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County Final day is always a very special day in the GAA calendar in any county. I look forward to it in the very same way as Munster Final day. There is a sense of anticipation of what might happen and

what it may lead to on the county front in the year following it. It is a day that I envy the clubs that are parading their wares and I think of the many fine clubs in our county that are working with diligence in promoting our games but never have had the honour of featuring on the match day programme on the biggest club day of the year. I sincerely congratulate the four teams that form today's programme.

At a time in our county when underage hurling is on the crest of a wave with back to back All-Ireland minor titles having been won patrons will be looking to today's finalists Thurles Sarsfields and Nenagh Eire Óg in anticipation of discovering a few new players for the minor grade as Tipp go in quest of three in a row All-Ireland titles. Both Thurles and Nenagh have a very strong tradition in underage hurling and have won their way into today's showpiece strictly on merit. Nenagh Eire Óg's semi-final victory over Ballingarry was arguably one of the best minor hurling games seen in the county for many's the day. Thurles Sarsfields appears to have a team of excellent talent but their latest performances have left a little to be desired. County final day should really see them at their best and with Michael Cahill, Kevin O'Gorman, Bill McCormack and Padraig Maher in their midst they will start favourites. On current form Eire Óg Nenagh with Michael Heffernan, Shane Maher and Padraig Murphy in flying form are a team on roll. I assure you of a great game and advise patrons to come early.

Not for many's a day had we senior finalists with less county senior titles between them. Drom-Inch although in the senior ranks since they beat Ballingarry in Junior A final in 1970 are in quest of their first title. It is a wonderful hurling parish with a great passion for the game and having won Mid Senior hurling titles in 1974, 1984 and 2006 you would have expected them to have collected the Dan Breen Cup before now. They believe this to be their year and the very best of good luck to them.

Loughmore-Castleiney are arguably the best dual club in the county and have tasted success on many occasions in Senior Football. Their only success in hurling came in 1988 when they defeated Borrisoleigh in a replay by 2-7 to 1-8 on a marvelous day for them in Semple Stadium. Having defied the odds in both semi-final and quarter final they will fancy their chances and hope the ageless Seamie Bohan can add another senior hurling medal to his trophy cabinet before he finally calls it a day. It is a game very difficult to call. Let's have a game of hurling befitting the occasion and may hurling be the winner.

As in now customary county final day sees another champion team of the past being honoured. Today it is my pleasure to welcome the Carrick Davins team of 1966 and 1967 to Semple Stadium for Co. Final day. You were excellent champions. Having lost a great replayed final to Thurles Sarsfields in 1965 in Cashel you bounced back with victories in 1966 over Lorrha and 1967 over the great Roscrea team of that time. It was a team of style and skill and I hope that you have a most enjoyable day and evening and that the famous red and white will grace county final day once more in the not to distant future.

With the end of our championships within the county the thoughts of our people will be directed towards next year. Having drawn Cork in first round of Munster Senior championship 2008 there is going to be no easy passage to Munster Final. Lets hope today's final will give Liam Sheedy, Eamon O'Shea and Michael Ryan some added talent as they commence preparations for next year.

I hope the clubs of our county study the proposals put forward by player welfare officer Padraig Duffy last week concerning player burn out. Are we ready to replace (U-21), Minor hurling and football at intercounty level with on (U-19) championship? I hope every genuine club person study it in detail and make a mature decision. At last the matter has been put on the agenda and we will make the decision and in the end will have to live with it.

I appeal to the four clubs involved today to adhere to match regulations and save us the spectacle of multiple incursions on to playing pitch. It serves no purpose and is of no use to teams and can be a distraction. It is also unsporting.

Finally I thank our loyal patrons for your support over the year and hope everyone has a most enjoyable afternoon in the Stadium. To today's officials Tommy Ryan (Kildangan) and his team and John O'Brien (Arravale Rovers) and his team I wish you both the best of luck and hope your visit to the stadium will be an enjoyable one. "Anois ar aghaidh leis an iomáint"

Seán Ó Costagáin

Clár an Lae

**Cluichí Cheannais
Iomána Thiobraid Árann
SINSEAR AGUS MIONÚIR
21 October 2007**

- 1.15 Nenagh Eire Óg Minor hurling team on to field
- 1.17 Thurles Sarsfields Minor hurling team on to field
- 1.30 Throw-in for County Minor Hurling Final

THURLES SARSFIELDS v NENAGH EIRE ÓG



- 2.05 Half-time in Minor Hurling Final (Entertainment by Sean Treacy Pipe Band Moycarkey)
- 2.15 Second half of Minor Hurling Final commences
- 2:45 End of Minor Hurling Final
- 2.50 Presentation of Sean Treacy Trophy to winning Minor Captain followed by presentation of Man of the Match Award sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller.
- 2.55 Presentation of Carrick Davins teams 1966/67
- 3.15 Drom & Inch team on to field
- 3.17 Loughmore/Castleiney team on to field
- 3.25 Pre-match parade led by the Sean Treacy Pipe Band Moycarkey
- 3.28 Amhrán na bhFiann (sung by Derek Ryan)
- 3.30 Throw-in for County Senior Hurling Final

DROM & INCH v LOUGHMORE CASTLEINEY



- 4.05 Half-time of Senior Hurling Final
- 4:15 Second half of Senior Hurling Final commences
- 4:45 End of County Senior Hurling Final
- 4.50 Presentation of the Man of the Match Award sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller
- Presentation of Dan Breen Trophy to winning Senior Captain

BUÍOCHAS

Thanks to Joe Hanrahan (Nenagh Eire Og), Thomas Callanan (Thurles Sarsfields), Seamus Walsh, Edward Kinane (Drom & Inch) and Pat Healy (Loughmore Castleiney) for providing material for today's programme. Special thanks to Ed Donnelly, P.R.O. Tipperary County Board and to photographers Brigid Delaney, John Moloughney, Jerry Ring and Jimmy Doyle for their photographs.

Ger Corbett
Editor

Today's front cover depicts a parochial map of Co Tipperary

Parish Rivalry in Unique County Final

Today's County Tipperary Senior Hurling Final will be a very one sided affair - one sided in the sense that only Ardan Ui Chuinneain will be open to the general public as the developmental work continues in Semple Stadium at Ardan Ui Riain side.

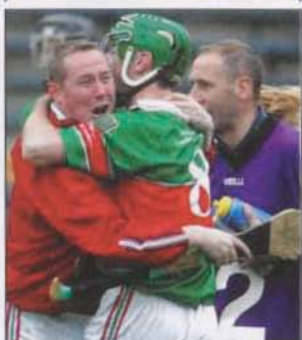
That, I would expect, will be the only one sided aspect to the clash of Drom-Inch and Loughmore Castleiney - a unique final indeed. Perhaps it is apt that two mid teams should contest the county final considering that the Mid Board is celebrating 100 years in existence - the south could claim the same thing.

There have been many great teams from mid Tipperary in county finals - Sarsfields, Holycross Ballycahill, Moyné Templetuohy, Boherlahan Dualla, Moycarkey Borris to name just a few. Throw in the Loughmore Castleiney men of 1988 - a team of players who gave so much to the game on the field, and are now giving it off the field. Their first welcoming of the Dan Breen Cup into the parish was indeed an historic occasion and they are hoping this afternoon to double their total.

It may seem strange that the Loughmore men don't have more county titles under their belts. They have been the kingpins of mid Tipperary for over two decades winning quite a few senior hurling titles to match their football crowns. But, it just goes to show how hard it is to win county titles - Loughmore Castleiney are only too well aware that today's will not be won easily either.

The curious thing is that there have been far better teams from the club down through the years. But, this team have courage and guts in abundance and the never-say-die spirit which seems to have been handed down from past generations prevails in the men of CE07 as well. This team will not go

BY NOEL DUNDON (Tipperary Star)



Ger Morris, Ciaran McGrath and Pat McGrath celebrate Loughmore's semi-final win over Nenagh Éire Óg in the County semi-final.



Drom & Inch fans happy out at the County Senior hurling semi-final.

down without a fight and even though they struggled earlier in the season, they came good at the right time and are in the county final on merit. Loughmore Castleiney in finals are so difficult to defeat.

Drom Inch are back in the decider after an absence last year. They lost out to Sarsfields in the 2005 decider, but returned in 2006 to win the Mid Final. This year they have taken a scenic route to the county final having lost to JK Brackens in the mid championship first round. But, in a curious manner the round about trip has helped them greatly. A number of

players have blossomed and developed as the season progressed and they are now looking forward to the county final full of confidence and swagger.

Drom-Inch have been impressive. Having monitored their progress closely, one could see Raymie Ryan's stamp appearing on them. Their hurling is now fluent and crisp with speed of mind and action being the order of the day. They have also managed to run up good scores, but they are well aware that Loughmore Castleiney will not allow them space to run amuck in attack. Today will be a real test of the Drom-Inch attack.

The Drom-Inch lads will be only too conscious of the fact that they could well have been eliminated from the championship by Kilkennyle. The south champions left Semple Stadium at semi-final stage knowing that they left a place in the decider after them. A number of very poor wides in the first half cost them dearly. From a Drom-Inch viewpoint though, the side recovered from an atrocious start, hit the front and eventually won out. They showed a maturity in not panicking - a maturity which will have to be evident again today if they are to claim a first title.

These are great days for both parishes. The highways and byways have been painted and bedecked in the club colours and everyone is uniting behind the players as they bid for glory. For Mid Tipperary, it is also a very special day even though there will be divided loyalties for people. But, that's what the GAA is all about - neighbour against neighbour; cousin against cousin; work colleague against work colleague; school mates against school mates. It's what makes the whole thing tick - rivalry.

Enjoy the game.

NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

The North Tipperary minor hurling championship opened with Nenagh Éire Óg minus the injured Patrick Murphy drawing in with Kilruane. Wins over Borris-Ileigh, Roscrea and Lorrha saw us qualify for the semi-final. In the semi-final we had a big win over a Borris-Ileigh side minus the injured Brendan Maher. The North final saw us renew rivalry with Kilruane. A good first half performance saw us lead by 0-8 to 0-1 and we were 8 points clear at the finish. The county semi final against Ballingarry in Templemore was a marvellous game of hurling. We trailed at half time by 3 points despite a Mark Grace goal. With 10 minutes to go Ballingarry had extended their lead to 5 points but in a whirlwind finish sub David Cleary grabbed a vital goal and we scored some fine points to win by 3 points.

Nenagh Éire Óg have won five County



Nenagh Éire Óg's Mark Flannery bursts out with the ball safely secured against Ballingarry in the County Minor semi-final.



Tipperary and Nenagh Éire Óg minor stars Michael Heffernan and Paddy Murphy at the homecoming in Thurles with John and Michael O'Connor from Portroe.

minor hurling titles. Our first title came in 1969 when we defeated Moycarkey Borris. Our next title came in 1977 when we defeated Loughmore and we retained the title by defeating the same opposition. We had to wait until 1991 for our next title and it came by defeating Knockavilla Kickhams. We again retained the title in 1992 which was our last win to date when we defeated Thurles Sarsfields in the final. There is a link between the 1969 team and this year's team in that Michael Heffernan is a son of Liam (Minnie) Heffernan who played in 1969.

Selectors: Ger Tucker (Manager), Matt Lillis, Hugh Maloney, Edward Tucker.

Club Officers: Chairman Jimmy Minogue, Secretary Joe Hanrahan, Treasurer Enda Costello, PRO Sean Minogue, Vice Chairman Ger Gavin, Rory Flannery, Joint Presidents Michael Hynes, Jack Kennedy, Paddy Bourke, John Slattery.

THURLES SARSFIELDS



Tipperary minor hurlers from Thurles Sarsfields club at the homecoming in Thurles (l to r): Michael Cahill, Kevin O'Gorman, Bill McCormack and Padraig Maher.

It is great to be involved in County Final Day and to be represented by a very dedicated group of Minors that have brought great honour to the club by their sponsorship, skill and dedication over the past number of years.

This is due in no small way to the leadership and coaching given by their Mentors, Thomas Callanan, Michael Gleeson, John Cahill, John Dorney, Christy Clancy and until recently Gary Mernagh.

It is difficult to keep Gaelic Games to the forefront

in urban areas. We are fortunate in Thurles to have Durlas Og, a specialist juvenile club without allegiance to any adult club. This is a club well worth using as a model in the promotion of Gaelic Games in centres of large population.

Thurles Sarsfields has recently formed a Ladies Football section. It is a very welcome addition to the club, bringing new vitality, vigour and enthusiasm. The section is chaired by Brian Burke and it's secretary is Hazel Maher. It has brought new people into the club,

coaches, Louise Cunningham, Lisa Prendergast, and Ger O'Hagan, and together with the experienced Conor O'Dwyer, they have contested a County Under-14 final. Our Lady Minors are contesting a County Final against Upperchurch today.

We wish both our Minor hurlers and our Lady footballers the best of luck and hope they bring two cups back to Sarsfield's Club-house tonight.

Up the Blues!



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Tommy Ryan (Kildangan) Senior Referee



When did you start refereeing?

In the early '90s. My first game was an Under-16 North Final between Lorrha and Roscrea.

What finals have you done?

I have officiated at every grade in hurling. For the past number of years I have been on the National Panel taking charge of League games and Munster championship at Minor and Under-21 level. I also refereed the inaugural Christy Ring Cup semi-final. Nearer to home, at county level, I refereed two Under-21 hurling finals in 2004 and 2005

and the 2004 County Minor 'A' hurling final. On my travels I have taken charge of the whistle in England, America and Australia.

What is the one rule you would change given the chance?

I would like the GAA to introduce an advantage rule. Also the two point rule for a lineball should have been persisted with.

Why did you get involved as a referee?

Encouragement and gentle persuasion from Jo Needham (a great inspiration for all ref-

erees) gave me the confidence to give it a go.

Umpires:

T.P. O'Sullivan
Enda O'Sullivan
Tom Kennedy
Dónal Hackett

Standby Umpire

Paul Kirwan

Linesmen

John Cleary – Standby Ref
(Knockshewanna)
Niall McGrath
(Burgess)

4th Official

Michael Cahill
(Kilruane McDonaghs)



John O'Brien (Arravale Rovers) Minor Referee

When did you start refereeing?

2004

What finals have you done?

Juvenile finals in the West Division from Under-21 to Under-16 in both hurling and football.

What is the one rule you would change given the chance?

I would like to see the re-introduction of the sinbin.

Why did you get involved as a referee?

Having umpired for many years I always wanted to give refereeing a go.

