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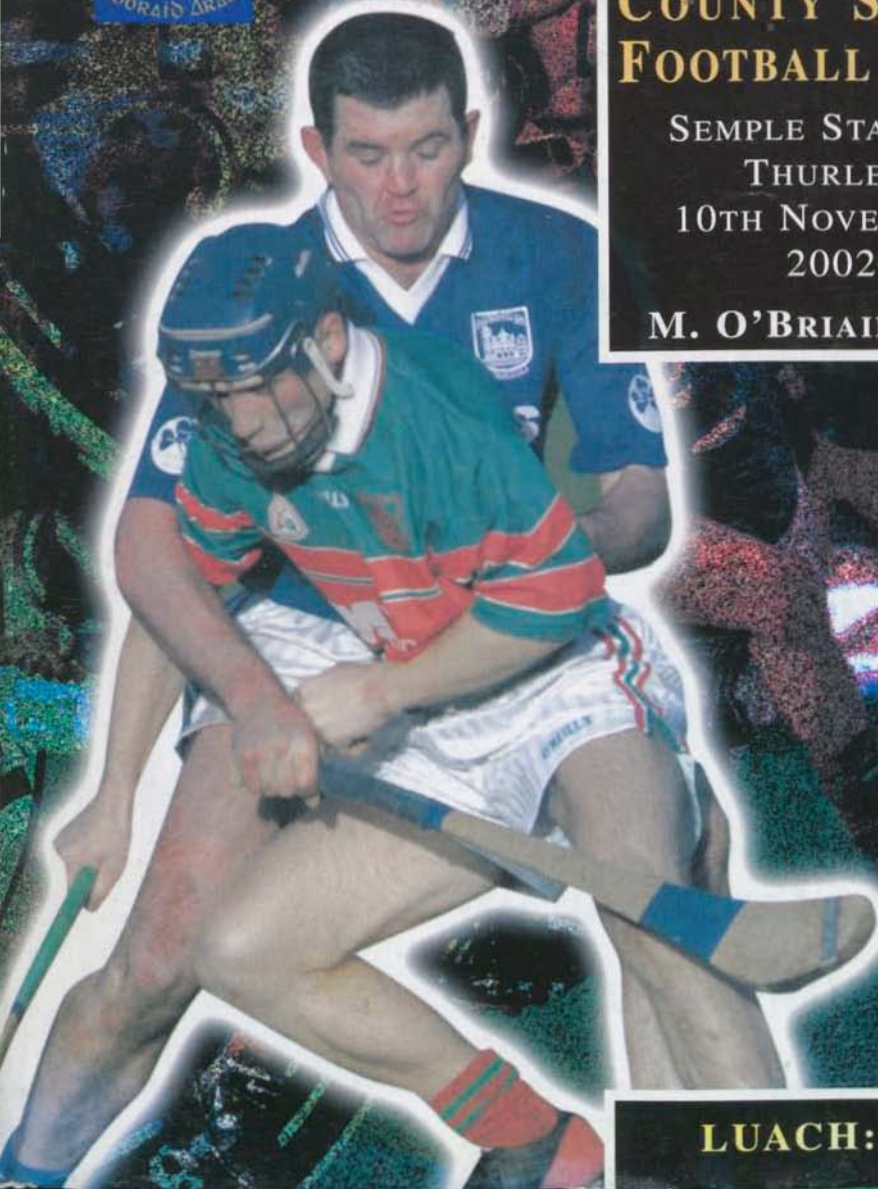
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A most attractive double header brings to Semple Stadium today, the replay of the Tipperary Credit Unions Senior Hurling Championship and the Senior Football Final.

It is a great opportunity to showcase both our games together. The young boys from clubs all over the county take part in the U12 "one hop, one solo" football game.

We had a most entertaining game last Sunday, when Thurles Sarsfields drew with Mullinahone. It is still a difficult call as to which side will claim the Dan Breen Cup.

The winners meet Mount Sion this coming weekend. Honour laded Clonmel Commercials face the spirited men from Aherlow in the quest for the O'Dwyer Cup.

Both sides are worthy finalists, having overcome Loughmore -Castleiney and champions Fethard in their respective semi finals.

My thanks to our sponsors the Tipperary Credit Unions

and John Quirke, who sponsors the "Man of the Match" award in both games. I wish the hurlers, footballers, referees and their officials a good game today.

Michael Doyle (Manager) and his fellow selectors Kevin Fox and Liam Sheedy will guide the fortunes of the Tipperary senior team for the next two years. I know that all of you join with me in wishing them well.

My term as Chairman of the Tipperary County Board comes to an end next month. I take this opportunity to thank the many Tipperary people who continue to support our games and fund raising ventures.

Tiobraid Arann Abu.



Conchúir Ó h-Ógáin  
Cathaoirleach

### COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL REPLAY, 10th NOV, 2002

12:45PM **COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL**

## Aherlow v Clonmel Commercials

Reiteoir: John Kelly

2:30PM

### **COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL (REPLAY)**

## C.J. Kickhams-Mullinahone v Thurles Sarsfields

Reiteoir: Johnny O'Donnell



### **BUIOCHAS**

Many thanks to all who gave of their time to provide articles for both today's and last Sunday's programmes. Special thanks to Brendan O'Connor and Jerry Ring for use of photographs.

John McCormack, Programme Editor

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# SEEKING HOMES

## — The Dan Breen and O'Dwyer Cups

*Liz Howard*

What will the day bring? Will the Dan Breen Cup travel in glory for the first time to Mullinahone or return to the more familiar territory of Thurles? The O'Dwyer Cup would find a warm welcome in lovely Aherlow, but is no stranger to Clonmel.

To the hurling replay firstly, many claim that Thurles Sarsfields are now in the driving seat and that their name is on the cup. They stayed calm even when Mullinahone went six points up. This composure has been the main improvement in their game this year. Their hurling ability was never an issue. Point by point was registered in a controlled way. The strong breeze late in the game was a big help to tired legs. The introduction of Mattie O'Dowd and Pat Lawlor worked, both had a major influence on the closing stages. However it still could be argued that they did not play as well as they are capable of. Leadership is required throughout the field, it was left to Ger "Redser" O'Grady to take on that role. Brendan Carroll and Eddie Enright are experienced hurlers but need to stamp their authority more. Lar Corbett showed touches of his skill, a shot across goal must have caused a few Mullinahone hearts to flutter.

