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Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



S COIS mhor athais dom fiorchaoín faillte a fhearadh roimh go leir go dtí Staid Semple inniu.

I would like to welcome our four competing teams, their management and supporters to Semple Stadium on County Hurling Final day 2010. As we reach the conclusion of our hurling year we can look back upon a very successful year at inter-county level, the various trophies are still on the road visiting schools and will visit the remaining schools in the county over the next couple of weeks. But with the playing of today's hurling finals we should realise that this brings a conclusion to the year and that we now need to look forward to 2011 and all that this entails.

The committee appointed by County Board to appoint management for all our inter-county teams will report to County Board when they have recommendations to make. Our desire is to ensure that we concentrate on building for the future and thus achieve success on a more regular basis.

I would like to thank all our players for the great enjoyment you have given us throughout the year and your efforts are appreciated by all the gaeils of Tipperary.

The first game today brings together two teams who will I am sure spare no effort to gain victory and to give us a game that will bring honour to both clubs and be a fitting tribute to the memory of Seamus Ó Riain. I wish both Loughmore Castleiney and

Eire Óg Nenagh every success today and I am sure they will provide us with a game to be remembered.

The meeting of Clonoulty Rossmore and Thurles Sarsfields in the County Final for the Dan Breen Cup is eagerly anticipated and whilst Sarsfields will start as favourites the men from Clonoulty Rossmore will not be concerned and I am looking forward to a memorable game.

We continue with our honouring of the victorious senior team from twenty five years ago and today's team Moycarkey Borris will be presented to the public and will have a day of revisiting fond memories from their past. I wish all involved an enjoyable and memorable day.

Best wishes to our referees for today's finals, Keith Delahunty and Philly Ryan and their officials.

Finally without the use of Semple Stadium for the concluding stages of our senior hurling championship, we would have had great trouble in advancing our fixtures to reach today's conclusion, my thanks to Philly Butler and his staff who have kept the pitch in such immaculate condition at all times.

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*Cathaoirleach Chontae
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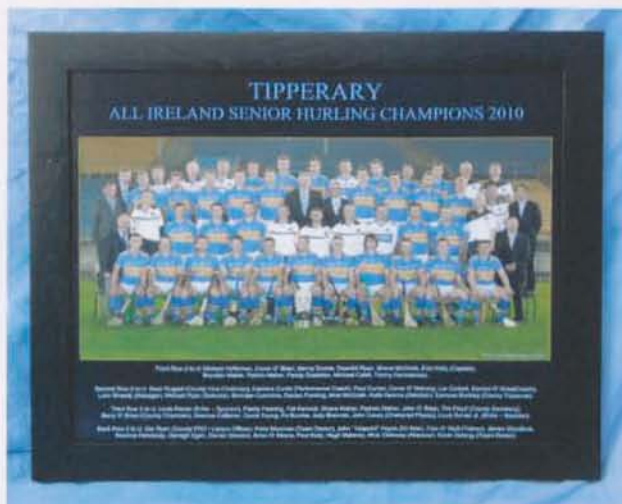


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Clár an Lae

- 12.43 Nenagh Éire Óg team on to field
 12.45 Loughmore-Castleiney team on to field
 1.00 **Throw-in for Séamus Ó Riain Cup Final**
LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY v. NENÁGH ÉIRE ÓG
Réiteoir: PHIL RYAN (Knockavilla Kickhams)
 1.30 Half-time in Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final
 (Entertainment by Sean Treacy's Pipe Band)
 1.40 Second Half of Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final commences.
 2.10 End of Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final
 2.20 Presentation of the Seamus Ó Riain Cup to winning Captain
 followed by presentation of 'Man of the Match Award'
 sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller, Cahir.
 2.25 Presentation of Moycarkey-Borris 1982 and 1994 County Champions
 2.43 Thurles Sarsfields team on to field
 2.45 Clonoulty Rossmore team on to field
 2.54 Paráid na bhFoireann
 2.58 Amhrán na bhFiann (sung by Noirín Ní Riain)

3.00 **Throw-in for County Senior Hurling Final**
CLONOULTY ROSSMORE
v. THURLES SARSFIELDS

Réiteoir: KEITH DELAHUNTY (Moyle Rovers)



- 3.30 Half-time of Senior Hurling Final
 3.40 Second half of Senior Hurling Final commences
 4.10 End of County Senior Hurling Final
 4.20 Presentation of Dan Breen Trophy to winning Captain by Barry O'Brien,
 Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of the 'Man of the
 Match Award' sponsored by John Quirke Jeweller, Cahir.

Buíochas

We hope you enjoy reading today's programme. It has been produced with the assistance of Ger Ryan (County PRO), Tim Floyd (County Secretary), Tom Maher (Assistant County Secretary), Liam Ó Donnchú and the officers in all four clubs. Many thanks to all those who contributed material for today's programme – Seamus O'Doherty, Noel Dundon, Christy O'Connor, Jackie Cahill, Shane Brophy, Michael Dundon, Eamon Wynne, Ed Donnelly, Pat Bracken, Seamus Ó Dubhagáin, P. J. Maxwell, J. J. Kennedy, Josephine Cahill and John Coman. A special word of thanks to Bridget Delaney, Jerry Ring, Tom Ryan Casey and Sportsfile for photographs.

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Today's Referees

KEITH DELAHUNTY

(Moyle Rovers)

THIS AFTERNOON'S referee **Keith Delahunty** is making history as the first ever Moyle Rovers man to referee the senior hurling final.

Having taken up the whistle first in 1988, Keith took a sabbatical for a decade, before returning to the fold in 1998. Since then, he has refereed divisional and county finals at all levels, with this being his first senior final. He also refereed the All-Ireland Ladies Football Final this year and is thrilled to have had such a great end to the 2010 season.

Of course Keith has been involved in Moyle Rovers for many years on a whole variety of committees and has been one of the driving forces behind making them one of the premier clubs in the south division. He would love to see his club contest a senior hurling final one day – who knows, perhaps soon.

Keith and his team are really looking forward to a great occasion. They will watch some of the curtain raiser between Loughmore Castleiney and Nenagh Éire Óg in the Ó Riain Cup Final, before heading for the dressing-rooms to ready themselves for the big game.

Congratulations to Keith on being a history maker – he and his team are wished well for the final.

Umpires: Seanie Lonergan, Paul Byrne, Stephen Aylward, Paul O'Connor.

Linesmen: Noel Cosgrove (Marfield), Paddy Ivors (Ballingarry). **Sideline Official:** Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch).



Respective Captains Tom Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore) and Paddy McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) meet with Referee Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers) at the County Senior Hurling Final Launch at Lár na bPáirce.
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

PHIL RYAN

(Knockavilla Kickhams)

PHIL RYAN is refereeing for 10 years and lives in Donaskeigh and one of six referees in the Knockavilla club. He is married to Susan and they have two sons, Declan 10 and Patrick 17 years, who won an U16 All-Ireland hurling title with Tipperary last year.

Phil was a selector for the past two years on the U16 panel when they won two Tony Forristal Tournaments. He has refereed all finals in the West Division including Senior Football and Hurling.

Umpires: Christy Camplon, Pat Ryan, John Ryan, Mark Ryan.

Linesmen: John O'Brien (Arravale Rovers),

John Ryan (Bob) (Cashel King Cormacs).

Sideline Official: Tom Dawson (Éire Óg Annacarty).



Amhrán na bhFiann

The National Anthem will be sung today by **Norin Ryan, Clonoulty.**

Noirin, Ballymore House, Clonoulty is a qualified occupational Therapist and has a keen interest in Music and Sport. She won the 2010 Munster Scór Sinsear solo song competition.

