

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
2002

**CREDIT UNIONS OF TIPPERARY**  
**COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**

# **C. J. Kickams, Mullinahone** *versus* **Thurles Sarsfields**

**Semple Stadium, Thurles**  
**3rd November, 2003**  
**Reiteoir: Paddy Russell**



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I am delighted to welcome you all to Semple Stadium for the Tipperary Credit Unions Hurling Championship Finals, Senior and Minor (B). The young hurlers of Moneygall and Carrick Davins open proceedings. From opposite ends of our county, the teams have worked hard to reach the final. I hope that they will do themselves justice in this fine arena.

We witness Thurlus Sarsfields appearing in their third consecutive final, while CJ Kickham Mullinahone feature for the second time. Sarsfields are laden with county senior titles, but have not won since 1974 while Mullinahone have yet to join the roll of honour. The Dan Breen Cup will rest well in either club. The game promises to be a classic between two athletic, fit and skilful teams playing on a sod which gives them ample opportunity to express themselves.

The Tipperary Credit Unions sponsor all our county championships, we appreciate their generous support. I thank them for their commitment to Gaelic games in Tipperary. My gratitude to John Quirke, Cahir, sponsor of the "Man of the Match Award" for both the minor and senior game. John has sponsored these awards for many years.

The playing of the U12 Ground Hurling exhibition game here to-day is a welcome initiative. It gives children from all over the county the oppor-

tunity to contribute on this special occasion. This is the brain child of the Youth Committee, under the chairmanship of John Hally, Youth Officer.

The Tipperary Star and the Anner Hotel combine to honour hurlers of Kil ruane Mc Donaghs who won the county final in 1977, '78 and '79. We salute them and hope that the day revives happy memories. The Tipperary Star and the Anner Hotel are to be congratulated on making this a memorable occasion for the players of the past.

After four years Nicky English, Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin have stepped down from the management of the Tipperary senior team. The manner in which they did their business was exemplary. I thank them for their magnificent contribution to Tipperary hurling. Our Captain, Thomas Dunne has also been a great ambassador for his sport and his county. My thanks to him also.

I wish the hurlers and the referees a good game. I hope that you, the spectators enjoy the day. We all look forward to games that reflect all that is best in hurling. Tiobraid Arann Abu.



Conchúir Ó h-Ógáin  
Cathaoirleach

## COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL, 3rd NOVEMBER, 2002

12:50PM	Foireann Muine Gall amach ar an bPáirc
12:51PM	Foireann Carraig-Na-Suire Na Damhín amach ar an bPáirc
1:00PM	Commencement of "Credit Unions" Minor 'B' Hurling Championship Final
1:32PM	Youth Committee – Ground Hurling Game
1:42PM	Minor Final 2nd Half
2:15PM	Presentation of Minor Cup to Winning Captain
2:25PM	Foireann Muileann na hUamhan amach ar an bPáirc
2:26PM	Foireann Na Sáirséalaigh, Dúrlas Éile amach ar an bPáirc
2:36PM	Pre Match Parade
2:38PM	National Anthem
2:40PM	Commencement of "Credit Unions" Senior Hurling Championship Final
3:12PM	"Tipperary Star" Jubilee Team – Cill Ruain Mhic Dhonnchadhaí 1977/78/79
3:27PM	Senior Final 2nd Half
4:00PM	Presentation of Senior Cup to Winning Captain



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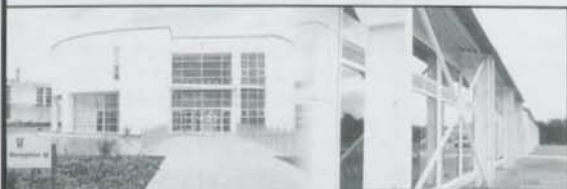
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# "Where will the bonfires glitter for the honours of the day"

Liz Howard

**B**onfires will surely glitter to night, whether it is in the Cathedral Town or in Kickham's village in the shadow of Slievenamon. Thurles Sarsfields last won the Dan Breen Cup in 1974, while Mullinahone wait to claim the title for the first time. There is an air of excitement and expectation following two great semi-final games.

Sarsfields contest their third consecutive final. They were bitterly disappointed last year as they felt that they did not do themselves justice on the day. This year there is no hype; they have made progress quietly, improving with each game. In the quarter final, the moving outfield of Ger "Redser" O Grady was the turning point against Clonoulty. Last Sunday Loughmore led for most of the game, yet Sarsfields did not buckle under huge pressure. That was a significant factor as was the performance in the last ten minutes of Stephen Mason, Tony Ruth, Gary Mernagh and Lar Corbett. Short the injured Johnny Enright it was ironic that his replacement Eamonn Walsh scored three goals. A rewarding tally for any forward.

Mullinahone ousted champions Toomevara by a single point, a late "65" saw the immaculate Paul Kelly convert. It crowned a wonderful display for Paul. Moving to midfield late in the game he showed steel and style as he set up the attack. Toomevars' Benny Dunne was "cleaning up" at wing back until John Leahy moved out to curtain him. John caught and distributed some great ball. Pat Croke, who is having a great year, showed all the lovely skill we saw when he was a minor. Centre back Edward O'Brien has played solidly during the

championship as has Paul Curran, Eddie Carey and Ky Vaughan.

What will be the outcome? Can Eamonn Walsh repeat his feats of last Sunday? Can the full back line close down the elusive Eoin Kelly and the experienced, if not fully fit, John Leahy? Sarsfields are very focused. They know that Mullinahone will probably start as favourites. That takes all the pressure from them. Mullinahone were overjoyed to beat Toomevara, but that is of no value unless they win today. It is a case of "keeping the heads" and concentrating. Brian O'Meara has been relatively quiet of late as has Carrick man Conor Arrigan. Both are due a big game. Both teams play an attractive, skilful, open game. Lady luck will sway the outcome. Take your pick as to which side she will favour.

The minor game sees Carrick Davins and Moneygall in action. The Davins have a physically strong side, while Moneygall are younger and lighter. It will probably come down to whichever side uses the wide-open spaces of Semple Stadium best.

We acknowledge the Kilruane Mc Donaghs players who won the county final twenty five years ago and went on to retain the championship in 1978 and '79. The Tipperary Star/Anner Hotel sponsor these jubilee awards, a lovely recognition of the players of the past. Welcome to all the U12 hurlers who play in the Ground Hurling exhibition game. Welcome to all the Tipperary Credit Unions personnel, both Mullinahone and Thurles Credit Unions are associated with the sponsorship of the county championships.