Mullinahone should have

won. Apart from the strong breeze, they should not have allowed Thurles back into the game. Earlier the issue of the sideline ball and the subsequent fouling of a free were somewhat unsettling. However it was carelessness in the last ten minutes that was the real reason for their relinquishing such a lead. Losing Paul Kelly was a disappointment not just to the team, but also to the many spectators who admire this talented hurler. All credit to replacement Philip O'Shea who had a fine game. Paul Curran was the pick of the defence. Eddie Carey played splendidly and Brian O'Meara upped his game considerably in the second half. Eoin Kelly, still hampered by a calf injury, managed some superb points. However it was John Leahy who stole the applause and the show. He was the man who worked so hard for his team, with the touches of class and artistry that adorn the game. What are the chances that we will see him in Blue and Gold next year.

The outcome of this game is finely balanced.

Gallant Aherlow, playing to claim a first ever-senior championship title will have neutral support against Clonmel. Commercially, Aherlow had to play reigning champions Fethard, twice last weekend to get to the final. That takes its toll,

physically and mentally. The Moroneys, Peters', Leonards, O'Sheas, Fergal Clifford and captain, Mark O'Brien will have to call on all the resources of courage, determination and spirit against a very experienced Commercial side. Tremendous spirit is an integral part of psyche the Aherlow men.

Intercounty goalkeeper, Philly Ryan is one of the best in the game. Benny Walsh, Fergal O'Callaghan, Kevin Dempsey and Eamonn Hanrahan are other fine footballers.

They defeated Loughmore-Castleiney in the other semi-final. The winners today face Waterford club, The Nire.

Thanks to all the spectators in Semple Stadium last Sunday who gave such a warm and well-deserved reception to the Kilruane Mc Donaghs hurlers of 1977, '78 and '79.

They enjoyed the day. Thanks to the Tipperary Star and Anner Hotel for honouring them. We salute the U12 footballers who take the field today, a special young friend Mark Gennery is in action. Mark from Portroe is most knowledgeable about hurling, football and most other sports.

Enjoy the action today.

# U-12 Football Exhibition (ONE HOP/NO SOLO)

## The Galtee Boys (Team A)

- 1 Mark Gennery .....Portroe
- 2 Leonard Leahy .....Lattin Cullen
- 3 Gary Frewen (Capt) .....Aherlow
- 4 Conor Heffernan .....Boherlahan
- 5 Joe Gallagher .....Kiladangan
- 6 Darren Lowery .....Arravale Rovers
- 7 John Kennedy .....Drom & Inch
- 8 James Kelly .....Fethard
- 9 Michael Hickey .....Cahir
- 10 Eanna Meaney .....Ballyporeen
- 11 Donagh Heffernan .....Cappawhite
- 12 Willie Flynn .....Rockwell Rovers
- 13 Jason Coffey .....Ardfinnan
- 14 Sean O'Brien .....Newport
- 15 Kieran Morris .....Durlas Óg
- 16 Matthew Ralph .....Cappawhite
- 17 Johnny Sweeney .....Ballylooby

## The Commercial Kids (Team B)

- 1 Stuart Broderick .....St Patrick's
- 2 Richard Guiry .....Newcastle
- 3 Gary Touhy .....Silvermines
- 4 Damien Ryan .....Solohead
- 5 Jim Moloney .....Clonoulty Rossmore
- 6 Charlie Purcell .....Moyle Rovers
- 7 Martin Slattery .....Fr Sheehys
- 8 Martin Kennedy (Capt) .....Commercials
- 9 Dean Landy .....Grangemockler
- 10 Matthew Ryan .....Golden Kilfeakle
- 11 Ross McGrath .....Galtee Rovers
- 12 David Ryan .....St Martin's
- 13 Brian Treacy .....Mullinahone
- 14 Matthew Greene .....Upperchurch
- 15 Damien Corcoran .....Borrisoleigh
- 16 Cormac McGrath .....Ballinahinch

Referee: Kevin Butler  
Linesmen: M Jordan  
Denis Curtis

Umpires: Michael Jordan jnr,  
Paul Jordan, John Kennedy,  
Liam Ryan

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# A BLUE DAY!

When a match ends in a draw there is always discussion about which team 'let it slip'. Last Sunday Mullinahone controlled the game for most of the time, but gradually allowed their lead to be eroded. In the end Sarsfields had the pep in their step, knowing that defeat had been avoided. It is ten years since something similar happened but remember in 1992, Toomevara won the replay.

Mullinahone's performance must be considered in the context of Paul Kelly's early departure through injury. Their effort was herculean without his leadership and inspiration. Had he remained on the pitch, it is unlikely we would be watching a replay!

Sarsfields were without Johnny Enright, apart from a late cameo appearance, but the difference was they knew he was out before they started. At full fitness he would have made a significant contribution also. As it was, the Mid men used their panel wisely and the introduction of fresh players of different styles boosted their recovery.

But a county final without a goal – the last was in 1990 – ensured that neither team would win easily. The value of a point in such circumstances puts a later Mullinahone foul into perspective. Replays often follow a different course to the drawn game. Maybe there will be goals today. The body language at the end demonstrated that Sarsfields were upbeat about their achievement – Mullinahone players reminded us of the Tipp team after the draw with Clare in 1999.

However, we should look at the history of replays over the past twenty years in determining our favourites for today. In 1982 Moycarkey-Borris beat Roscrea. In 1988 Loughmore-Clonoulty beat Borrisoleigh, in 1992 Toomevara beat Sarsfields. The common theme is that the favourites lost each time! Betting last weekend suggested that Mullinahone were favourites. If their mental strength is good enough to believe they can finish the job, they might!

However it is hard to overlook the Sarsfields determination which saved the day. A home win today!

By Seamus O'Doherty

## MEDIA VIEW

For an external review of last Sunday's drawn game we turn to Keith Duggan 'The Irish Times' for his assessment. This edited version captured the day's action rather well.

Mullinahone, a village that has acquired a mythical glow in recent decades, did all to win but just failed to lift the cup in Semple Stadium yesterday. On song and six points clear as the game entered a wet and blustery final quarter, they looked a good bet.