Linesmen:

Richie O'Connor
– Standby Ref
(Arravale Rovers)
Mark Ryan
(Knockavilla Kickhams)

Umpires

Noel O'Brien
James O'Brien
Liam O'Dwyer
James Ryan

County Minor Hurling Final



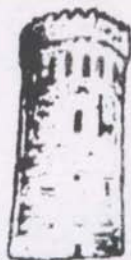
Nenagh Éire Óg Minor Hurling finalists. Back row: (l to r) - Kevin Flynn, Paddy Murphy, Sean Healy, Mark Flannery, Willie Bolger, Billy Heffernan, Kevin Kennedy, Michael Hynes, Thomas O'Brien, David Cleary. Kneeling: Cian Tucker, Michael Heffernan, Niall Madden, Eoin Slattery, Mark Grace, Pearse Morris (captain), Cliff Moloney, Tommy Heffernan.



Nenagh Éire Óg Management Team. Pictured from left- Eddie Tucker, Hugh Moloney, Ger Tucker (manager) and Mattie Lillis.

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**NENAGH
ÉIRE ÓG**



Pearse Morris
Captain

NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG PATH TO THE 2007 MINOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Shane Maher,
Dane O'Carroll,

First Round

April 12th Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-16

Second Round

July 13th Lorrha / Dorrha 0-06 Nenagh Éire Óg 1-10

Third Round

July 18th Nenagh Éire Óg 4-17 Roscrea 0-04

Fourth Round

July 25th Borris-Ileigh 2-09 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-13

Fifth Round

August 8th Kildangan Scr Nenagh Éire Óg ... W/O

Semi-Final

September 11th Nenagh Éire Óg 5-15 Borris-Ileigh 1-04

Final

September 29th Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13 Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-09

Tipperary Minor 'A' Hurling Championship Semi-Final

October 6th Nenagh Éire Óg 2-16 Ballingarry 1-16

Total scored 16-97. Total conceded 4-64.

Nenagh Éire Óg

Colours: Light Blue and Navy



Fir Ionaíd:

- (16) C. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
CLIFF MOLONEY
(Tyone)
- (17) D. Ó Cleirigh
DAVID CLEARY
(Annbrook)
- (18) T. Ó hifearnáin
THOMAS HEFFERNAN
(Birr Road)
- (19) D. Ely
DAMIEN ELY
(Ballygrainigue)
- (20) P. Ó Flainn
PATRICK FLYNN
(Knockalton)
- (21) C. Ó Cinnéide
KEVIN KENNEDY
(Yewston)

- (1) S. Ó hÉalaigh
SEAN HEALY
(Knockalton)
- (2) T. Ó Briain
THOMAS O'BRIEN
(Lisboney)
- (3) S. Ó Meachair
SHANE MAHER
(Knights Crescent)
- (4) M. Ó hEidhin
MICHAEL HYNES
(Cormack Drive)
- (5) L. Ó hifearnáin
BILLY HEFFERNAN
(Clonaslee)
- (6) M. Ó Fleannbhra
MARK FLANNERY
(Cormack Drive)
- (7) N. Ó Maidin
NIALL MADDEN
(Rockford)
- (8) P. Ó Muiris
PEARSE MORRIS (CAPT)
(Rathnaleen)
- (9) S. Ó Cearbháil
SHANE O'CARROLL
(Benedine)
- (10) M. de Grás
MARK GRACE
(William Street)
- (11) E. Ó Slatara
EOIN SLATTERY
(Monaree)
- (12) P. Ó Murchú
PATRICK MURPHY
(Grange)
- (13) L. Ó Bolgéir
WILLIAM BOLGER
(Annbrook)
- (14) C. Ó Tuachair
CIAN TUCKER
(Gortlandroe)
- (15) M. Ó hEffernáin
MICHAEL HEFFERNAN
(Birr Road)

Manager: **Ger Tucker**
Coach: **Edward Tucker**
Selectors: **Matt Lillis, Hugh Maloney**

NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLAN					

Thurles Sarsfields

Colours: Blue and White

(1)

L. MacCormaic
BILL McCORMACK
(Glen Carraig)

(2)

C. Ó Gormain
KEVIN O'GORMAN
(Ardnacrusha)

(3)

S. Ó Dornaigh
STEPHEN DORNEY
(Killinan)

(4)

D. Ó Meachair
DAVID MAHER
(Carraig Duin)

(5)

D. Ó Meachair
DENIS MAHER
(Mullaunbrack)

(6)

P. Ó Meachair
PADRAIG MAHER
(Tonagha)

(7)

S. Ó Meachair
SHANE MAHER
(Athnid)

(8)

M. Ó Cathaill
MICHAEL CAHILL
(Kilrush)

(9)

D. Ó Gréacháin
DAMIEN GRIMES
(College Green)

(10)

C. Ó Sé
KIERAN O'SHEA (CAPT)
(Willomere Drive)

(11)

S.S. de Búrca
JOHN JOE BURKE
(Moyné Road)

(12)

P. Ó Laochdha
PATRICK LEAHY
(Brittas Road)

(13)

E. Ó Duibhir
EOGHAN O'DWYER
(Stradavohar)

(14)

A. MacCormaic
AIDAN McCORMACK
(Cabra Court)

(15)

B. MacCormaic
BARRY McCORMACK
(Tonagha)

Management: **Michael Gleeson, John Doney, Christy Clancy,
John Cahill, Thomas Callanan**



Fir Ionaid:

- (16) S. Ó Gearr
JOHN SHORT
(The Heath)
- (17) S. Ó Leannáin
JAMIE LENNON
(Childers Park)
- (18) L. de Búrca
LAURENCE BURKE
(Rossetown)
- (19) R. Ó Masáin
RODNEY MASON
(Killinan)
- (20) B. Ó Ceallanáin
BRIAN CALLANAN
(Moyné Road)
- (21) S. Ó Smith
SEAN SMITH
(Bohernamona Road)
- (22) B. Stáideum
BRIAN STAKELUM
(Killinan)
- (23) L. Ó Cuilléan
LIAM CULLEN
(Iona Avenue)
- (24) D. Ó Néill
DARREN O'NEILL
(Childers Park)
- (25) D. Ó Stáideum
DARRAGH STAKELUM
(Stradavohar)
- (26) P. Ó Cuilléan
PHILIP CULLEN
(Cabra Court)
- (27) M. Ó Ruiseáil
MICHAEL RUSSELL
(Brittas Road)
- (28) S. Ó Meachair
STEPHEN MAHER
(Killinan)

THURLES SARSFIELDS	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLÁN					

County Minor Hurling Final



Thurles Sarsfields Minor hurling finalists – Back Row, Left to Right: Philip Cullen, Brian Stakleum, Denis Maher, Kevin O'Gorman, John J. O'Dwyer, Bill McCormack, Patrick Leahy, Brian Callanan, Sean Smith, Laurence Burke, Michael Russell, Aidan McCormack, Shane Lennon. Front Row Left to Right: Michael Cahill, John Shortt, Barry McCormack, Damien Grimes, Kieran O'Shea(captain), Stephen D. Maher, David Maher, Darren O'Neill, Rodney Mason, Darragh Stakleum, Liam Cullen. Missing from photo: Stephen Maher.



Thurles Sarsfields Management. Pictured from left to right:- Michael Gleeson, John Dorney, Christy Clancy, Thomas Callanan and inset John Cahill.

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THURLES SARSFIELDS



The Victorious Thurles Sarsfields Captain Kieran O'Shea receiving the Trophy from Mid Board Chairman PJ Maher after the Thurles Credit Union Mid Tipperary Minor 'A' Hurling Final. Also on left of photo Noel Bourke representing Thurles Credit Union.

e Burke, Eoin
Maher, Jamie
rney, Padraig

THURLES SARSFIELDS PATH TO THE 2007 MINOR 'A' HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Mid Minor 'A' Hurling Championship Group Stages

July 13th	Thurles Sarsfields	1-12	JK Brackens	1-05
July 25th	Thurles Sarsfields	3-17	Holycross/Ballycahill	0-09
August 8th	Thurles Sarsfields	3-13	Upperchurch/Drombane	1-13

Mid Minor 'A' Hurling Championship Final

September 12th	Thurles Sarsfields	0-14	Upperchurch/Drombane	1-09
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County Minor 'A' Hurling Semi-Final

October 6th	Thurles Sarsfields	2-18	Knockavilla/Kickhams	2-12
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Total scored 09-74. Total conceded 5-48.

Close enough for a draw!

Seamus O'Doherty

The relief that Drom/Inch and Loughmore/Castleiney felt by reaching the County final was clear at full time in both of their semi-finals. The winners were thrilled to escape to victory, in two close finishes, where concentration was vital to survival. Having come through that ordeal – and it was much worse for the losers – they have been putting their thoughts into winning the Dan Breen Cup. From the twenty five teams which started, only these two remain. It is an appropriate way for the Mid Board to celebrate its Centenary. Loughmore/Castleiney were winners in 1988 while Drom/Inch, who used to have difficulty reaching county semi-finals have now played in the last three and reached the decider for only the second time in their history. Since their loss in 2005, they have gone some way towards regaining ground. They

won the divisional crown in 2006 and now have three such titles to their rivals ten. Loughmore/Castleiney completed a three-in-a-row as recently as 2004.

Patrons are finding the idea of two Mid teams playing for the Dan Breen cup a little odd, when that Division's champions, Thurles Sarsfields are not involved, but hoping to achieve further underage honours today. The Mid final last month was a strange game. Sarsfields were well on top but only won by four points. The translation now is that Loughmore/Castleiney had more to offer and took much comfort from that result, knowing that there was untapped ability within the squad.

A good win over JK Brackens got them moving again and it was no secret that the club fancied their chances more

against Nenagh, than they would if Sarsfields had remained in the race. Their win over the North men proved many things, notwithstanding Nenagh's gruelling schedule between Minor and Senior fixtures in recent times. Nenagh's staleness and energy drought were obvious, following the landmark wins over Toomevara and Thurles Sarsfields, against whom they had failed to register a win in County Finals and semi-finals, going back to 1992. How much did those games take from Nenagh? Mentally and physically they would have drained them and a final score of 0-13 offers the supporting evidence. It is a major comedown from a superb 4-17, in the previous round. There was also the Minor irritation to upset their preparations.

If there is any team that you need to be fresh before meeting, it is Loughmore/Castleiney. They proved their ability with a convincing win over the North champions, Borrisleigh in the previous round. Inspired by that achievement, they saw their chance and prepared well. The Mid men targeted the Nenagh dangermen and decided to answer critics, who considered them outsiders for the title. There was a real hunger about them and it went unmatched. Nenagh never controlled the game, as their Mid opponents competed for possession from start to finish. They defended determinedly but, if you look at their defensive line-up there isn't



Drom's dangerman Seamus Callanan shoots for goal but this shot was saved by Killaule goalie Gerry Kennedy in the County SHC semi-final. Photos: Bridget Delaney

any surprise in that! The marking was close and in some places closer still!

Their scoring return of 0-15 was a new trend, in that it was their first 'goal failure' in this year's championship, but perhaps it confirms the team's capacity to play

Loughmore full-back
Derek Bourke

more than one style of game. I suppose the real surprise was that only one goal was scored between the two semi-finals and that proved vital, in Drom's win.

Drom were slow to get going but Raymie Ryan hadn't set a Mid title as the limit of the club's ambition for this year. An early loss to JK Brackens sent them into a qualifier group and the way the inter county season went, it probably suited them to play group games when they did. They put up some impressive scores in emerging top of the quartet, which included Kilruane MacDonaghs, Cappawhite and Portroe. Their two recent games against Clonoulty/Rossmore and Killenaule respectively, were different types of challenges and with narrow victories in each case, Drom have shown that they too can hold their nerve, when pressure is at its zenith.

The strengths that Drom have displayed thus far include a great workrate; remember S. Butler (as a Captain should) dispossessing a Killenaule forward on his own 20m line in the first half when the South

champions were in the ascendency? He also took the ball away to safety from the late Killenaule free. There is the skill level, clever use of the hand pass and enduringly impressive support play, throughout the field. The most telling item however is their economy in the use of possession. They use the ball cleverly and don't hit too many wides! Last day they scored twenty times and were off target only once!

How Killenaule could have done with that ratio! Two weeks between

semi and final gives both teams a fair chance to recover, refresh and build up to their biggest challenges in modern day hurling history. For these neighbouring clubs, the stakes are higher than ever and while both can aspire to success in the years to come, because of their work at underage levels, there will be little consolation for losers here today. In the years since their only County title victory Loughmore/ Castleiney have lost four semi-finals, so this year's breakthrough meant that they had conquered that obstacle, which has haunted them, despite being one of the clubs which always troubled Toomevara during their golden era.

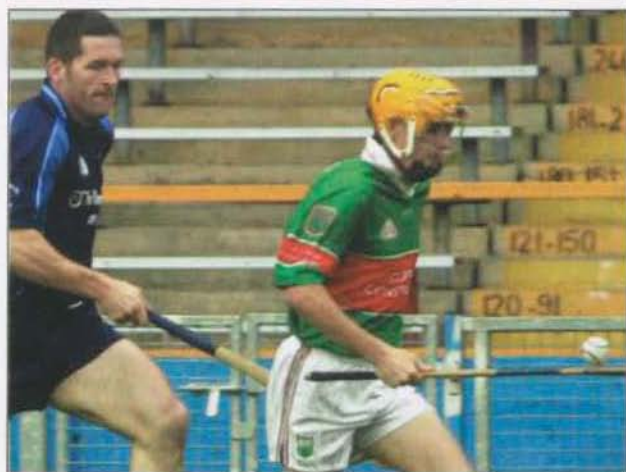
Free from that burden, the red and green have no fear now. Drom don't have a winning tradition at senior level so favouritism here is a

personal choice. You can fancy either team and not be mocked!

Form lines offer JK Brackens – they beat Drom but lost twice to Loughmore/ Castleiney. Try Thurles Sarsfield who beat Loughmore/ Castleiney but lost to Nenagh, who lost to Loughmore/ Castleiney, who trumped the team that beat Nenagh, ie Borrislisleigh. The path to the decider was a tricky one. Whatever way you look at it, Loughmore/ Castleiney have come through the harder side of the draw. Perhaps that is the journey which has crystallised them into a workmanlike team, which is well balanced, ability, experience and youth wise – just like the 1988 team, which coincidentally, also beat Nenagh and Borrislisleigh in the concluding stages of the championship. If Killenaule had come through, they would have been the third of the teams the red and green also beat in the concluding rounds, when captained to that victory by Eamon Sweeney. Evan Sweeney has pace and scoring ability, which should not be underestimated. His injury problems earlier in the year may have dulled our perception of his worth, but recent displays have reminded us of his value.

Drom/Inch star
Paul Collins.





Loughmore's Evan Sweeney goes on a solo run chased by Nenagh's Declan O'Meara in the County SHC semi-final.