Enjoy the day and here's to great hurling.



**Sarsfields Selectors:**

Denis Maher

Tom Barry

Paddy Doyle

Br David Fitzgerald

Paddy McCormack

# Moneygall

*Dathanna: Black & Red*



## Moneygall Minor Hurling team

Back row: Billy Hayes, Padraig Doughan, Bill Whyte, Pajo Troy, Sean Ryan, Padraig Whyte, Joe Treacy, Philip Byrne, Michael Bergin, Ger Kirwan, Ruairi Meagher, Darragh Hayes. Front row: John King, Eoghan Ryan, Brian Delaney, Ger Moten, Rory Tierney, Thomas Devereux, Stephen Maher, Phil Fanning, Robert Burns. Missing from picture: Darren Whyte.

### Fir Ionaid:

Sub Goalie: John King

(16) Padraig Doughan

(17) Darragh Hayes

(18) Darren Whyte

(19) Stephen Maher

(20) Phil Fanning

(21) Robert Burns

(1)  
**RORY TIERNEY**

(2) **RUAIRI MEAGHER** (3) **SEAN RYAN** (4) **BRIAN DELANEY**

(5) **GER MOTEN** (6) **BILL WHYTE** (7) **PAJO TROY**

(8) **MICHAEL BERGIN** (9) **PADRAIG WHYTE**

(capt)

(10) **GER KIRWAN** (11) **PHILIP BYRNE** (12) **EOGHAN RYAN**

(13) **BILLY HAYES** (14) **JOE TREACY** (15) **THOMAS DEVEREUX**

**ROGHNOIRÍ** – Denis Dwyer (Coach), Conor Troy (Trainer), Ger Moten, Pat Bergin, Eugene Ryan



# Carrick Davins

*Dathanna: Red & White*



**Carrick Davins Minor Hurling team**

*Carrick Davins team that won the South Minor Hurling Championship 'B' Final sponsored by M K Sports.*

(1)

**SHANE BUTLER**

(2)

**MIKEY CRONIN**

(3)

**MICHAEL RYAN**

(4)

**PHILLY CRONIN**

(5)

**COLIN SMITH**

(6)

**STEVEN CRONIN**

(7)

**AJ CRONIN**

(capt)

(8)

**RICHIE McGRATH**

(9)

**GERRY ROBINSON**

(10)

**ALAN REDMOND**

(11)

**PAUL CORDY**

(12)

**BENNY AHERNE**

(13)

**LUKE FORAN**

(14)

**MARTON WALSH**

(15)

**DEAN GATES**

## **Fir Ionaid:**

(16) Aidan Hitchins

(17) Nigel O'Sullivan

(18) Ger Crowe

(19) Martin Duggan

(20) William O'Dwyer

(21) Michael  
Prendergast

**ROGHNOIRÍ** – Thomas Foran (Coach), Paul Tobin (Trainer),  
Gerry McGrath, John Robinson, Paddy Walsh.



# County Youth Committee

Since the start of the year the County Youth Committee has been working hard to carve a niche for itself. With a dedicated committee of six it has run the Ground Hurling Tournament throughout the summer in which 90% of clubs in Tipperary took part. It will also organise the primary schools table quiz which will culminate with the County Final on 13th December in Park Avenue Hotel.

Now it also intends to run an IT competition throughout the primary schools in Tipperary in conjunction with the Tipperary Institute (TRBDI). We hope to launch this competition in early December.

The dates of the Division Finals are fixed for early March and the County Final fixed for late March.

The committee got the idea from Munster vice chairman Sean Fogarty and with his help and



help from Croke Park we investigated it further and enlisted the help of Tipperary Institute College to whom we are most grateful.

We hope that all schools in the county will avail of this opportunity to partake in this competition. Schools will be receiving more information in the next couple of weeks and of course any

company dealing with IT material and who wish to be involved in sponsorship should contact any committee member and they will be more than helpful.

The committee are made up as follows: John Hally, County Youth Officer; Nicholas Moloney, South Youth Officer; JC Ryan, County Bord na nÓg; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Youth Officer; Liam Hogan, North Youth Officer; Daniel Connery, West Youth Officer.



Tipperary Youth Committee

## REFEREES

**SENIOR FINAL** Referee: Paddy Russell

**LINESMEN:** John Ryan (Stand-by Referee), Johnny McDonnell

**FOURTH OFFICIAL:** Michael Cahill

**MINOR B FINAL** Referee: Willie Clohessy

See highlights of today's Tipperary Credit Unions Seior final on TG4 tomorrow night at 10.20pm. The game will not be relayed live as the county final date was not set when TG4 set the schedule.

# Under-12 Ground Hurling Exhibition Game

## TIPPERARY STARS

### Red/White

- |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Liam Byrne           | 10. Cian Hennessy       |
| Moneygall               | Loughmore Castleiney    |
| 2. Kevin O'Gorman, capt | 11. Liam Cunningham     |
| Durlas Óg               | Killsheelan/Kilcash     |
| 3. David Fairbrother    | 12. David Leahy         |
| J.K. Brackens           | Boherlahan Dualla       |
| 4. Peter Ryan           | 13. Paraic Kelly        |
| Upperchurch/Drombane    | Kildangan               |
| 5. Brian O'Meara        | 14. Ciaran McCauley     |
| Knockshgowna            | Emly                    |
| 6. John Bergin          | 15. Thomas Walsh        |
| Moycarkey Borris        | Carrick Davins          |
| 7. Stephen Gould        | 16. Darragh MacLaughlin |
| Rosegreen               | Portroe                 |
| 8. Donagh Heffernan     | 17. Michael Doyle       |
| Cappawhite              | Holycross Ballycahill   |
| 9. Tom Ryan             | 18. Mark Flannery       |
| Templederry             | Éire Óg Nenagh          |