She also plays camogie (centre forward) with the recently crowned County Junior 'A' champions, Clonoulty. She is a cousin of Tom and Thomas Butler who play on the Clonoulty Senior Hurling team today.



Noirin Ryan, Clonoulty, pictured with her parents Breda and Tom after winning the 2010 Munster Final in Senior Scór solo song competition in Ballybunion.

*Dismiss*

CLONOULTY ROSSMORE

at your perilBy: NOEL DUNDON
(Tipperary Star)

IT'S COUNTY Senior Hurling Final day – the showpiece of Tipperary hurling; the biggest day in the club calendar; the cream of The Premier County lashing it out to see who will take home the famed Dan Breen Cup.

There is always something very special about County Final day in Semple Stadium. At this time of the year most other pitches are beginning to show signs of a long season with wear and tear evident. The goalmouths will be mucky and worn, the grass perhaps bare in some parts, clumpy in others. But, take a look at the perfect sward running from tramline to tramline across Semple Stadium and you will see the best hurling grounds in the country bar none – a huge testimony to the work of the staff led by Caretaker Philly Butler.

When the race for the county championship started back in late April/early May, all senior teams had this date etched on their brains. Granted, there are only an elite few clubs who could really count themselves as contenders – Sarsfields and Clonoulty Rossmore being amongst them – but, by and large, every club has their target and a place in the County Final would be ultimate one.

A lot of teams have fallen by the wayside – some would genuinely have expected to be here this afternoon, but are not. The season has turned up a few surprises, a few shocks, and even a few predictable results as well. However, the stark reality is that only two teams can make it to the final and in the defending champions Sarsfields, and four-in-a-row West championship winners Clonoulty Rossmore, we have two



Thurles Sarsfields full-back Kevin O'Gorman leads the chase with Toomevara's Michael Bevans and Willie Ryan challenging.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



deserving teams who have fought their way to the final.

Title challengers Clonoulty Rossmore have had a very positive season so far and they will really fancy their chances against the Thurles lads. They have hurled with purpose all year long and will feel that the games against Kildangan and Burgess in the county series will really have brought them on, having had an eight week lay-off after the West final.

The underdogs tag will suit these lads down to the ground and they will feel that if they can hit top gear they can finish the job they failed to do in 2008 when they took Sarsfields to a replay and extra time at semi-final stage.

T. J. Ryan, Conor Gleeson, Andrew Fryday and Micheál Ryan have been emphasising the need for their players to grasp the opportunity presented to them. Their preparations have been good and they will have a right crack off Sarsfields.

It's a rather unusual position for Sarsfields to be in. They are defending the title for the first time in 45 years – Patsy Dorney being the last man to successfully lead them to retaining the cup back in 1965 – Jimmy Doyle had raised the Dan Breen in '64.

That sense of history won't bother the current crop though, and while many of their players have been highly decorated already this season at national level, they will all tell you that club is what really counts. It is where you start out; it is where you will finish up; it is where brother stands beside brother, cousin beside cousin, neighbour beside neighbour. It is about a sense of identity and for a club like Sarsfields which has worked so hard over the last twenty years or so to get to the top in Tipperary, it is about staying at the top.

The Thurles lads received a death row pardon



John O'Keeffe, Clonoulty Rossmore, has his way blocked by Hugh Flannery and Paraic Kelly, Kildangan in County semi-final.

(Photo: Jerry Ring)

in the semi-final clash with Toomevara and will line-up in the parade this afternoon knowing that they could easily have been watching from the stands. But, the game is never over until the final whistle and while Sarsfields claim that the manner of the win over Toome' was as sweet as they come, giving the huge rivalry between the sides, it was indeed a bitter blow to Tommy Dunne's charges.

So, Sarsfields are hot favourites to win the County Final then – so too were Kilkenny to win the All-Ireland. Tipp folk were amazed that national commentators and scribes gave The Premier County no chance against the five-in-a-row seeking Cats – the lesson should have been learned. Why then are people being so dismissive of Clonoulty Rossmore's chances this afternoon? If they can produce a Tipperary-like performance of intensity, discipline and determination, they too will take some beating.

Let's hope we have a game befitting the occasion – a County Final to convince the world that club hurling in Tipperary is alive and well.

Enjoy the games.



County Final Top Scorers 1960-2009

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

- 1960 Tom Ryan (Toomevara) 0-9
 1961 Kevin Houlihan (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-0
 1962 Paddy Coman (Moycarkey -Borris) 1-1
 1963 Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-8
 1964 Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-4
 1965 Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-4 *Draw*
 Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-6 *Replay*
 1966 Mick Roche (Carrick Davins) 1-5
 1967 Mick Roche (Carrick Davins) 0-8
 1968 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) 0-7
 1969 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) 1-5
 1970 Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-8
 1971 Martin O'Grady (Moyne Templetuohy) 1-1
 1972 Joe Cunningham (Roscrea) 2-5
 1973 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) 1-4
 1974 John Bourke (Thurles Sarsfields) 2-1
 1975 Philip Ryan (Moneygall) 1-6 *Draw*
 Philip Ryan (Moneygall) 1-4 *Replay*
 1976 Philip Ryan (Moneygall) 0-6
 & Peadar Quealy (Roscrea) 2-0
 1977 Pat Kavanagh (Borrislileigh) 1-2 & Seamus
 Hennessy (Kilruane Mac Donaghs) 0-5 *Draw*
 Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane Mac Donaghs)
 1-1 *Replay*
 1978 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) 1-11
 1979 Seamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonaghs) 0-8
 1980 Francis Loughnane (Roscrea) 1-7
 1981 Noel O'Dwyer (Borrislileigh) 0-8
 1982 John Flanagan (Moycarkey
 Borris) 0-7 *Draw*
 John Flanagan (Moycarkey
 Borris) 1-5 *Replay*
 1983 Pat McGrath (Loughmore
 Castleiney) 0-8
 1984 John Flanagan (Moycarkey
 Borris) 1-3
 1985 Eamonn O'Shea (Kilruane Mac Donaghs) 1-4
 1986 Philip Kenny (Borrislileigh) 0-6
 1987 Pat McGrath (Loughmore Castleiney) 1-8
 1988 Noel O'Dwyer (Borrislileigh) 0-4 *Draw*
 Noel O'Dwyer and Seamus
 Devaney (Borrislileigh) 0-4 each *Replay*
 1989 Kevin Ryan (Clonoulty Rossmore) and Stephen
 Dwan (Hollycross Ballycahill) 0-4 each
 1990 Tommy Grogan (Cashel KC) 0-6
 1991 Tommy Grogan (Cashel KC) 1-4
 1992 Seamus Quinn (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-2 *Draw*
 Connie Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-5 *Replay*
 1993 Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-9



Noel O'Dwyer

- 1994 Thomas Dunne (Toomevara) 1-4
 1995 Michael Cleary (Nenagh Eire Óg) 0-8
 1996 Philip O'Dwyer (Boherlahan Dualla) 1-3
 Aidan Flanagan (Boherlahan Dualla) 0-6
 Kevin Kennedy (Toomevara) 2-0
 1997 Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty Rossmore) and
 John Leahy (Mullinahone) 0-7 each.
 1998 Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty Rossmore) 0-6
 1999 Thomas Dunne (Toomevara) 1-7
 2000 John O'Brien (Toomevara) 2-2
 2001 John Enright (Thurles Sarsfields) 1-9
 2002 Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone)
 0-4 *Draw*
 Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone)
 2-7 *Replay*
 2003 Lar Corbett (Thurles
 Sarsfields) 2-1
 2004 Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara)
 2-3.
 2005 Seamus Butler (Drom Inch)
 0-11
 2006 John O'Brien (Toomevara) 1-4 and
 Ken Dunne (Toomevara) 0-7.
 2007 Evan Sweeney
 (Loughmore Castleiney)
 0-9.
 2008 Johnny Enright (Thurles
 Sarsfields) 0-13
 2009 Johnny Enright (Thurles
 Sarsfields) 0-5



Some previous meetings

Thurles Sarsfields and Clonoulty Rossmore have been occasional opponents in the championship, meeting at the quarter-final and semifinal stages of the championship.