When you discuss ability it is hard to proceed without a mention of Noel McGrath whose skills level is incredible. The last day he cut a whizzer of a line ball from 50 metres or so out from goal and only for the netting behind the goal, the sliothar might have ended up in Killinan! The best of today's young players are a joy to behold and should never be discouraged by criticism from, or comparison with, another generation. He defied his age and showed incredible maturity by thinking correctly under pressure to avoid being hooked, with the teams level and time almost up. Noel had the vision to find David McGrath, whose shot dropped over the crossbar to regain the lead. The arrival of Seamie Bohan for the final minutes of the semi-final was another throw back to 1988, when his goal and point contributed significantly to his club's victory over Nenagh opposition, in the quarter-final. They start young and go on forever, in that competitive dual club.

So you feel the pressure is on Drom, having been here more recently and left empty handed – apart from the Man of the Match award, which was awarded to Seamus Butler. Such experience can be very helpful in settling the nerves on final day. Drom arrive with a solid base, which includes Damian Young, Eamonn Buckley, James Woodlock, sharpshooter Seamus Callanan, the impressive wing forward Matthew Ryan, the improving Paul Collins at midfield and the captain Seamus Butler, who may have a minder in Paul Ormond, if consistency is applied to match day tactics. Perhaps Drom will play Butler on the wing or with Summer memories, do as Tipperary who used him as a successful midfielder, on one occasion. Hard to visualise him that far outfield, unless the wind is particularly strong and a lead is being defended. Loughmore/Castleiney have versatility in abundance and semi-final switches and substitutions proved decisive. Eddie Connolly's strong finish may

keep him in attack, Diarmuid Brennan looks comfortable at corner back and Gary Sweeney at midfield will free Noel McGrath to play nearer to the goal, where you need your scorers to be. With David Kennedy, Tom King and Derek Bourke expected to hurl defiance at every Drom attack, you would conclude that goalkeeper and captain Johnny Gleeson is happier with what he sees in front of him now, than at any time this year. Let us wish all of the players, who have been troubled by injury, the best of luck for today.

Last year Drom/Inch beat Loughmore/Castleiney by eight points in the Mid semi-final (1-15 to 0-10) and while it was convincing then it serves as no more than a passing reference now. Neither team reached the Co final last year so the current evidence is that both have improved. The contrast in styles will be fascinating to watch, with Drom's fast moving game plan being challenged by Loughmore's 'x factor', variously defined as 'spirit', 'passion' and 'refusal to yield'. All players are equal in that club and individual glory is of no interest to anybody therein.

I have the feeling that a draw is imminent. The game is likely to be close and neither team will be overawed by the other or the occasion. Both have their reasons for optimism. They have their steady heads and their youthful starlets. They know each other well and will be aware of what has to be done to lessen the impact of key players on the game. I can't see too many goals being scored, but my view is that, however the scores are compiled, the aggregate will be about sixteen points each.

Tipp's new Senior Hurling Management Team



Pictured left to right:- Eamon O'Shea, Michael Ryan and Liam Sheedy.

Three men who will have great interest in this afternoon's County Senior Hurling Final will be the new Tipperary management team at senior level - Liam Sheedy (Portroe), Michael Ryan (Upperchurch Drombane) and Eamon O'Shea (Kilruane MacDonagh).

The triumvirate were appointed by the County Board at a full meeting in Sarsfields Clubhouse last month following a recommendation from the Executive Committee - a special committee had been established to discuss the possibilities with potential candidates.

Liam Sheedy comes to the job with an impressive CV in his back pocket. Having led the Tipperary minors to All-Ireland glory in 2006, his star rose considerably. People were very impressed with his forth-

right attitude and approach to training, as well as his ability to deal with players on a one-to-one basis. A very genuine GAA man, Liam represented Tipp at all levels and played in the All-Ireland senior final of 1997 when Tipp lost out to Clare.

Also on that team was Michael Ryan of Upperchurch Drombane - he played at corner back on the day. Michael is another man who has back-boned his club for many years - only last week he lined out at full forward in the intermediate football quarter final. Michael is a man who attends a lot of GAA games in Tipperary and is very well versed in who's who in and around the county. He will be vital when it comes to unearthing new talent for the Premier County.

Eamon O'Shea, a professor of economics in NUIG, was very highly regarded as a

hurler with his native Kilruane MacDonagh - a club that has provided coaches such as Dinny Cahill and Len Gaynor for Tipperary in the past. It is in a coaching capacity, however, that Eamon has earned his reputation and he is highly qualified and very highly thought of when it comes to coaching. He will have a vital role in the set-up and no doubt he will be bringing many of the traditional values associated with hurling in Kilruane MacDonagh to the fore with Tipperary.

Liam, Michael and Eamon are wished well in their positions as they try to continue returning Tipperary to the top of the pile in the country. It will take time - hopefully people will be patient and allow them the chance to put their stamp on the side.



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Seamus O'Doherty

The last time that the Co Senior hurling final was played on today's date, was the GAA Centenary Year decider, at Semple Stadium, between Moycarkey/Borris and Lorrha. The match had been originally fixed for a week earlier, with the Minor final, between Roscrea and Kickhams, but due to draws at the quarter final and semi final stages, Lorrha didn't play their Co Semi final against Drom Inch until October 7, while Moycarkey Borris beat Cap-pawwhite (3-14 to 2-12) in a replay of their semi final, also in Nenagh, on the same date. Lorrha won their game by 2-7 to 0-6, but sustained several injuries during that competitive outing. It was a major concern to a club, which was appearing in its first decider since 1966 and still seeking their initial title, that the Co Final was fixed for a week later.

A special meeting of the Co Board was held, on the Tuesday night before the original final date, October 14, to consider Lorrha's plea for a postponement. The club claimed that many of their players were injured. The list included John McIntyre, Donal Donoghue, Pat Kelly, Kieran Hough, John Shelly Joe Kennedy, Eamonn Maher and Willie Fogarty. The postponement request was rejected, but Lorrha subsequently held a club meeting on October 11 and advised the Co Board late that night, of their inability to field a team, on the Sunday. A decision was taken to postpone the game, although the Minor game went ahead. Roscrea, captained by Paul Delaney and with Liam Carson scoring 5-1, won the title on a 7-10 to 2-5 scoreline.

Another meeting of the Co Board was held on October 15 and by agreement with the two clubs, the fixtures committee rescheduled the game for October 21. On the revised final date, all of the injured Lorrha players except Donal Donoghue lined out, although not all were fully fit. Donal came on as a sub, but wasn't 100%. The match programme carried the date of October 14 on its front cover and cost £1.

Playing against the breeze in the first half, Lorrha started well, going five points clear 0-6 to 0-1 after 21 minutes. They reached half time leading by 0-6 to 0-4. The North champions held firm early in the second half and ten minutes in, they were still two

points to the good, when Tom Doran made another wonderful save from Willie Fogarty, to keep the red and yellow – champions of 1982 – in the game. The turning point was Ned Slattery's goal in the 14th minute, which levelled the game, 0-8 to 1-5. Four minutes later, John Flanagan pounced on an error and scored a second goal. It was hard fought to the finish, but Lorrha, despite an heroic bid, couldn't get the scores they needed so badly. The final score was Moycarkey/Borris 2-8, Lorrha 0-9.

Paddy Doyle was the Moycarkey/Borris Trainer. The captain – who also led the team to victory in 1982 and went on to captain Tipp in the 1985 championship – was Jack Bergin. The man of the match was Eamonn Darmody.

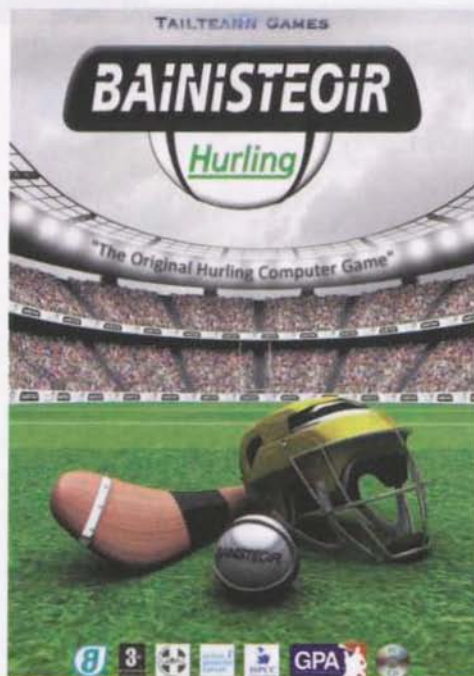
Teams and scorers; Moycarkey/Borris – Tom Doran, John Hackett, Willie Ryan, Tom Mullins, Eamonn Darmody, Jack Bergin (capt), Jimmy Leahy, Liam Bergin, Liam Dempsey, Timmy Cullagh, John McCormack (0-1), David Fogarty (0-1), Ned Slattery (1-2), Dick Quigley (0-1), John Flanagan (1-3). Subs: Robert Hayes for J. Leahy (injured), J. Leahy for J Hackett, Jim Flanagan for L. Dempsey.

Lorrha – Ken Hogan, Martin Young, Mick Brophy, Padraig Kennedy, Eamonn Sherlock (0-1), John McIntyre, Eamonn Maher, Pat Kelly, Brian Mannion, Joe Kennedy (0-3), John O'Sullivan (0-1), Kieran Hough (Capt), Aidan McIntyre, John Shelly, Willie Fogarty (0-4). Subs. Cathal McIntyre for E. Maher, Donal Donoghue for A. McIntyre.

Referee Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan).



John Flanagan scored 1-3



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Waterford Institute of Technology GAA club celebrates twenty-five years of success since its foundation in 1981 by publishing "Fiche Cúig Bliain ag Fás" Waterford IT GAA Club History 1981-2006.

The official launch of the book will take place on Tuesday, October 30, at Waterford Institute of Technology commencing at 7.30pm in the Gallery Restaurant. Special guests on the night will be GAA President Nicky Brennan and Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh, among others.

As well as the book launch, those assembled are in for another treat as the Institute will also be naming the four 'All Star Teams', which will comprise of the best 15 players from the past 25 years in Hurling, Football, Camogie and Ladies Football.

If you are a past member of the club and interested in attending, please contact Lizzy Kent (051-306231), Geraldine Kinane (051-302239) or Eugene McKenna (051-302072) before Thursday, October 25, 2007. You can also email us at gaa@wit.ie.



Youthful memories

Seamus O'Doherty

The presence of the Carrick Davins team of 1966/'67, as guests, here today brings back special memories for me. Their first County final victory over Lorrha, on November 6, 1966, marked my initial appearance at a Tipperary County hurling final and I have attended all of them since then. My recollections of that day are limited. It was a reasonably fine day for November and I recall a weak sun facing the open grass bank, where I was and where Ardán Uí Riáin has stood, since 1980.

Lorrha didn't play very well and having trailed by 1-6 to 1-2 at half time, they added only one point in the second half, while Davins doubled their score to 2-12. Most of the support was with the Davins. The big hero on that team was Mick Roche, a midfield colossus at the time, although his best inter county displays are often recalled as centre back, in the 1968 All-Ireland final and the 1971 Munster final respectively. In 1967, he was the Tipperary captain and his consolation for losing the All-Ireland final was to captain his club, as they retained the county title, beating my beloved Roscrea more comfortably than 2-10 to 2-7 suggested. A Munster club title confirmed the Davins' ability and you



Mick Roche
1967 Tipperary captain

wonder if the All-Ireland series had existed at the time, would the first Tipp winners still have worn red and white, but hailed from the South, rather than the North? PJ Ryan, another excellent midfielder, captained Tipp. to the Under-21 All-Ireland title in 1967, while Mick (as captain) and PJ were joined by Jimmy Ryan, on the Tipp team which won the League, Munster and Oireachtas titles in 1968. Mick scored 1-4 for Tipp. in that Oireachtas decider, in which Tipp. beat Cork, by 1-9 to 1-6. Davins and

Roscrea met again in the 1969 final, but this time Roscrea were defending champions and there was no doubt about their supremacy - 4-13 to 0-5. Roche was on the first All Stars hurling team in 1971 and it was a great bonus to young hurling supporters, in Roscrea, that Mick's company, Carrolls, sponsored the awards scheme because he always had a few posters to give away. Having won All-Ireland medals in 1964, '65 and '71, Mick's last championship outing for Tipp was the losing 1974 Munster semi final against Clare. He was a superb player in his day and rightly, held the view that hurling could only be played to its full potential, in the Summer months.

Damien Young

Age: 25

Occupation:

Teacher, Thurles CBS

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 4xU18A, U21B, 3xU21A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County U-18A, 2x U-21A, County League, County Poc Fada

InterCounty: Tony Forristal (capt), 2 x Minor Munster (capt), U-21 Munster.

College: 2 Fitzgibbon Cup, 1 Fresher All-Ireland, 1 Hurling League (All WIT)

Edward Costello

Age: 20

Occupation:

Student NUI Maynooth

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final. County: U18B Hurling,

Eamonn Buckley

Age: 25

Occupation:

PE Teacher, Thurles CBS

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 4xU18A, 3xU21A, Junior A Football, Cahill Cup, Mid Senior Final. County: U-18A, 2xU-21A, County League. InterCounty: Tony Forristal, Munster U-21, Current Tipp Senior Panalist
College: Senior League UL

Kevin Butler

Age: 23

Occupation: Student UCC

Achievements:

Club: Mid U18B, 3x U21A. Junior B, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Mid Senior Final. County: 2 x U21A, County League

Padraig Butler

Age: 26

Occupation: EBS

Commercial Property Finance

Achievements:

Mid: 4x U18A, U21B, 3xU21A, Junior A Football, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final. County: U-18A, 2x U-21A Titles, County League.

Donncha Kennedy

Age: 21

Occupation: Student DIT

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18 A Mid (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior B, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final. County: U18B Hurling. InterCounty: Walsh Cup (DIT)

Thomas Cantwell

Age: 33

Occupation: ESB Electrician

Achievements:

Club: 2 x Junior A Hurling, Junior A Football, Cahill Cup, County League, Mid Senior Final County: County League.

Paul Collins

Age: 23

Occupation: IT Consultant

Achievements:

Club: Mid U18B, 3 x U21A. Cahill Cup, Mid Senior Final. County: 2 x U21A, County League InterCounty: Represented Tipperary in U21 2005
College: Fitzgibbon Cup LIT

James Woodlock

Age: 21

Occupation: Garda

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18A Mid (Hurling and Football), U21A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final. Young Mid hurler of the year 2005. County: U18B Hurling. InterCounty: Mun-

DROM PEN

The following are the names, ages to date for the Senior Drom

ster U21, Munster Minor, All-Ireland U-16, Current Tipp senior panellist.

