

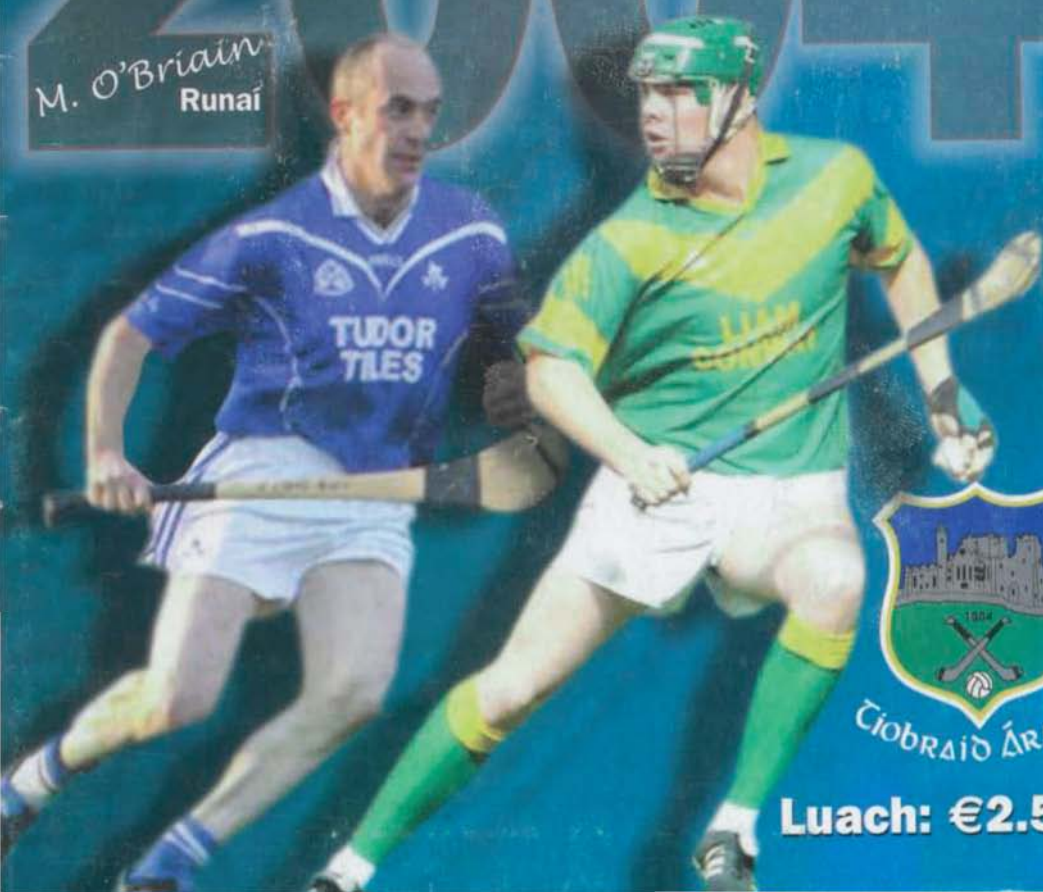
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Teastaíonn uaim fáilte a chur roimh gach einne go Staid Semple inniu i gcoir craobhacha an Chontae san iomáint sinsear agus mionuir(a). Tá suil agam go mbeidh lá mór iománaíochta againn. Guim rath agus sean ar na foirne atá ag glacadh páirte san ocaid agus go mbeidh an bua ag na foirne is fearr.

Once again County Final day has arrived and it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to Semple Stadium for what is always a great occasion. The senior final has a unique pairing with Toomevara hoping to win their 9th title in thirteen years where as the 'combo' of Golden-Killeale and Eire Og Annacarty are appearing in their first final. Both teams have reached final on merit with some very impressive displays in the closing stages of the championship. To-day's final I am sure will bring back memories of over 60 years when Eire Og Annacarty captured their one and only title in 1943. Best of luck to both teams and I look forward to a sterling contest that will see both sides striving might and main for supremacy.

The minor final brings together two teams that have turned in some powerful displays in the championship in 2004. Carrick Swans attempting to make amends for last years final defeat and Drom-Inch will be hoping to bring further honours to their parish. This game promises to be a rousing contest.

Cidona, Ireland is sponsoring our championships for 2004 and I want to welcome them on board and thank them for their generosity and interest and I hope that they will have a long and fruitful association with Gaelic games in Tipperary.

Today we honour the Thurles Sarsfields team that won the 1974 County Senior Hurling championship. I would like to extend a special welcome to all members of the Sarsfields panel and to thank the spon-

sors Tipperary, Star and the Anner Hotel also to Seamus King and his committee for organising this very worthwhile event.

Once again we extend our warmest congratulations to the Tipperary camogie team on winning their 5th title. To achieve this success in Centenary year made it a very special occasion for everyone associated with camogie in Tipperary.

I congratulate the referees that have been appointed for today's finals and I wish you and your officials every success. I would like to thank all referees for the huge contribution that this group of people make to the staging of our games and it is my hope that new people can be recruited throughout the County so that we can have a good supply of well trained referees to help us getting through the huge volume of games that are now being played in each year in the County.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all my fellow officers for their support and co-operation and to all the various sub-committees that undertake so much work to ensure that Gaelic games are promoted to the fullest throughout the county.

Finally County Final day brings down the curtain on our GAA year to a certain extent and 2004 has been most disappointing for our great County on the National scene. As we look forward to 2005 I would ask all gaelers throughout Tipperary to be positive in their outlook and to rally behind the Blue and Gold and hopefully many of our teams will enjoy great success and that 2005 will be a year to remember.

DONAL Ó SEANACHAIN
Cathaoirleach



Clár anLae

- 1:15 Drom & Inch team on the field
- 1:17 Carrick Swan team on the field

1.30 Cidona Tipperary County Minor Hurling Championship "A" Final **CARRICK SWANS v DROM/INCH**

Réiteoir: Sean Bradshaw

- 2:45 Minor Game ends
- 2:50 Presentation of the Sean Treacy Cup to the winning captain by Co. Board Vice-Chairman John Costigan
- 2:55 Presentation of 1974 Thurles Sarsfields Team
- 3:10 Presentation to Deirdre Hughes - Tipp member of Team of the Century
- 3:12 Eire Og/Golden team on field
- 3:14 Toomevara team on field
- 3:24 Parade of teams led by the Sean Treacy Pipe Band
- 3:28 Amhrán na bhFiann

3.30 Cidona Tipperary County Senior Hurling Championship Final **ÉIRE ÓG/GOLDEN v TOOMEVARA**

Réiteoir: Willie Clohesy

- 4:02 Under 12 mini game
- 4:45 End of Senior game
- 4:50 Presentation of Dan Breen Cup to the winning captain by County Board Chairman Donal Shanahan

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New Pairing, But....!

Seamus O'Doherty

Only the opposition changes! This might well be the thinking of regular County final patrons as Toomevara – who have already qualified to represent Tipperary in the Munster Club Championship – set out in search of a ninth crown in thirteen seasons.

Nobody could quibble with their presence here today after beating Loughmore Castleiney and Mullinahone in rapid succession. The path was tricky in view of the progress made by both clubs in recent years. There was no argument about the semi-final performance and having won 3 in-a-row and 4 in-a-row, Toomevara are now in search of 2 in-a-row.

Whatever views people hold about the influence of Toomevara on the state of Tipperary hurling, there are very few who could find evidence to criticise their consistency and ongoing commitment to the search for excellence – the All Ireland club championship title!

Year after year they face the best of the rest and meet all challenges with an unquenchable will to win. They pace themselves well and don't ever get too concerned about subplots. In fact their North Tipp success rate over the period 1992 to 2004 is interesting because they have "only" won the double – Divisional and County titles – four times in the same year (1994, 1999, 2000 and 2003). With the high-

ly regarded Bertie Sherlock in charge of their fitness the team will be fresh and well for today's challenge.