Their meetings resulted as follows:

- 1992 Q/F Thurles Sarsfields 0-6,
 Clonoulty Rossmore 0-5
 2002 Q/F Thurles Sarsfields 2-12,
 Clonoulty Rossmore 1-14
 2008 S/F Thurles Sarsfields 1-14,
 Clonoulty Rossmore 0-17 (Draw)
 2008 S/F Thurles Sarsfields 2-22,
 Clonoulty Rossmore 1-20 (Replay AET)

Today's clash is their first County Final meeting.



JOHN: 13



By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

TWO YEARS ago I was watching a Kilkenny club hurling game in Freshford and by half time, the referee had managed to make himself unpopular with both sets of supporters. I turned to my right and asked former Kilkenny midfielder Mick Lawlor (1969 team) who his favourite referee was during his own playing career. Without hesitation he said "John Moloney from Tipperary". Mick went on to give me his reasons and found it strange that the farmer from Bansha had only refereed one All-Ireland senior hurling final (1974) during his long career.

John was also a superb football referee and his ability was acknowledged there, when he received appointments for five All-Ireland finals (1967, 1969, 1973, 1975 and 1977).

Anyway, on the journey home from the match, I thought of John and his career. He refereed Inter-Firm and Carnival/Festival games for decades, while his passion for Colleges games was such that he clocked up over thirty years of service and for all of those games he never got around to submitting an expense claim. I've been told by several people who were there that his comment was generally on the lines of "where would ye get money to pay expenses?". The Munster Colleges' Council honoured him after three decades of service and he was overcome by the tributes. As a club man, he was tremendous and his interview in the GAA Annual "Our Games" about forty years ago, in which he emphasised that as an under age mentor his philosophy was always to play fairly, even at the risk of losing, is still recalled.

John brought those sentiments with him into refereeing and he soon became the face of that much loved official in Tipperary. He often explained that he picked up players' names as early in a game as he could, so that if he was speaking to an inter-county player and an opponent who wasn't, he didn't make a distinction and could greet both by their first

names before admonishing them. He felt that every player was entitled to that courtesy.

In the fashion of the time, he wore a peak cap for much of his career and was one of the early pioneers in the fashion stakes sporting the brilliant all white kit, before changing to all black, as the years moved on and new trends emerged. The sight of such a tall man striding majestically, indicating a free against you by pointing a hand and blowing his whistle was often enough to convince mean corner backs of the error of their ways.

John refereed his first Tipperary county Final in 1966 on the historic day that Carrick Davins won their first county title, beating Lorrha rather comfortably, with Mick Roche dictating the game at midfield, from where he scored eight points. Coincidentally that was the first County Final I attended and despite having been at all of them since I still have special memories of that November day.

Having 'arrived' on the big stage, John soon took over from the long serving Jim Stapleton, Tommy Foran, Philly Ryan and Bob Stakelum, to become Tipperary's top referee.

John refereed every county hurling final from 1966 to 1972 (during which there were first County titles for Davins, Roscrea and Moyne Templeuoahy), came back again in 1974 (Sarsfields beat Silvermines), handled the draw and replay (for Kilruane's first win) in 1977, their three in-a-row victory over Sarsfields in 1979 and Borrisleigh's win over Loughmore Castleiney in 1983, before handling his last in 1989.

That final proved how popular John was, because although he hailed from the same Division as one of the finalists, Clonoulty Rossmore (captained by T.J. Ryan), their opponents Holycross Ballycahill had no objection to his refereeing of the final and there was no criticism afterwards, despite their two point loss. That game was John's 13th Tipperary County Hurling Final as a referee (including one replay), which was an incredible contribution when you consider it.

consider it.

The Galtee Rovers man set refereeing standards in Tipperary and his influence was significant in producing the number and quality of Premier whistlers over the past four decades. They inherited a rich tradition from John and those, who went before him. I always think of him on County Final Day and today will be no exception.



Referee John Moloney, Tipperary, prepares to toss the coin in front of Limerick captain Sean Foley (left) and Kilkenny captain Nicky Orr prior to the 1974 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Final at Croke Park.

(Photo: Connolly Collection / Sportfile)



What the Scribes say



The scribblers of County Tipperary have watched very closely as the the championship unfolded this season and are perfectly placed to give their views on the big game. They say the pen is mightier than the sword – let's see if it is mightier than the camán though. Sarsfields it seems are the scribes favourites – can Clonoulty Rossmore change next week's headlines?

Eamonn Wynne (Clonmel Nationalist)

THIS HAS the makings of an intriguing County Final. Clonoulty go into the game with nothing to lose and all the pressure will be on strong favourites Sarsfields.

The West Tipp champions are appearing in their first final in 12 years and they'll hope to make the most of the opportunity. John O'Neill is back to something approaching his best form following that long lay-off through injury and he was instrumental in their semi-final victory over Kildangan.

Midfielder John O'Keeffe is another key player in their line-up, as are county senior panellist Timmy Hammersley and the experienced John Devane.

A Thurles Sarsfields victory would secure back-to-back titles for the first time since 1965 (when they won five-in-a-row) and re-establish the club as the dominant force in the county.

Their team is sprinkled with county senior and U-21 stars including Hurler of the Year Lar Corbett; Padraic Maher, Michael Cahill, Pa Bourke and Kevin O'Gorman. When you add experienced campaigners such as Johnny Enright, Patrick McCormack and Michael Gleeson to the mix they appear to hold all the aces.

Having survived a real scare against Toomevara in the semi-final it's difficult to see Sarsfields slipping up.



Michael Dundon (Tipperary Star)

SARSFIELDS go into Sunday's county senior hurling final as the bookies' favourites, but Clonoulty-Rossmore will quickly point out that Kilkenny too were deemed unbeatable in the All-Ireland this year, and, to our delight, we all know what happened then.

This is a final which holds out great promise of a hurling treat. Both sides have quality forwards who should flourish in the open spaces of the stadium. Timmy Hammersley, John O'Neill, Thomas Butler are players with a promising Tipperary future ahead of them. Even without "Redser", Sarsfields have immense scoring potential in the presence of Hurler of the Year Larry Corbett, Pa Bourke, Denis Maher, all All-Ireland medal winners this year.

How each side copes with curbing these talents will determine the outcome. Consequently, the defences will have a big role to play. John Devane's leadership will be crucial to the Clonoulty rearguard action, while Padraig Maher, extremely unlucky not to be named an All-Star again this year, is a towering figure at the heart of the Thurles backline.





Sarsfields would appear to have more options available to them when it comes to looking to a key player to turn the tide in their favour, but Clonoulty-Rossmore have a unity of purpose about them that has stood well to them in this campaign. They need to address their slow starts to recent games but in their favour is their self-belief which has seen them through this short-coming so far. For their part, Sarsfields, too often, have got into winning positions, only to find themselves struggling to survive at the end.