Johnny Ryan

Age: 19

Occupation: Apprentice

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U18B Hurling, Junior A InterCounty: All Ireland Minor

Seamus Callanan

Age: 19

Occupation: Apprentice

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U18B Hurling InterCounty: All Ireland Minor

Matthew Ryan

Age: 21

Occupation: Student UL

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior B, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U18B Hurling

Seamus Butler (Captain)

Age: 27

Occupation: Alphyra Irl. Sales Executive

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Achievements:

Club: Mid: 4x U18A, U21B, 3xU21A, Junior A Football, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final. County: U-18B, U-18A, 2x U-21A, County League. Captained Tipperary U-21 Hurling team in 2001 InterCounty: Munster Minor, Railway Cup College: Ryan Cup TI

Eric Woodlock

Age: 20

Occupation: Student LIT

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U18B Hurling, Junior A

Michael Butler

Age: 21

Occupation: Student UL

Achievements:

Club: 2 x U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final. County: U18B Hurling

Paul Connors

Age: 17

Occupation: Apprentice

Achievements:

Club: Mid U18A (hurling and football)

Michael Cantwell

Age: 29

Occupation:

Electronic Engineer

Achievements:

Club: Mid: Senior Mid final, U21A, U18A, U18B, Junior A. County: Junior A, U18B, County League.

Declan Ryan

Age: 23:

Occupation: Builder

Achievements:

Mid: U18B, U21A, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: Junior A

Liam Kennedy

Age: 27

Occupation: Publican

Achievements:

Mid: 2x U18A, 3x U21A, Cahill Cup, Mid Senior. County: U-18A, 2x U-21A Titles, County League.

Liam Brett

Age: 26

Occupation: Civil Engineer

Achievements:

Mid: 4x U-18A, and 3x U-21A, Cahill Cup, Mid Senior County: U18A, 2x U21A, County League. InterCounty: Munster Minor championship

James Ryan

Age: 20

Occupation: Apprentice

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18 A Mid (Hurling and Football), U21A, 2 x Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U18B Hurling, Junior A

Martin Butler

Age: 21

Occupation: Roof Designer

Achievements:

Club: Mid: 2 x U18B, U18 A

Mid (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U18B Hurling,

Frank McGrath

Age: 30

Occupation: Bank Manager Ulster Bank Clonmel.

Achievements:

Club: U21B Mid, Junior A Football Mid, U18B County, Cahill Cup Champions, Division 3 County League Champions, Mid Senior Final

Paddy Kennedy

Age: 23

Occupation:

Welder/Farmer

Achievements:

Club: Mid: U18B, 2 x U21A, Cahill Cup, Senior Mid Final County: U21 A, County League.

Michael Long

Age: 25

Occupation: Farmer

Achievements:

Club: U18A, 2x U21A, 2 Mid Junior B County: U21 A

Enda Walsh

Age: 19

Occupation: Student UL

Achievements:

Club: Mid: U18B, U18A (Hurling and Football), U21A, Junior B. County: U18B Hurling.

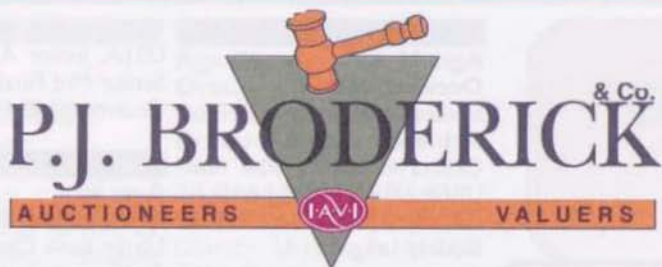
Michael Costello

Age: 25

Occupation: Student NUI Maynooth

Achievements:

Club: Mid U18B, 3 Mid U21A. Cahill Cup, Mid Senior Final. County: 2 x U21A, County League



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Drom & Inch Club History

The history of our club goes way back to the early days of the Gaelic Athletic Association. The parish figured amongst the affiliations in 1887. Drom & Inch had a great sprinkle of hurlers over the years but did not enjoy much luck in the championship. The first major trophy won by the club came in the form of the senior mid championship in 1974, this was a glorious period for the club and with a bit more luck they might have added more mid titles and possibly a county title.

Few would have imagined that the club would have to wait a further ten years to pick up the mid title again, the centenary year of the GAA saw the club achieve its greatest success on the hurling fields, mid minor and U21 titles followed the Senior success and with that the club was honoured with Mid club of the year, a very proud moment for everyone involved.

It would be a long wait again for the club to achieve the great heights of '74 and '84 and it was not until Drom-Inch started to become a major force in the juvenile grades from 1995 when they won a county minor B championship and also the famous Christy Ring cup when they won the Feile Na nGael at U14 level. This was quickly followed up with three mid minor A finals in a row between 1996 and 1998 (one county title) and three mid U21 titles between 1999 and 2001 (two county titles) and most recently a mid minor A title in 2004 and U21 A title in 2005 has ensured a solid base of quality hurlers playing at senior level in the club. 2005 saw the club reach a new high when we reached the senior county final for the first time losing narrowly to Thurles Sarsfields, our Junior A's won the county final and were promoted to Intermediate level, our Junior B's on their second mid title in a row and were also promoted to junior A level. A remarkable achievement for a club that was competing at the lower levels just a few short years previously to now have a Senior, Intermediate and Junior A team only Thurles Sarsfields could boast about such quantity and quality of hurlers in their ranks. It was only a matter of time before the winning habit seeped into the senior side and this duly happened in 2006 when after a period of 22 years the senior mid title returned to the club.

Off the field the club has also had to cater for the growing demand placed on it and undertook its first upgrade since its official opening in 1990 when the club developed two new dressing rooms with a meeting room and catering facilities which are now used to host many major county championship games and also by various county teams on route to Semple Stadium for intercounty matches. In 2007 the club has planned to develop an all weather floodlit hurling wall which the club hopes will help develop the skills and talents of our national game now and into the future.

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Assistant Secretary: Eddie Kinane

PRO: Séamus Walsh

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County Board Rep: Eddie Kinane

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Club Registrar: Liam McLoughlin, Packie Boyle

Co. Board Draw Coordinator: Ambrose Purcell

Coaching Officer: Paudie Butler

JUVENILE GAA CLUB:

The juvenile club developed a plan in the early 1990's to establish top quality training for every child in the parish at every age group and by 1992 Drom-Inch had captured its first ever U12 A county championship. This was followed by an U14 county title in 1995. In that year Drom-Inch also qualified for the A final at Feile na nGael. After an Epic match against Sixmilebridge, extra time having failed to separate the teams it was decided that both clubs should share the Christy Ring Cup. Our First county championship at U16 level was in 1996 and this along with in B minor and A minor in 1998. Another U12 championship success was achieved in 1995, most of the payers taking part in the senior final today have won these medals and proves that a solid juvenile club is the backbone for senior success. In 2007 the juvenile club has competed in the mid U14, U16 and U18 finals, despite not bringing home the silverware, these teams were very young and no doubt will use the experience as the games commence again in the springtime.

JUVENILE CLUB OFFICERS 2007:

President: Tom Everard.

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County Senior Hurling Final



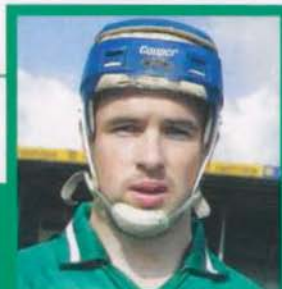
Drom/Inch panel prior to their 1-19 to 0-19 semi-final victory over Killaule – Back Row (L-R) Michael Cantwell, James Ryan, Michael Declan Ryan, Kevin Butler, Thomas Cantwell, Paul Collins, Eamonn Buckley, Padraig Butler, Paddy Kennedy, Enda Walsh, Seamus Butler, Martin Butler, Liam Brett, Cathal Flynn. Front Row (L-R) Liam Kennedy, Damien Young, Eric Woodlock, Johnny Ryan, James Woodlock, Ryan, Edward Costello, Michael Long, Frank McGrath, Seamus Callanan, Michael Costello, Donncha Kennedy, Trevor Hassett. Missing from Paul Connors.



Drom & Inch Management team from left: Pat Looby, Ramie Ryan (Coach) and Seamus Fahey.

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DROM & INCH



Seamus Butler
Captain

DROM & INCH PATH TO THE 2007 SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Seamus Butler,
(Captain),
Matthew
from photo

Mid First Round

May 13th JK Brakens 2-14 Drom & Inch 1-10

County Senior Hurling Championship Round 1

August 3rd Drom & Inch 1-19 Cappawhite 1-13

County Senior Hurling Championship Round 2

August 18th Drom & Inch 2-22 Kilruane MacDonaghs 1-14

County Senior Hurling Round 3

August 24th Drom & Inch 1-19 Portroe 2-9

County Senior Hurling Qualifier

September 15th Drom & Inch 1-25 Knockavilla Kickhams. 0-15

County Quarter Final

September 22nd Drom & Inch 0-15 Clonoulty-Rossmore. 0-13

County Semi Final

October 7th Drom & Inch 1-19 Killenaule 0-19

Drom & Inch have played seven games.
They scored 8-133 and conceded 5-93 in total.

Drom/Inch

Colours: Blue and Gold



Fir Ionaid:

- (16) P. Ó Conubhar
PAUL CONNORS
(Cleakile)
- (17) M. de Buitléir
MICHÉAL BUTLER
(Ballypatrick)
- (18) M. Ó Coistealbha
MICHAEL COSTELLO
(Dovea)
- (19) M. de Buitléir
MARTIN BUTLER
(Cleakile)
- (20) M. de Cantual
MICHAEL CANTWELL
(Ballypatrick)
- (21) P. MacCraith
FRANK McGRATH
(Pallashill)
- (22) M. Ó Loing
MICHAEL LONG
(Monroe)
- (23) E. Breathnach
ENDA WALSH
(Bouladuff)
- (24) P. Ó Cinnéide
PADDY KENNEDY
(Annfield)
- (25) L. Ó Cinnéide
LIAM KENNEDY
(Castle Avenue, Thurles)
- (26) S. Ó Riain
JAMES RYAN
(Drom)
- (27) L. de Brett
LIAM BRETT
(Bouladuff)

- (1) D. de Siún
DAMIEN YOUNG
(Cleakile)
- (2) E. Ó Coistealbha
EDWARD COSTELLO
(Dovea)
- (3) E. Ó Buachalla
EAMONN BUCKLEY
(Goldengrove)
- (4) C. de Buitléir
KEVIN BUTLER
(Ballypatrick)
- (5) P. de Buitléir
PÁDRAIG BUTLER
(Goldengrove)
- (6) D. Ó Cinnéide
DONNCHA KENNEDY
(Annfield)
- (7) T. de Cantual
THOMAS CANTWELL
(Ballypatrick)
- (8) P. Ó Coileáin
PAUL COLLINS
(Knocka)
- (9) S. Údlog
JAMES WOODLOCK
(Cottage)
- (10) M. Ó Riain
MATTHEW RYAN
(Drom)
- (11) S. Ó Callanáin
SÉAMUS CALLANAN
(Bouladuff)
- (12) S. Ó Riain
JOHNNY RYAN
(Drom)
- (13) S. de Buitléir
SEAMUS BUTLER (Capt)
(Ballypatrick)
- (14) E. Údlog
ERIC WOODLOCK
(Cottage)
- (15) D. Ó Riain
DECLAN RYAN
(Ballinlonty)

Management: Pat Looby, Ramie Ryan, Séamus Fahy
First Aid: Ena de Búrca
Masseur: Rita O'Dwyer

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

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Loughmore-Castleiney

Colours: Green and Red

(1)

S. Ó Glasáin

JOHNNY GLEESON (Capt)

(Tinvoher)

(2)

A. Mac an Gaill
ALVY STAPLETON
(Carrick)

(3)

D. de Búrca
DEREK BOURKE
(Laha)

(4)

P. Ó Rua
PAUL ORMOND
(Whitefield)

(5)

E. Ó Riain
EOIN RYAN
(Killhara)

(6)

D. Ó Cinnéide
DAVID KENNEDY
(Clougheraily)

(7)

T. Ó Cionga
TOM KING
(Loughmore Village)

(8)

C. MacCraith
CIARAN McGRATH
(Ballybrista)

(9)

G. MacSuihbne
GARY SWEENEY
(Ballyduag)

(10)

E. MacSuihbne
EVAN SWEENEY
(Ballyduag)

(11)

P. Ó Braonáin
PAUL BRENNAN
(Kilcurkee)

(12)

N. MacCraith
NOEL McGRATH
(Lisheen)

(13)

E. Ó Coinghaile
EDDIE CONNOLLY
(Barrinstown)

(14)

M. de Bhibstear
MICHAEL WEBSTER
(Tinvoher)

(15)

R. Mac an Gaill
RONAN STAPLETON
(Carrick)

Management: Eamon Sweeney, Frankie McGrath,
Michael McGrath
Physio: Cathy Doran



**LOUGHMORE
CASTLEINEY G.A.A.**

Fir Ionaid:

- (16) S. MacSuihbne
JODY SWEENEY
(Ballyduag)
- (17) S. Ó Buachaínn
SEAMIE BOHAN
(Castleiney Village)
- (18) C. Ó Caimhín
COLM CAMPHION
(Derry)
- (19) S. Ó Caimhín
JOHNNY CAMPHION
(Derry)
- (20) T. Ó Longáin
TOMMY LONG
(Lisheen)
- (21) S. Ó Eogáin
JAMES EGAN
(Aughall)
- (22) S.P. Fiaich
JOHN PAUL FOY
(Tinvoher)
- (23) D. MacCraith
DAVID McGRATH
(Ballybrista)
- (24) G. Ó Muiris
GER MORRIS
(Tinvoher)
- (25) S. Ó Coinghaile
JAMES CONNOLLY
(Barrinstown)
- (26) M. Ó Riain
MARTIN RYAN
(Stragoe)
- (27) T. Ó Rua
TOMMY ORMOND
(Whitefield)
- (28) D. Ó Braonáin
DIARMUID BRENNAN
(Kilcurkee)

LOUGHMORE- CASTLEINEY	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh leath					
2adh leath					
IOMLÁN					

County Senior Hurling Final



The Loughmore/Castleiney panel prior to their 0-15 to 0-13 semi-final victory over Nenagh Éire Óg – Back, l to r: Colm Campbell, Paul Ormond, Tom King, Diarmuid Brennan, Derek Burke, Paul Brennan, Eoin Ryan, David Kennedy, Ger Morris, David Morris, Long, Johnny Campion, James Egan, Martin Ryan. Front, l to r: Alvy Stapleton, John Paul Foy, Evan Sweeney, Eddie Connolly, Ronan St. McGrath, Johnny Gleeson (capt), Garry Sweeney, Noel McGrath, James Connolly, Seamie Bohan, Jody Sweeney and Tammy Ormond.