## PREMIER BOYS

### Red/Green

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Brian Kelly         | 10. Stephen Murray   |
| Ballingarry            | Burgess              |
| 2. Richard Hannigan    | 11. David Butler     |
| Killenaule             | Drom Inch            |
| 3. Matthew Collins     | 12. Philip Ryan      |
| Silvermines            | Toomevara            |
| 4. Darren Prendergast  | 13. Alan Hannigan    |
| St Pats Drangan        | Shannon Rovers       |
| 5. Brian Mullaney      | 14. Ross Morrissey   |
| Clonakenny             | Clonmel Óg           |
| 6. Donal Kent          | 15. Stuart Hanrahan  |
| Ballina                | Gortnahoe-Glengoolie |
| 7. Niall Hyland        | 16. Owen O'Meara     |
| Newcastle              | Lorrha               |
| 8. David Webster, capt | 17. Colm O'Neill     |
| Mullinahone            | Ballyneale           |
| 9. Kevin Grace         | 18. David Flynn      |
| Carrig Swan            | Roscrea              |

Referee: Michael Jordan Linesmen: Denis Curtis, Kevin Butler Umpires: Michael Jordan Jnr, Paul Jordan, John Kennedy, Liam Ryan

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# Thurles Sarsfields 2002 County Senior Hurling Finalists



Pictured (back, l to r): Lar Corbett, Tommy Maher, Eddie Enright, John Lavlor, Eamon Walsh, Brendan Carroll, Gary Merragh. Front: Tommy Collins, Cathal McIntyre, John Lillis, Ciaran Carroll, Ger O'Grady, Seamus O'Shea, Stephen Mason, Tony Ruth.

*Wishing the very best to*  
**Thurles Sarsfields**

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# Gary Mernagh

## Sarsfields Captain

Sarsfields Captain Gary Mernagh has been a real leader on and off the field for the Blues this year. Having made his way into the senior side a few years ago Gary quickly established himself and has developed into a very reliable defender with plenty of skill to match his speed and anticipation.

In fact, it's a tribute to his team mates that a hurler of Gary's calibre should be confined to corner back when such a natural hurler could perhaps be deployed outfield.

Gary is a man who eats and sleeps hurling. A coach by profession, Gary has been extensively involved in coaching in Dublin where he works and lives and is not afraid to bring new ideas to the training fields in Thurles either. Many of his training methods have been used over the last number of weeks and months by Sarsfields and Gary is always ready and willing to try out the routines with the players.

It's a real sign of Gary's commitment and determination to succeed to say that he recovered from a very serious hand injury to play hurling again. Gary extensively damaged his left hand at work some years ago and is forced to wear protective strapping each and every time he goes out to hurl or play football. At the time, it looked as though Gary's career would be cut prematurely short, but true to form, he took the injury on the chin and rallied again to make a wonderful recovery.

On the field Gary Mernagh is a serious man who cuts a real dash. Off the field he is a real character and one of the lads who is always winding others up. Never short of a word or two, Gary is quick witted and ever willing to join in the craic.

For him to lift the Dan Breen today would be a huge personal achievement. It would be a massive lift to Thurles Sarsfields; a huge boost to hurling in Thurles; and a dream come true for Gary Mernagh and his family.

Gary is a nephew of John 'Hotpoint' Hayes, of Tipperary backroom team fame.



### SARSFIELDS PATH TO THE FINAL

#### Mid Championship 1st round

Sarsfields 3-11; Holycross/Ballycahill 1-15

#### Mid Quarter Final

Sarsfields 3-12; JK Brackens 1-12

#### Mid Semi Final

Moycarkey/Borris 2-12; Sarsfields 1-14

#### County Championship Play-Off round 1

Sarsfields 2-20; Carrick Swans 2-9

#### County Championship Play-Off round 2

Sarsfields 1-16; Knockvilla Kickhams 0-14

#### County Quarter Final

Sarsfields 2-12; Clonoulty Rossmore 1-14

#### County Championship Semi Final



# THURLES – The T

Growing up in Thurles in the 1960's, we were often reminded of the great hurling tradition our town possessed. We learned in the C.B.S. that the G.A.A. was founded just down the street, but the boast that fascinated me was when I heard that, over the years, hurlers from the parish of Thurles had won over one hundred All-Ireland Senior hurling medals.

So I decided to take a closer look at this claim to one hundred medals. I didn't include hurlers from other clubs, who were part of the Thurles inter-county selection in the early years. However, I did include Thurles players who were substitutes on the various teams. I also included hurlers from the first All-Ireland Championship (1887) who played in the games up to the final but who, due to a disagreement, didn't play in the final.

Here's what I found:-

- 2001 Eddie Enright, Lar Corbett.
- 1971 Jimmy Doyle, Paul Byrne.
- 1965 Tony Wall, Jimmy Doyle, Sean McLoughlin, Paddy Doyle.
- 1964 Tony Wall, Michael Murphy, Jimmy Doyle, Sean McLoughlin.
- 1962 Tony Wall, Jimmy Doyle, Sean McLoughlin, Michael Murphy.
- 1961 Tony Wall, Jimmy Doyle, Sean McLoughlin.
- 1958 Mickey Byrne, Tony Wall, Jimmy Doyle, Larry Keane, Ray Reidy, Noel Murphy, Martin 'Musha' Maher.
- 1951 Mickey Byrne, Tommy Doyle, Connie Keane.
- 1950 Mickey Byrne, Tommy Doyle, Tommy Ryan.
- 1949 Mickey Byrne, Tommy Doyle,



*Sarsfields Duo: Lar Corbett & Eddie Enright after last year's All-Ireland victory*

Tommy Ryan.

- 1945 John Maher, Ger Cornally, Mick Murphy, Tommy Doyle, Eddie Gleeson, Henry Gouldsboro (Army), John Delahunty, Jack Dwyer, Tommy Ryan, John Ryan, Gerry Doyle, Mickey Byrne.
- 1937 Jim Lanigan, Tommy Butler, Ger Cornally, John Maher, Tommy Doyle (Thurles Kickhams), Denis 'Bunny' Murphy, Gerry Doyle, Dan Mackey, Paddy Maher (W).
- 1930 John Joe Callanan, Jimmy O'Loughlin, John Maher, Jim Lanigan, Mick Ryan, Jimmy Harney, Mick Maher, Tommy Butler, Jack Stapleton.
- 1925 William Quinn.
- 1920 John Joe Callanan (with Dublin, Faughs selection).
- 1916 Tom Dwan, Hugh Shelly (Boherlahan selection).
- 1908 Tom Semple, Tom Kerwick, Jack Mockler, James "Hawk" O'Brien, Hugh Shelly, Tom Kenna, Paddy Brolan, Martin O'Brien, Jack Mooney, Joe McLoughney, Anthony Carew, Paddy Burke, Mickey Ryan (Mac).