Perhaps the desperate fear of losing at this stage for the third successive year was Thurles' salvation, but they hurled their way back into the match, with a force that proved unstoppable.

It was a pair of substitutions that smacked of a last throw that changed the complexion of the game. First, the lively Matt O'Dowd sent over a pair of invaluable points that seemed to relieve the Thurles attack of a collective scoring block.

They outgunned Mullinahone by seven points to two over what was a gripping last period. But Thurles lived dangerously.

Paul Curran starred in an honest Mullinahone back line, clearing ball after ball under severe pressure, while Thurles worked themselves into serious trouble as their attacking lines were totally cold.

John Leahy, the godfather of the current generation of Tipp lights, was never less than busy and, as ever, worth the admission price alone.

His point midway through the first half, when he was flush against the touchline near where the cup was awaiting a new keeper, was in itself a lecture in balance

and class.

But it was a flourish five minutes later, when he flicked the ball over Tommy Maher and then led half of the Thurles defence on a choreographed dance, that drew the involuntary ohh-la-las from stands where they are not easily impressed. His stroke tailed away from the posts, but that didn't matter; it was the best wide most of us ever saw.

But the Mullinahone legend will be concerned that neither he nor young Kelly or O'Meara could exert enough influence to close out the final.

Instead, Thurles rushed back and could have stolen it in the last minute. The implish Lar Corbett spied a parcel of space in the Mullinahone defence and used his long stride to break clear; his stinging goal shot flew just over the bar.

A minute later, Corbett blew a gilt-edged point chance after a fine fetch and pass from Redser O'Grady. The town support was still ruing that opportunity when Conor Arrigan broke away to put Mullinahone two points clear in the final minute.

But Thurles just refused to accept another sad county story and demonstrated great point in the last 120 seconds.

A Simon Mason '65 in the 61st minute left them trailing by one and, following the puck-out, John Lawlor directed a low and thoughtful ball downfield for his brother Pat, the other attacking substitution, to smartly clip over the bar.

They hurried out of Semple Stadium with the light fading but spirits high.



# CLONMEL COMMERCIALS – a

**C**LONMEL Commercials enter to-day's final with a proud history behind them. Founded in 1932, Clonmel Commercials have enjoyed frequent success in all grades of football since.

Twelve years after their formation, the club's famous green and gold jerseys had been carried to victory on the playing fields all over Tipperary and had won south and county titles in all grades.

The club's first taste of county success came in the form of a minor title in 1935. A

## Path to Final:

*Saturday, May 8th in Kilsheelan:*

Commercials .....	0-10
Carrick Swans .....	1-03

*Sunday, July 28th in New Inn:*

Commercials .....	0-14
Arravale Rovers .....	0-6

*Saturday, October 12th:*

Commercials .....	1-10
J.K. Brackens .....	0-8

*Saturday, November 2nd:*

Commercials .....	0-15
Loughmore/Castleiney .....	0-11

## Club Officers 2002

*Chairman:* Brendan Power.

*Secretary:* Derek Williams

*Treasurer:* Tony Gleeson

*Vice Chairman:* Dan McMenamin.

*President:* George Pyke

*Vice Presidents:* Dan Kavanagh,  
Eddie Hickey, Sean Cleary.

*P.R.O.:* Ned Brophy.

*Chairman of the Juvenile committee:*  
John Hynes

*Secretary of the Juvenile committee:*  
George Barry.

county junior title followed in 1940 before the first of the club's 13 senior titles in 1944. The captain on that occasion was the legendary Sean Cleary, who went on to captain Commercials in their next two victories in 1948 and 1956.

Arguably the club's greatest achievement was winning three county titles in-a-row in 1965, 1966 and 1967. The captain on all three teams was the late Brian O'Callaghan. Mick Egan, Mick O'Connell, Tom Pollard, John McNamara, and Peter Archibald were some of the players on this marvellous



Clonmel Commercials selectors . . . Hugh Daly (selector), Tommy Kelly (selector) and Ben Keane (manager).

# Proud senior football tradition



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squad. Players like Franny Kelly, Mark O'Connell, Donal O'Keeffe, Gene McGrath, Ben Keane (to-day's manager) Hugh Daly (a selector to-day) Willie Peters, and Joe McNamara were some of the excellent players among the club's ranks that landed senior success on five occasions between 1982 and 1994.

The club's two county titles of the nineties came in 1990 and 1994. On both these occasions Commercials were beaten in the Munster club final.

In the eight years since winning the last

## County Roll of Honour

**Minor (13):** 1935, 1936, 1938, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1975, 1978, 1981, 1992, 1993.

**U-21 (6):** 1969, 1971, 1977, 1983, 1984, 1998.

**Junior (1):** 1940.

**Senior (13):** 1944, 1948, 1956, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1982, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1994.

county senior title Commercials have been beaten in three finals. 1994 was the club's fourth appearance in the provincial final. They have yet to succeed in lifting this elusive title. In 1990 they came closest to winning the title, only to lose out after a replay and extra time to Dr.Crokes.

In April 1999 Commercials became the inaugural winners of the Munster Club League when they defeated close rivals Fethard in the final played at Clonmel.

A proud history indeed but we hope today that a new chapter can be opened by capturing our 14th county senior crown title.

## County Senior Winning Captains

1944	Sean Cleary
1948	Sean Cleary
1956	Sean Cleary
1965	Brian O'Callaghan
1966	Brian O'Callaghan
1967	Brian O'Callaghan
1969	Brian O'Callaghan
1971	Michael O'Connell
1982	Paudie O'Neill
1986	Mark O'Connell
1989	Peter Kilkenny
1990	John Kearns
1994	Mark O'Connell



Commercials Officers . . . Brendan Power (Chairman) and Derek Williams (Secretary).





# CLONMEL COMMERCIALS

Colours: Green & ?????