Loughmore / Castleiney Senior Management team. Left to right:- Michael McGrath, Eamon Sweeney and Frankie McGrath

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LOUGHMORE
CASTLEINEY G.A.A.



n, Michael
th, Tommy
on, Ciaran



Johnny Gleeson
Captain

LOUGHMORE / CASTLEINEY PATH TO THE 2007 SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Mid First Round

May 6th Loughmore/Castleiney . . 1-20 Boherlahan-Dualla . . 1-13

Mid Semi-Final

August 19th Loughmore/Castleiney . . 4-10 JK Brackens 2-14

Mid Final

September 9th Thurles Sarsfields 0-22 Loughmore/Castleiney 3-9

County Senior Hurling Championship Qualifier

September 16th Loughmore/Castleiney . . 2-16 JK Brackens 3-10

County Quarter Final

September 23rd Loughmore/Castleiney . . 3-13 Borris-leigh 1-13

County Semi-Final

October 7th Loughmore/Castleiney . . 0-15 Nenagh Éire Óg . . . 0-13

Loughmore/Castleiney have played six games.
They scored 13-113 and conceded 7-85 in total.

Loughmore Castleiney Club History

Club Development: The achievements of the parishes of Loughmore and Castleiney on the playing fields has been well documented down the years with almost every title coming to the club.

While winning is the main target of every club and county, playing facilities must also be a huge part of the structure. Back in 1978 our present playing field in Cuiguilla, Castleiney, was purchased and developed with a new building including two dressing rooms, referees room and toilets. This was a major breakthrough at the time from players having to tog out at the ditch or later in cars etc.

Present day trends show that our present facilities are no longer sufficient to cater for underage teams in particular which now have many girls playing the game. This year under the guidance of club chairman Eamon Sweeney a major fund raiser in conjunction with the Irish Guide Dogs was set up. A hard working committee and a huge team of volunteers set out over the August Bank Holiday weekend through the towns and villages of Tipperary and further beyond including Limerick, Cork, Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny and Dublin. This involved a carpet push sponsored by Hanafin Furniturre and Carpets, Stradavoher, Thurles.

This proved a huge success despite the inclement weath-



Loughmore's Evan Sweeney gets his shot despite the best efforts of Nenagh Éire Óg's Ritchie Flannery and Paul Brennan following through.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2007 ARE

Chairman:

Eamon Sweeney

V/Chairman:

Dick Egan, Dan Egan

Secretary:

John Treacy

Ass. Secretary:

Jimmy Hennessy

Treasurer:

Tom McGrath

P.R.O.:

Pat Healy

JUVENILE CLUB

Chairman:

Pat O Connell

Secretary:

Jimmy Hennessy

Treasurer:

Bernie McGrath

P.R.O.

Pat Healy

er that prevailed at the time.

Plans are drawn up for our proposed new building of extra dressing rooms, meeting room, referees room, extra toilets etc. As this stage it is hoped that everything will be in place for go ahead in 2008.

The venture is looked upon to facilitate the youth of the parishes of Loughmore/Castleiney, where the amount of young people coming to the play the games are thankfully increasing all the time. The success of our teams both at juvenile and adult level prove that the club is in a very strong state and will continue to do so. The development at Cuiguilla when completed will no doubt add a new dimension to facilities, but a lot of fund raising lies ahead and the hard grafting must continue to achieve this aim. Victory today would certainly make it all worth while.

Previous County Final appearances

LOUGHMORE/CASTLEINEY

1983	lost to Borrisoleigh	0-17 to 1-11
1987	lost to Cappawhite	1-17 to 2-13
1988	drew with Borrisleigh	1-6 to 0-9
1988	beat Borrisleigh	2-7 to 1-8

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2005	lost to Thurles Sarsfields	1-17 to 0-15
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Loughmore/Castleiney team prior to the drawn County Senior Hurling Final 1988

Back row (l-r): Tom McGrath, Pat McGrath, Ned Ryan, Jim Maher, Fr. Peter Brennan, John Cormack, Pat Cormack, John Treacy. Front row (l-r): Frankie McGrath, Liam Cormack, John Treacy, Michael McGrath, Eamon Brennan, Eamon Sweeney (capt), Seamie Bohan. Mascots: Jody Sweeney, Jonathan Cullen.

LOUGH CASTLE PEN

The following are the names, age to date for the Senior Lough

Johnny Gleeson(captain)

Age: 30

Occupation:

Factory Employee

Honours: Mid-Senior hurling finals, Mid-Senior football finals, County Senior football final, U21 B Mid and County hurling, U21 A Mid and County football.

Gary Sweeney

Age: 29

Occupation:

ENV Technician

Honours: Mid Senior hurling finals, Mid and County Senior football finals, U21 B Mid and County hurling, U21 A Mid and County football, Mid Junior football A and B.

Derek Bourke

Age: 23

Occupation: Student

Honours: Mid Senior hurling finals, Mid and County Senior football, Mid and County Minor hurling final, Mid and County Minor football final, U21 A Mid hurling, U21 A Mid and County football, Munster Minor Hurling Final, All-Ireland Minor Hurling runner up medal.

Alvy Stapleton

Age: 29

Occupation:

Pharmaceutical Technician

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football, U21 B Mid and County hurling, U21 A Mid and County football.

Eoin Ryan

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Minor

hurling, Mid and County Minor football, U21 A Mid hurling, U21 A Mid and County football.

Diarmuid Brennan

Age: 20

Occupation: Student

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid Senior football, Minor A Mid and County hurling and football, U21 A Mid hurling, U21 A Mid and County football.

Tom King

Age: 25

Occupation: Civil Servant

Honours: Munster Minor hurling (winners), All-Ireland runner up, Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football, Mid Minor B hurling and football.

Ciaran McGrath

Age: 20

Occupation: Civil Servant

Honours: Mid Senior Hurling, Mid and County finals at Senior, U21 and Minor football, U21 A Mid hurling.

Eddie Connolly

Age: 22

Occupation: Student

Honours: Mid and County football finals at Senior, U21 A and Minor A level, Mid and County Minor hurling, Mid U21 A hurling.

Evan Sweeney

Age: 23

Occupation: Civil Servant

Honours: Munster Minor hurling final (winners) and Runner Up All-Ireland hurling medal. Mid and County Minor hurling and football, U21 A Mid and County football, U21

A Mid hurling final, Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football.

Michael Webster

Age: 30

Occupation: Sales Rep

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football (2004 as captain), U21 A Mid and County football, U21 B Mid and County hurling.

David Kennedy

Age: 31

Occupation: Garda

Honours: Munster and All-Ireland Senior hurling, National League, Munster Minor hurling (1993), Mid Senior hurling and football, County Senior football, Mid U21 A and County football finals.

Paul Ormond

Age: 30

Occupation: Engineer

Honours: Munster and All-Ireland Senior hurling, National Hurling League, Munster Minor football final, Munster and All-Ireland Junior football, Mid Senior hurling finals, Mid and County Senior football, U21 A Mid and County football.

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occupations and achievements
ore / Castleiney hurling team

Noel McGrath

Age: 16

Occupation: Student

Honours: 2 Munster and All-Ireland Minor hurling, Mid Senior hurling and football, Mid Minor B football, Mid and County U21 A football.

Paul Brennan

Age: 23

Occupation:

Civil engineer

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football, Mid and County Minor hurling and football, U21 A Mid hurling, U21 A Mid and County football honours.

Ronan Stapleton

Age: 22

Occupation:

Apprentice Plumber

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football, U21 A Mid and County football, Mid and County Minor hurling and football, Mid Junior football.

Jody Sweeney

Age: 27

Occupation:

Production Management

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Junior A Mid football, Mid and County U21 A titles, Mid U21 B hurling.

Seamie Bohan

Age: 38

Occupation: Farmer

Honours: Only player in today's final with a County Senior hurling medal (1988). Mid Senior hurling final, Mid and County Senior football (1992 as captain), Munster Minor hurling winner and All-Ireland R/Up medal. Mid Junior A football.

Colm Campion

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Honours: Mid Senior hurling and football, Mid and County Minor hurling and football, U21 A Mid and County football, Mid Junior A football.

Johnny Campion

Age: 19

Occupation: Student

Honours: Mid Senior football, Mid Minor B football, Mid Junior football

James Egan

Age: 21

Occupation:

Apprentice Carpenter

Honours: Mid and County Minor hurling and football, U21 A Mid hurling, U21 A Mid and County football, Mid and County Senior football, Mid Senior hurling

John-Paul Foy

Age: 27

Occupation: Civil Servant

Honours: Mid Senior football, Mid Senior hurling, U21 A Mid and County football, U21 B hurling.

Tommy Long

Age: 25

Occupation: Civil Servant

Honours: Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football, Mid Minor B hurling and football, Mid U21 B hurling, Mid Junior football.

David McGrath

Age: 22

Occupation: Civil Servant

Honours: Mid and County Minor hurling and football, U21A Mid hurling, U21 A Mid and County football, Mid Senior hurling, Mid and County Senior football.

Ger Morris

Age: 27

Occupation: Sales Rep

Honours: U21 B hurling North and County(with Erins Hope), Mid Senior hurling, Mid Junior football.

Tommy Ormond

Age: 31

Occupation: Farmer

Honours: Mid and County U21 A football, Mid and County Senior football, Mid Senior hurling.

James Connolly

Age: 25

Occupation:

Quantity Surveyor

Honours: Mid Senior football, Mid Senior hurling, Mid Junior football, Mid U21 B hurling.

Martin Ryan

Age: 21

Occupation:

Apprentice Carpenter

Honours: Mid and County Minor A hurling and football, Mid and County U21 A football, Junior A football, Mid Senior football.

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Premier Club



The first paid-up members of the Premier Club attending the launch of the Horse and Jockey Hotel on May 10. From left: Michael Fenton (president, Tipperary Association in Dublin) who launched the Premier Club; Michael and Hilary Power, Birdhill; Pat and Mary O'Donnell, Clonmel and Gerry Kelly, Thurles.

The Premier Club was launched this year to provide alternative finance to support:

- The continuous development of intercounty teams
- The promotion of hurling and football
- The coaching of hurling and football at juvenile level

Benefits for Members include:

- Team news immediately when announced by text/e-mail
- Invites to special functions involving team management and players.
- 2 passes for entry to all Tipperary Co. Board Club games
- 10% discount on Golf Classics/Corporate Lunches/Tipp GAA Shop
- Right to purchase 2 tickets for Tipperary All-ticket matches.
- Receive merchandise with Premier Club Logo inc. Sweater, Polo Shirt, Umbrella, Cap, Key Ring, Pen, and Lapel badge.

The following is a list of some of those mem-

bers who joined the Premier Club in its inaugural year.

(others wish to remain anonymous)

1 Pat O'Connor, Clonmel; 2 James O'Hanrahan, Dublin; 3 Michael Morrissey, Clonmel; 4 Matthew Cahill, Thurles; 5 Michael Power, Birdhill; 6 Michael Blanchfield, Mooncoin; 7 John Joe Morrissey, Cashel; 8 Gerard Kelly, Thurles; 9 Jerry Harrington, Fethard; 10 Eamonn Kelly, Kildangan; 11 Gerard Ryan, Portumna; 12 John Lynch, London; 13 Michael Fenton, Dublin; 14 Augustine Carey, Nenagh; 15 Pat Creed Dublin; 16 John Kelly, Cahir; 17 Joe Hannigan, Kilbaron; 18 P.J. O'Brien, Nenagh; 19 Jim Butler, Templeuoehy; 20 Liam O'Gorman, Ardfinnan

New members are always welcome at an Annual Premium of €1,000.

Contact County Secretary, Tim Floyd at Lár na Páirce, Thurles (087 2591747)

A day for clubs

Seamus O'Doherty

There is nothing to compare with a county final, if you want to unify a parish. The excitement begins a few days after the semi final victory, when thoughts turn to the next and ultimate outing, in domestic competition. Any club, which has enjoyed the Co final day experience, will tell you there is nothing like it for generating local excitement, passion and a common purpose. Of course the main target is to win the Dan Breen cup, but participation in the decider is a milestone for any player, during his career. Many players don't achieve the honour of playing in a Co final with their clubs and no matter how successful there are in their sporting lives, it remains a great regret, when the career ends.

Among the present Tipperary Senior team, there are quite a few players who have yet to experience the occasion. You know, without asking, that they would gladly swap other honours to play in their own Co Senior Final.

For those who qualify, it is an opportunity to end the year on a successful note, before heading into whatever the Munster club championship holds. Obviously Toomevara's victory last year means that the eyes of the province will be on Tipperary, to see if this year's finalists might have the ability to keep that title in the Premier county. That task has no immediate relevance today, which is about achieving top honours in your own county.

The competing parishes have been decked out in their club colours, with particular emphasis in

the heavily populated areas. The schools have worked the club's progress into student assignments. The local media, print and radio, have presented their build up and offered their predictions. Tipperary's status, as a major hurling county, ensures the national media also have an interest in the game. There will of course be live radio commentary, which is a godsend to those who can't attend the final for various reasons. Will Tom McGrath be able to conceal his club affiliations, as analyst on Tipp FM? He might be forgiven if he fails! Sometimes people at home can be even luckier, with TG4 offering the action, live or deferred. To all who add constructively to the excitement and importance of the occasion a word of thanks is due.

Despite the significantly increased media presence over the past 15 years or so, patrons still enjoy the 'Culbairé' and 'Westside' columns, as well as reading the previews written by a wide range of Tippjournalists at national and local levels. It is amazing how many Tipp people have become hurling writers and no doubt this was inspired by the love of the game, fostered as they grew up in the Premier County. Co-operation between the GAA and the media is so important and it ensures that the work of each complements the other. These correspondents can contribute significantly to the increasing interest in the game and the creation of a positive atmosphere around our club and county teams, which always enjoy the admiration of their followers.

So the journey to Semple Stadium begins. Many people like to see the minor game, but others are happy to arrive at half time and claim their seats. Many people enjoy a flick through the programme, which is always of high quality. The editor, Ger Corbett, deserves our thanks for his consistently high standards in that respect. The swelling of the crowd becomes obvious as the minutes pass and colour schemes become more prominent. Green is the common colour. It is the red or the white with it, which determines your allegiance. The repetitive and merry clicking of the stiles confirms the increasing attendance. The loud cheer, which greets the end of the curtain raiser, is followed a few minutes later by a salute to the captain's speech, before the decibel level rises with the arrival of the senior teams. The puck around is surveyed from the stands and any fitness doubts are checked before Liam O'Donnchu confirms the line outs over the public address. Soon the teams are called to order and it is time for the traditional pre match parade. Some players march better than others, but the whole exercise looks so much more impressive when players' deportment is confident and playing gear is uniformly tidy. Then it is time for the National Anthem – a highly emotional few minutes for players and supporters, whose hopes will stand or fall on what happens over the next hour and a quarter. The season's work hangs on what unfolds now. No excuses, no second chances and no comebacks. The better team will win.