# own of 100 Medals!

- 1906 Tom Semple, Jack Mockler, James "Hawk" O'Brien, Hugh Shelly, Tom Kenna, Jer Hayes, Paddy Brolan, Tom Kerwick, Martin O'Brien, Jack Mooney, Joe McLoughney, Michael Gleeson, John Cahill, Roddy Berkery, Paddy Burke.
- 1900 Tom Semple (Two-Mile-Borris selection).

## CLUB RECORD

1. Jimmy Doyle (6) 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1971
  2. Tony Wall (5) 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965
- Tommy Doyle (5) 1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951  
Mickey Byrne (5) 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1958

## Three In A Row

Tommy Doyle and Mickey Byrne - 1949, 1950, 1951

## Most Successful Family

Doyle: Jimmy (6), Paddy (1), Gerry (2), Tommy (5), Total 14

## Father & Son

Denis Maher (L) 1887	John Maher 1930
Michael Gleeson 1906	Eddie Gleeson 1945
Gerry Doyle 1937	Jimmy Doyle 1958
Gerry Doyle 1937	Paddy Doyle 1965
Mickey Byrne 1949	Paul Byrne 1971
Paddy Maher (w) 1937	Martin 'Musha' Maher 1958
Denis Maher 1887	Mick Maher 1930
Jim Stapleton 1887	Jack Stapleton 1930

## Successful Brothers

Jimmy and Paddy Doyle 1958, 1965; Tommy and Gerry Doyle 1937; Michael and Noel Murphy 1964, 1958; Larry and Connie Keane 1958, 1951; Denis and Ned Maher (L) 1887; Denis and Jack Maher 1887; Tom and Andrew Maher 1887

- 1887 Jim Stapleton, Denis Maher (L), Edward Murphy, Denis Maher, Martin McNamara, Matty Maher (M), Tom Bourke, Con Callanan, Matty Maher (L), Pat Ryan, Tom Maher, Andrew Maher, Jim Sullivan, Jer Dwyer, Dick Butler, Ned Maher, Jack Maher, Ned Flanagan, Stephen Purcell, Jack Bannon, Dan Davern, Con Ryan.

So, there it is, well over one hundred All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals from the parish. A proud tradition and a challenge to the young hurlers of today to emulate the past.

*Now I've told you my story, the record is true,  
Of Sarsfields of Thurles - those wearing the blue,  
Sure none can compare for fame or renown  
With the fine hurling men of the Cathedral town.*

Liam Ó Donnchú

(These lists of players etc. may not be complete. Please contact me if you can supply extra details).







# C.J. Kickhams MULLINAHONE

Colours: Green & Red

## Fir Ionaid:

(16) Alan Curran

(17) Philip O'Shea

(18) Joey Maher

(19) Edwin O'Meara

(20) Stephen O'Brien

(21) James Connolly

(22) Bill Tobin

(23) Tony Dalton

(24) James Comerford

(25) Danny Morrissey

(26) Mark O'Brien

(27) Niall Doheny

(28) Dan Croke

(29) Aidan Hall

(30) Damien Maher

(1)

V. Ó Dúchonna

**VINCENT DOHENY**

(2)

D. MacEadhaidh

**DERMOT HACKETT**

(3)

P. Ó Corráin

**PAUL CURRAN**

(4)

M. MacCoisteala

**MARTIN COSTELLO**

(5)

K. Ó Macháin

**KY VAUGHAN**

(Capt)

(6)

E. Ó Briain

**EDWARD O'BRIEN**

(7)

P. Ó Ceallaigh

**PAUL KELLY**

(8)

E. Ó Ciara

**EDDIE CAREY**

(9)

N. Ó Corráin

**NIAL CURRAN**

(10)

P. Cróc

**PAT CROKE**

(11)

B. Ó Meara

**BRIAN O'MEARA**

(12)

C. Ó hArgáin

**CONOR ARRIGAN**

(13)

E. Ó Ceallaigh

**EINO KELLY**

(14)

S. Ó Laocha

**JOHN LEAHY**

(15)

N. Ó Laocha

**NOEL LEAHY**

**ROGHNOIRÍ**—

John Leahy (manager), Sean O'Regan (trainer),  
Michael Scott, Sean O'Meara, Sean Brett, Jill Snell (physio),  
John Gilman (doctor).

Mullinahone	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					



# NA SÁIRSÉALAIGH

Colours: Blue and White  
(1)

C. Ó Cearúill

**CIARÁN CARROLL**

(2)

S. Ó Sé

**SEAMUS O'SHEA**

(3)

T. Ó Meachair

**TOMMY MAHER**

(4)

G. Meirtneach

**GARY MERNAGH**

(capt)

(5)

C. Laighléis

**JOHN LILLIS**

(6)

B. Ó Cearúill

**BRENDAN CARROLL**

(7)

S. Ó Leathlobhair

**JOHN LAWLOR**

(8)

S. Ó Maisúin

**STEPHEN MASON**

(9)

E. Maclonnraichtaigh

**EDDIE ENRIGHT**

(10)

T. Ó Coileáin

**TOMMY COLLINS**

(11)

C. Mac an tSaoir

**CATHAL McINTYRE**

(12)

A. Rút

**TONY RUTH**

(13)

G. Ó Grada

**GER O'GRADY**

(14)

E. Breathnach

**EAMON WALSHE**

(15)

L. Ó Coirbín

**LAR CORBETT**

**ROGHNOIRÍ** – Paddy Doyle (Manager), Paddy McCormack (Trainer),  
Tom Barry, Denis Maher, Br Dathí Fitzgerald.



**Fir Ionaid:**

**SUB GOALKEEPER**  
Patrick McCormack

(16) Barry O'Dwyer

(17) Matthew O'Dowd

(18) Pat Lawlor

(19) Eoin Costello

(20) Brian O'Grady

(21) Tony Connolly

(22) Tom Ryan

(23) Lee Shanahan

(24) Wayne Cully

(25) Willie Collins

(26) David O'Dwyer

(27) Colm O'Rourke

(28) Eamon Tuohy

(29) Brendan O'Sullivan

(30) John Connors

(31) John Enright

THURLES SANSFIELDS	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
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2adh leath					
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# CJ Kickhams Mullinahone

## Club Officers

Chairman: Albert Curran; Secretary: Jackie Bolger; Treasurer: Rickie Sheehan;  
Assistant Treasurer: Anne Pollard; PRO: Victor Direen; Football Chairman: Lance Vaughan;  
Football Secretary: Dick Egan

IN 1988 when Mullinahone folk travelled to Clonmel for the South Tipperary junior hurling final nobody could have realised what lay ahead in the coming years.