Both have room to improve, and the title will go to the side which puts the lessons of the championship to date, to best use. -

Shane Brophy (*Nenagh Guardian*)

IN WHAT is a historic year for Tipperary hurling, this year's county senior hurling final provides a glimpse of what could be another golden era for the county.

Protagonists Thurles Sarsfields and Clonoulty/Rossmore possess relatively young panels with the strong likelihood that this could be the first of many showpiece finals between the clubs in the coming years.

In what is Sarsfields fourth final appearance in six years, they have begun to re-establish a trend of getting to county finals which more often than not they come away with the silverware.

Clonoulty/Rossmore would be close to where Thurles Sarsfields were in 2008 with a young side looking to make the breakthrough.

Both sides contain players of serious talent who we would expect to appear as teammates on Tipperary teams for many years to come, but for today, it is for the love of the parish that will be inspiring them.

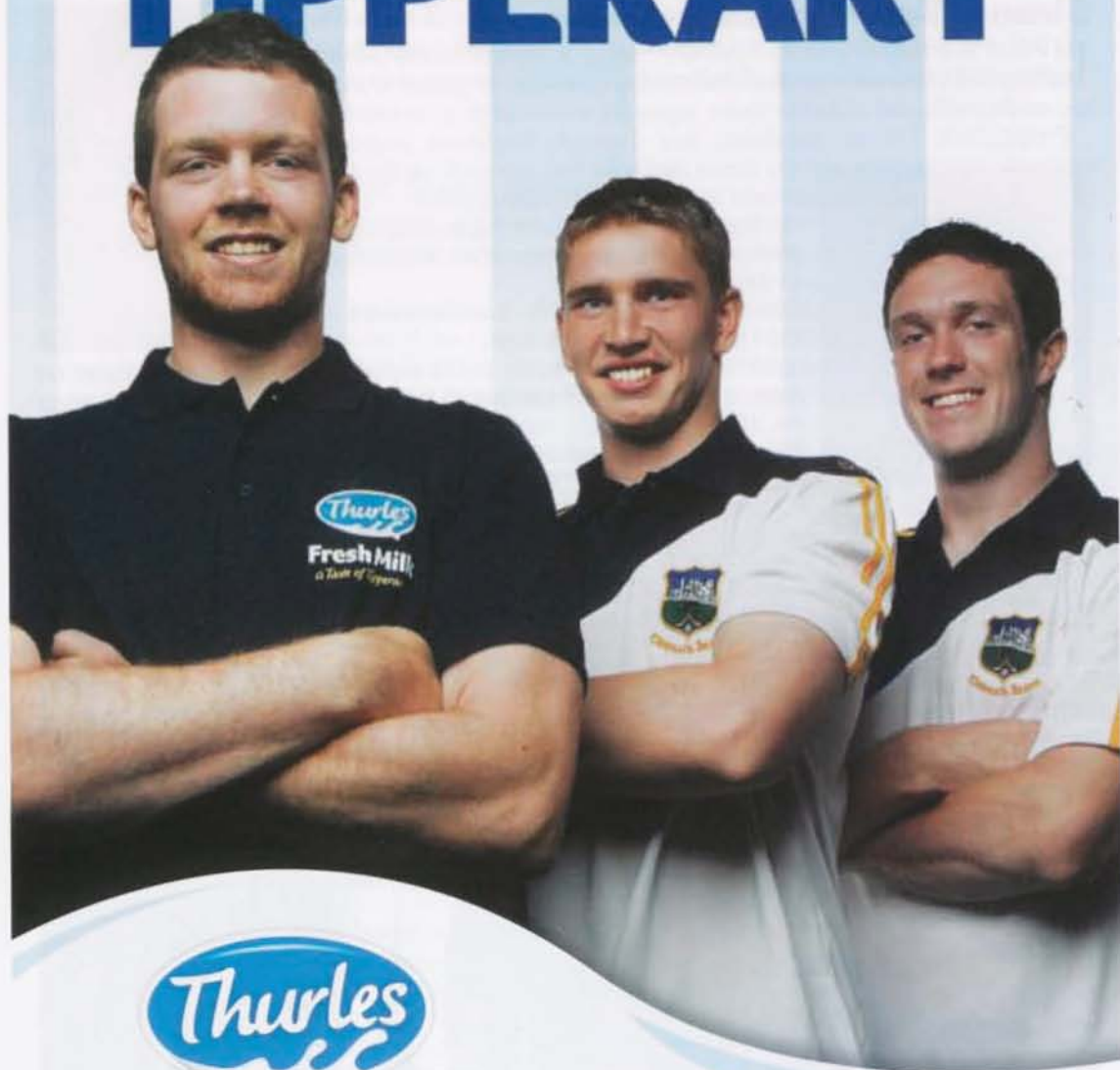


The Tipperary Co. Board in conjunction with the Tipperary Star and Young's of the Ragg honour Moycarkey-Borris, the County Senior Hurling Champions of 1982 and 1984 at Semple Stadium today. The members of the victorious panels will be given a reception at the Dome at 12 noon and will be guests of the Co. Board at the finals. At 2.25 pm they will be led onto the field and introduced to the crowd. After the games they will be taken to Young's, the Ragg, for dinner. Following the meal they will be made a presentation by the Tipperary Star. The occasion should be a great opportunity for the players to reminisce about their great exploits on the field of play nearly 30 years ago. See pages 50-55.



Moycarkey-Borris who won the County SHC Finals of 1982 and 1984 will be honoured on County Hurling Final Day at Semple Stadium jointly sponsored by Tipperary Star and The Ragg. Present at the launch (from left): Pat Carey (Tipperary Star), John Costigan (Organising Committee), Donal Young (The Ragg), Timmy Floyd (County Board Secretary), Pat Flanagan (Moycarkey-Borris Chairman), Seamus King (Organising Committee Chairman) and Michael Dundon (Tipperary Star Editor). (Photo: Bridget Delaney)

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My ALL-IRELAND

JOHN LONERGAN – Bansha and Kilmacud Crokes

THIS YEAR'S All Ireland Senior Hurling Final was not just one of the best All Irelands that I ever saw, it was one of the most amazing and brilliant sporting occasions I ever witnessed. Of course, Tipperary winning the All Ireland was great and stopping our greatest rivals making history was the icing on the cake, but what took place in Croke Park on the first Sunday in September was way bigger than winning or losing a hurling final. It was a very special day indeed, one that will remain with me for ever. It had everything that's best in sport; outstanding sportsmanship, extraordinary courage and commitment, physical and mental toughness, speed of thought, mind and body, brilliant scores, excitement in abundance and a tension that felt unreal, and even the rain played a part in making it even a greater test of skill and endurance. And then two incidents that couldn't be scripted, firstly, the spontaneous applause of the Tipperary supporters as Henry Shefflin was leaving the field injured – I was never prouder to be a Tipperary man, and secondly, when Liam Sheedy and his selectors made the magnanimous decision to introduce Benny Dunne as a second half substitute and thereby restoring a great servant of Tipperary hurling to his rightful place. A most wonderful ending to a uniquely Irish occasion.



GER RYAN – County PRO/Team Liaison Officer

AS TEAM liaison officer, my job on the day was to make sure all the travel arrangements for the team worked. We are creatures of habit at this stage so the routine is pretty predictable – meet in Portlaoise, travel to our hotel in Stillorgan, go to Clanna Gael Fontenoys in Ringsend for the warm-up and then onto Croke Park. So thanks to the Gardaí, we got everywhere on time. I could relax once we arrived at Croke Park, savour the wonderful atmosphere and "enjoy" the game.