The referee checks his watch, as players encroach impatiently from the two '65' lines. The tension is palpable and more so in a local derby, which bestows the supreme reward on the winners. The ball is thrown in and away we go. There are early trends, twists and turns, as play develops. The statistics' men are indicating early advantages and problem spots to the team management. Pucks out are a problem for the favourites, who are assisted by the wind and they are over-shooting their target men. Primary possession is not being achieved from that advantage. Messages are hurriedly conveyed and deeper positions called for in plan B. They will try shorter pucks for the next ten minutes and try to leave more space in front of the full forward line. Points are exchanged, but defences are on top and goal scoring opportunities are scarce. The first real chance comes 20 minutes into the game, but a brilliant save at the town end averts the danger. A few minutes to half time and the breeze is only yielding a two point lead, when disaster strikes. A ball is misjudged by the goalkeeper and a one handed flick from a stretching forward nudges the ball across the line. It doesn't even touch the net – back or front – and the game has changed course. The favourites now go in at half time a point down and will have to face the breeze, when they reappear.

Dressing rooms are difficult places, at half time. Honesty and calmness are vital. Two substitutions are made by the outsiders, interestingly both in attack. The message is to work harder when not in possession and don't allow unchallenged clearances to their opponents. A demand to eliminate fouling when there isn't any pressure is made and the stats. man offers two comments, on the evidence of the

first half. In the other dressing room, there is much confidence. The Manager stands on the table and speaks. He reminds the favourites that they trail only by a point, have the wind against them but won't lose if they keep hurling. He tells them they have better players than their opponents. It is a 'comfort zone', with no sign of a personnel or positional switch.

The second half stays tight; ten minutes have elapsed and the teams are level 1-7 to 0-10. This is a low scoring but tense final. The favourites move ahead by a point and another follows from the right half forward. It is falling into place now. Ten minutes to go 0-13 to 1-8 and ribbons on the cup are adjusted. The leaders' corner back lifts the ball and heads out on a solo run. Calls to clear are ignored he is now on the '65' line. 'Time' says a colleague. From somewhere an opponent pounces. The ball is knocked free and hit first time. It is redirected on the '20' and suddenly the full forward is through. He can't miss. Goal! The puck out is lost and the sliothar is quickly struck over the bar. Points are exchanged on two occasions but the minutes run down and the outsiders hold on. Only two points in it – but victory has been achieved. The pitch is invaded by happy supporters. Players are carried shoulder high and the captain makes his way up to receive the Dan Breen Cup. A rare but a wonderful sight for this club. The Co Chairman – also a Mid man – appeals for quietness to commence his presentation speech, which is followed soon afterwards by the predictable but joyful 'Is mor an onoir domsa, an corn seo a ghla-cadh'. New heroes have emerged. Savour the moment! Liam Sheedy and his selectors have been watching. Bigger opportunities will beckon for some.

Every sentence of the captain's speech is cheered to the echo, before he eventually hoists the cup to the heavens and returns to pitch level, where he is engulfed by overjoyed supporters.

It will be a late night and probably a long week. The Munster club draw gives a fortnight's grace before next action, so there is time for celebration. It has been a memorable day for the winners, but spare a thought for the losers. They prepared as thoroughly and tried as hard as the new champions and no doubt their day will come soon, as frequently happens in Tipperary Senior hurling. Just now there is no consolation. That will come later in the evening, when they are unwinding with club officials, family members and loyal supporters. The fair weather followers will be long gone!

The victorious club secretary now has the microphone and announces the homecoming of the team for 9 o'clock. He invites everybody to attend and confirms that the schools will be visited by players and club officials, with the cup during the week. Following a final cheer in response, the PA system closes down and it is time to move on. However, hundreds of people linger on the pitch discussing what they have witnessed and it will be some time yet before the captain reaches the dressing room or the caretaker, Philly Butler, can leave Semple Stadium. He deserves our thanks, as much as the players, for ensuring it was a day to remember.



Review of Juvenile Hurling Year

By John Smith, County Bord na nÓg P.R.O.



Loughmore-Castleiney panel and mentors celebrate following their victory in the Campion Insurance Under-14 'A' County hurling final – Back row, l to r: Eamon Sweeney, Pdraig Hennessy, Aoife McGrath, Joseph Nyland, Evan Egan, Sam Allen, Darragh Butler, Lorcan Egan, Greg Cleary, John Connolly, Joseph Hennessy, Noel O'Connell, Frankie McGrath, Jim Sweeney. Middle: Maureen Connolly, Martin Meagher, Aaron Sweeney, John Meagher, Thomas Maher, Kevin O'Connell, Denis Brereton, Keith Manton, Bill O'Connell, John McGrath. Front: Joseph McGrath, Joseph Hayden, Brian McGrath, Richard Maher, Matthew Flanagan.

Another year on the Bord na nÓg calendar is coming to an end and pride of place this year goes to the Tipperary Under 16 team that successfully retained the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland title. At club level after some excellent competition a total of eight county titles have been decided to date. The Under 16 'A' is the only championship still to be completed.

UNDER 12

As in previous years the three Under 12 finals were played in Semple Stadium. Holycross-Ballyc-ahill won the 'A' championship following a late winning point against Nenagh Eire Óg in a fantastic final. There was very little between the teams throughout the game and when a draw looked on the cards up stepped Holycross centre back Kieran O'Dwyer to hit a long range

free between the posts for a dramatic winning point. It was hard luck on Nenagh Éire Óg who also lost the football decider in somewhat similar circumstances. Moycarkey-Borris defeated the holders, Kildangan in the 'B' final. Moycarkey were never headed in the match and thanks to two first half goals they lead by five points at the interval. Despite a Kildangan comeback in the second half it was not enough for them to retain their title. Shannon Rovers got the better of Upperchurch-Drombane in an eight goal thrilling 'C' final. This was Shannon Rovers first ever title in the grade.

UNDER 14

A hat-trick of goals from Liam McGrath insured victory for Loughmore-Castleiney in the 'A' final against Toomevara. This was a great game of hurling between two

well coached teams with Loughmore making amends for losing to the same opposition in last years County Under 12 decider. Mullinahone and Templederrey Kenyons served up a thrilling 'B' final with the South champions coming out on top by a three point margin. Mullinahone's Cathal Horan was top scorer with 2-4 in an exciting game full of good hurling. St. Patricks thanks to a brilliant second half display defeated Emly to capture the 'C' title. The teams were level at the interval but St. Patricks dominated the second half outscoring their opponents by 3-8 to 0-1 and they went on to record a convincing victory. Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Nenagh Eire Óg in a keenly contested Feile na nGael final.

UNDER 16

Templederrey Kenyons made

amends for losing the County Under 14 'B' final when they accounted for Holycross-Ballycahill by three points in a hard fought Under 16 'B' decider in The Ragg last Sunday. Templederry inspired by an excellent performance from Brian Stapleton who scored seven points from play led at the interval by a point and despite a storming finish by Holycross the title went to the North Champions. The 'A' decider has yet to be played. Knockavilla Kickhams following a semi final win over Nenagh Éire Óg last weekend have qualified for the final. Durlas Óg plays the winners of the South Division in the other semi final.

COUNTY TEAMS

Tipperary Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 teams acquitted themselves with distinction on the weekend of 25th/26th August. The Under 16's successfully retained the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland Under 16 title while the Under 14's and 15's were defeated in their respective finals.

The Under 16's drew with Kilkenny in their opening match and scored a five point win over Cork in their second match to set up a semi final meeting with Limerick. This was a very close match and Tipp held on for a one point victory. The final against Dublin never lived up to expectations and Tipp gave a tremendous exhibition of hurling and were always in control. They led by 1-7 to 0-4 at the interval and they outscored Dublin by 14 points to one in the second half to run out the most convincing of winners on a score on 1-21 to 0-5. Well done to the players and selectors on a marvellous achievement in retaining the Tipperary Supporters Club All Ireland title.

Tipperary were defeated by Waterford in the final of the Tony Forristal Under 14 hurling tournament. Tipperary had qualified for the final by virtue of winning their section that included Limerick, Dublin and Cork. In the preliminary rounds Tipperary defeated Limerick and Dublin and lost to Cork. Despite losing to Cork Tipperary qualified for the final on scoring aggregate. The final was played in Walsh Park. Waterford led at the interval by 0-6 to 0-2. Waterford dominated the second half and went on to win by 0-12 to 0-4 to claim their first ever victory in the tournament after 26 years.

Tipperary for the third year in a row suffered defeat in the final of the Under 15 Carrighoun Tournament. Tipperary defeated Clare and Waterford, drew with Limerick and lost to Cork in their group rounds. This was enough for Tipperary to qualify for the final where their opponents would be Cork. A depleted Tipperary team that lined out without some key players were no match for a very strong Cork team in the final. Cork were always in control and won comprehensively in

the end.

INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

North Tipperary retained the Under 16 Garda Cup title following a ten point win over South Tipperary in the final. The holders defeated West Tipperary in the semi final and South Tipperary qualified for the final following victory over Mid Tipperary.

Mid Tipperary won the Peadar Cummins Under 14 hurling tournament hosted by the Borrisoleigh club. Mid Tipperary had a narrow victory over South Tipperary in the semi final while North Tipperary were convincing winners over West Tipperary in the other semi final. A great second half display by the Mid team saw them get the better of the holders in a thrilling final. South Tipperary beat West Tipperary in the Shield Final.

CAMPION INSURANCE GROUP HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

U/12 'A' - Holycross-Ballycahill 1-7, Nenagh Éire Óg 1-6
U/12 'B' - Moycarkey-Borris 2-4, Kildangan 2-2
U/12 'C' - Shannon Rovers 4-5, Upperchurch-Drombane 4-3
U/14 'A' - Loughmore-Castleiney 4-6, Toomevara 3-2
U/14 'B' - Mullinahone 2-7, Templederry Kenyons 2-4
U/14 'C' - St. Patricks 4-12, Emly 1-5
U/16 'B' - Templederry Kenyons 0-12, Holycross-Ballycahill 2-3
Feile na nGael - Loughmore-Castleiney 3-10, Nenagh Éire Óg 1-7



Liam McGrath (raising Cup); Thomas Maher (left); Darragh Butler (behind, left) and John Meagher (behind, right).

Emerging trend

Seamus O'Doherty

It was not a big surprise to see Drom Inch and Loughmore Castleiney qualifying for this year's decider; if you had been following the form in recent years. Back in 2004 both clubs qualified for the Co quarter finals, where Drom lost to 'The Combo' 1-15 to 1-14 and Loughmore lost to Toomevara 1-12 to 0-13. The following year both clubs again made it to the last eight. This time Drom reached the final, where they lost an all Mid decider by 1-17 to 0-15. Loughmore lost to Thurles Sarsfields in the Co Semi final by 2-19 to 2-14. In 2006 Drom lost the Co Semi final to Nenagh Éire Óg 2-14 to 1-13 having beaten them at the same stage a year earlier. Loughmore scored 2-15 and still lost to Toomevara, who scored 2-18, in the Co quarter final. So in 2007, for the fourth year in a row, the two clubs qualified for the last eight and this time both have made it to the final. 'The form' was there and the pairing is not the 'shock' some people have claimed.

LOW NUMBERS

Prior to this year's Co final, supporters had been wondering when the combined number of titles, held between the finalists, was only one. The last time was in 1967, when Carrick Davins (1966 champions) beat Roscrea, who didn't

win their first title until 1968. It also happened in 1950, when Borrisleigh with one title (1949) beat Carrick Swan. The 1997 decider between Clonoulty Rossmore (1989 champions) and Mullinahone is also worthy of mention, because the previous Co title win by the West-erners, was in the name of Clonoulty and dated back to 1888!

However, 'the carry forward' was even lower in 1987, when Cappawhite (winners) and Loughmore Castleiney came face to face, without a title between them. Other blank years included 1975, when Moneygall (winners in a replay) and Kilruane MacDonaghs met in

an all North decider. In the past sixty years, a 'no previous title' scenario also arose in 1947 – Carrick Swan v Borrisleigh; 1948 – Holycross Ballycahill v Lorrha; 1949, – Borrisleigh v Kickhams and 1966 – Carrick Davins v Lorrha.

BEST TEAM

The unusual scenario which has arisen this year – an all Mid Co final which doesn't include the Divisional champions – has raised some eyebrows. It is a regular enough occurrence to have winner, loser, or both, from the same division in the final, but this year's situation has occurred previously. The last time was in 1976, when Moneygall beat

Roscrea in the Co Final on September 12 and Borrisleigh (holders) beat Lorrha in the Divisional final, on October 24.

NOT UNUSUAL

Today is not the first occasion that three consecutive Co finals have been contested by two clubs from the same division. Back in the 1970s there were four consecutive deciders contested by teams from the same division – the North – in each case. Moneygall beat Kilruane Mac Donaghs in 1975 (replay), Moneygall beat



Loughmore-Castleiney full-forward Michael Webster

Roscrea in 1976, Kilruane Mac Donaghs beat Borrislisleigh in 1977 (replay) and Kilruane MacDonaghs beat Roscrea, in 1978. If you consider that 1972 produced four Co semi finalists from the same division and eight Co titles went their way, it can truly be said that the decade belonged to the North.

LAST TIME....

Draw ... the last Co final draw was in 2002 when Mullinahone drew with Thurles Sarsfields 0-14 each. The replay saw the title go South for the first time, since Carrick Davins were victorious, in 1967.

Out of Thurles ... The last Co final played at a venue other than Semple Stadium was the 1983 decider, between Borrislisleigh and Loughmore Castleiney, which was played in Cashel.

Goalless game ... the last decider which failed to produce a goal was the 2002 drawn final. In all ten Co Finals have ended in draws.

All Mid final – Thurles Sarsfields beat Drom Inch in the 2005 decider.

WINNING MARGINS

Over the last five Co finals the winning margins have been worth noting. Details are: 2002 – draw and 2 points; 2003 – 3 points; 2004 – 6 points; 2005 – 5 points; 2006 – 4 points; the 'missing margin' is one point. How about today?

FINAL REPRESENTATION

In the ten years 1997 to 2006 only seven teams have played in

the Co SHC final. They were: (North) Toomevara and Nenagh Éire Óg, (Mid) Thurles Sarsfields and Drom Inch, (West) Clonoulty Rossmore and 'The Combo', aka Golden Kilfeacle/Éire Óg Annacarty, (South) Mullinahone.

A comparison with the ten finals prior to that, 1987 to 1996, shows that ten clubs played on the big day. They were: North – Toomevara, Nenagh Éire Óg and Borrislisleigh; Mid – Loughmore Castleiney, Holycross Ballycahill, Thurles Sarsfields and Boherlahan Dualla; West – Cappawhite, Clonoulty Rossmore and Cashel KC.