## Fir Ionaid:

- (16) Declan Pollard 14
- (17) Colm McMenamin
- (18) Tommy Kelly 14
- (19) Keith Fahey 14
- (20) Liam Murphy
- (21) Liam Phelan 11
- (22) John Harney
- (23) Paul O'Mahoney
- (24) James Power
- (25) Tommy Morrissey
- (26) Johny Harvey
- (27) Ger Deeley
- (28) Kieran O'Reilly
- (29) Aiden Barry
- (30) Brian Power

(1)  
P. Ó Riain  
**PHILLY RYAN**

(2) C. Ó Ceallaigh <b>KEVIN KELLY</b>	(3) T. Ó Gealbháin <b>TOMMY GALVIN</b>	(4) 16 F. Ó Condún <b>FERGAL CONDON</b>
(5) 22 F. Ó Ceallacháin <b>FERGUS O'CALLAGHAN</b>	(6) B. Breathnach <b>BERNARD WALSH</b>	(7) S. Ó Lochlain <b>SEANIE O'LOUGHLIN</b>
(8) E. Ó hAnracháin <b>EAMONN HANRAHAN</b>	(9) 11 F. Ó Ceallacháin <b>FERGAL O'CALLAGHAN</b>	
(10) 111 S. de Londras <b>SEAMUS LANDERS</b>	(11) C. MacCraith 21 <b>CHRISTOIR McGRATH</b>	(12) 11 P. Ó Caoimh (Capt) <b>PAUDIE O'KEEFE</b>
(13) 11 S. Bearáin <b>IAN BARNES</b>	(14) C. Ó Díomasaigh <b>KEVIN DEMPSEY</b>	(15) 1 S. Ó Cléirigh <b>IAN CLEARY</b>

**ROGHNOIRÍ** – Ben Keane (Manager);  
Tommy Kelly, Hugh Daly (Selectors)

Commercials	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh leath		6			
2adh leath					
IOMLAN	1	14			

# AHERLOW

Colours: Green and Yellow



(1)

S. Ó Loinín

**SHANE LEONARD**

(2)

L. Ó Loinín

**LEO LEONARD**

(3)

M. Ó Briain (Capt)

**MARK O'BRIEN**

(4)

F. Ó Clúmháin

**FERGAL CLIFFORD**

(5)

L. Ó Loinín

**LIONEL LEONARD**

(6)

A. Ó Maolruanaidh

**ANTHONY MORONEY**

(7)

C. Ó Sé

**CATHAL O'SHEA**

(8)

D. MacPheadair

**DERRY PETERS**

(9)

T. Ó Ruiséil

**TOMMY RUSSELL**

(10) 19

M. Ó Maolruanaidh

**MICHAEL MORONEY**

(11)

C. Ó Sé

**CONOR O'SHEA**

(12) 111

M. Ó Sé

**MARK O'SHEA**

(13)

S. MacPheadair

**SEANIE PETERS**

(14)

D. Ó Cléirigh

**DAVID CLEARY**

(15)

D. Ó Sé

**DENIS O'SHEA**

## Fir Ionaid:

(16) Kieran Moroney

(17) Timmy Leonard 13

(18) Danny Hennessy

(19) Brian Leonard 10

(20) Brian Moroney

(21) Gerard Peters

(22) Mark Leonard

(23) Jos O'Brien

(24) Paddy Hennessy

(25) Denis Grogan

Aherlow	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh leath		2			
2adh leath					
IOMLAN	1	5			



# Aherlow – Football Finalists 2002



Aherlow Senior Football panel against Galtee Rovers in West Final. Front (left to right): Ger Peters, Brian Leonard, Patrick Hennessy, Sean Peters, Conor O'Shea, Timmie Leonard, Denis O'Shea, Mark O'Shea, Cahal O'Shea, Fergal Clifford, Shane Leonard, Michael Moroney. Back (left to right): Denis Grogan, Lionel Leonard, Danny Hennessy, Brian Moroney, Leo Leonard, Mark O'Brien, Kieran Moroney, Derry Peters, David Cleary, Thomas Russell, Anthony Moroney, Mark Leonard, Joseph O'Brien.

## Aherlow G.A.A. - Roll of Honour

Co. senior football league .....	2000
Co. senior football finalists .....	1997, 2001, 2002
Co. intermediate football .....	1995
Co. U-21 football 'A' .....	1992, 1995, 1996
Co. U-21 hurling 'B' .....	1992
Co. minor football 'A' .....	1994
Co. minor football 'B' .....	1988, 1989
Co. minor football 'C' .....	2002
West senior football .....	1968 (with Emly) 1997
West intermediate football .....	1980, 1992, 1994, 1995
West intermediate hurling .....	1998
West junior football .....	1950, 1952, 1970, 1971, 1978, 1990, 1991
West junior hurling .....	1967, 1975, 1995, 1996
West U-21 football 'A' .....	1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997
West U-21 football 'B' .....	2000
West U-21 hurling 'B' .....	1992, 1996
West minor football 'A' .....	1990, 1994
West minor football 'B' .....	1988, 1989
West minor football 'C' .....	2002

## Club Officers

<b>Chairman:</b>	Tom Leonard.
<b>Secretary:</b>	David Grogan.
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Larry Nash.



Mark O'Brien, Captain, Aherlow

## Clonmel Commercial's Captain PAUDIE O'KEEFFE



Paudie O'Keeffe

Paudie O'Keeffe will line out in the Commercial's forward line to-day and attempt to become the first captain, since Mark O'Connell in 1994, to gain county honours with the club.

Paudie made his senior debut in the Commercial's jersey in 1993 as a 21 year old and has been a virtual ever present member of the team since. An intelligent footballer, his use of the ball is vital to the players around him. He is the holder of 1 county senior medal and has represented his county at minor, under-21, and senior in both hurling and football.

Today is Paudie's fifth county final appearance for Commercial's and it would be a fitting tribute to his efforts down the years if he were to captain the club to it's 14th senior crown.



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# Thurles Sarsfields 2002

## County Senior Hurling Finalists



**Thurles Sarsfields, County senior hurling finalists 2002** – Back row (left to right): Cathal McIntyre, Tommy Maher, Eddie Enright, Lar Corbett, Eamon Walsh, Ger O'Grady, Brendan Carroll, John Lawler, Gary Mernagh. Front row (left to right): John Lillis, Seamus O'Shea, Ciaran Carroll, Stephen Mason, Tommy Collins, Tony Ruth.