The junior final was won the same way, and the CJ Kickhams bandwagon had begun to roll. Later that winter U-21 'B' South and County hurling and football double was won.

1989 was a great year for the premier county, but a better one for the boys from Kickhams town.

After winning South U-21 'A' and Junior hurling titles, we went on to win County honours in both, beating Declan Ryan's Clonoulty in the U-21 and Nicky English's Lattin Cullen in the junior decider.

A South intermediate football title was also brought back to the 'little village'.

A certain John Leahy had nine championship medals the same year. Back to back South intermediate hurling titles were won in 1990 and 1991, so we progressed to senior hurling in 1992.

In our eleven years, hurling senior we have annexed five South titles (93, 95, 97, 99, 2002).

In 1997 we reached the county senior



Ky Vaughan  
(Mullinahone Capt)

hurling final, only to narrowly fall to Clonoulty. We have also been defeated in county finals in minor hurling and U-21 hurling in recent years.

Is our luck about to change? Today we are back in a senior hurling final hoping to bridge a 35 year gap since Dan Breen came to the South. The Mullinahone bandwagon continues to roll. Perhaps the fairy-tale is only beginning!!

Mullinahone first fielded a senior hurling team in 1992. Their complete record in Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship games to date is:

<b>1993</b>	QF	Holycross 1-2; Mullinahone 2-6
<b>1994</b>	QF	Cashel 1-19; Mullinahone 1-7
<b>1995</b>	QF	Nenagh 2-16; Mullinahone 3-9
<b>1997</b>	QF	Mullinahone 1-20; Knockavilla 0-15
	SF	Mullinahone 1-20; Holycross 3-11
<b>Final Clonoulty 0-17; Mullinahone 1-12</b>		
<b>1999</b>	QF	Mullinahone 2-20; Loughmore 2-8
	SF	Nenagh 4-18; Mullinahone 1-10
<b>2001</b>	QF	Cappawhite 2-15; Mullinahone 1-13
<b>2002</b>	QF	Mullinahone 3-17; Roscrea 0-9
	SF	Mullinahone 1-15; Toomevara 1-14
<b>Final Mullinahone v Thurles Sarsfields</b>		

## Mullinahone Path to the Final

### South Quarter Final

Mullinahone 1-18; St Mary's 1-10

### South Semi Final

Mullinahone 3-16; Ballingarry 2-15

### South Final

Mullinahone 2-19; Killenaule 0-12

### County Quarter Final

Mullinahone 3-17; Roscrea 0-9

### County Semi Final

Mullinahone 1-15; Toomevara 1-14



## — PLAYER PROFILE —

### Paul Curran (Mullinahone)

by Leonard Fitzgerald

Today the curtain comes down on yet another intriguing county senior hurling championship campaign, in a year in which all four divisional finals have produced new winners. Ironically its only Mullinahone's second ever appearance in a final. Losing in 1997 to Clonoulty-Rossmore was a bitter pill to swallow but now they've returned in anticipation of recording a unique achievement. From a first junior title in 1989, today the CJ Kickham club find themselves one hour away from a senior equivalent after 13 years of effort and heartache. Mullinahone have amassed five senior divisional titles, their first in 1993. Traditionally a footballing stronghold, in 1987 John Leahy at minor level broke the mould in becoming the first ever Mullinahone representative to grace the inter-county stage. Since then, Paul Curran has become one of eight others to follow in his footsteps. In the 1997 county final loss, Paul was the second youngest on the panel, still active in Bord na Nog games while ensuring an invaluable learning experience in the senior squad sessions. In the same year the south division won its first ever Munster U-16 title defeating south Limerick in the decider with Paul having performed heroics at left half back. Later in the year Tipperary claimed the Nenagh Co-op tournament. Another triumph for the young Mullinahone defender At Scoil Ruain, Killaule hurling came easy to the Kilvemnon lad. A Canon Fitzgerald winners medal against Nenagh in 1997 was first to come.

In 1998 representing Scoil Ruain, Paul made the county vocational schools hurling and football teams winning the All Ireland Senior 'B' football title for good measure. He also captained the U-17 inter-divisional football champs against North Tipp



that same season. In Paul's final year, the school collected the Munster Vocational school's title defeating Coachford College Cork only to have their All-Ireland ambitions cut short against Athenry VS at the semi-final stage. The Tipperary minors regained provincial honours in 1999 at Semple Stadium after a two year lapse. Paul operating at full-back gave commendable performances throughout.

A strongly built, well focused and equally committed individual, Paul who won't turn twenty one for another two weeks is second in a family of five. Eldest brother Niall, a former county minor is Eddie Carey's midfield partner while seventeen year old Alan is the latest panel member.

Presently in his final year studying manufacturing engineering at Waterford IT, he has added a Fitzgibbon Cup medal to his handsome collection defeating UCD in 2000. Paul exceeded all expectations playing full-back in his fresher season. He is also the holder of two U-21 and three Senior divisional medals but victory today would overshadow all that. In early 2001, he was one of five Mullinahone club men included in the senior squad. Despite not securing a championship place he did feature against Laois, Cork and Galway in the 2001 league campaign. After endless nights training and diligent hurling practice an All-Ireland medal was equally rewarding for his all-round contribution. Losing consecutive U-21 Munster finals to Limerick inflicted wounds that were slow to heal. Paul at centre-back and full-back respectively viewed these results as potential low points. Thankfully for him under John Leahy and the coaching skills of Sean O'Regan this year could end triumphantly for the green and red. Its now or never Mullinahone!



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# CJ Kickhams-Mullinahone

## County Senior Hurling Finalists 2002



CJ Kickhams-Mullinahone – Back row (from left): Dermot Hackett, Pat Croke, Brian O'Meara, Noel Leahy, Vincent Doherty, Paul Kelly, Edward O'Brien.  
Front row (from left): Martin Costelloe, Niall Curran, Eoin Kelly, Philip O'Shea, Conor Arrigan, Ky Vaughan, Eddie Carey, Paul Curran.



