, a Masters hurling All-Ireland victory. Add Senior and Junior All-Ireland camogie titles to make it a truly memorable year. Wonderful celebrations in Dublin, Thurles, Toomevara, Portroe and Cashel as Tipperary honoured the victors.

I often think that success either brings out the best or the worst in people. On All-Ireland night the Burlington Hotel was packed with Tipperary supporters. They were in great form, not one caused a problem. The staff in the hotel said that they were model supporters. The Cork minors were staying in the Burlington that night, they joined the Tipperary party with gusto. Sports people always find common ground.

Our hurlers are superb ambassadors, low key but confident they create a favourable impression wherever they go. Thomas Dunne won Tipperary many admirers, not just because of his hurling prowess but also for his natural, easy communication skills. The demands on him right through the championship were considerable. Constant requests from the media, summer camps and other organisations all looking for Thomas. He handled each and every one with courtesy, rarely disappointing anyone by saying, no.

Sometimes I wonder how the chap keeps going. It was lovely to see him get a trip to Australia as part of his Eircell 'Player of the Month' in September. Pity was that he couldn't have stayed for longer, just to relax. Most of the players are excellent with the media, again projecting a positive image. A couple prefer to leave the media to other players, that is fine too. That is their privilege, it is an amateur game.

One cannot omit Brian O'Meara who missed out on playing in the All-Ireland final. The support from Wexford during that time was much appreciated. Decent people

who were sad to see a decent man lose out. Brian handled the situation with grace and dignity. The other players responded in a supportive way. Mention of Wexford, the first call I got after the All-Ireland, was from Seamus Howlin, chairman of Wexford Co. Board, to offer his congratulations. Ann Sands, the Derry Hurling Board secretary was hot on his heels and Denis O'Carroll, Limerick PRO made contact the following day. This is what hurling is about. Meeting Galway hurling stars, Ollie Canning and Kevin Broderick on the pitch in Croke Park after the final was another example of dignity. Indeed meeting all the Galway players in the Players lounge after the game was what it is all about, a love of hurling and accepting defeat and victory equally.

The minor hurlers were put through a very comprehensive programme, where the development of the person was as important as the development of the hurling skills.

The players responded well, winning a Munster final and growing as human beings. It will be interesting to see how the School of Excellence, launched recently, progresses.

Every club should have a School of Excellence. Attention to detail, proper coaching, expert physical fitness programme and advice on diet and nutrition. The day of 'it will do is long over'. It is as easy to have a professional approach as a slapdash one.

Who will win today? The game between Fethard and Aherlow is wide open. This year Thurles Sarsfields appear to have come of age, more leaders on the field and more cohesive teamwork. They have impressed me all year. They almost have to make the break through this year. What of Toomevara? Well Toome never panic even when things are going against them. They can destroy a team in five minutes or less. They are not champions for nothing. I'll sit on the fence.





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# Player Profile

by Leonard Fitzgerald

# The

# ENRIGHT

# Brothers

And so it has come to pass in a new, modern era with tradition renewed, all enthusiastic supporters will make the trip to the Thurles amphitheatre of Semple Stadium to witness the country's last hurling county final in the calendar year. For the Toome greyhounds, today's encounter is their fourth consecutive final appearance while their opponents are confident of over turning last season's outcome. Defeat last year left long term scars which have carried through to 2001, however, this season they have shown tremendous spirit and hunger in their performances thus far. Despite once being such a dominant force, now bridging a 27 year gap brings its own pressures but the blues are well capable of achieving that goal.

A major factor surrounding the Sarsfields aspirations rests on the performance of the Enright brothers. Cool-headed, soft-spoken and polished performers on their day, Eddie is the oldest in a family of four, a double national league title holder, an All-Ireland senior medallist and an all-star nominee for good measure. The centre-forward come midfielder has now transformed to an aspiring centre-back at club level. The 1995 All-Ireland U-21 medal winner has grown in the past three seasons under Nicky's care and attention, now claiming a regular place on the starting fifteen. For younger

brother, Johnny, there's an added incentive with the responsibility of captaincy on his shoulders and leading attacker in a centre-forward role. A deadly assassin in full flight and an astute free-taker as well. The holder of a Tony Forrester

medal in 1991 as victorious captain, Johnny spent three years on the minors winning a provincial medal in 1993. Three years on the U-21's yielded no return but after success at Thurles C.B.S. the journey to U.C.C. transformed into a hurling odyssey. College life suited the two Enrights, time to study, party and play hurling. Under the management of Dr. Paddy Crowley, Paul O'Connor, Cathal Casey and John Considine, the Enrights blossomed into stylish hurlers and invaluable assets in the college's three-in-a-row in '96-'98 with Eddie captaining the 1998 side over W.I.T. Their U.C.C. days are just memories now but they have fond recollections of success in the cross-bone and red and black of the Cork City College.