As the game neared its end, it was time to put on the PRO hat again. Marty Morrissey came to my seat and brought me onto the sideline with less than 10 minutes left – he said "you need to help me get an interview with Liam Sheedy". It was then I realised that we were going to win. And what a feeling – relief, joy, ecstasy, thrill for all the players and management. The hours after the game were amazing – meeting everybody involved, the media interviews, the great Mickey "Rattler" Byrne calling to the dressing room and then heading back to the Burlington Hotel with a new passenger – the Liam MacCarthy Cup. It was simply wonderful, a day I will never forget.



MICK CLOHESSY – Team Masseur

SUPPOSE, having been involved with the team, as their masseur for some time, I would have been very much aware of the huge level of intensity, commitment, dedication and professionalism that each member of the panel would have brought with him to training each night. These traits, along with the fierce sense of passion and family, instilled by Liam, Eamon and Mick, combined to create the magnificent performance of Sept 5th. Personally, I felt a great sense of pride in the team. To see Eoin raise the cup in the Hogan stand and listen to Festy's rendition of "The Galtee Mountain Boy", or to witness Lar Corbetts hat-trick, are memories that I will cherish always. Something else that I will never forget, is the massive lift, the victory gave to Tipperary people everywhere. With so much doom and gloom prevailing at the moment, this win provided a much needed positive talking point throughout the county. I will always remember the camaraderie we shared within the backroom team. Friendships have been forged between the backroom, the players and management that will never be broken, and for that, I feel especially privileged.





SEAMUS Ó RIAIN CUP – Results

Round 1:	Roscrea..... 2-18	Cappawhite 2-10
	Cashel King Cormacs..... 3-16	JK Brackens 1-20
	Loughmore-Castleiney 4-18	Moneygall 3-10
	Nenagh Eire Óg..... 4-30	Golden-Kilfeacle 2-4
	Templederry Kenyons 1-18	Ballingarry..... 1-15
	Kilruane Mac Donaghs..... 4-20	Boherlahan-Dualla..... 3-17
	Lorrha-Dorrha..... 2-11	Ballybacon/Grange 1-13
	Portroe..... 1-21	Moycarkey-Borris..... 1-19
Quarter-Finals:	Templederry Kenyons 2-24	Portroe..... 2-12
	Nenagh Eire Óg 4-19	Lorrha-Dorrha 0-4
	Loughmore-Castleiney 5-22	Cashel King Cormacs 0-20
	Roscrea..... 2-19	Kilruane Mac Donaghs..... 1-11
Semi-Finals:	Loughmore-Castleiney 3-13	Roscrea..... 2-13
	Nenagh Eire Óg 0-24	Templederry Kenyons..... 1-6
FINAL:	Loughmore-Castleiney	Nenagh Eire Óg

The curtain raiser today will be the final of the Séamus Ó Riain Cup Senior Hurling Competition as Loughmore-Castleiney take on Nenagh Eire Óg.

It is fitting that his memory is honoured as he was for many years one of the leading GAA officials, serving as GAA President from 1967 to 1970.

Séamus was President of the Tipperary County Board from 1990 up to his death in 2007.



Séamus Ó Riain, R.I.P.



Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney battle for Ó Riain Cup glory



By: SHANE BROPHY
(Nenagh Guardian)

IT IS THE third year of the O'Riain Cup and while clubs are thankful for the second chance to extend their hurling season, the final itself remains problematic, particularly in terms of timing.

While today's final between Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore/Castleiney is an enticing appetiser as a curtain-raiser to the Dan Breen Cup final, both clubs would have had serious ambitions of being in the big one itself.

Ideally, the County Board would have liked to have played the final of this competition before both Nenagh and Loughmore re-entered the main championship proper but as has been the case in 2008 and 2009, the prolonged run by Tipperary teams in all grades at inter-county level has seen a congested finish to the senior championship which has meant the final has been deferred until the protagonists have finished their Dan Breen campaign.

The main aim of reaching the O'Riain Cup final was achieved for both Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore/Castleiney when they re-entered the main championship proper but it didn't work out as planned with both failing to challenge for the Dan Breen Cup.

Nenagh's poor North championship campaign which saw them win just one of four group games saw them into the O'Riain Cup for the second time in three years.

They successfully navigated their way through the competition with big wins over Golden/Kilfeacle, Lorrha and Templederry Kenyon's to get to the final and with it, passage back into the main championship proper. However, their second chance came and went in their first game when going down to Mullinahone in the Last 12.

Loughmore performed slightly better in the Mid Championship but were eliminated at the quarter final stage by Drom & Inch which saw them into this competition.

Wins over Moneygall, Cashel King Cormacs and Roscrea saw them reach this stage. In the Dan Breen Cup, they took their second chance by edging out North Championship runners-up Borris-Ileigh but came up against a strong Thurles Sarsfields side who eliminated them at the quarter final stage of the main championship.

In many ways, for both sides, while a win would be the ideal way to end what by both clubs standards were disappointing years at senior hurling level, a win could lay a strong base from where both can build a challenge for divisional and county honours in 2011.



Present at the launch of the Seamus Ó Riain Cup Final involving Nenagh Éire Óg and Loughmore-Castleiney (from left): Gerard Ryan (County PRO), Tim Floyd (County Board Secretary), John Slattery (Nenagh Éire Óg Player), Jim Nagle (Nenagh Éire Óg Chairman) and Catherine Gleeson (North Board Treasurer).