# Four final defeats in the decade between them

*They say that "you have to lose one to win one"! Well if they do, please don't repeat it to the men of **Thurles Sarsfields** or **Mullinahone**. Between them they have been on the end of four County final defeats in the last decade.*

*Neither panel will want to add to that tally today.*

## **1992 Toomevara 0-12, Thurles Sarsfields 1-6 (after a replay)**

Toomevara went into the replay with an increased confidence in their ability and they expressed that confidence in a much improved display. Yet Sarsfields had a point to spare at the interval in a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-6, their goal a fortuitous one by Connie Maher from a melee in the front of the goal. In the second half Toomevara's superiority became more pronounced but they were never able to pull out of the danger zone chiefly due to a tenacious defence by the Thurles backline, especially Michael Maher, Seamus O'Shea and Seamus Maher (RIP), until he retired with an injury. In fact many believed that performance of the veteran, Michael Maher, deserved the Man of the Match award.

But there were sterling performances at the other end of the field also and as the game wore on we saw some superb defending by Declan O'Meara, George Friend and Man of the Match, Philip Shanahan, who was just half the age of the leading contender from the opposite side. The quality of the Toomevara defence can be seen in the paucity of Sarsfields' scores in the second half, a mere two points. The last ten minutes saw trojan efforts on both sides to gain the verdict and the excitement was intense up to final whistle, with only a puck of a ball between the sides, Toomevara 0-12, Thurles Sarsfields 1-6.

**Teams:** Toomevara – Jody Grace, Pat Meagher, Rory Brislane, Michael O'Meara (capt), George Friend, Declan O'Meara, Philip Shanahan, Pat King, Tony Delaney, Tommy Dunne, Liam Flaherty, Liam Nolan, Tommy Carroll. **Subs** – Michael Nolan for Flaherty, Kevin McCormack for Carroll. Also: Sean Nolan, Kenneth McDonnell, John Ryan, Jimmy Dunne, Brendan Spillane, Kevin Delaney, Owen Cuddihy.

**Selectors** – Fr Michael Casey, Jim McDonald, Frank Ryan.  
**Coach** – P.J. Whelan.

**Thurles Sarsfields** – Pat McCormack, Michael Maher, Tommy Maher, Michael Sparrow, Jim Moloney, Seamus O'Shea, Seamus Maher (RIP), John Dorney, Liam Duggan, Eamon Walshe (Capt), Brendan Carroll, Connie Maher, Maurice McCormack, Paddy Maher, Seamus Quinn. **Subs** – Clive Hanrahan for Moloney, Graham O'Connor for Walshe, Michael Hanrahan for S. Maher. Also: Kieran Carroll, Lar Barrett, Tony Coman, Andy Rossiter, P.J. Kavanagh, Tony O'Meara, John Kennedy, Kevin Cummins. **Selectors** – Tom Barry (coach), Denis Maher, Liam Ó Donnchú.

## **1997 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-17, Mullinahone 1-12**

The county final on November 2 was unique in a number of ways. Never before had there been a south-west contest at this level. It was Mullinahone's first time to appear and it brought to twelve the number of appearances by south teams in county senior finals. It was thirty years since a south team won the final. Mullinahone were slight favourites on the basis of their displays in the quarter – and semi-finals and Clonoulty-Rossmore's fortuitous win. Over 17,000 attended, the biggest number at a county final since the fifties.

On a murky day in greasy conditions, there was no appreciable wind to interfere with the game. The sides were level on six occasions in the first half but by half-time Clonoulty-Rossmore were in front by ten points to seven, the difference between the sides reflected in the number of wides, three to the West, nine to the South. The West men remained in front until Brian O'Meara's goal brought the sides level and there was all to play for in the final ten minutes. Bonny Kennedy gave Clonoulty-Rossmore a two point cushion during this period and with about three minutes to go, Mullinahone got a thirty yard free. Leahy blasted for goal but it was saved. He got a second chance and it came off the post, leaving the advantage to Clonoulty-Rossmore and victory by 0-17 to 1-12.



CJ Kickhams, Mullinahone, Co Senior Hurling Finals 1997



## 2000 Toomevara 2-10, Thurles Sarsfields 0-11

An attendance of 8,500 at Semple Stadium on October 15 were treated to a game which fell far short of expectations. Toomevara opened the scoring with a point but Thurles had a great chance of a goal in the seventh minute. Three minutes later John O'Brien scored a goal for Toomevara from a pass from his brother, Paddy. At the end of the first quarter Toomevara were ahead by 1-3 to 0-2. They continued to dominate the second quarter and were in front by 1-6 to 0-2 after twenty-two minutes. Sarsfields were doing a lot of attacking but getting nowhere against a superb Toomevara defence, especially the inner line of George Frend, Rory Brislane and Brendan Dunne. However, in the remaining minutes they came more into the game, scoring three points to one from Toomevara, to leave the half-time score 1-7 to 0-5.

The score did not adequately reflect Toomevara's superiority. They were playing the better hurling, making the more effective moves. They were very good at touching the ball away from their opponents, advancing it twenty or third yards with deft touches, when they couldn't get in a full stroke. Overall, they were the more skillful combination.

Whereas the first half was incident free, the second half saw no less than three players get red cards.

Whereas the game was niggling in spots, the sending-off offences were isolated incidents.

Sarsfields did not continue their revival in the second half. John O'Brien almost had a Toomevara goal in the third minute but was foiled by an alert Ciaran Carroll. Three minutes later O'Brien scored on his second chance to put Toomevara 2-7 to 0-6 in front. The next ten minutes were scrappy as three players got their marching orders. Sarsfields came more into the game and began to run at the Toomevara backs. With five minutes to go they had reduced the deficit to four points. Try as they might they couldn't get the goal they required. During these final minutes Paddy O'Brien scored a point to give Toomevara their 2-10 to 0-11 victory.

*Toomevara:* Justin Cottrell, George Frend, Rory Brislane, Brendan Dunne, Phillip Shanahan, Tony Delaney, Brian Duff, Terry Dunne (captain), Padraig Hackett, Ken Dunne, Kevin Cummins, Paddy O'Brien, Mark Bevans, Tommy Dunne, John O'Brien. Sub: Michael O'Meara for Kevin Cummins.