The big surprise of this year's championship was the progress made by the combination from the west – Éire Óg/Golden – under the guidance of Pat 'Beefy' Heffernan from Blackrock whose work in West Tipp has been noted before now. It is rare that two 'opposing forces' gel in one season and this despite their situation of competing for the west Intermediate Title, the final of which will feature the blue rather than the green wing. The fact that both clubs were recently relegated, Éire Óg in 2001 and Golden K in 2002, highlights the lower base of competitiveness they faced prior to the step up this year.

There was plenty to admire about their semi-final win over Roscrea including the support play all around the field and contribution of scores and general play by the ageless John Quinn, who has retained the fitness to achieve his mind's direction!!

There is plenty of balance in the team too and they won't be overawed by speed, strength or regulation. They have come too far to surrender meekly and the number of close finishes they had in recent games should ensure they will be still in the running for honours when we reach the last quarter.

Golden Kilfeacle supporters have to go back to 1986 for a

flavour of big time action – they lost the west senior final to Éire Óg and subsequently lost to Loughmore Castleiney in the County Quarter finals. Their saddest day in recent history came when Templederry beat them in the relegation play off. A memorable under-21 'A' Co. title win over Toomevara in 1998 was a recent highlight after losing the minor 'A' title to the same opposition the previous year.

Éire Óg have been regular quarter finalists over the past 25 years although they have failed to reach the semi-final. Their most recent senior encounter with Toomevara was a 1999 quarter final loss. Silvermines beat them by one point in the relegation play off three years ago.

So a real contrast in the opposing teams – Toomevara the aristocrats although not divisional champions – Éire Óg/Golden divisional champions with greater ambitions!

If any team underestimated 'the Combo' before now and paid the price then the greyhounds have been warned! Having beaten Mullinahone, who were many people's favourites, Toomevara will be ready for this one. Whatever, about coming here minus divisional success, their pride would not allow them to enter the Munster club championship without being Kings of their own county. I think the Green and Golden years will last for another while!

Golden/Eire Og - County S



Eire Og/Golden: Front L/R: Paul Fogarty, Jim B Mc Carthy, Vincent Ryan, Ronan O'Brien, Shane Stapleton, Mark Bargary, Aidan Fogarty. Back L/R: Damien O'Brien, David Fogarty, Brian Fogarty, Donncha Carr, John Quinn, Liam Mooney, Kevin Mc Carthy, Daithi Fogarty.

PATH TO THE FINAL

Golden/Éire Óg 1.08 Galtee Rovers 2.15

19/06/04 1ST ROUND

Golden/Éire Óg 1.19 Cappawhite 1.05

11/07/04 LOSER'S FINAL

Golden/Éire Óg 0.19 Cashel 1.12

01/08/04 WEST SEMI-FINAL

Golden/Éire Óg 2.12 Clonoulty/Rossmore 1.14

22/08/04 WEST FINAL

Golden/Éire Óg 1.15 Drom & Inch 1.14

5/09/04 CO. QUARTER FINAL

Golden/Éire Óg 2.17 Roscrea 4.08

26/09/04 CO. SEMI-FINAL

Senior Hurling Finalists 2004



EireOg/Golden selectors: L/R:- Liam O'Sullivan, Jim Fogarty, Anthony O'Neill and Pat Fox.

TEAM SCORERS 2004 CHAMPIONSHIP

David Fogarty.....	1.28
John Quinn	3.09
Shane Stapelton	3.07
Ronan O'Brien.....	0.12
Conor O'Brien	0.12
Damian O'Brien	0.08
Aidan Fogarty.....	0.05
Daithi Fogarty	0.03
Brian Fogarty.....	0.02
Jim Bob McCarthy & Paddy Ivers.....	(each) 0.01



*Eire Og/Golden Captain
David Fogarty.*

CLUB EXECUTIVES

Éire Óg

Anacarty/Donohill

Chairman: Liam O'Brien

Secretary: Eileen Ryan

Treasurer: Michael Ryan

P.R.O.: Eileen Ryan

Golden/Kilfeacle

Chairman: Liam O'Sullivan

Secretary: John Currivan

Treasurer: D.J. Carr

P.R.O.: Michael Fogarty



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Manager Watch: Pat Heffernan (Blackrock & Éire Óg/Golden)

By Leonard Fitzgerald

Blackrock club-man Pat Heffernan can take great credit in bringing the "Combo" to the final hurdle of this year's championship. His techniques denotes perfection in first touch, good positioning of hurling sense and overall sharpness in bringing skill levels to an absolute maximum. 'Beefy' as he is more commonly known has been coaching since he was twenty-four. Now ten years on, he has trained more teams than Chelsea have gone through managers. From Limerick county through to West Tipperary and even North Cork, Pat has carried his ample array of coaching skills across these shores.

Now a father of four following the birth of twins, Pat faces a busy schedule on an off the field of play. In comparison to Dungannon's big hitting Darren Clarke, he likes a cigar during play to calm any nerves and also enjoys the occasional flutter when the form is appealing. A native of Kilfinane in Co. Limerick, 'Beefy' grew up with a love of hurling in his veins. His father hurled with the Limerick seniors in the seventies and that vivid interest passed onto the young pretender.

While at St Flannans recently retired Munster Council secretary Donie Nealon remarked Beefy's hurling pedi-



Pat Heffernan

gree as the finest college player he has ever witnessed. Onto University College Cork and success soon followed. In 1991 from full forward he captained the third level college to Fitzgibbon Cup glory. An integral member of the U-21 team he was involved in the 1991 three game trilogy that ended triumphantly for the Shannonsiders in Tipperary town. Pat's display at No. 3 was hinted at becoming the county's next full back but it never materialised. A championship debutante in the summer of 1991 was rewarded at right corner forward no less. Incidentally both number 13s on opposite sides of the field that day (Pat Fox being the other) were plotting each other's downfall, today however they will share issues on proceedings throughout.

By 1994, he had made the full forward position his own. In the opening round of the

championship on a wet, June bank holiday weekend, Beefy produced his best game of the year, notching two goals. The second, an overhead flick from a Ciaran Carey centre, to put the nail in the Cork coffin. A famine breached after a lapse of thirteen years in their victory against Clare with the Limerick based schoolteacher scoring in all three Munster games. After 1996, Pat was forced into temporary retirement due to injury but commenced coaching at the top level.

He helped Golden-Kilfeakle reach the West senior final in 1998 and stayed on for a further season. Next he turned his efforts to Cappawhite in 2000 and contributed enormously in claiming consecutive West divisional titles. In between, he was also actively involved with Mungret, Drom-Athlaca and Murroe-Boher to name a few. Last year he helped his near neighbours Kilmallock reach the Limerick semi-final.

As well as propelling the 'combo' to today's final, he was also selector on the Shannonsiders U-21s this season in the Munster championship. Today is the last hurrah for the 'combo' and with Heffernan's high powered vocals in operation, I'm sure he will be urging his troops across the winning post.

Carrick Swan



Carrick Swan: Back row (l-r): Daryl Whitty, John Kirby, Darren Waters, Kevin Lanigan, Wayne Murphy, Stephen Hahessy, Stephen Kearns, Kieran Reade, Peter White, Damien Roche, Dean Clery, Alan Walsh, Martin Russell, Danny O'Hanlon. Front row (l-r): Colm O'Sullivan, Dwaine Fogarty, Daryl Kavanagh, Stephen Walsh (capt), David Walsh, Barry Walsh, Wayne Cullen, William Lonergan, Shane Hogan, Andrew Walsh.

This time last year Carrick Swan lined out in county minor hurling final for the first time since 1982. Unfortunately we lost out to Moycarkey Borris in replayed match having drawn the first encounter here in Semple Stadium. After that defeat the team mentors and players vowed to make it back for another go this year and it is to their credit that we again find ourselves in county final today. Seven members of the team that started last year and twelve panel members are again involved today and the commitment and effort all have shown is to be commended.

Today's panel of players is the product of ten years work from the time these young players started hurling with our club at seven and eight years of age.

Many team mentors have been involved in their coaching and development and most of the players have enjoyed success at divisional and county level in under 14, under 16 and Féile. The juvenile section of our club deserves great praise for their continued work with all the young boys and girls who play with Carrick Swan. Without their tremendous commitment our club, and all other clubs, would not succeed.