# C.J. KICKHAMS MULLINAHONE

Colours: Green & Red

## Fir Ionaid:

- (16) Alan Curran
- (17) Philip O'Shea ✓
- (18) Joey Maher 15
- (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)<br>V. Ó Dúchonna<br><b>VINCENT DOHENY</b>              |   |   |
| (2)<br>D. MacEadhaidh<br><b>DERMOT HACKETT</b>             | (3)<br>P. Ó Corráin<br><b>PAUL CURRAN</b>     | (4) 23<br>M. MacCoisteala<br><b>MARTIN COSTELLO</b> |
| (5)<br>K. Ó Macháin (Capt)<br><b>KY VAUGHAN</b>            | (6)<br>E. Ó Briain Y<br><b>EDWARD O'BRIEN</b> | (7) 17<br>P. O Ceallaigh<br><b>PAUL KELLY</b>       |
| (8) (9)  |   |   |
| E. Ó Ciara<br><b>EDDIE CAREY</b>                           | N. Ó Corráin<br><b>NIAL CURRAN</b>            |   |
| (10) ///<br>P. Cróc<br><b>PAT CROKE</b>                    | (11)<br>B. Ó Meara<br><b>BRIAN O'MEARA</b>    | (12)<br>C. Ó hArgáin<br><b>CONOR ARRIGAN</b>        |
| // (13) // // // //<br>E. Ó Ceallaigh<br><b>EOIN KELLY</b> | (14)<br>S. Ó Laocha<br><b>JOHN LEAHY</b>      | (15)<br>N. Ó Laocha<br><b>NOEL LEAHY</b>            |

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

Mullinahone	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath	1	3			
2adh leath					
<b>IOMLAN</b>	2	10			

# NA SÁIRSÉALAIGH

Colours: Blue and White

(1) C. Ó Cearúill <b>CIARÁN CARROLL</b>		
(2) S. Ó Sé <b>SEAMUS O'SHEA</b>	(3) T. Ó Meachair <b>TOMMY MAHER</b>	(4) G. Meirtneach (capt) <b>GARY MERNAGH</b>
(5) C. Laighléis <b>JOHN LILLIS</b>	(6) B. Ó Cearúill <b>BRENDAN CARROLL</b>	(7) S. Ó Leathlobhair <b>JOHN LAWLOR</b>
(8) <del>11</del> 8 <del>S. Ó Maisúin</del> <b>STEPHEN MASON</b>	(9) / E. Maclonnraichtaigh <b>EDDIE ENRIGHT</b>	
17 (10) T. Ó Coileáin <b>TOMMY COLLINS</b>	11 15 / C. Mac an tSaoir <b>CATHAL MCINTYRE</b>	(12) 1.13 A. Rút <b>TONY RUTH</b>
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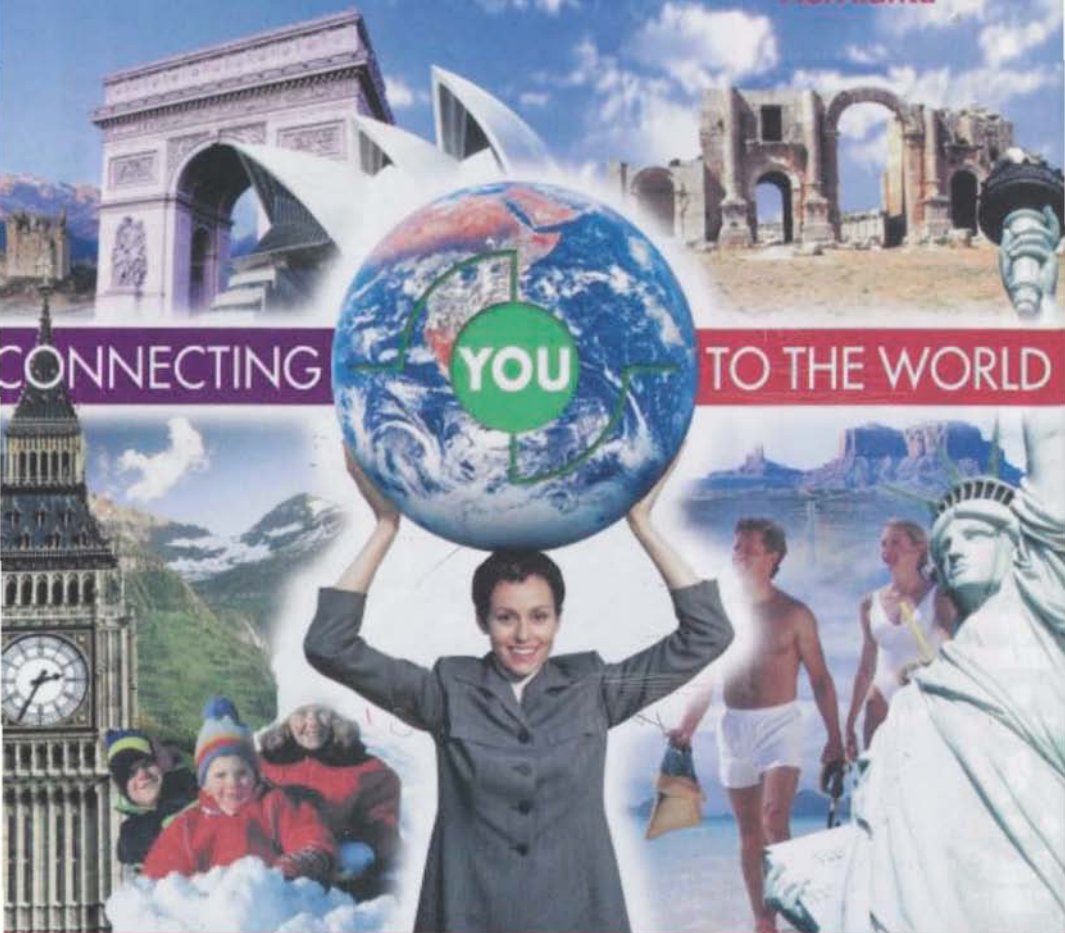
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# New Tipp Management Team in Situ

..... By Noel Dundon (Tipperary Star) .....

The announcement this week by the County Tipperary G.A.A. Board that Michael Doyle, Liam Sheedy and Kevin Fox have been selected as the new Tipperary senior hurling management team is a very welcome one indeed.