THREE OCCASIONS

Drom Inch played in the 2005 Co final and they appear again today. In 2004, Willie Clohessy, from the same club refereed his first final, when Toomevara beat 'The Combo'.

MEN OF THE MATCH

There are some noteworthy inclusions on the list, which was initiated for the 1981 Co final. Topping the pile is John O'Brien (Toomevara) with three awards, followed by his brother Paddy O'Brien and Noel O'Dwyer (Borrislisleigh), with two awards each. Pat McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney) was the 1988 winner, while the current Drom Inch coach Raymie Ryan won with Cashel KC, in 1991. Coincidentally, that was the club's first Senior Co Title victory. An omen perhaps? Nenagh Éire Óg's coach, Michael Cleary, was selected in 1993 despite being on the losing team and that feat was equalled by Michael Doyle (Holycross Ballycahill) 1989 and Seamus Butler (Drom Inch), in 2005. The match winner in 1985 was the recently appointed Tipp coach, Eamonn O'Shea (Kilruane MacDonaghs).



Seamus Butler (Drom Inch) comes away with the ball against Killenaule at Semple Stadium.

Eamonn Corcoran interview

Tipperary Supporters Club Junior Member, Niamh Ryan of Nenagh Éire Óg, won a prize of an interview with stalwart wing back Eamonn Corcoran."

Niamh Ryan, Nenagh Éire Óg:

How do you manage to play so well year after year?

The most important things are to go to every training session and to train hard and look after yourself.

Was it fair that Tipperary had to play on 6 Sundays in a row this year?

Every player in Tipperary was happy to play for 6 Sundays or more in a row. Playing is better than training sessions for a team.

Eamonn Corcoran presenting a Tipperary shirt to Niamh Ryan, with her sister Emma.

Liam Coman,

Naomh Jude, Dublin:

Why are you so good at sideline balls?

It's down to practice. A number of players like Daragh Egan, Hugh Maloney, Diarmaid Fitzgerald and myself would go in 15 minutes early to the training session and practice on sideline cuts only for that time.

Do you think that many of the players from the Tipperary Minor and under 16 teams which won All Irelands will make it to the Tipperary Senior Team?

Yes, I'd be very hopeful that a number of those players would become good senior players. Already this year Pa Bourke and Tom Stapleton have come through and I would expect others to do the same. Those teams have some great players such as Noel McGrath.

Frank Ryan, Cappawhite:

What do you expect from the new Tipperary Manager, Liam Sheedy?

I know Liam well as we work together for Bank of Ireland Lifetime. Liam is a very popular choice in Tipperary and I know how professional a manager he is. When Eoin Kelly and I carried the hurleys for the minors in 2006 we were very impressed with the approach that Liam had as a manager.



What is your favourite hurling ground?

Semple Stadium has the best atmosphere and the best pitch. Even hurlers from outside Tipperary agree that Semple Stadium is the best venue.

Paddy Dalton,
Arravale Rovers:

Who do you think will win the County Senior Hurling Final between Loughmore-Castleiney and Drom and Inch?

I played with JK Brackens against both teams in this year's championship. I think it will be a very close game and could be a draw! Maybe Drom and Inch will come through in the end by a point or two.

Do club players get to play enough matches?

I think that there are probably not enough games for club players. The club is the most important part of the GAA.

How often do you train with your club?

I would train with my club at least twice a week once the inter-county season is over. While county training is going on I would attend the club training sessions.

Sinéad Coman,
Naomh Jude, Dublin:

I play Camogie matches in the morning. What are the best things to eat and drink before playing a match?

I always eat a good breakfast even on non-match days. Before a game I would usually eat chicken and pasta. I would not eat within an hour of a match.

What do you think of the idea of having an under 19 Championship instead of a Minor Championship and an under 21 Championship?

I think that it is a great idea because there is a big danger of young players being burned out through playing minor, under 21 and senior, sometimes in both football and hurling.

Did you know?

- Tipperary Supporters Club sponsors the All Ireland Under 16 Hurling Championship, which has been won by Tipperary for the past two years.
- One lucky Junior Member will win a coaching session in their club for their team given by Liam Sheedy and members of the Tipperary Senior Hurling Team.
- You can become a FREE Junior Member of the Tipperary Supporters Club on www.tippsupportersclub.com and win great prizes.
- Tipperary Supporters Club invested more than €10,000 in under age hurling in Tipperary in 2007."

COUNTY TIPPERARY DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Coaching Programme

Dinny Maher - Games Development Administrator

The Squad Programme is a key component for developing players for Tipperary Minor Hurling Teams.

The programme has been running at pace throughout the year and continues on Saturday mornings during October for under-14 and under-16 grades.

Previously the under-15 age group had a full series of sessions under the watchful eyes of Dinny Cahill and Conor Stakelum. These sessions took place during July and August with the co-operation of Lar Devane and the under-15 selection committee. The players were put through an intensive series of skill development and matches in preparation for their Tournament in Cork in August where they reached the final.

Thanks to all concerned.

The under-17 panel also had a full series of sessions during the year with Kevin Shelly co-ordinating. The panel had a full fitness assessment done in University of Limerick Sports Complex where they were also given a talk on diet and nutrition. A full report is ready and the players will shortly receive their results. They played practice games and took part in an under-17

tournament organised by Kilkenny County Board to whom we say thanks for the invitation. This Tournament could prove very beneficial to this age group in the future.

The under-17 squad now await the County Minor selection process to take place and we wish all players the best of luck.

The under-14 squad continue on Saturday mornings in Dr Morris Park with Len Gaynor in charge. Former players and coaches take the group through a full programme of skills and matches. Along with Len, Ger McGuire, Brendan Cummins, Stephen Murphy and Connie Maher will assist with coaching.

Also on Saturday mornings we have the under-16 squad in action with Kevin Shelly looking after them. To date, Ken Hogan and Tommy Dunne have taken the sessions with Liam Sheedy and Colm Bonner to complete the programme over the next couple of weeks.

Club coaches are invited to attend these sessions and see our best coaches in action. All sessions commence at 10.30am.

As a finale all players will be invited to a forum at a

date to be confirmed before Christmas, where guest speakers will talk to and inspire our elite players to fulfil their true potential.

The talks will cover all aspects of player preparation from skill through physical and mental fitness to diet, nutrition, rest and recovery.

The success of the last two years at under-16 and minor level has given the County a great lift and things look bright for the future. However, we should not rest on our laurels but strive for continued improvement at these vital age groups. The Development Squad programme needs to be implemented and improved upon in the years ahead. This with the continued work at divisional and club level should ensure the continuation of that success.

Finally, a word of thanks to all who supported and assisted in the smooth running of the Squad Programme, especially County Senior and Juvenile Boards, team mentors and a special word of thanks to the ex-players and coaches for their commitment and expertise.

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Carrick Davins Made History in 1966-67

In keeping with tradition of recent years, today's County Senior Hurling Final day will include a tribute to a team of the past. The Carrick Davins team which won the 1966 and 1967 County Senior Hurling finals will be honoured this afternoon. The team met in the Thurles Greyhound Stadium before the match and will be introduced in the crowd after the presentation of the Sean Treacy Cup to the winning minor captain. After the matches today, the Carrick Davins Panel will travel to Young's of the Ragg for dinner and a night of reminiscing about the achievements of the mid-1960s. I am sure you will give the team your full support today. The entire event is being sponsored jointly by the Tipperary Star and Young's of the Ragg.

Hurling in the town of Carrick was dominated by the Swan during the thirties, forties and fifties during which they won thirteen divisional titles and capped a great era with a county victory in 1947. Davins were the poor relations who, although founded in 1922, had only a junior hurling title won in 1931 to shout about.

History was to change dramatically for the club in the sixties and the seventies during which time they were to win eleven senior divisional titles. Although Marlfield and Killenaule were to dominate the early sixties, sharing the first five senior titles between them, Davins were to hit the scene with a vengeance in 1965.

Davins first came to notice in the quarter-final at Cashel in 1965, when they defeated a good Lorrha side. They confirmed their credentials when

surprising Moycarkey-Borris by 2-11 to 1-6 in the semi-final played at Clonmel. Hasty shooting, born of inexperience, prevented them from defeating Sarsfields in the final on November 14, also played at Clonmel. The game ended in a draw, Davins 3-4 Sarsfields 2-7. The replay at Cashel, before 12,000 spectators on the following Sunday, was a subdued affair, Davins kept in touch in the first half mainly through the free-taking of Mick Roche, but were behind by 1-6 to 0-5 at the interval. It was all Thurles in the second-half and they went on to win comfortably by 3-10 to 0-7 to the great disappointment of Davins.

A team has to lose one to win one, as the saying goes, and so it was in the case of Davins, who returned with a bang in 1966. For the first time there were four quarter-finals and Davins made no mistake in

defeating Moyne-Templetuohy by 2-14 to 4-1 in the quarter-final at Cashel on September 11. In the semi-final at Thurles on October 2, Davins equalised with the last puck of the game to draw with Toomevara on a scoreline of 2-13 to 3-10. They made no mistake in the replay at Thurles on October 16, winning by 5-6 to 1-7. The final was postponed until November 6, because of a Lorrha objection to Holycross in the other semi-final. In a poor game Davins won convincingly, defeating Lorrha by 2-12 to 1-3 to take their first county senior title.

They continued their success in the Munster club championship, then a new innovation. Played the following year, they defeated Ballyduff by 6-13 to 4-3 on March 19, Patrickswell by 2-9 to 2-8 on April 4, and Ballygunner by 2-17 to 1-11 at Clonmel on August 20.

They were the first Tipperary club side to win a Munster title. The team was: J. O'Neill, N. Walsh, B. Kenny, T. Arrigan, T. Waters, P. Arrigan, S. Kenny, P. J. Ryan, M. Roche, C. Broderick, J. Ryan, J. Walsh, M. Ryan, J. Roche, T. Ryan.

Davins continued their success in the Tipperary championship of 1967. They had an easy victory over Arravale Rovers, 7-7 to 2-4, in the quarter-final at Clonmel on September 17. They trounced the West champions, Eire Óg, by 5-15 to 0-2, in the semi-final at Thurles on October 15. They beat Roscrea in the final at Thurles on October 29 by 2-10 to 2-7. Roscrea had the advantage of the wind in the first half but failed to secure the kind of lead they needed. Davins dom-

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inated the second half and seemed on their way to an easy success when a Roscrea flurry brought two goals, which gave the scoreboard

some respectability.

In the Munster club championship Davins made a bold bid to retain the title they won the previous year. In the opening round they defeated Ardfer by 2-17 to 1-8. They followed up with a victory over Castlegar by 5-13 to 4-7 in the semi-final at Limerick on September 8, 1968. However, they lost the final at the same venue by 3-9 to 2-7 to Newmarket-on-Fergus on October 8.

Davins failed to make it to the 1968 South final, which was contested by Ballybacon-Grange and Marfield. They lost to Ballybacon by a last-minute point from former Davin man, Tommy 'Senator' Murphy in the semi-final.

1967 Roscrea v Carrick-on-Suir

ROSCREA TEAM

(1) W. O. Loughlin (N. Loughlin)		
(2) M. O. McGee (M. Hynes)	(3) C. O. Quinn (C. Conn)	(4) S. O. Tisdale (S. Tisdale)
(5) P. O. Wilson (P. Wilson)	(6) C. O. O'Sullivan (C. O'Sullivan)	(7) S. O. Walshe (S. Walshe)
(8) M. O. Mahony (M. Mahony)	(9) D. O. Walshe (D. Walshe)	(10) M. O. Hynes (M. Hynes)
(11) M. O. Hynes (M. Hynes)	(12) M. O. Hynes (M. Hynes)	(13) P. O. Hynes (P. Hynes)
(14) S. O. Walshe (S. Walshe)	(15) S. O. Walshe (S. Walshe)	(16) S. O. Walshe (S. Walshe)

For Roscrea: (1) W. O. Loughlin, (2) M. O. Mahony, (3) M. O. Hynes, (4) S. O. Walshe, (5) P. O. Wilson, (6) C. O. O'Sullivan, (7) S. O. Walshe, (8) M. O. Mahony, (9) D. O. Walshe, (10) M. O. Hynes, (11) M. O. Hynes, (12) M. O. Hynes, (13) P. O. Hynes, (14) S. O. Walshe, (15) S. O. Walshe, (16) S. O. Walshe.

Club	At Thurles	At Thurles
Club	At Thurles	At Thurles

CARRICK-ON-SUIR TEAM

(1) S. O. Hynes (S. O'Hara)		
(2) S. O. Hynes (S. Hynes)	(3) P. O. Hynes (P. Hynes)	(4) C. O. Hynes (C. Hynes)
(5) C. O. Hynes (C. Hynes)	(6) P. O. Hynes (P. Hynes)	(7) S. O. Hynes (S. Hynes)
(8) M. O. Hynes (M. Hynes)	(9) P. O. Hynes (P. Hynes)	(10) M. O. Hynes (M. Hynes)
(11) M. O. Hynes (M. Hynes)	(12) S. O. Hynes (S. Hynes)	(13) S. O. Hynes (S. Hynes)
(14) C. O. Hynes (C. Hynes)	(15) S. O. Hynes (S. Hynes)	(16) C. O. Hynes (C. Hynes)

For Carrick-on-Suir: (1) S. O. Hynes, (2) P. O. Hynes, (3) C. O. Hynes, (4) C. O. Hynes, (5) C. O. Hynes, (6) P. O. Hynes, (7) S. O. Hynes, (8) M. O. Hynes, (9) P. O. Hynes, (10) M. O. Hynes, (11) M. O. Hynes, (12) S. O. Hynes, (13) S. O. Hynes, (14) C. O. Hynes, (15) S. O. Hynes, (16) C. O. Hynes.

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Carrick Davins

- County Senior Hurling Champions - 1966-67



County and Munster Club Champions 1967. Back row, left to right: Seamus Kenny, Jackie Walsh, Tom Arrigan, Jim Roche, Paddy Arrigan, Jimmy Ryan, Con Broderick, John O'Neill. Front row, left to right: Michael Ryan, P. J. Ryan, Brian Kenny, Tommy Ryan, Noel Walsh, Mick Roche, Tommy Waters.

GOALKEEPERS

1) Teddy Ryan: a stalwart of many years who represented the country at Intermediate level. Teddy was never found wanting.

2) Billy Mackey: A lifelong clubman ready to step into the breach at a moments notice and today manages the clubs finances as treasurer.

3) John O'Neill: John's career between the sticks spanned quarter of a century to 1989. John played Minor /U/21 for the county and has filled many roles on committees over the years.

DEFENDERS

4) Richie Walsh: Captain when big break-through was made in 1966 and for the subsequent Munster club success.