We hope all here present today enjoy the minor final where we play Drom & Inch. The last time we crossed paths was in an under 12 championship game in 1997 and we hope we fare better today as Drom enjoyed a narrow success back then. Many of the same faces will be in action today and it is a cred-

it to both clubs that all these players have continued to play the games they love so much.

Finally we would like to thank all our team mentors, players, committee members, supporters and sponsors for their support today and throughout the year and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

PATH TO THE FINAL

Carrick Swan 3-07, Moyle Rovers 1-07; Carrick Swan 5-08, Killenale 3-13; Carrick Swan 5-09, St. Patrick's Gaels 2-13; Carrick Swan 1-06, Ballingarry 1-08.

South Championship played on league basis.

South final: Carrick Swan 1-11, Ballingarry 1-08.

County semi-final: Carrick Swan 0-10, Kilruane McDonaghs 0-07.

DROM/INCH COUNTY MINOR FINALISTS 2004



Back Row(L-R) Martin Flynn, Kieran Young, Donncha Kennedy, Edward Costelloe, Eric Woodlock, Gíaran Hassett, James Ryan, Mícheál Butler, Seamus Callinan, Matthew McGrath, James Woodlock, Martin Butler, Gary Ryan, Eamon O'Doherty, Diarmuid Long. Front Row (L-R) Damien Young, Paul Connors, Johnny Ryan, Philip Ryan, Enda Walshe, Matthew Buckley, Daniel DeBurca, Matthew Ryan, Cathal Flynn, Liam Ryan, Andy Bourke, Joe Cahill. Missing from photo Diarmuid McLoughlin, Martin McGrath, Joe Lupton

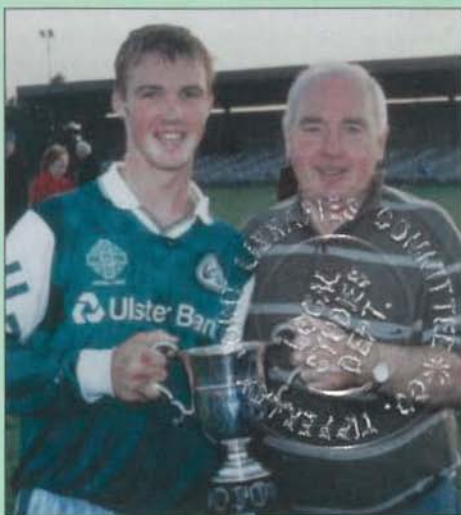
The path to this final started way back in 2002, when for the first time this team competed in and won an U/16B Co. Football title. The team developed the confidence to go on in 2003 and win the Co. Minor B hurling championship.

This year training started in January and we competed in the Co. Football League defeating Cahir in the final in a hard fought game at Kickham Park in Thurles. For the first time in the history of the club we competed in the Minor A Football Championship the winning momentum continued on from the league and we defeated Loughmore / Castleiney in The Mid Final by 3-5 to 2-6 thus recording a famous victory for the club.

In early July we played the first rounds of the hurling championship and lost one round in the league series to Moycarkey/Borris, as a result we were paired against Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid Semi final but emerged winners by 2 points 0-11 to 0-09. In the Mid final Drom were rated as underdogs having coming off second best previously but on the day we beat a fancied Moycarkey/Borris team and

defending Champions on a score line of 6-14 to 2-14.

We headed to Drombane for the Co. Semi against Clonoulty/Rossmore on a wet and windy day in September, after a very low scoring first half we trailed by a point at half time 0-3 to 0-2. Aided by the wind in the second half we pulled away to win by



Captain Micheal Butler receiving Mid Title from Matty Connolly.

1.14 to 0.05, whilst the conditions were a total contrast from our Mid final the end result was the same which leads us to today's encounter with Carrick Swans last years defeated finalists by a single point after a replay who no doubt will be hoping to go one better.

In Drom/Inch we will be hoping to win minor A and B county titles in consecutive years and bring a tenth trophy to our club in 2004.



Management Team: (L-R) Martin Flynn (Selector), Damien Young (Coach), Eamon O'Doherty (Manager), Joe Cahill (Selector).

Willie Clohessy – Referee Profile

Name: Willie Clohessy

Home Club: Drom & Inch

Age: 42

When did you start refereeing? 1987

What Finals have you done? 7 Mid S.H. Finals, Mid Finals in all grades, County Finals in Minor, U-21, Intermediate, Junior & 4 Semi-Finals in County Senior Hurling

What level have you refereed in? All except Inter-county

What is the one rule you would change given the chance? Abolish Throw-In the ball in Hurling to start the game

What was your funniest moment as a referee? Put off a player in the wrong and when I realised my mistake after five minutes, I had to apologise to the player and bring him back on the field.

Why did you get involved as a referee? Because our club was not represented by a Referee at that time in 1987.

Interests: All sports especially Golf

Any Comments: All clubs should supply at least one Referee to the board and if not doing so, should be dealt with accordingly.



Willie Clohessy

Senior Officials

Linesman - John Ryan (Boherlahan-Dualla),

Kevin Butler (Drom & Inch)

Umpires - Matt McGrath, Francis Costello,

Martin Everard and Pat Looby

4th Official - Denis Curtiss (Rahealty-Kickhams)

Minor Referee



Sean Bradshaw

UNDER 12 MINI GAME

Éire Óg - GOLDEN

1	Jonathan Ivers	Ballingarry
2	Aaron Cowan	Ballybacon-Grange
3	Warragh Devane	Boherlahan-Dualla
4	Cait Devane	Clonoulty-Rossmore
5	Patrick Dalton	Arravale Rovers
6	Sean Ryan	Éire Óg Annacathry
7	Kevin Kennedy	Silvermines
8	Danny Croke	Mullinahone
9	David Hickey	Éire Óg, Nenagh
10	Eoin Nolan	Carriack Swan
11	Andrew McCluskey	Portroe
12	Andrew Byrnes	Shannon Rovers
13	David Teehan	Moneygail
14	Stephen Ryan	Golden-Killfeacle
15	Sean Harte	Newport
16	Liam Peacock	Killenaule
17	Liam Glendon	St. Mary's
18	Arthur Dunne	Lattin-Cullen
19	John Ryan	Ballinahinch

Toomevara

1	Enda Brennan	Borrisokane
2	Justin Cahill	Kilruane McDonaghs
3	Damian Maher	Burgess
4	Pat Lipton	Drom-Inch
5	Andrew Ryan	Toomevara
6	Kevin O'Leary	Cashel King Cormacs
7	Daire King	Ballina
8	Brian Stapleton	Templederry
9	David Flynn	Roscrea
10	Bobby Bergin	Clonakenny
11	Stephen James Gleeson	Kildangan
12	Mickey O'Brien	Clonmore Óg
13	Marcus O'Halloran	St. Patrick's
14	Michael Rafter	Cortnahee-Glengoose
15	Joseph Riordan	Sologhard
16	Pat Ralph	Moycarkey/Borris
17	Tony Cantwell	Moyne Templeduohy
18	Danny Ryan	Borrisoleigh
19	Colin Browne	Knockshingauna

Final Thoughts

by Seamus O'Doherty

RARE 'COMBO'

It is an unusual sight to find a combination team in the Tipp S.H.C. final. Most recent combos to make progress were Fionn McCumhaills (South) who reached the quarter-finals in 1979, St Augustine's (South) quarter-finalists 1982, and Éire Óg (South) quarter-finalists 1984 and 1986.

BROTHERS ONLY

In the 2000 Co. final, the O'Briens scored 2-8 while the Dunes scored 0-2 as they compiled Toome's total of 2-10. John won't be playing today but Paddy showed a good return to form, while Ken Dunne was highly impressive in the recent semi-final win over Mullinahone.

DRAWING POWER

The Co. S.H.C. final has been drawn on ten occasions. The years were 1899, 1930, 1945, 1965, 1975, 1977, 1982, 1988, 1992 and 2002 respectively.