While the special committee established to find successors to Nicky English, Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin correctly took their time in making the decision – a hugely important one for the Premier County, there was nonetheless a certain amount of urgency in having the new team in place as soon as possible. The fact that they will get to see the County Final replay is probably a bonus to them and to Tipperary hurling fans.

Michael Doyle is no stranger to Tipperary folk and is a man who brings a lot of experience to the job. He is seen throughout the length and breadth of the county attending games and there is scarcely a more well informed man when it comes to knowing players and their strengths and weaknesses. Michael of course was at the helm in the Len Gaynor, Murt Duggan era and saw Tipperary through to the All-Ireland Final in 1997. He knows exactly what it will take to go that extra step – a step that Nicky, Ken and Jack managed in 2001.

Liam Sheedy still looks fit enough to be playing for the county. An avid hurling fan, Liam brings massive enthusiasm to the position and he has proven while Boss of the Tipperary Intermediate hurling team that he is a shrewd operator with a lot of tactical knowhow. Interestingly enough, Liam

played under Michael Doyle when the Holycross/Ballycahill man was last involved in the senior set-up – the Portroe man was wing back on the All-Ireland team of '97.

Kevin Fox has been three, done that. He is well known in G.A.A. circles and his coaching tactics are second to none in West Tipperary. Kevin has observed hurling at many levels and his experience will ensure that there is a nice blend in the management team. Kevin knows all there is to know about West Tipperary hurling and no doubt he will be scouring the division to turn over fresh new talent in the coming weeks and months.

The triumvirate have the difficult task of following in the footsteps of Nicky, Ken and Jack – not an easy thing to do. However, they have their own ideas on where they want the whole process to go. The nucleus of a good team still exists – after all Tipperary just lost out narrowly to the eventual All-Ireland champions in 2002.

Michael, Liam and Kevin have Tipperary hurling followers good wishes for their term at the helm.







# Do You Remember?

## 1977 – 25 years ago

Compiled by LIAM Ó DONNCHÚ



*This year, 2002, marks the Silver Jubilee of the opening of Árús na Sáirséalach – Thurles Sarafields Social Centre. The Official Opening was performed by G.A.A. Uachtarán Con Murphy on October 30th, 1977. These photographs, from that year, recall this milestone in the life of the Thurles club.*



**1.** Con Murphy, G.A.A. Uachtarán, performing the Opening Ceremony.

**2.** Rev. James Feehan C.C., Club Patron, blessing the Social Centre. Also included (from left) Hubie Hogan, County Board Chairman, Very Rev. James Meehan Adm., Liam Ó Donnchú, Secretary, Con Murphy, G.A.A. Uachtarán.

**3. Club Committee 1977 . . .** Back row: Michéal McElgunn, Jimmy Doyle, Paddy Barry, Jim Ryan, Michael Grogan, Sean McLoughlin, Jim Max, Dick Dennehy, James Duggan. Front row: Paddy Troy, Jackie Carew, Paddy Fogarty, Paddy Doyle, Liam Ó Donnchú, Tommy Max.

**4. Social Centre Executive Committee 1977 . . .** Back row: Paddy Troy (Assistant Treasurer), Sean McLoughlin, Liam Ó Donnchú (Secretary). Front row: Jackie Carew (Treasurer), Paddy Fogarty (Clerk of Works), Paddy Doyle (Chairman).

**5. Called to the Bar! . . .** Jackie Carew checks that all is in order before the Official Opening.

**6. Thurles Sarsfields Senior Hurling team 1977** (beaten in the Mid Final by Moyne-Templetuohy). Back row: Michael Grogan, Denis Curtis, John Cahill, Niall Kennedy, Toddy Finn, Michael Maher, Pat McCormack, Paul Byrne, Johnny Bourke, Tom Barry, Jimmy Duggan, Pat Stakelum, Jackie Cooke. Liam Ó Donnchú, Tommy Butler. Front row: Paddy McCormack, Pat Coleman, Jimmy Doyle (jnr.), Michael Gleeson, Paddy Doyle, Michael Dundon, Johnny Dwyer, Pat Leane, Sean McLoughlin, Timmy Cullagh, Jim Ryan.

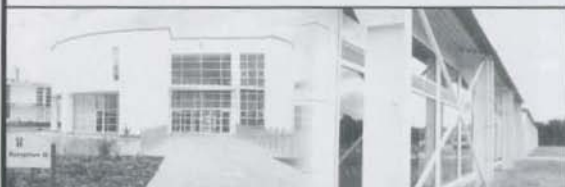




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# A Gentle Giant retires

by JIM (Seamus) FOGARTY  
Kilkenny

**D**ecan Ryan of Clonoulty should have a page all to himself in the Annals of Tipperary hurling. It should be painted in letters of gold, one of his county's colours.

He is possessor of a proud haul of medals, including three senior All-Irelands, won in three different decades, one U-21 All-Ireland, as captain, four National League medals, two County Championship medals and two All-Star awards. He has captained his county also at senior level. He has played both minor and U-21 football with Tipp.

Declan was born in July, 1968, and had hurling in his bloodlines, as his uncle, T.J. Butler won an All-Ireland U-21 medal with Tipp in 1964. In 14 seasons of championship hurling, Declan missed only three games. He scored 9-64 in championship hurling and failed to score on only four occasions.

His former manager, Babs Keating, stated that a fit Declan was the difference between winning and losing. We would not have won an All-Ireland title without him. When we were in bits at midfield or full-forward, Declan's rescue us. His skill was incredible, his touch on the ball superb, his strength was sometimes awesome. Declan's name was always first to be

pencilled in on the team".

As Denis Walsh of the 'Sunday Times' stated "Ryan left a rich legacy by retiring at the top. Such was the nimbleness of his wrists and the whipcord strength in his arms, the hurley seemed like a matchstick".

Indeed, Declan was probably the strongest hurler of his generation. He never used his strength unfairly and was well-liked by both team-mates and opponents. Known as the strong silent man in the Tipp camp, he gave immense pleasure to all followers of the greatest game.

How often have we thrilled to the brushing aside of opponents, the bounce of the ball from hurley to sod to hand, the look at the posts, and the graceful striking of points from under the Stands that regularly brought gasps of admiration from the crowds. Declan sold so many dummies that he could have opened a baby shop!

Now that your inter-county career in the "Field of Dreams" is over, may you forever walk in fields of gold. Declan, thanks for the many cherished memories, which will never fade.