*Thurles Sarsfields:* Ciaran Carroll, Brian O'Grady, Tommy Maher, Gary Mernagh, Pat Treacy, Seamus O'Shea, Cathal McIntyre, Brendan Carroll (captain), Tom Ryan, Larry Corbett, Eddie Enright, Matthew O'Dowd, Ger O'Grady, Johnny Enright, Connie Maher. Subs: Stephen Mason for Connie Maher, Tony Ruth for Matty O'Dowd.

Man of the Match Award: John O'Brien (Toomevara).  
Referee: Willie Barrett (Ardinnan).

## 2001 Toomevara 1-22, Thurles Sarsfields 1-13

It was a repeat of the previous year's, when Thurles Sarsfields had frozen on the day. It was hoped the experience would stand to them and their performance up to the final appeared to suggest they were playing with a

confidence that would stand to them against Toomevara. Up to the interval they seemed on target for their first victory since 1974. The majority of the fine crowd of over 12,000 spectators seemed to be on their side. The score stood at 0-8 to 0-7 in favour of Toomevara, who had enjoyed the advantage of the breeze in the first half.

However, any conjecture of Sarsfields' chances wasn't long becoming irrelevant. Within ten minutes the post-mortems were being prepared. Whereas all the Toomevara side contributed to Sarsfields' demise, the contribution of John O'Brien has to be singled out. Unable to get going in the first half, having two wides to his credit, he suddenly unleashed a performance and was a lethal weapon against which the challengers had no answer. He bagged 1-5 from play and was a terror to the opposing backs anytime he got the ball. Six other Toomevara players scored and this was probably the main difference between the sides. No less than 1-8 of Sarsfields' scores came from placed balls. Only six points of Toomevara's much bigger score came from the same source. Long before the final whistle sounded, the game was over and the crowd were leaving.

The frustration that Sarsfields felt was reflected in the play. Long before the end the team had lost all their structure. The skill levels, the speed and the passing movements they had revealed with such brilliance against Cappawhite were nowhere to be seen. In contrast Toomevara were everywhere. Wherever a ball broke there was a Toom man to collect and clear. Any Sarsfields forward who got possession was harried and hassled by two or even three opponents and was never given an opportunity to express himself. For Sarsfields it was a bitter end to a championship, which promised so much. For Toomevara, it was an incredible performance and one is left amazed at how hungry, committed, determined and focused a team with so many victories under its belt can be. One has to wish them well in the club championship.  
*Teams:* *Toomevara* – Justin Cottrell (capt.); George Frend; Rory Brislane; Brendan Dunne; Bryan Duff; Tony Delaney (0-1); Phillip Shanahan, Terry Dunne (0-2); Eoin Brislane; Paul McGrath (0-1); Tomás Dunne (0-4, one free, one sideline); Ken Dunne (0-7, five frees); M. Bevans (0-1); John O'Brien (1-5); Ken Hall. Subs: F. Delaney for Hall; Padraig Hackett (0-1) for Delaney; Tommy Carroll for Eoin Brislane.

*Thurles Sarsfields* – Ciaran Carroll, Brian O'Grady; Seamus O'Shea; Gary Mernagh; John Lawlor; Eddie Enright; Brendan Carroll (0-1); Stephen Mason; Cathal McIntyre; Matthew Dowd (0-2); Johnny Enright (1-9, 1-8 from frees); Lar Corbett; Ger O'Grady; Pat Lawlor; Tony Ruth (0-1). Subs: Tom Ryan for Mason; Eamon Walsh for Pat Lawlor, Trevor O'Dwyer for Ryan, Tommy Collins for McIntyre.

Referee: Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)

Man of the Match: John O'Brien

Attendance: 12, 140.





Semi-final





# JOHN LEAHY

– the ultimate hurler

by Jim Fogarty

**T**he Ultimate Encyclopedia of Gaelic Football and Hurling by Martin Breheny and Donal Keenan, was published in 2001. It contains profiles of 42 contemporary hurlers of John Leahy. John is not included.

Let's jog the collective memories of Martin and Donal. Look at the videos of the '91 Munster Final replay; the '91 All-Ireland; the '93 Munster Final; the '94 League Final; the 2000 Munster Championship games against Waterford and Clare... just for starters! Consider John's role in guiding Mullinahone into their first County Final in 1997, only to lose by 2 points.

See the eulogies that have been written about Leahy after numerous big games. Recall Diarmuid Flynn's piece in *The Examiner* when he stated that if he were selecting a team of the best contemporary hurlers, John Leahy would be the first player he would pick.

15 years great service surely deserves recognition. In the words of his former manager Babs Keating, John is a "tremendous player with great courage and

strength, who did everything for the team". Has there ever been a louder ovation to greet a player, than when Leahy was introduced against Clare in 2001?

In Mullinahone, where football was king, Leahy has inspired and tutored a fine crop of players in Brian O'Meara, the Currans, the Kellys, Eddie Carey, Pat Croke, etc. When John eventually retires he will be happy in the knowledge that Mullinahone is a powerhouse in Tipp hurling.

During the 80's, 90's, and now into the new century, he has enthralled and delighted spectators with his charismatic displays. Picture for a moment the hand going skywards to catch the dropping ball, the frisson of excitement as he bursts through the opposition, and the skilful long-striking which produced so many wonderful scores.

John has produced a legacy and litany of performances which will always endure in the memory of those privileged to have witnessed such prodigious skill and talent.

Jim Fogarty, a Tipperary man, lives in Kilkenny.



Mullinahone Selectors: Michael Scott, Sean O'Meara, Sean Brett, John Leahy.