SYMPATHY TO THE LOSERS

It is disappointing to lose a final in any circumstances but to score freely and still lose is particularly galling. Particular sympathy went to Thurles Sarsfields who scored 3-16 in the 2003 final. In the previous 25 co. finals it was the third highest score recorded, behind Nenaghs 2-25 in 1995, when they beat Boherlahan Dualla and the 3-19 which Toomevara scored to beat Sarsfields!

TOGETHER AGAIN

Prior to 2004, Éire Óg, Golden Kilfeacle last made it to the quarter-finals as separate clubs in 1986. Loughmore Castleiney beat Golden Kilfeacle before losing to Kilruane McDonaghs in the semi-final while Holycross B. beat Éire Óg prior to defeat by Borrisoleigh in the other semi-final.

RECORD BREAKERS

Thurles Sarsfields still hold the record for Co. Titles won with 28 victories to their credit between 1887 and 1974. They have two five in a row, one four in a row and one three in a row among their honours list. As they said in Cork last month "We are looking for one in a row now!"

TOOMEVARA SUCCESS

The 'Greyhounds' now have 18 co. titles, won between 1890 and 2003. They have one four in a row, 1998 to 2001 and three trebles to their credit.

HIGH SCORES - Toomevara's 3-19 in the 2003 decider was their highest return from the ten co. finals they have played in since 1992, including that year's replay. Toome's final day winning scores have been modest enough with 0-12 (1992), 1-14 (1993), 0-16 (1998) and 2-10 (2000), all good enough to lift the Dan Breen Cup. They will probably admit that a mean defence has helped them on their way!



Dathanna: Green & White



Fir Ionaid:

- (16) **Paul Connors**
Cleakile
- (17) **Daniel De Burca**
Knocka
- (18) **Enda Walshe**
Bouladuff
- (19) **Philip Ryan**
Dovea
- (20) **Diarmuid Long**
Monroe
- (21) **Andy Bourke**
Ballinlonty
- (22) **Liam Ryan**
Bouladuff
- (23) **Matthew Buckley**
Goldengrove
- (24) **Diarmuid McLoughlin**
Lisaroon
- (25) **Martin McGrath**
Pallashill
- (26) **Joe Lupton**
Barnane

(1)
S. Ó Riain
JOHNNY RYAN
Drom

(2)
S. Ó Riain
JAMES RYAN
Drom

(3)
E. Mac Coisteala
EDWARD COSTELLOE
Dovea

(4)
C. Ó Floinn
CATHAL FLYNN
Annfield

(5)
M. Mac Craith
MATTHEW McGRATH
Bouladuff

(6)
M. de Buitléir
MARTIN BUTLER
Cleakile

(7)
D. Ó Cinnéide
DONNACHA KENNEDY
Annfield

(8)
S. Uadlóig
JAMES WOODLOCK
Goldengrove

(9)
M. de Buitléir
MICHAEL BUTLER (Capt)
Ballypatrick

(10)
S. Ó Callanáin
SEAMUS CALLINAN
Bouladuff

(11)
E. Uadlóig
ERIC WOODLOCK
Goldengrove

(12)
M. Ó Riain
MATTHEW RYAN
Drom

(13)
C. Ó hAisi
CIARAN HASSETT
Barnane

(14)
G. Ó Riain
GARY RYAN
Inch

(15)
C. Ó hÓgáin
KIERAN YOUNG
Cleakile

ROGHNOIRÍ – *Manager: Eamon O'Doherty. Coach: Damien Young
Selectors: Martin Flynn, Joe Cahill*

DROM/INCH	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

IG 'A' FINALISTS 2004

CARRICK SWAN

2004



Dathanna: White & Black

(1)
C. Ó Suilleabháin
COLM O'SULLIVAN
Ballylynch

(2)
L. Ó Lonergáin
WILLIAM LONERGAN
Kickhan Street

(3)
D. Ó hAicheasy
STEPHEN HAHESSY
Ballyrichard

(4)
M. Ruiséil
MARTIN RUSSELL
Dunbane

(5)
A. Breathnach
ANDREW WALSH
Collins Park

(6)
C. Ó Lanagáin
KEVIN LANIGAN
Faugheen

(7)
D. Breathnach
DAVID WALSH
St. Nicholas Park

(8)
P. de Faoite
PETER WHITE
Tanners Gate

(9)
S. Breathnach
STEPHEN WALSH (Capt)
Ballylynch

(10)
C. Ó Maoildeirg
KIERAN READE
Collins Park

(11)
D. Ó hAnluain
DANNY O'HANLON
Ballyrichard

(12)
W. Ó Murchú
WAYNE MURPHY
St. John's Tce

(13)
A. Breathnach
ALAN WALSH
St. Nicholas Park

(14)
D. Caomhánach
DARYL KAVANAGH
Ballylynch

(15)
D. Ó Fogartaigh
DWAINE FOGARTY
Faugheen

ROGHNOIRÍ — *Manager: Tom Waters. Selectors: James Hogan, John Fleming, Larry Reade.
Coach: T.J. Connolly. Physio: Johnny Grace*

Fir Ionaid:

- (16) **DARYL WHITTY**
Collins Park
- (17) **BARRY WALSH**
Ballylynch
- (18) **DAMIEN ROCHE**
Treacy Park
- (19) **STEPHEN KEARNS**
Dunbane
- (20) **JOHN KIRBY**
Faugheen
- (21) **WAYNE CULLEN**
Deerpark Close
- (22) **DARREN WATERS**
Treacy Park
- (23) **DEAN CLERY**
Clairin
- (24) **DAVID KELLY**
Dunbane
- (25) **SHANE WATERS**
St. John's Tce
- (26) **DARREN MURPHY**
Ballyrichard
- (27) **SHANE HOGAN**
Ballyrichard

CARRICK SWAN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
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2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

County Senior Hurl

TUAIM UIMHEARA



Dathanna: Green & Gold

Fir Ionaid:

- (16) **James McGrath**
Knockinglas
- (17) **Byron Duff**
Norwood
- (18) **Barry Dunne**
Curraheen
- (19) **Denis Kelly**
Borrisafarney
- (20) **Kevin Cummins**
Curraheen
- (21) **Andrew Ryan**
Ballinlough
- (22) **David Kennedy**
Norwood
- (23) **Brian McCormack**
Grenanstown
- (24) **John Delaney**
Gawn
- (25) **Paddy Tuohy**
Gortnadrummin
- (26) **Tomás O'Meara**
Mananore
- (27) **John Kinirons**
Shanbally
- (28) **Stephen O'Meara**
Gawn

- (1)
S. de Cotreil
JUSTIN COTTRELL
Templedowney

(2)
S. Ó Beolláin
JOHN BOLAND
Clashnevin

(3)
A. Ó Dúislainne
TONY DELANEY
Chapel Street

(4)
P. Ó Seancháin
PHILIP SHANAHAN
Coolderry

(5)
T. Ó Doinn
TERRY DUNNE
Curraheen

(6)
B. Ó Doinn
BENNY DUNNE
Curraheen

(7)
D. de Siúin
DAVID YOUNG
Latteragh

(8)
P. Haicéid
PADRAIG HACKETT
Knockane

(9)
E. Ó Brisleáin
EOIN BRISLANE
Ashgrove

(10)
C. Ó Doinn
KEN DUNNE
Curraheen

(11)
F. Ó Dubhánaigh
FRANCIS DEVANNEY
Grennanstown

(12)
T. Ó Doinn
TOMMY DUNNE
Curraheen

(13)
M. Bevin
MICHAEL BEVINS
Ballymackey

(14)
P. Ó Briain
PADDY O'BRIEN
Fortwilliam

(15)
L. Ó Riain
WILLIE RYAN
Ballinlough

ROGHNOIRÍ – *Manager: Michael Connolly*
Selectors: Matt O'Meara, Pat King, Rory Brislane
Physio: Ned Murphy First Aid: John Tuohy

TOOMEVARA	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath	1	8			
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

ling Finalists 2004

GOLDEN/ÉIRE ÓG



Dathanna: Blue and White



Fir Ionaid:

- (1)
Marc Ó Beargara (G)
MARK BARGARY
Golden Village
- (2)
Uinseann Ó Riain (E/O)
VINNY RYAN
Alleen
- (3)
Caoimhín Mac Cárthaigh (G)
KEVIN MCCARTHY
Bohernamona Road
- (4)
Pól Ó Fógartaigh (G)
PAUL FOGARTY
Kilfeacle
- (5)
Donnacha Ó Ceara (G)
DONNCHA CARR
Mantlehill
- (6)
Liam Ó Maoínigh (E/O)
LIAM MOONEY
Mohera
- (7)
Seamus Mac Cárthaigh (G)
JIM BOB MCCARTHY
Golden Village
- (8)
Aodáin Ó Fógartaigh (G)
AIDAN FOGARTY
Kilfeacle
- (9)
Brian Ó Fógartaigh (G)
BRIAN FOGARTY
Castlepark
- (10)
Damian Ó Briain (E/O)
DAMIAN O'BRIEN
Coolacussane
- (11)
Dáithí Ó Fógartaigh (G)
DAVID FOGARTY
Ballinlína
- (12)
Dáithí Ó Fógartaigh (G)
DÁITHÍ FOGARTY
Kilfeacle
- (13)
Ronán Ó Briain (E/O)
RONAN O'BRIEN
Coolacussane
- (14)
Seán Mac an Ghaill (G)
SHANE STAPLETON
Mantlehill
- (15)
Seán Ó Cuinn (E/O)
JOHN QUINN
Pallas

ROGHNOIRÍ — Manager: Pat Heffernan. Selectors: Pat Fox (E/O), Anthony (Bricky) O'Neill (E/O), Liam O'Sullivan (G), Jim Fogarty (G)

- (16) **DONNACHA HORAN (E/O)**
Donohill
- (17) **GER FOGARTY (G)**
Mantlehill
- (18) **JAMES TIERNEY (G)**
Cloughaleigh
- (19) **MICHAEL STAPLETON (G)**
Mantlehill
- (20) **PADDY IVERS (G)**
Golden Village
- (21) **JOHN COLOHAN (G)**
Golden Village
- (22) **JOHN CURRIVAN (G)**
Knockroe
- (23) **ANTHONY CROSSE (E/O)**
Alleen
- (24) **MICHAEL HARDING (G)**
Knockroe
- (25) **DAN HOGAN (E/O)**
Coolacussane
- (26) **BRIAN RYAN (E/O)**
Alleen
- (27) **RICHARD WALSH (G)**
Grantstown
- (28) **RICHARD LEAHY (E/O)**
Grange
- (29) **STUART BEATTIE (G)**
Suirview
- (30) **OLLIE KELLY (E/O)**
Alleen
- (31) **PHILIP McLOUGHLIN (E/O)**
Shanacknock

GOLDEN/ÉIRE ÓG	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

Toomevara - County Sen



Toomevara Senior Hurling panel in County Semi-final against Mullinahone.

PATH TO THE FINAL

Senior League

Toomevara 1.12 Thurles Sarsfield 1.13
29.02.2004

Toomevara 2.08 Moneygall 4.17
06.03.2004

Toomevara 0.09 Loughmore-Castleiney 0.09
21.03.2004

North and County Championship

Toomevara 1.17 Borrisoleigh 0.14
09.05.2004 County Championship

Toomevara 5.31 Kilruane McDonaghs 1.07
15.05.2004 County Championship

Toomevara 2.22 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-11
21.05.04 County Championship

Toomevara 2.19 Eire Og Nenagh 2.17
13.06.2004 North Championship

Toomevara 2.17 Borrisoleigh 0.17
30.06.2004 North Championship

Toomevara 0.11 Borrisoleigh 1.16
08.08.2004 North Semi Final

Toomevara 1.17 Moneygall 1.12
29.08.2004 Playoff

Toomevara 1.12 Loughmore-Castleiney 0.13
21.09.2004 County Quarter Final

Toomevara 2.19 Mullinahone 2.14
26.09.2004 County Semi Final

or Hurling Finalists 2004

PAT HENNESSEY

Toomevaras' Unsung Hero

Most organisations have unsung heroes, these are usually people that have given a lifetime of service to their club and parish. Without question within the Toomevara club is one such person and that is Pat Hennessey of Kilnafinch.

Having served the club as a player during the 50's and 60's and winning honours at Juvenile, Minor, Junior and Senior it was not too long before he threw in his lot and became a member of the committee.

It was no coincidence that Pat Hennessey should be one of the loyal members of Toomevara club because his late uncle of the same name was a most popular official in the North Tipperary and Co. Board and a prominent Referee during the 1920's.

Over the years he has been given many tasks on various



Pat Hennessey on the left with Tom Troy on right at Toomevara lotto draw night.

sub-committees within the club, but it is his work and dedication as a member of the committee of St. Michaels Park that he really excels in.

He gives many hours to ensure that our club players and visiting teams train and play in well prepared pitches.

No job is too big or small for Pat. It does not matter if it is to get the pitch ready for the U/8s, Seniors or Camoige teams the job will

be carried out by Hennessey with the same commitment and with the minimum of fuss.

In any fundraising venture he is always to the fore and he is a most popular and dedicated member of the lotto committee even if he is sometimes late arriving on a Tuesday night.

It is people like Pat Hennessey that have been the backbone of every GAA club throughout Ireland for the past 120 years and Toomevara club are delighted to acknowledge his unique contribution to our club for over 50 years and if Paddy O'Brien can lead his team back to the village with Dan Breen in toe, one of the proudest men there to greet him will be Pat Hennessey.



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past player profile

LIAM O'SULLIVAN (Golden/Kilfeacle)

IT IS only right and fitting that the "past player" we have chosen to profile is the current chairman of the Golden Kilfeacle GAA club, Liam O'Sullivan.

A native of Golden village, born to William and Lena on the 28th June, 1951, Liam is the eldest of a family of two.

Educated in Golden national school, and at post primary level at Rockwell College, Liam played underage hurling and football, winning Under-15 West hurling medals with Golden in 1964 and 1965, and a Munster B hurling medal with Rockwell College. He then went on to

by John Currihan

capture West titles for Golden at minor level in 1966 and 1967 and at Under-21 level in 1969.

At senior level, Liam is a member of a unique group in the Golden club, who hold two West Senior hurling medals, claimed in 1969 and 1972. A Crosco Cup medal was also achieved in 1970.

Following a lean spell in hurling for the club during the middle to late seventies, Liam won West Intermediate hurling titles in 1980, 1982 and 1990.

At intercounty level, he was a member of the Tipperary Minor hurling team of 1969. In 1973, he was part of the Tipperary Senior panel for the

National League campaign of the same year, while in 1982 he was a member of the County Junior team.

In addition to being a skillful hurler, in particular a marvellous fielder of the ball, Liam was also an able footballer, claiming West honours at Junior level in 1975, 1976 and 1979. A county title was also added in 1979.

The club moved up to Intermediate grade in football in 1982 and Liam achieved West and County medals in that year.

In 1980, Golden footballers combined with Rockwell to win a West Senior football medal and Liam was a member of this team.

He added two West football medals to his list of achievements in 1986 and 1988, when Golden won the West Football championship.

After the 1990 West Intermediate championship, Liam decided to hang up his boots! However, his retirement was short lived, as in 1993 he was tempted back to play hurling for the Tipperary Masters, with which he won an All Ireland medal.

On a personal level, Liam is married to Pauline (nee Ryan), originally from Boher, Co. Limerick.

They have three children – Aidan, a construction engineer working in the United States in America; Sarah, currently studying physiotherapy; and Ciara, who is in her Leaving Cert year.

Having worked in Dublin for a number of years, in 1974 Liam returned to Golden and took over the family grocery business, building it to its present day success.

The O'Sullivan family wish the "Combo" the very best of luck in the final and Liam would like nothing better than receive the "Dan Breen Cup" into the parish during his tenure as chairman.



LIAM O'SULLIVAN Golden/Kilfeacle

BILL O'DONNELL

- The original 'combo'!