Today the Sarsfields squad will descend upon the stadium via a warm-up and light puck-around in Dr. Morris Park beforehand. A litany of high-pitch vocabulary from Paddy Doyle will echo through the dressing-room walls before a roar of expectation greets the home-side onto the sacred sod. Today the Enrights are willing to make one last stand and bring Dan Breen back to its rightful home.







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# SCÓR Thiobraid Árann

**T**he motion for Scór was first put forward by Derry Gowan Cork at Congress in 1969 as a social G.A.A. activity for the winter months. Since 1970 many enjoyable Scór final nights have passed in counties, provinces and the All-Ireland.

In Tipperary we have many clubs who continually compete in Scór na nÓg, Scór Sinsear and Scór na bPaistí just for the sake of representing the parish, and if a club has an odd win along the way that is a bonus. This year it is hoped that previously disinterested clubs will appoint a liaison officer to motivate an interest in Scór. They might be doing a budding singer or actor in the area a favour, after all, some well known personalities got their taste for the stage in Scór. Our own Louise Morrissey, also Dominic Kirwan and Eamon McCann.

At recent A.G.M.

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann our G.A.A. Cathaoirleach an Chontae, Con Hogan, encouraged the committee to keep up the good work, he will help in every possible way to get full participation from clubs. The Divisional Chairman present also gave their commitment, as did Michael Lonergan, Cathaoirleach of Bord na nÓg. So Coiste Scór spearheaded by a very committed Cathaoirleach Johnny Delaney, J.K. Brackens with an energetic Runaí Mary Murphy, Newcastle are looking forward to a very successful 2001/2002 season in Scór Thiobraid Árann.

Coiste Scór extend our heartiest congratulations to our senior hurlers, the Masters and our two camogie teams and wish them well again in 2002.

Scór is more than competing and entertainment, be part of it!

## 2001 - a hurling odyssey

by JIM FOGARTY (ROSCREA & KILKENNY)

2001 - the year started out  
With lots of talk of "foot and mouth"  
No racing, no hurling, nothing but doom  
Then a ray of light eased the gloom.

The league is on, Tipp are in the Marble City  
The day is wet - it won't be pretty  
It's cut and thrust, hell or bust  
It ends in a draw, the result is just.

Sunday after Sunday, start up the car  
Thurles and Cork, near or far  
Nenagh and Portlaoise and back again  
All that matters is to win, win, win.

The league is decided in Limerick Fair  
A right tight match Tipp v Clare  
Cummins does the biz. Tipp have won  
The cup is safe in the arms of Dunne.

The Championship starts, we rev up a gear  
Who will bring home McCarthy this year?  
All the teams will bust a gut  
At the end of the year, no if or but.

In Leinster, Kilkenny burst out of the stall  
Offaly and Wexford cannot cope at all  
For both of these counties, the results are dire  
The 'Cats well on top and Carter on fire.

Limerick sink Cork, the rebels are gone  
Waterford's big lead passed by Limerick on song  
Tipp beat Clare and Limerick 1 and 2 points up  
Munster to the Premier, Dunne's got another cup.

The quarters are played on the one day  
Derry seize up, Galway make hay  
Limerick are made favourites by one and all  
But the boys of Wexford break Limerick's wall.

The first semi sees Wexford badly trailing Tipp  
But there's many a slip twixt cup and lip  
Wexford throw the dire and send O'Gorman up  
A replay's needed before one plays for the cup.

The replay takes place on a wet Saturday night  
The Kellys and O'Neill put Wexford to flight  
The next day Kilkenny are left at the start  
A star is re-born - Broderick - a class apart.

9th September sees the big battle for Liam  
Galway and Tipp both want the cream  
At the end of the day Tipp have won  
Another cup for the skillful Dunne

It's now county final day - 2001  
Is another cup destined for the home of Dunne?  
Whether the county captain is from Toome or in Blue  
Let's hope he retains the McCarthy Cup in 2002.





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