# THE TIPPERARY STAR ANNER HOTEL JUBILEE AWARDS

**T**he Tipperary Star and the Anner Hotel honour the hurlers from Kilruane McDonaghs, Tipperary senior hurling champions 1977, '78, '79. We salute them for their wonderful achievement in winning three titles in a row. The following were members of that panel;

Ger Burns

Dinny Cahill, Captain 1977

John Cahill

Michael Cahill

Len Gaynor

Seamus Hennessey

Enda Hogan

Michael Hogan

Joe Hudson (deceased)

Sean Hyland

Seamus (Mackey) Keogh

Jim Moloughney

Denis O'Meara

Jim O'Meara

Sean O'Meara

Eamonn O'Shea

Liam O'Shea, Captain 1979

Jim Reddan

Phil Reddan

John Quinlan

Michael Quinlan

Philip Quinlan

Tony Sheppard

Mackey Waters

Denis Whelan

Ger Williams

Gilbert Williams

Jim Williams, Captain 1978

Paddy Williams



**Kilruane MacDonaghs 1977-1979 team**

Back row (l to r): Selector, Billy O'Meara (RIP), Paddy Williams, Enda Hogan, Liam O'Shea, (Capt 1979), Tony Sheppard, Denis O'Meara, Sean Hyland, Seamus (Mackey) Keogh, Sean O'Meara. Front row: Jim Williams, (Capt. 1978), Jim Reddan, Jim O'Meara, Len Gaynor, Dinny Cahill (Capt. 1977), Seamus Hennessey, Gilbert Williams.





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# DR CROKE

## FIRST PATRON OF THE GAA

*Dr T W Croke, (1823-1902)*

*by Seamus J. King*

**D**r Croke, the Cork-born, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, might never have been the first Patron of the GAA.

When Michael Cusack began to lay plans for the foundation of the Gaelic Athletic Association, he saw the need for support from leaders of Church and State. His original choice was Dr Patrick Duggan, the Bishop of Clonfert.

When he was approached, he was seventy-one years of age, in rather poor health and had already offered his resignation to the Pope. He declined the request and advised that Dr Croke, "a fine Gael, young vigorous and energetic", would be a good choice as patron of the new body. And so, Cusack came to Thurles and the rest is history.

Dr Croke was a fine choice and he took his new post seriously. Soon after receiving the request he wrote a long letter explaining why he supported the GAA, a document that so comprehensively made the case for the GAA that it has ever since been regarded as the Charter or Manifesto of the Association.

From his earliest youth Thomas William Croke showed himself a lover of all things Irish. He excelled in sport, especially handball, which he played into adult life. When he was first president of St. Colman's College, Fermoy, he was instrumental in the erection of two handball alleys at the college.

Born in 1823 at Castlecor he was educated locally until he was sixteen, when he went to the Irish College in Paris as a student for the priesthood for six years. Afterwards he went to the Irish College in Rome, where he was ordained in 1847. Later the same year he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree and returned to Ireland to a teaching post in St Patrick's College, Carlow and, a year later, Professor of Dogmatic Theology in the Irish College Paris.

His pastoral ministry in the Cloyne Diocese began in 1849 and continued until 1870, with the exception of the years 1858-1870, when he was first president of St. Colman's College. He was ordained Bishop of Auckland in 1870 and appointed Archbishop of Cashel and Emly in 1875, where he remained until his death in 1902.

Dr Croke was a commanding figure, physically and intellectually, a national figure as well as a leader of the Irish hierarchy. He was to the fore in helping

the  
great

national  
struggle for

land reform. In  
one speech in 1850

he used the language of the future Sinn Féin: "We must not flatter ourselves that we can succeed in this or any other national struggle, unless we place the hopes of our deliverance in ourselves alone".

When he gave his support to Michael Davitt and the leaders of the Land League, he reserved his special praise for CS Parnell, and publicly declared: "I believe Mr Parnell to be one of the greatest benefactors of the Irish people. He has brought a nation of slaves to assume the part and bearing and language of freemen".

Another aspect of the individual was his generosity. Endowed with considerable family means, Archbishop Croke was a ready and exceptionally generous benefactor to a multiplicity of deserving diocesan, national and charitable causes. The poor, the evicted, church buildings and deserving national causes were all frequent beneficiaries of his extraordinary generosity.

Dr Croke was also a tremendous worker. A prolific letter writer, he peppered the papers of the day with comment and opinion on a wide range of topics. He helped the infant GAA either with generous grants or by his own presence at GAA sports meetings or matches. He was in demand as a public speaker. He performed the opening ceremonies of a huge number of new churches. He had a deserved reputation for pastoral and administrative ability.

He was a truly outstanding figure in the Ireland of his day and he remained so right up to the end of his life, maintaining that he would "labour as the earnest advocate of national liberty all the world over; a friend of every righteous cause and the sworn enemy of oppression and tyranny". He was, indeed, a great Irishman, a great archbishop and the perfect choice as first patron of the Gaelic Athletic Association.



# Scór Thiobraid Arann

When Derry Gowan back in 1969 put forward the innovative idea of having some social activities run by GAA during winter months, the motion was passed at Congress. Scór was born and competitions started in 1970/71.

We had many wonderful nights of music song and dance in the intervening years. But with so many field activities now ongoing in all categories, club committees find it hard to cope with all the pressures, so at present Scór is losing out in some parishes.

At our recent AGM Donie Shanahan Leas Cathaoirleach, representing Con Hogan, assured us that Con and Donie will support our endeavours for Scór in every way possible. Likewise Billy Barrett South Chairman, who informed us that Scór in the South lost a very committed secretary Eileen Boland, due to personal commitments. She will be hard to replace.

Gerry Ring from West, a stalwart in Scór in the early years, will do his utmost to revive interest again in his division. So now gentlemen actions speak louder than words, hopefully we may now look forward to more clubs participating in the years ahead.

We have had clubs over the years competing in County Finals regularly, but never winning, eg. Newcastle Set, eventually their luck turned, and

they went on to win an All-Ireland. Last year (2001/2002 season) Shannon Rovers, dormant for years, came to Ardcroney for the North Final. Their representative Siobhán Weafer in the Solo Song competition went on to win the All-Ireland in Killarney in April.

We had a very enjoyable celebratory party in Elsie Hogan's hostelry, Ballinderry, in September – delayed because Siobhán went on tour with *Lord of the Dance* in Germany.

She was returning for a second term in early October, a lovely personality, a good ambassador for our Irish culture in Europe. We wish Siobhán much luck in her career.

You don't have to be an athlete to represent your parish – perhaps you play music, sing, dance or recite. While winning a competition is a bonus, it is the participation that is important. Perhaps we have a Louise Morrissey, Domnic Kirwan or Eamon McCann, who started their careers in Scór, hiding out in the parish and only need encouragement from some Scór official to come forward.

Scór Thiobraid Arann are lucky to have a very committed cathaoirleach, Johnny Delaney, and runai, Mary Murphy, who intend to make sure Scór will remain an influential part of the GAA calendar in county Tipperary.



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