By LARRY COONEY (The Irish Post)

No individual epitomised the alliance between Golden and Anacarty more than the late Bill O'Donnell. A native of Athassel, he would have been an extremely proud man if he were present here today to witness the two places that were most dear to him in his distinguished life joining forces in an attempt to win a coveted county title against the reigning champions Toomevara.

Despite his untimely passing in January 1980, the legacy and memory of Bill O'Donnell continues to live on and particularly on a rare and historic occasion for both the parishes of Anacarty and Golden such as here today in Thurles. A meagre few lines couldn't possibly do justice to the impact made by one of the most charismatic figures ever in West Tipperary GAA but suffice it to say, Bill O'Donnell devoted his entire teaching profession at Anacarty NS from 1933 until his sudden death twenty-four years ago.

A talented hurler who donned the 'blue and gold' and provincial colours between 1934-44, his finest hour at club level was undoubtedly when he led his 'adopted' club Éire Óg Anacarty to victory in the

1943 county final against Moycarkey. Similar to today's finalists, the team from west Tipperary were also the rank outsiders and with eight minutes to go, the form team appeared to be prevailing. However an inspirational goal from Bill O'Donnell wrote a memorable and unforgettable chapter in the history of Éire Óg Anacarty GAA Club.

Bill O'Donnell deservedly earned his place in West Tipperary's Millennium hurling team four years ago but his off-field achievements were equally impressive. All of the pupils who benefited from his tutelage will have their own personal fond memories of a great teaching 'master' while he also found time to be an equally distinguished weekly columnist (Divot) with the Nationalist.

In many ways, today's Éire Óg - Golden/Anacarty team will be attempting to bridge that sixty-one year gap since that famous five-point victory by Anacarty over Moycarkey. All of west Tipperary will certainly be hoping that history repeats itself with the 'Combo' bringing the Dan Breen Cup back to the West Division for the first time since Clonoulty's triumph in 1997.

IN PROFILE Tony Delaney IN PROFILE

NAME: Tony Delaney

DATE OF BIRTH: 13.6.1971

OCCUPATION: Sales Manager with New Ireland

Favourite GAA Player: Ciaran Carey

Favourite Sports Player: Kieran Fallon

Toughest Opponent: Pat King

Other Sports Played: Soccer and Golf

Honours: North and County Medals U/12, U/14, U/16, U/18 and U/21, 8 County Senior Medals, 7 North Senior Medals, 2 County Leagues and 1 London Championship. Represented Tipperary at all grades.

Height: 5ft 11" **Weight:** 14st

Toomevara's formidable full back in today's county final has come along way to find himself in the new role in which he will line out. Tony Delaney has been involved with Toomevara seniors for the past 17 years while he has been a regular player for the past 15 years. The colourful figure and

friendly nature of the New Ireland Assurance manager has meant that there have been many ups and downs throughout his career but one thing is for sure that when the chips are down Delaney has always been there to be counted on in the Green and Gold jersey.

The long serving Toomevara player has a unique distinction of having played in every position except for goals throughout his playing career for Toomevara seniors. Tony has 8 County Senior medals to his name and today will be his 10th county senior final appearance. Of his senior medals Tony has started and finished all bar 1 when he limped out with a hamstring injury in the last 5 minutes of the 2001 final against Thurles.

Delaney's success and reliability has come as no surprise given his late father Michael Delaney was on the Tipperary U/21 team that won All-Ireland honours in 1967.

Tony also has a great flair for training and coaching teams. In fact he gave a season training Golden Kilfeacle in the West Senior Championship a few years ago.

Toomevara people will be hoping that this coaching has well worn of come Sunday.

Éire Óg Anacarty / Donohill 1943 Co. Senior Hurling Champions

BY EILEEN RYAN

Sixty-one years ago on October 3rd. Tom Ryan (Castle) lifted the "Dan Breen" cup after being presented with it by the donor himself, Donohill's Freedom Fighter, Dan Breen. The county final, played at Thurles Sportsfield in front of an attendance of 8,000 people between Éire Óg Anacarty/Donohill and Moycarkey/Borris ended in victory for the West boys on the scoreline 4.03 to 2.04. A county Senior Hurling title did not grace the shores of West Tipperary again until 1987 when Cappawhite won, followed by wins for Clonoulty/Rossmore in 1989 and 1997 and Cashel in 1991. Perhaps the combo of Golden/Éire Óg will fly the flag today for the West.

The foundations for the '43 success were laid down in the late 30's when Éire Óg won three West Tipperary Minor titles joined with near neighbours Cappawhite and were known as Brian Borus. The year of the "foot and mouth" 1941 saw Éire Óg emerge as a force to be reckoned with both in West and Co. Tipperary. They won the West championship, beating partners of today, Golden, and went on to contest the County Final against Boherlahan, losing by two points 2.02



Presentation of Dan Breen Cup 1943 - Tom Ryan(C) being presented with the Dan Breen Cup by the donor himself. Others include George Ryan, Denis Condon, Phil Ryan(C), Jim Hanly, Jerry Ryan & Tom Burke.

to 0.06. The West was won again in 1942 at the hands of Galtee Rovers, but disaster struck in the County Semi-Final versus Killenaule.

These defeats were atoned for in 1943, beating Cappawhite in the West Final and receiving a walk-over in the County Semi-Final to leave the stage set for the showdown of the year. Moycarkey/Borris came to Thurles as favourites having beaten Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid Final. Éire Óg had a new player on the panel, Willie O'Donnell, the former Golden and Tipperary stalwart who was principal in Anacarty N.S. and who had just transferred from Golden. It was a sensational final that was long remembered as the hurling was fast and spectacular with the scores level at

half-time 1.02 each. Midway through the second half Moycarkey added another goal and two points and things looked dismal for the West champions. A rally was staged when Willie O'Donnell scored a bullet like shot to the net, followed by two more goals to win by five points, leaving Tom Ryan(C) to collect the silverware and bring the "Dan Breen" to Anacarty and Donohill. The victorious team were feted and honoured in the little villages and surroundings areas. The line-out was: Jimmy O'Donnell, Johnny Ryan (W), Jim Hanly, Jack Dee, George Ryan, Phil Ryan(C), Tom Ryan(C), Tom Burke, Willie O'Donnell, Jerry Ryan, Denis Condon, Michael Ryan(C), Jack Cooney, Tom Joy, Jerry Ryan (W).

Since the beginning of 1941 Éire Óg had played thirty-seven matches and were only beaten twice. What a record to be proud of. The four-in-a-row was won in 1944 and so ended a golden era.

The hurling lineage was passed on, with Jim Hanly's sons John and Seamus playing for Éire Óg in the 60's, 70's and 80's; Tom Ryan(C)'s son Patsy in the 60's; and presently on Éire Óg's U-14 panel, grandsons of Michael Ryan(C) (Gearoid and Liam) and grandson of Jerry Ryan (M) (Diarmuid).

The surviving team members are Michael Ryan(C) and Jack Cooney and a member of the '41 panel, Fan O'Dwyer.

Jimmy O'Donnell the Éire Óg goalie played with Tipperary minors in 1937, losing to Cork. Willie O'Donnell won



Éire Óg 1943 County Champions - Back row: Tom Burke, Bill O'Donnell, Denis Condon, Jack Cooney, Jerry Ryan(W), Jimmy O'Donnell. Middle row: Philly Ryan(C), Tom Joy, Michael Ryan(C), Johnny Ryan(W). Front row: George Ryan, Jerry Ryan, Jim Hanly, Tom Ryan(C), Jack Dee.

an All-Ireland Medal with Tipperary in 1937 and Jerry Ryan (M) won a Munster Medal with Tipperary in 1941. Phil Ryan(C) played Minor with Tipperary for three years 1939-1941 and captained the Senior team in 1944, losing the Munster Final to Cork. He migrated to

Dublin in 1945 and began playing with Young Ireland's, winning a county championship with them in 1949. He was selected to play on the Dublin Senior Hurling team and won a Leinster Final Medal in 1952 when they defeated Wexford, holding Nicky Rackard scoreless.