# Eddie Carey

(Mullinahone)

by Leonard Fitzgerald

The past week has provided us with some major talking points. Mick McCarthy has terminated his tenure as Irish manager, John Conran and Michael Doyle have taken the enviable task of leading their respective counties into championship battle in 2003. With the week not yet complete, Mullinahone can still create their own piece of history. Today, however must produce a winner with the prestigious honour of being labelled the county's latest hurling champions. Back to the all-familiar cauldron of Semple Stadium the green and red have monitored the extensive threat of their opponents and now know that overcoming the blue brigade is well within their grasp.

A small framed, fair-haired, midfield dynamo has been the inspiration. An equally energetic and wholehearted individual, Eddie Carey has been consistent throughout this senior hurling championship campaign. Last Sunday he gave an admirable performance at midfield even returning in defence to help retrieve possession from dangerous situations. His two well-taken long-range scores also deserve special praise. He could almost smell the sweet scent of success yet it wasn't sufficient to earn supremacy. After a week of



Eddie Carey

thought and added time to reflect and refocus, he returns in anticipation of repeating such a display with possibly a little extra required.

Currently a sales rep. in the Kilkenny region, Eddie is second in a family of four. His father, Tom played senior football for Mullinahone while his grand-uncle Mick Cahill played senior football championship for Cork during the 1940's. Eddie is the proud holder of three All-Ireland medals. He was a panel member on the Tipperary team that claimed the Nenagh Co-op Tournament in Semple Stadium against the Banner County in 1994. Two years later he was an integral part of the premier county in winning the *Irish Press Cup*, their only such

title within a twenty year radius lasting back to 1982. Eddie graced the Croke Park surface as a second half substitute in the draw and replay against the tribesmen. He along with Paul Kelly brought the first ever minor hurling medals back to the club. His last All-Ireland medal thus far came on September 8th last when Mullinahone claimed the AIB - Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Sevens title beating former winners Portroe, Kiltormer and the Magpies of Clarecastle in the concluding stages. From hurling with Callan C.B.S. to playing Fitzgibbon Cup with Cork I.T., Eddie has also endured his share of disappointments. He has lost minor, under-21 and senior finals all against West opposition. At 19, he played for the full hour in the 1997 county senior final, five years on, his maturity and positional sense have developed accordingly. He also holds south divisional hurling medals at almost every grade. Last September defeating Killenaule by 2-18 to 0-12 was his third senior triumph on the field of play.

However, a victory today would be monumental in the transformation of a club like Mullinahone. Eddie has already played in two senior finals, today he's hoping to make it third time lucky!

# TODAY'S OFFICIALS

## SENIOR HURLING:

*Referee:* Johnny McDonnell

*Linesmen:* Michael Cahill (stand-by referee), John Ryan.

*Fourth Officials:* Paddy Russell.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL:

*Referee:* John Kelly

*Linesmen:* John Ryan (stand-by referee), Pat Cullen.

*Fourth Officials:* P. J. Leahy.

## TG 4 - Ard san Aer

The highlights of to-day's football and hurling finals will be shown to-morrow (Monday) night on *Ard San Aer* starting at 10.20 p.m.

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*Best wishes to Sarsfields and our past players in today's County Final*



# TALL TALES

"TALL TALES AND BANTER" IS A BOOK WRITTEN BY SEÁN ÓG Ó CEALLACHÁIN AND PUBLISHED IN 1998 BY COSTAR ASSOCIATES LTD. IT CONTAINS MANY WITTY STORIES OF BYGONE G.A.A. DAYS AND THE PERSONALITIES WHO LIVED THEM. HERE ARE A FEW THAT HAVE A DISTINCTLY COUNTY FINAL OR HURLING FLAVOUR TO THEM.

There was great excitement in the county in 1957 when Tipperary flew to New York after winning the National Hurling League. Included in the travelling party was a great Tipp follower, Maurice Whelan from Carrick-on-Suir, who had never missed a match involving his native county.

He followed Tipperary everywhere and one of his greatest wishes was to visit New York, a place he only dreamt about visiting. His wish came true when the opportunity arose for a trip to the Big Apple with the Tipperary party. Maurice was a bit apprehensive about the trip but the players rallied around and he was readily assured that the plane journey, was a 'piece of cake'. The plane duly left Shannon and there was no more excited passenger than the same Maurice Whelan who sat back and luxuriated in the comfort of his surroundings, even disdaining the offer of a free drink as he contemplated visiting the city of his dreams. The 'plane was 650 miles out from Shannon when the pilot decided to return to his departure point because of an engine fire due to an oil leak. The 'plane landed safely at Shannon and there were fire engine and emergency units standing by as it came to a halt. The story is told, that Maurice, a kind, decent man, got out and said, looking all around from the top of the passenger steps: "Well, thanks be to God, I've lived to see it, it's everything they said about it".

Tipperary played Dublin in a National League game in Croke Park and while the puck around was taking place, Mickey Byrne was eye-searching to see what his immediate opponent looked like. He spotted the number on the Dublin player's jersey, a big tall newcomer who topped the six foot mark and he was very impressed, while immediately planning how to deal with such a challenge. Shortly after the start of the match, the Dublin forward gained possession and came charging at Mickey who stopped him with a full shoulder to the chest area and laid him out. When Mickey was asked about it after the match he said: "Well, when I went over to have a look at him, to see if he was alright lying his full length on the grass, I was only the size of Willie Carson, compared to him".

Tipperary played Cork in the annual Wembley, London Board sponsored Whit weekend game, and like all Tipp-Cork clashes, there were no punches pulled. The match was played at a lightening pace as both teams strove, might and main, to gain an advantage. Two English men who watched the game in awe couldn't get over the exchanges and yet no one was getting injured. Said one of the Englishmen: "Blimey, if that's sport in Ireland, what's their bloody wars like?" Meanwhile up in the broadcasting box, well known English rugby international Jack Hyams, who was invited to view the game, was asked by the commentator, "How would you like to be in there with a hurley?". To which Jack answered "I wouldn't like to be in there without one".