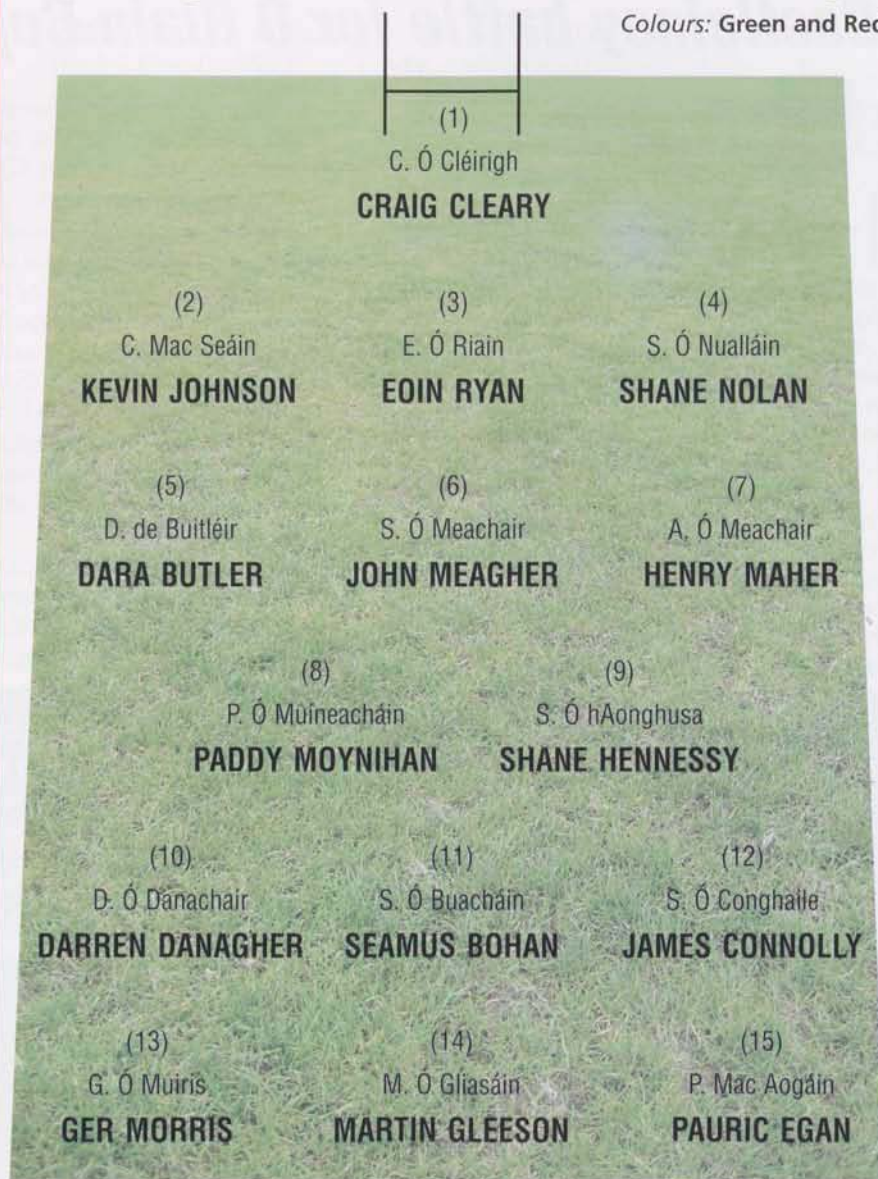


Loughmore/Castleiney

Colours: Green and Red

**Fir Ionaid:**

(16) A. N. O'Her

(17) C. Mac an Ghail
Kevin Stapleton(19) T. Ó Coinn
Thomas Quinn(20) R. Ó Meachair
Richard Maher(21) E. Mac Grath
Eamonn McGrath(22) C. Ó Conaill
Kevin O'Connell(23) C. Ó Cathla
Kieran Kiely(24) B. Mac Craith
Brian McGrath**MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Declan Laffan, Noel Morris, Ned Ryan.

Masseuse: Cathy Doran.

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



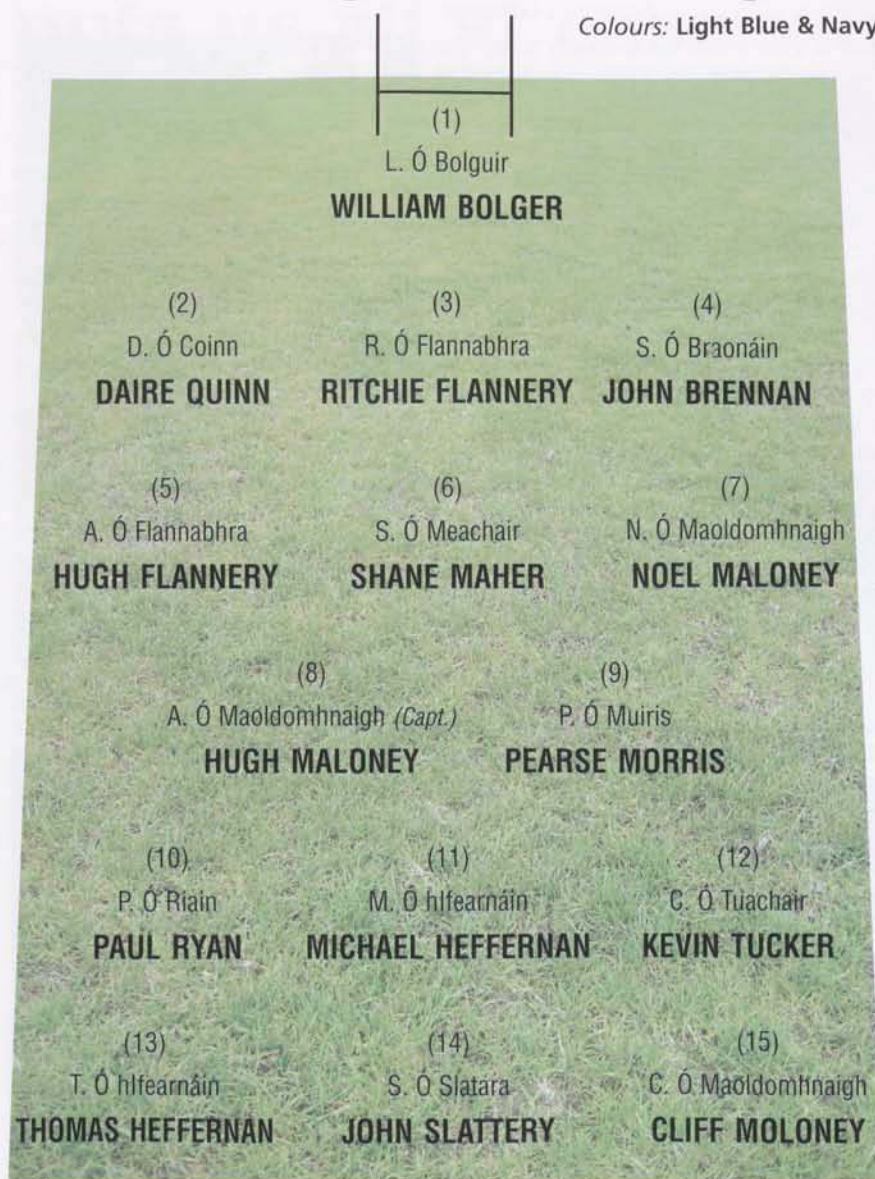
Nenagh Éire Óg

Colours: Light Blue & Navy



Fir Ionaid:

- (16) M. Mac Conmara
Michael McNamara
- (17) M. Ó Flannabhra
Mark Flannery
- (18) A. Ó Ceallaigh
Alan Kelly
- (19) M. Ó hEidhin
Michael Hynes
- (20) E. Mac Gíobúin
Eoin Fitzgibbon
- (21) S. Ó Flannabhra
John Flannery
- (22) E. Ó Tuachair
Eddie Tucker
- (23) B. Ó Meiscill
Brian Maxwell
- (24) M. Tuite
Mark Tuite
- (25) S. Ó Riain
Stephen Ryan
- (26) S. Mac Geibheannaigh
Sean Geaney
- (27) S. Ó hÉili
Sean Healy
- (28) D. Ó Cleirigh
David Cleary
- (29) M. de Grás
Mark Grace
- (30) B. Ó Coinn
Brian Quinn
- (31) D. Ó hIfeárnáin
Donncha Heffernan
- (32) S. Mac Geibheannaigh
Joe Geaney
- (33) E. Ó Dorchaí
Edward Darcy



MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager: Sean Treacy. Selectors: Neilly Corbett, Donie O'Brien, Declan Bailey.
Doctor: Paul O'Farrell. First Aid: Noreen Kelly Ryan.
Physio: Brian Fitzgibbon. Logistics: Matt Lillis.

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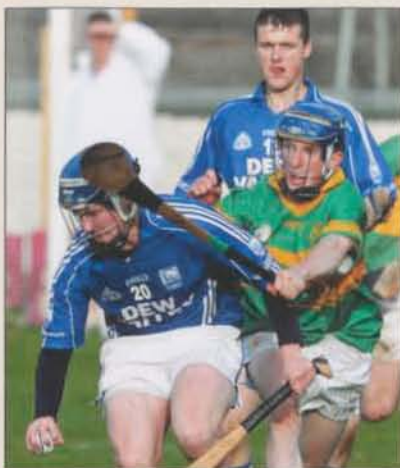
Last championship meeting

By Seamus O'Doherty

THE CLUBS played a draw in the 2008 county semi-final at Semple Stadium on October 5th 2008, in a game that was notable for the high scoring of Timmy Hammersley with 0-11 for Clonoulty/Rossmore and Pa Bourke on 1-8 for Thurles Sarsfields. The match featured several missed chances by both teams and Sarsfields led by 1-5 to 0-6 at half-time. The equalising score was a point from Thomas Butler in injury time and the West Champions were unlucky not to be awarded a match winning free before the end. The full-time score was Sarsfields 1-14, Clonoulty Rossmore 0-17.