Richie played every position from 1-15 over the years - a true all-rounder. Sadly he is no longer with us. Richie is represented today by brother Sean.

5) Noel Walsh: no nonsense corner back whose style saw many of the country's top forwards fail to score. Noel holds 11 Divisional, 2 County & Munster Club medals.

6) Brian Kenny: His displays for the red & whites saw Brian progress to wearing the Blue & Gold at Intermediate & Senior level for a number of years.

7) Tom Arrigan: Tom was often the unsung hero of the team. His ability to man-mark opposing stars was second to none.

8) Stevie Cleary: a lifelong clubman who was still appear-

ing anywhere in the backline into his forties. Stevie played Junior intercounty into his fifties and would be first on any teamsheet come the after the match sing-song.

9) John Walsh: From a family steeped in the history of the club, John was a stylish and effective defender.

10) Tommy Waters: A wonderful exponent of the dying art of ground hurling. Tommy was at ease playing for club or county and his style would make him a star in any era.

11) Paddy Arrigan: Paddy's C.V. over the years bears comparison with anyone of the 60s. He holds several Munster medals but was unlucky in the big one. Paddy is still an integral member of the club at committee level.

12) Seamus Kenny: Winner of an Intermediate. All Ireland as a forward, Seamus found his niche for Davins at wing back and became one of the best. Brother of Brian, their father was legendary county selector Paddy Kenny.

13) Richie Ryan: Another who played during the bleak years, Richie's loyalty and dedication, allied to his natural ability, reaped tangible rewards in the 60s. Richie is a brother of Teddy.

14) John O'Toole: One of the younger members who carried the mantle into the next decade. John was soundness personified.

MIDFIELDERS

15) P.J. Ryan: Headlined by one of the game's top journalists a "Sports Gentleman" P.J.'s quiet demeanor belied a steely determination allied to an acute hurling brain which made him the nemesis of club and county mid-fielders country-wide. His honours are too numerous to catalogue but Senior All-Ireland winner, Captain of Munster to Railway Cup and Tipp to National League & U/21 All-Ireland success warrants mention.

16) Michael Roche; What's to say that hasn't already been said or written. Mick is accepted as being one of the greats by friend and foe as evidenced by his inclusion in the Tipp Team of the Century. Mick's more mundane honours include Senior All-Irelands, U/21 All-Ireland,

Munster, National League, Oireachtas and Railway Cup honours and while Tipp captain lifted the Munster Cup and Railway Cup. Whether in defence, midfield or attack, a true icon of the game.

FORWARDS

17) Jackie Walsh: Another whose versatility was a bonus to selectors over many years, Jackie made his name as a forward, winning All-Ireland U/21 in '67 with P.J. Ryan, he is fondly remembered by supporters as a classy, stylish centre back whose contribution to his club cannot be overstated.

18) Jimmy Ryan: Mr. Defendable, from 2 to 15, the number on the jersey never bothered him, 100% was the least Jimmy gave for club or county and his reward was All-Ireland U-21 Munster and National League honours. Jimmy has served as selector from U/10 to Seniors over the years and still lives and breathes hurling and the Davins.

19) Michael Hassett: A product of famed St. Augustine College, Michael was small of stature but big of heart. His skill as a poacher of vital goals saw the team out of many a tight spot.

20) Con Broderick: The man from Drom who many consider to be the final piece of the jigsaw, when work commitments brought him to Carrick and the Davins. Scored 1-7 from play in a county Semi Final to keep the dream alive in

1966. Won u/21 and Intermediate honours with the county. Still remembered and revered despite his sad demise at a young age. He is represented by brother Austin today.

21) Tom 'Senator' Murphy: a stalwart over many years. He also wore the county jersey at more than one grade and also played his part as a county selector with successful Tipperary teams. Senator still has as astute a hurling brain as when he graced the hurling fields.

22) Jimmy Roche: Another of the old brigade who took whatever jersey was given to him and put heart and soul into every second on the pitch. Jimmy's contributed to the cause by his displays against some of the best over a number of years. His motto was and still is "The bigger they come the harder they fall"

23) Noel Grace: Epitomised the style of hurling the Davins strove to play, with his range of skills, pure athleticism and speed.

24) Nick Butler: Came through the ranks from juvenile up and was a valued member of the squad until his first love led him to pastures new. He sampled further glory by winning a national boxing title and had the ultimate honour of wearing the green singlet of Ireland at International level. Boxing's gain was the Davins loss. Still a proud clubman.

25) Tom Russell: His love of hurling and the club can be

seen in his determination to finish his career with the Davins, having assisted his adopted club Portlaw to championship success and even wearing the Blue and White of the Deise. A natural hurler and stylist Tom was another whose skills were a loss for many years, and although unable to be present because of illness he is represented by his brother Eddie.

26) Michael Ryan: The youngest of the quartet of the Ryan Brothers. The versatility shown by Michael at a young age was to manifest itself in the years to come. Recognition by

the minor and U/21 county selectors saw Michael become an ever-present on county teams over the years. His contribution to the good years was immense.

27) Tony Blackmore: Again a talent lost to migration as Tony was faced by logistics to ply his trade further afield. His contribution in the early years though 'was invaluable and his interest in the welfare of the club 'has never waned.

28) Tommy Ryan: Last, but definitely not least a man whose ball skills and stick work would rival any in the game today or at any time in he

intervening years. Tommy led the quartet of Ryan Bros in seniority and as the role model, Jimmy, P.J. and Michael all surely learned their trade from Tommy, a true magician with the 'camán in a lámh'.

Selectors

Selectors on 1966-67 teams:

- Michael Lonergan
- Sean Organ
- Eddie Reilly (R.I.P.)
- Thomas Foran (R.I.P.)
- Willie Weston (R.I.P.)
- Eddie 'Knox' Lyons (R.I.P.)
- Wattie Walsh (R.I.P.)



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1966

South final

14th August at Kilsheelan

Carrick Davins 7-11 Slievenamon 4-3

Co. quarter final

11th September at Cashel

Carrick Davins 2-14 Moyne Templetuohy 4-1

Co. semi final

2nd October at Thurles

Carrick Davins 2-13 Toomevara 3-10 (draw)

16th October at Thurles Carrick Davins 5-6

Toomevara 1-7 (replay).

Co. final

6th November at Thurles Carrick Davins 2-12

Lorrha 1-3.

1967

Munster club c/ship

19th March at Tralee

Carrick Davins 6-13 Ballyduff (Kerry) 4-3

16th April at Limerick

Carrick Davins 2-9 Patrickswell 2-8
(Limerick)

20th August at Clonmel

Carrick Davins 2-17 Ballygunner 1-11 (final)

South final

13th August at Clonmel

Carrick Davins 3-16 Slievenamon 3-7

Co. quarter final

17th September at Clonmel

Carrick Davins 7-7 Arravale Rovers 2-4

Co. semi final

15th October at Thurles

Carrick Davins 5-15 Eire Og (West) 0-2

Co. final

29th October at Thurles

Carrick Davins 2-10 Roscrea 2-7

1968

Munster club c/ship

11th August at Carrick on Suir

Carrick Davins 2-17 Ardfer (Kerry) 1-8

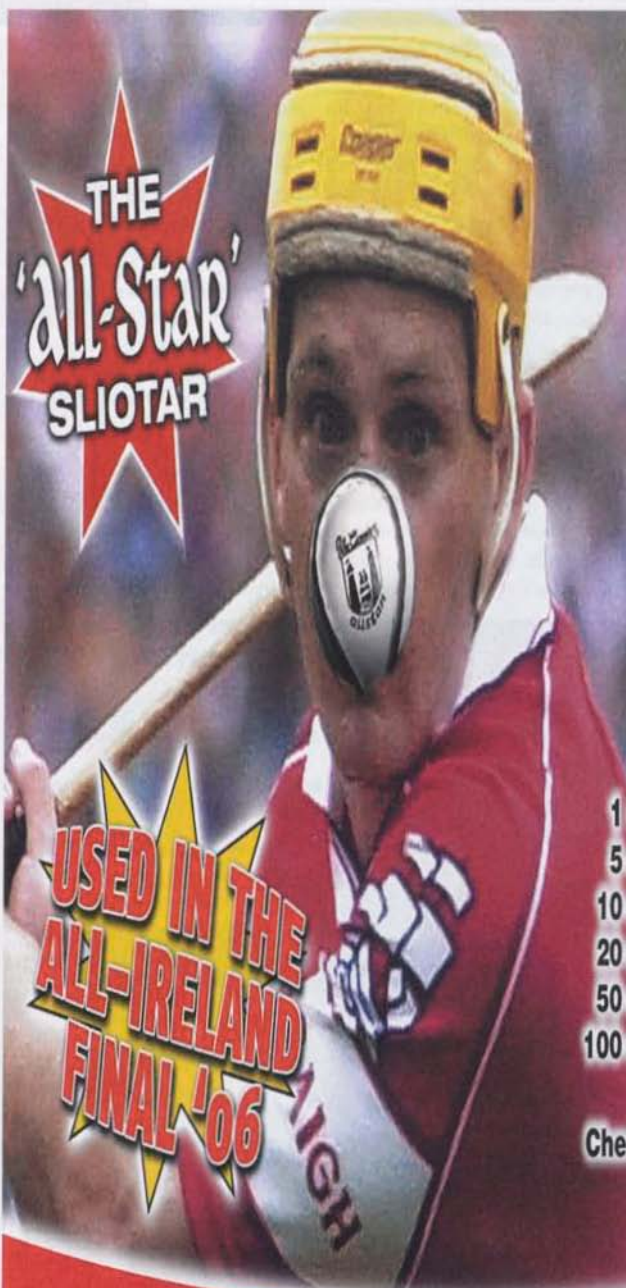
8th September at Limerick

Carrick Davins 5-13 Castlegar (Galway) 4-7

6th October at Limerick Newmarket on Fergus
(Clare) 3-9 Carrick Davins 2-7 (final)



Pictured at the Ragg Pub in the Ragg recently were (l to r); Seamus J. King, chairman of the organising committee; Donal Young, The Ragg (sponsor); Pat Carey, Tipperary Star (sponsor) and John Costigan, Chairman Co Board.



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Remembering Paddy Troy

County Hurling Final day, here at Semple Stadium, is always a special day in our G.A.A. calendar; but this year it is tinged with sadness due to the passing of Paddy Troy R.I.P. It was mid August when the sad news spread that Paddy, one of our most loyal and dedicated officials in the Stadium had died.

Paddy was a proud native of Moyne Templetuohy and lined out with them in both hurling and football in his earlier years. In later times and when resident in Thurles, he joined the local Sarsfields Club, becoming an officer of that club in the seventies. This was a time when the 'Blues' were developing their Social Centre and Paddy Troy's expertise was put to great use in successfully promoting and completing this project.

For many years, Paddy Troy



Paddy Troy

has been involved in the running of games here at Semple Stadium. He took great pride in this stadium and was always on hand to ensure the smooth running of the games. The V.I.P. area in the centre of Ardán Ó Riain was Paddy's regular haunt, where he greeted visitors and guests to the Stadium. His

courtesy, welcoming smile and efficient placid demeanour will be long remembered.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was another great passion of Paddy's. Both he and his wife Nora formed the cornerstone of that organisation in Tipperary for many years. His contribution to the promotion, organisation and success of Comhaltas was acknowledged, being, at the time of his death, President of the Munster Council of C.C.É.

Paddy was a great Gael, supporting and promoting all facets of our culture. He is sadly missed. We extend our sympathy to his wife Nora and to his daughters - Mairéad and Aileen.

Tá laoch caillte againn ach mairfidh a chuimhne.

Leaba i measc na Naomh dó.

Familiar faces at Semple Stadium



Pictured left is Jim Max. Also pictured above from left to right:- Philly Butler, Donal Bergin and Jimmy Purcell.

Dílis

Ar chuala tú a leithéid de Acháineadh is de chlamhsán faoi na fóirne idir náisiúnta le gairid? An é seo an sort tacaíochta a bheimid ag súil leis amach anseo? Pé faoi fhóirne gairmiúla faoi ghéar iniúchadh na méan cumarsáide ní bhéidh aon bhuairt faoi thacaíocht millteanach na bparóistí atá san iomaíocht linn inniu. Seo fóirne a shíolraigh as an ithir inar riaradh iad is tá chuile dhuine sa dá pharóiste breá bhódúil as Drom Inse agus Luach Magh Caisleán Aoibhne is iad ag siúl amach ar an bhfód clúiteach i gcluiche cheannais an chontae.

Is iomaí cor agus casadh sa scéal ag an mbeirt acu, ach ar shlíe éagsúla is mar a chéile iad. Ceanntreacha beaga tuaithe ag maireachtáil le hais a chéile le daonra beag ach mianach agus téagar iontu beirt atá beagnach do

chloíte. Traidisiún iománaíochta a thosnaíonn sa chliabhán agus a leanann i scoileanna náisiúnta an pharóiste agus sna meanscoileanna ina dhiaidh sinn. Teaglaigh a bhfuil an tiománaíocht go smíor iontu ar an dá fhoireann maraon leis an taithí cuidithe a eascraíonn i gnáth saol na tuaithe ó lá go chéile. Tosáí nó dhó ar an dá thaobh gur féidir leo greim a bhreith ar chluiche in am an ghátair agus an scéal a chasadh ina chior thuathail i bpreabadh na súl. Ach seachas aon rud éile táid macánta. Glacann siad cúram a ngó féin ó cheann ceann na páirce, níl ó éinne éaló agus an gnó a fhágáil faoi bhall fóirne eile. Ina theannta san tá taithí acu páirc an chatha a fhágáil faoi ghruaim tar éis a seacht ndicheall a dhéanamh ach an báire sciobtha ag laochra eile. Cúpla bliain ó shin

d'éalaigh Dan Breen ó fhoireann óg na Droma, caithfidh go gcuirfidh sin leis an neart agus an misneach iontu inniu. Is fada anois ó d'árdaigh Luach Magh an corn céanna ach idir óg agus aosta ar an bhfoireann inniu bhféidir go bhfuil an cothromaíocht ceart aimsithe acu faoi dheireadh.

Ag gabháil thar páirceanna imeartha. Buaile Dhuibh agus Caisleán Aoibhne tráthnontá samhraidh, leathnaíonn torann an chatha, na gair mholta agus an gáire thar na páirceanna. I móinéir agus i scióbóil pléitear go mion eachtraí iománaíochta na bliana fós. Táthar ag súil i ngach uile clós feirme go mbeidh leo i mbliana. Muna mbíonn, ní chloisfidh tú mórán faoi. Táid dílis. Níl ann ach filleadh abhaile agus tosnú athuair. Bhféidir go gcaillfear cluiche ach ní chaillfear meas riamh.



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