# AND BANTER

In 1949, Tipperary met Cork in the first round of the Munster senior hurling championship the player Tipp feared most was the renowned Christy Ring. The task of marking Ring fell to Tommy Doyle, who had earlier indicated to the Tipperary selectors that he was retiring from the game, but he was prevailed upon by selector John Joe Callanan to postpone his decision until after the Cork match. This Tommy agreed to do in a once-off gesture. Little did Tommy know what he was getting into as the sports writers at the time were certain that Ring would crucify the Tipperary defence, and veteran Tommy Doyle, and lead Cork to another famous victory over their great rivals. But for once the script writers were caught on the wrong foot. When the final whistle sounded, the sides were level, and 'veteran' Tommy Doyle had accomplished the noteworthy feat of holding the Cork maestro to a solitary point. The replay was another thriller with Doyle again charged with the task of marking the Cork wizard. The game ended in another draw and this time Christy Ring was held scoreless from play. Extra time had to be played at the end of which Tipperary emerged victors with Christy Ring the scorer of only one point. So after 150 minutes the name of Tommy Doyle entered the Hall of Fame books for his magnificent performance in containing the Cork maestro, and apart from one point, rendering him ineffective from a scoring viewpoint. Tommy Doyle's commitment and indomitable spirit had prevailed to help his side achieve a victory which eventually led to All-Ireland honours under captain Pat Skakelum that year, ably assisted by Mickey Byrne and the Kenny brothers, Sean and Paddy. But the victory over Cork was not to be forgotten and the team got a rousing reception with Tommy Doyle, the recipient of major praise. On the day after the Cork match Mickey Byrne and some of the players met as usual in Liberty Square in Thurles, where the match against the Leesiders was again the main topic of conversation. Tommy Doyle, who was known as the "Rubber Man" joined up with his team colleagues and he was lavished with praise because of his performance against Christy Ring. But Tommy was rather dismissive of all the attention and back slapping, according to Mickey Byrne, and said to his colleagues:

"You know, I'm getting more congratulations for holding Christy Ring for 150 minutes, yet I have been holding my wife, Nancy, for thirty years and there's not a bloody word about it".

Denis Conroy of Cork, who was to become Chairman of the County Board in his latter years, was a constant guest on the "Marion Finucane Radio programme. Denis was a great character and a noted wit and it was always extremely difficult to put one over on him. He always had an answer to the most awkward question and was never found wanting when asked for his opinion on the most contentious of issues which arose during his stewardship. On one of Marion's programmes he was asked: "Denis, if one of your sons went off and played Rugby, what would you do?" "Marion, said Denis "I would go home and ask his mother who the lad's father was". Denis was a great attraction whenever he visited his local pub and was always ready to apply the put-down when such action was needed. A group of old times were sitting around his favourite watering hole in Blackpool and they started comparing the standard of hurling away back in the old days with that of the present. Some of the old-timers, believed that the standard of hurling even in Denis's day was better than that of the present and the question was inevitably posed to Denis: "When did the change come about, in your view?" Denis looked around at his audience and declared profoundly: "When they took them off the tit and put them on Cow and Gate".



Mickey 'Ratler' Byrne (fourth from left, front row), Paddy Leahy - selector (first from left, front row), Pat Skakelum (fifth from left, front row) and the rest of the 1949 Tipperary All-Ireland winning team.



# Scór Thiobraid Árann

When the G.A.A. first commenced its club winter social activity competitions there was solo dancing, later this competition was replaced by Figure Dancing. Motion Speaking changed to Recitation or Storytelling, the Instrumental Music was a Solo competition. Novelty Act could be performed by an individual or a group of not more than three people, at present you may at least have two people, not more than eight people. Solo Singer had to sing two songs or ballads of Irish in character, now only one song required. Set Dancing, three figures required, now only two figures of the Set. No Set first year.

The first ever Tipperary County G.A.A. Talent Contest was held in Premier Hall, Thurles, around 6th February, 1970, in the audience was His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly (R.I.P.) and Seamus Uas Ó Riain, the then President of the G.A.A. and newly elected chairman of Tipperary County Board. The Fear a Tí was the then North Board Secretary, Donie Nealon, Burgess, now Munster G.A.A. Secretary. The Quizmaster on the night was Joe Fitzgerald, Abbey Road, Thurles.

The results of the County Final were Irish Dancing. Margaret Mulcahy, Burgess (winner). Also competed, Judy Maher, Thurles, and Mary Whelan, Golden.

Motion Speaking winner, Thomas Ryan, Clonoulty, also competed Michael Small, Sarsfields and Tim Hough, Knockshagowna.

Solo Ballad Singing winner Austin Crowe, Knockavilla Kickhams, who for many years after gave of his time to perform at many benefit concerts etc, an entrepreneur and owner of Dundrum House Hotel

and The Venue and Golf Range, Dundrum, also competed. Patricia Forrestal, St. Mary's, Clonmel and Ita Forrestal, Moyne/Templetuohy.

Recitations winner Jerry Sleavin, Borrisokane, currently Editor 'Nenagh Guardian', his wife Lily danced in Figure Dancing competition on numerous occasions and trained teams in Nenagh down the years. Also competed Ann Quinn, Galtee Rovers, James Cleary, Clerihan and Paddy Ryan, Sarsfields. Music Eileen O'Brien, Violinist, Burgess, daughter of the renowned Paddy O'Brien, Newtown, accordion player and composer of many traditional tunes. Eileen (now Minogue) features on Tipp Mid West Radio every Monday evening with Willie Fogarty and Angela Hogan, the cassette is used for signature tune on Comhaltas Programme presented by Donacha Ó Cinnéide, Eileen, very prominent in Ormond C.C.E. branch, passing on our traditional music teaching to many pupils.

Ballad group winner St. Luke's, Clonmel, also competed Boherlahan, Burgess and Éire Óg. Question Time winner - Moycarkey/Borris. T. K. O'Dwyer, Pat Ryan and Edmond Dwyer. T. K., an athlete, went on to be a Quizmaster and local historian. We appreciate Pat Ryan's constant presence at all Scór Competitions over the years.

Coiste Scór would like to thank the hurlers of Mullinahone and Thurles Sarsfields for a very exciting game in deplorable conditions on Sunday, 3rd of November, and we look forward to a good sporting game on next Sunday - November 10th (d.v.) We wish Paul Kelly, Mullinahone, a speedy recovery.

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