A SELECTION OF VERSES PENNED IN 1943

*Here's a health to Éire Óg, may your banners never fall,
You beat Cappawhite in Cashel and you feared not Killenaule
On the third day of October nineteen and forty-three
You beat Moycarkey champions and gained the victory."*

ANACARTY ABU!

*"The cup has come West! The cup has come West!
Anacarty leads proudly the way.
For her fine hurling men, from the plain hill and glen
Are the great county champions today.
Like their sires in the past, again to the mast
Their flag they have nailed white and blue
Never to yield fighting hard on the field
With the cry Anacarty Abu!"*

*"And when the match was over the spectators jumped for joy
We saw Éire Óg supporters throw their hats into the sky
They went to meet their heroes and wished them all good cheer
For being the champions of nineteen forty-three."*

Sarsfields Men of '74 Scattered to the Four Corners of Ireland

By Noel Dundon

It's hard to believe that it's thirty years since Sarsfields last won a county senior hurling championship - most of the current players weren't even born at the time and the only glimpse they have gotten of the Dan Breen

Cup was to see someone else lifting it on County Final day.

Three decades have now passed and sadly one of the stars of those days Pat Leane has passed to his eternal reward. A tough as teak defender. Pat was known throughout the length and breadth of Tipperary for his ruggedness and wholeheartedness in defence. Since '74, the club Secretary of the time

Donie O'Gorman and Treasurer Gerry McEntee have also passed away - two men who made a huge contribution to Thurles Sarsfields and whose names will always be synonymous with the Famed Blues.

Today's celebration and commemoration of the '74 team will bring back many memories for those players and officials involved. They have become scattered to the four corners of Ireland and don't get to meet very often at all. In fact for some, this will be the first time since they left Thurles that they will be reunited with their former county championship winning colleagues.

People like Tony Ryan, based in Bundoran; Sean Hussey, based in Tralee; Jimmy Doyle, based in Cellbridge; Johnny Burke in Culahill; Johnny Dwyer in Dublin. Some return to Thurles regularly but they rarely get the chance to sit back with their colleagues and cast their minds back to that fateful day in Semple Stadium in 1974.

Of course many of that squad are still actively involved in Sarsfields to this day and are leading the drive to bridge the ever increasing gap. Tom Barry, wing back on that day in 1974 is the current club Chairman having taken over a few years ago from Liam O'Donnchu - another panelist of that day.



Thurles Sarsfields, Tipperary Senior Hurling

Back row: Sean Maher, Tony Ryan, Jimmy Duggan, Michael Byrne, Michael Dundon, Denis Curtis, Johnny Bourke, Michael Grogan, Pat McCormack. Front row: Paul Byrne, Jim Ryan (A), Jackie Cooke, Paddy Doyle, Johnny Dwyer, Jimmy Doyle Capt., Pat Leane, Francis Mu

Jimmy Duggan, Paddy McCormack, Jackie Cooke, Jimmy Doyle, Michael "Glossy" Gleeson, Pat McCormack, Sean Maher, Michael Dundon and Paddy Doyle are still very much involved to this day while selectors Martin "Musha" Maher, Michael Murphy and Michael "Rocky" McElgunn are as enthusiastic about the Blues today as they were in '74.

Many of the others quietly support the club and attend the games in the hope of seeing success returning to Thurles. Martin and Paul Byrne, Dinny Curtis, Michael Grogan, Tossy Hayes, Pat Stakelum, Jim Ryan Anthony, Francis Murphy, Brendan O'Neill, Pat Stakelum, and Eddie Clancy can be seen throughout Mid and county Tipperary watching the fare with a quiet wish in their hearts for Sarsfields men to succeed. Johnny Dwyer

returns regularly from Dublin to keep in touch with the games.

Of course a few have spread their wings further afield as well. Paddy Doyle won county titles with Borrisoleigh and Moycarkey-Borris as Manager and also won the All-Ireland Club Final with Borrisoleigh. He trained Lorrha too, while Jimmy Doyle coached extensively at club and county level - both he and Paddy trained the Laois senior team with Paddy also bringing Tipperary to an All-Ireland minor final in 1987.

Johnny Burke is very much involved in Culahill and has also coached a number of other club teams; Paddy McCormack managed Tipperary's minors to three Munster titles in a row and was also successful with the Tipp u-21's; Michael Grogan managed Thurles Fennelly's and was on the opposite side of the fence

to Sarsfields on many occasions at junior and intermediate level which helped -rebuild a healthy rivalry between the clubs. Michael was also a selector with the Tipperary intermediate hurling team winning Munster honours while Jackie Cooke was with the Tipperary juniors in years gone by bringing success to The Premier County.

Sean McLoughlin is exiled in Drom-Inch now - Pat Stakelum in Holycross - Eddie Clancy in Two-Mile-Borris - Jim Ryan Anthony in Upperchurch - they still keep an eye on Blues issues though. Brendan O'Neill hurled with Fennelly's for a while before retiring while Tossy Hayes was involved with Rahaelt. Denis Curtis now referees games as a Rahaelt Kickhams man while Martin Byrne also played for Kickhams. Jimmy Doyle jnr (known to all in Sarsfields as Young Jimmy) is the driving force behind Cellbridge at present with former Sarsfields player Mattie Dowd (nephew of Musha Maher) now hurling for them. Johnny Dwyer was involved with Commercial in Dublin and also played and coached rugby winning a Leinster title.

Plenty to talk about then when they get together today. It should be a special occasion for all concerned and a great chance to greet and meet the men who stood up and were counted to record Sarsfields 28th, and last, county title.

We salute them - the men of '74 and hope they enjoy their day in the limelight.



ling Champions 1974

iam Ó Donnchú, Jimmy Doyle, Tossy Hayes, Sean Hussey, Pat Stakelum, Michael Gleeson, phy, Brendan O'Neill, Sean McLoughlin, Tom Barry, Paddy McCormack, Eddie Clancy.

Memories of 1974

By Michael Dundon

It's hard to believe right now that thirty years have passed since the day in Semple Stadium in 1974 when the club won its 28th county senior hurling title defeating Silvermines who were making their first appearance in the final.

Sarsfields, with such a rich tradition behind them, were favourites to succeed but Silvermines could well have made a historic breakthrough, finishing just two points behind, 3-6 to 1-10, after missing quite a lot of chances.

Sarsfields opened well with Johnny Burke goaling and a further green flag from Johnny Dwyer before the break left them ahead 2-3 to 0-5. A Pat Quinlan goal for the Mines early in the second half got them moving and the Sarsfields defence was under severe pressure to hang on in the closing stages, with Jimmy Duggan saving well, Jim Ryan and the late Pat Leane clearing off the line to deny Silvermines a levelling goal.

Johnny Bourke who bagged 2-1, had Sarsfields final point after Silvermines had a Pat Quinlan twenty

one yard free stopped by Jimmy Duggan. glittering career which saw him win six All-Irelands and

Significantly, Jimmy eleven county senior Doyle, who captained the medals.

team that day, announced Man of the match was his retirement after a Tom Barry, the current



Happy days for Sarsfields, as victorious captain Jimmy Doyle accepts the Dan Breen Cup from Tipperary GAA Chairman, Tom O'Hara.

chairman, then just out of minor ranks and a smashing wingback who went on to represent the county at senior level. Jimmy Duggan, Jim Ryan, Pate Leane, the Doyles, Sean McLoughlin and Francis Murphy were others who played key roles.

Pat Dunlea was Silvermines' leading light with Michael Maher, Pat Quinlan, John Kennedy and Jim Ryan also catching the eye. At the time, the prediction was that Silvermines would be back and that the Dan Breen Cup would soon travel to the parish.

Who would have thought then, that Sarsfields would still be waiting for their 29th crown, thirty years later?

Some recollections of the 74 win - Jimmy Doyle pointing a seventy in the last minute against Roscrea to clinch the narrowest of victories...

Paddy Doyle playing against Toomevara with a broken cheek bone, having been injured a week previously in the Mid final...

Johnny Burke scoring three goals in the semi-final against a highly rated Toomevara...