The replay a week later, at the same venue, attracted an attendance of 2,912 and the final place against Toomevara was keenly sought. Clonoulty Rossmore led at half time by 1-7 to 1-6. John Enright's introduction produced five pointed frees, but despite that contribution, Sarsfields trailed by 1-16 to 1-11 with only six minutes to go. Declan O'Dwyer had saved well from Enright half way through, which should have inspired his team to victory. Alas, Clonoulty Rossmore were unable to hold on and Richie Ruth's equaliser four minutes into added time brought the teams level at 1-16 each.

Lar Corbett's goal was the key extra time score and Sarsfields went on to claim victory by 2-22 to 1-20. Pa Bourke was their top scorer on 0-7, while Timmy Hammersley landed 1-11 for the losers – 0-9 x frees and 1 x '65'.



Richie Ruth gains possession in the 2008 replayed semi-final.

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Order of Malta's presence puts us all at ease

By: NOEL DUNDON

THURLES SARSFIELDS were cruising to their thirtieth County Senior Hurling title as full time approached in their clash with Drom-Inch twelve months ago. Emotions in Semple Stadium were very mixed – Thurles people on a high; Drom-Inch folk in the depths of despair. But, in the blink of an eye all were united as Drom-Inch captain James Woodlock tumbled to the ground in severe pain.

Looking back now the horror of Woodlock's injury shocked everyone – he has failed to lineout since, but is, thankfully making a full recovery.

However, while many in the stand turned their faces away from the sickening double leg break, the Thurles Order of Malta members who rushed to his assistance faced the horror head on and just got on with the job. You see, they have been trained to the highest level to put aside their emotions, render assistance and deal with the many emergencies which may crop up on big match day here in Semple Stadium. They've been doing it for years.

This afternoon, the Order of Malta will have upwards of sixteen members on duty in the Field of Legends, spread out across the two stands and the dugouts. And, while most people witness them in action on the field dealing with injured players, much of their work with patrons who may fall ill goes unnoticed.

There are two ambulances here this afternoon with specialist ambulance drivers, of which there are about ten in the Thurles unit. Throw in the AED's who specialise in dealing with heart complaints, and the many members who offer assistance in so many ways and it is clear to see that the Order of Malta have Semple Stadium well covered.

Anyone who has had cause to call on the Order of Malta really appreciate their efforts and that appreciation is reflected in the level of support for the Thurles unit witnessed in their recent collections and fundraising ventures, the purpose of which is to build an ambulance base and headquarters at Borroway, Thurles. The ambulance base was opened two weeks ago and at present the HQ is half way up – everything to date has been



paid for fully.

The Thurles unit has about 50 senior members and up to 45 cadets learning the ropes. Indeed, the unit is bucking the national trend as it continues to hold it's own, while other units suffer declining numbers, especially over the last decade or so.

Perhaps this is due to the workload on the Thurles unit – members get plenty of opportunity to be involved in frontline activity. Between Semple Stadium, Thurles Racecourse, all the GAA venues around the Mid Tipperary division, and basically anywhere there is a large gathering of people, the Order of Malta are likely to be there, doing their thing, nice and quietly, and without fuss.

They are used regularly by people trying to get loved ones home from hospital – HSE ambulances are not always available and the Thurles unit drivers swing into action on a completely voluntary basis. What a service.

This afternoon, Semple Stadium salutes the Order of Malta and thanks all of those who have served here down through the years. Your contribution to the GAA here in Mid Tipperary does not go without notice and your presence makes us all feel a little bit more at ease.

Mile Buiochas go leir.

The Order of Malta can be contacted for ambulance duty at 087-2390111. Donations to the fundraising venture can be made through any member and would be most welcome. New members also welcome by attending on Friday evenings between 8:00-9:00pm at the centre in Rossa Stree, Thurles.



Tipperary GAA Calendar 2011

The Friends of Tipperary Football are pleased to announce the production of the Official Tipperary GAA Calendar 2011

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The calendar, which will be available in November, will include photographs of all Tipperary teams from U-14 to Senior in both hurling and football and will also include a diary of all inter-county fixtures for 2011 and many other informative features

Membership for 2011 is €20 including complimentary Calendar and draw for €5,000



By: Christy O'Connor
(Sunday Times)

Tipperary's 2010 All-Stars

BRENDAN CUMMINS (*Ballybacon Grange*)

Undoubtedly one of the game's greatest goal-keepers. Behind Christy Ring, he is the player with the most hurling championship appearances (62). Would already be ahead of Ring if he hadn't been harshly dropped during the 2007 campaign. Bouncing back to win two All-Stars in three seasons sums up his class and quality.

PAUL CURRAN (*Mullinahone*)

Finally won his All-Star this season. Was outstanding in 2006 when just missing out on an award and had another fine season in 2008, when he displaced Declan Fanning at full-back, who had been the All-Star number 3 in

2007. Apart from one blip against Galway in the All-Ireland quarter-final, was excellent in Croke Park this season.

BRENDAN MAHER (*Borris-Ileigh*)

Was a revelation at centre field after a good rookie season in defence last year. Has power, athleticism, class and a good temperament. Was voted Young Hurler of the Year and could have been selected as Hurler of the Year. Brilliant player.

NOEL McGRATH (*Loughmore-Castleiney*)

After a fine debut season he didn't hit top stride until this summer's semi-final when his selection





Tipperary hurlers Brendan Maher (second from left) with his GAA Hurling All-Star Young Player of the Year award, and Lar Corbett (second from right) with his GAA Hurling All-Star Player of the Year award photographed with Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Criostúir Ó Cuana; Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport and Jeroen Hoencamp, CEO, Vodafone Ireland, during the 2010 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone.

(Photo: Ray McManus / Sportsfile)



at centre-forward was a masterstroke. Has everything except electric pace and his maturity and vision set him apart. Two All-Stars in his first two seasons are sufficient proof.

EINO KELLY (*Mullinahone*)

Dogged by injury, Kelly's form and resilience has been testament to his immense willpower and mental strength. Was highly influential in Tipp's three games in Croke Park and his freetaking the final was nerveless and first class on a wet day. A brilliant leader, one of Tipperary's greatest forwards.

LAR CORBETT (*Thurles Sarsfields*)

A mercurial player who has thrived in Tipp's more fluid attacking set-up. Proved his great eye for a goal and darting pace with a three goal blitz in the All-Ireland final. The fact that he did such damage from just seven plays in the All-Ireland final sums up his assassin's touch. Deserving Hurler of the Year.



Tipperary hurlers (from left): Eoin Kelly, Brendan Maher, Paul Curran, Lar Corbett, Noel McGrath and Brendan Cummins with their GAA Hurling All-Star Awards during the 2010 GAA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Vodafone, at Citywest Hotel. (Photo: Ray McManus / Sportsfile)



County Final MOMENTS

By Seamus O'Doherty

On this date



Moyné/Templetuohy captain, Jim Fogarty, receiving the County Senior Hurling Championship Cup following the 1971 final from County Chairman, the late Séamus Ó Riain.