The spontaneous round of applause that greeted the announcement at the end of the final that Jimmy Doyle was retiring ...

The marvellous gesture of Paul Byrne, captain at the start of the year, who handed over the captaincy to Jimmy Doyle when it was known that Jimmy would be bowing out..

The elevation of team mates Jimmy Duggan, Tom Barry, Frank Murphy and Johnny Burke to the county squad on the strength of their play in the 74 campaign.



The Parade, before the 1974 County Final, at Semple Stadium, Jimmy Doyle leads the Blues accompanied by mascot Aidan Murphy.

70th anniversary FOR THE Sean Treacy Pipe Band

The Sean Treacy Pipe Band is synonymous with the GAA and big match days in Semple Stadium. Mid and County finals as well as inter-county games would not be the same if the Sean Treacy Pipe Band did not lead the participating teams around the field before the match. During its 70 years in existence, the Band has played in venues all over Ireland, in competitions, at parades, religious events, sports meetings and of course GAA matches. The band has also travelled overseas to the UK and USA to name but two locations. The band was formed in 1934 by some members of the former fife and drum band that was in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris, making this year the 70th



The Sean Treacy Pipe Band in action in Liberty Square, Thurles on Saint Patrick's Day 2004.

anniversary of the formation of the Band. To mark the 50th anniversary of the band, they were selected to play on All-Ireland Senior Hurling final day in Semple Stadium Thurles in 1984. The Sean Treacy Pipe Band has practiced in many locations over the years. In recent years, they have found a permanent home in their new Band hall in Littleton that has been

a huge milestone in their history as they continue to grow stronger after 70 years. A reunion is planned for October 23rd in the Munster Hotel Thurles to officially mark the 70th anniversary. For more information on this reunion, please contact any Band member or the current officers of Chairman Phil Cooney, Secretary Ger Neville and Treasurer Andy Cooney.

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Profile on John Quinn

BY EILEEN RYAN

Being called the "Daddy" of the Golden/Éire Óg combo team does not faze John Quinn one little bit and as every corner-back knows, his speed and tenacity belies his age. John was born on April 23rd 1964 to Paddy and Helen Quinn of Pallas, Donohill. He is the eldest of a family of eleven: Martin, Francis, Mairéad, Richard, Catríona, Pat, Declan, Gerard, Stephen and Eimear. Some of his brothers also played hurling and football and his sister Eimear played camogie.



John Quinn

John attended Garryshane N.S. during which time he played juvenile games with Éire Óg without much success. His progression into secondary school brought him to Doon C.B.S. with whom he won some Limerick schools' competitions. At the tender age of seventeen he won his first West Tipperary Senior Hurling Medal when he was a substitute on the Éire Óg team that beat near neighbours Cappawhite in the final. Success also eluded him at both Minor

and U-21. It was 1984 before John won another medal, this being the Crosco Cup. A West Senior Hurling Medal came his way in 1986 playing at corner forward, when Éire Óg beat their partners of today, Golden in the final. When John got possession, panic spread in the Golden defence, a feat he has emulated in this championship against other defences in Golden/Éire Óg's favour. Following his impressive displays in the championship of 1986 he got the "call" to the Tipperary squad for their League campaign.

Pastures new beckoned and he emigrated to London in early 1987, a huge loss to club and county. During his first year in London he played with Clann na nGael, but after much persuasion transferred to one of London's more prominent clubs, Seán Treacys. His sojourn with them brought him two Senior Hurling Medals and two All-Ireland Medals with the London team when they beat both Down and Kildare.

In 1990 while still in exile he married Cork woman, Liz Hill. They returned to live in Clonmel in 1991, where John runs a business with his brother-in-law, H&Q Radiators. John also returned to the playing field with Éire Óg. Since then he has won West & County Medals in Junior Football 1993, Intermediate Hurling 1994, Intermediate Football 2001, Co. Intermediate Hurling League 2002

and West Intermediate Hurling Medals 2002 and 2004. In 2004 he retired from football due to the long distance travelling from Clonmel, a round trip of fifty-four miles for training sessions.

Both of his children, Aisling & Tara play Ladies Football with Moyle Rovers. In fact Aisling was playing in the U-12 County Final, while her Dad was playing against Roscrea in the County Semi-Final. For 2004 Aisling brought the first County Medal to the Quinn household in Springfields, Clonmel when Moyle Rovers defeated Moycarkey. Let's hope John can win his first ever County Senior Hurling Medal with the Golden/Éire Óg combo. It would be no more than he deserves. "Life begins at forty".

On September 25th he played for about eight minutes in the All-Ireland Masters against Limerick and even though they lost, John scored a goal and was unlucky not to have scored another. Throughout the West and County Championship series he has amassed a score of 3.09.

To what does he attribute his speed, tenaciousness, true grit and general level of fitness at forty?

He does not smoke and he has never drunk alcohol. In fact he received his Silver Pioneer Pin in 2003.

A role model for young Tipperary hopefuls surely.

Flashback to 1964

BY SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

Forty years ago the hurling landscape was considerably different to the way it is today.

Tipperary beat Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Hurling Final, 5-13 to 2-8, with Michael Murphy (Thurles Sarsfields) leading the team from left half back.

The County Senior Final brought two mid teams into opposition - Thurles Sarsfields looking for their fourth title in a row and ninth in ten years and Holycross, Ballycahill, who had not won the title since 1954. Coincidentally both had beaten Roscrea in their previous County Final victories.

The Mid Final of 1964 gave us an early ???? of this local rivalry with Sarsfields ???? superior on a 2-18 to 0-6 scoreline. The game was played at Thurles on August 1st.

In those days six teams contested the County Championship. The winners and runners up in Mid and North were joined by the South and West Champions. The two quarter finals saw Holycross, Ballycahill beating Marlfield by 3-10 to 2-11. While Roscrea beat Éire Óg (West) 3-16 to 1-3.

The Semi-Final line up saw Sarsfields defeat Roscrea 3-9 to 1-10 and Holycross/Ballycahill overcame Éire Óg, Nenagh by 3-6 to 0-14 in a replay, following a 2-12 all draw.

The final at Semple Stadium or Thurles Sportsfield as it was



Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfield) and Michael Maher (Holycross/Ballycahill) face up to each other in the 1964 County Final.

then on November 15th proved very disappointing for the 10,000 attendance.

The story goes that referee Philly Ryan (RIP), Borrisoleigh awarded a 21 yard free to Holycross in the second half. A Blues' defender suggested "it wasn't much of a foul" but Philly trumped him by declaring "it isn't much of a match either".

Sarsfields won by 5-13 to 1-4 having led by 3-5 to 1-2 at half time. Their captain was Jimmy Doyle.

TEAMS & SCORERS

Thurles Sarsfields - M. Keane, M. McElgunn, M. Byrne, B. Maher, N. Murphy, T. Wall (0-1), M. Dowd, T. Walsh (0-1), M. Dorney, P. Doyle (0-1), G. Hogan (0-1), P. Dorney (0-2), J. Doyle (2-4), S. McLoughlin (2-0), P. Butler (1-2). Sub - T.J. Semple (0-1). Michael Murphy was unable to play for Sarsfields because of a knee injury).

Holycross/Ballycahill - R. Dwan, E. Ryan, M. Maher, M.

Ryan, B. Bannon, J. Doyle (0-1), J. Ryan, L. Ryan, R. Ryan, P. Duggan, T. Ryan, P. Cahill, J. Spillane (1-0), P. Stakelum, S. Mackey (0-3).

Referee - Philly Ryan (RIP), Borrisleigh.

RECOLLECTIONS - John Ryan who placed at left half back for the losers told me recently that the speed of movement by the Sars was unstoppable and that the Blues forwards were in top form on the day. He expected to be marking Jimmy Doyle but the maestro moved into the right corner of the attack at the start. Later on he moved to centre forward, while John Doyle moved to the same position for the losers.

Tim Walshe was outstanding at midfield for Sarsfields but Patsy Dorney's point without handling the ball was probably the score of the day. Rodge Dwan in goal and John Doyle saved Holycross/Ballycahill from an even heavier defeat.

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