THE LAST County Final which was played on this date produced a major surprise as Moyné Templetuohy beat four in a row chasing Roscrea, by 2-8 to 0-6, here on October 31st 1971. Moyné Templetuohy led by 0-4 to 0-3 at half-time and two second half goals by Martin Grady and Martin Troy turned the game decisively in their favour. It was their first and only County title win and their captain was full back Jim Fogarty from Killoran. Roscrea, who had been in championship action on three of the previous four Sundays recovered well and seven weeks later they won the inaugural All-Ireland Club title (1970 competition), beating St Rynagh's, Banagher, at Birr, by 4-5 to 2-5.

Green days

YOU MUST go back to 1995, when Boherlahan Dualla lost to Nenagh Éire Óg, for the last occasion that at least one team didn't wear green in the Tipperary county final.

Last draw

THE LAST Co. Final draw occurred in 2002 when Thurles Sarsfields and Mullinahone finished level on 0-14 each. Mullinahone won the replay by 2-10 to 1-11. The team was captained by Ky Vaughan.

No goals

THE MOST recent County final which failed to produce a goal was the all Mid decider of Thurles Sarsfields and Drom Inch last year. The Blues won by 0-14 to 0-5. Johnny Enright was the winning captain and he contributed five points to the winning tally. It was the third all Mid final in five seasons and Drom Inch were runners up each time.

Near misses

SEVEN Tipperary County Finals have been decided by a one point margin – and all occurred in the past fifty years:

- 1962 Thurles Sarsfields 1-7,
Moycarkey Borris 1-6
- 1976 Moneygall 1-9, Roscrea 2-5
- 1978 Kilruane Mac Donaghs 2-14,
Roscrea 2-13
- 1980 Roscrea 3-11,
Kilruane Mac Donaghs 2-13
- 1987 Cappawhite 1-17,
Loughmore Castleiney 2-13
- 1993 Toomevara 1-14, Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13
- 1996 Boherlahan Dualla 1-16,
Toomevara 2-12.

Rare achievements

IN THE fifty deciders and seven replays, between 1960 and 2009, there wasn't any player who scored three goals in the county final.

Going back further, from the first Dan Breen Cup final in 1931 up to 1951, Kilkenny city based hurling statistician Jim Fogarty has confirmed that three greens were registered by Martin Kennedy (3-1) for Toomevara in the 1931 final, Patrick Maher (3-0) for Thurles Sarsfields in the 1939 final, Paddy Madden (3-1) for Carrick Swan in the 1947 Final and Ned Gorman (3-0) Holycross Ballycahill in the 1951 decider. Topping the lot was Thomas Parsons from Cashel who scored 4-0 in the 1937



decider. Further checking and verification of the older records, which are not as comprehensive as nowadays, may reveal other achievers, who will be listed in next year's County Final Programme.

Men apart

SINCE THE Co. Board introduced its County Final Man of The Match Award in 1981 there has been only one winner from each of today's finalists.

In 1997 Michael 'Shiner' Heffernan was selected for his contribution to Clonoulty Rossmore's two point win over Mullinahone, while last year Padraic Maher became the first Thurles Sarsfields player to win the prestigious award, which has been sponsored for many years by John Quirke, Jeweller, Cahir.

Consistency

THE LAST time that a player emerged as top scorer in the Tipperary quarter-final, semi-final and final during the same year was in 1983. Pat McGrath displayed tremendous consistency by scoring 0-8 in each of the last three rounds of that year's championship. Loughmore Castleiney beat Cashel KC by 1-18 to 5-5 in the quarter-final at Boherlahan on August 28th.



Pat McGrath

They overcame Carrick Swan at the semi-final stage in Cashel on September 25th. Alas, there was no happy ending, as Borrislisleigh beat them in the County Final at Cashel on October 30th with a 0-17 to 1-11 scoreline. Incidentally, that was also the last occasion the County Final was not played at Semple Stadium, which was then being upgraded for the GAA Centenary Year, 1984.

Attendances

THE BIGGEST crowd at a Tipperary county final over the past twenty five years was the 20,000 plus, who came to see Clonoulty Rossmore and Holycross Ballycahill in the 1989 decider. That was also an All-Ireland winning year at Senior and Under 21 levels.



Since then the attendances were as follows:

1990	12,000 approx	Holycross Ballycahill v Cashel KC
1991	11,000 approx	Cashel KC v Holycross Ballycahill
1992	8,000 approx Draw	Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields
	8,600 Replay	
1993	7,000 approx	Toomevara v Nenagh Eire Og
1994	8,483	Toomevara v Cashel KC
1995	14,137	Nenagh Eire Óg v Boherlahan Dualla
1996	9,459	Boherlahan Dualla v Toomevara
1997	17,020	Clonoulty Rossmore v Mullinahone
1998	9,000 approx	Toomevara v Clonoulty Rossmore
1999	9,049	Toomevara v Nenagh Eire Óg
2000	8,500	Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields
2001	12,140	Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields
2002	9,900 Draw	Mullinahone v Thurles Sarsfields
	10,905 Replay	
2003	10,200	Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields
2004	8,300	Toomevara v Golden /Eire Óg
2005	12,710	Thurles Sarsfields v Drom Inch
2006	8,500	Toomevara v Nenagh Eire Óg
2007	6,898	Loughmore Castleiney v Drom Inch
2008	5,835	Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields
2009	9,967	Thurles Sarsfields v Drom Inch

Last time

THE LAST Mid v West County Final was played in 1991 and resulted – Cashel KC 2-8, Holycross Ballycahill (Champions) 1-5. The Kings not only avenged the previous year's defeat to the same opponents but went on to lift Munster honours and lost narrowly to Galway's Kiltormer in the All-Ireland semi-final, second replay, at Croke Park on St Patrick's Day 1992. Tipperary were All-Ireland Senior Champions in 1991 also, so perhaps that will be a good omen for the Munster Club Championship campaign, which opens with a semi-final against Crusheen or Kilmallock on November 14th.



Preparing for the **BIG DAY**

CONOR GLEESON

(Coach – Clonoulty Rossmore)

"We can live with being the underdogs – no problem there at all. We can have a big crack off Sarsfields and while we are under no illusions as to the challenge we face, we feel that we are improving with every game. Sarsfields are deserving favourites but there are a lot of teams out there who would love to be in our position now.

"Every year people want to have a go at the best team in the division. We were West champions and odds on to win the title again, so all the teams had a go at us. In your own division you will always have tough games. But, after winning the West, we had an eight week break and we knew that the teams we would be playing had regular games in the run-up to the quarter final. That made for tough games for us and I feel that the last few games have helped us to come on a bit.

"There is a tremendous work ethic amongst the club members here in Clonoulty Rossmore and the goes for the players as well. There is a fierce passion for hurling and everything that can be done is being done. The feeling in the parish is that the County Final is there to be won and we are one of only two teams who can win it."



TOM BUTLER

(Coach – Clonoulty Rossmore)

"It's a huge personal honour for me to be Captain of the team. I have been on the senior team since 2001 and we had a poor return for a few years but then things took off and we won four West titles in a row.

"We could have won the 2008 semi-final against Sarsfields which would have given us a final spot, but we just didn't close it out. Maybe, we lacked a bit of experience – our average age at that stage was just 21 – but I think we have made up for that to some degree at this stage.

"We have trained well and worked hard during the year and we are going into this County Final to win it. We feel we have a great chance and we are up for it.

"I suppose I never thought at the start of the year when I was named Captain that I would be leading out Clonoulty Rossmore in the County Final. But that's the way it has panned out and I am really looking forward to it. This is where every hurler wants to be and we are lucky enough to be here challenging for the Dan Breen Cup."





Preparing for the **BIG DAY**

MICHAEL GLEESON

(Manager – Thurles Sarsfields)

"There is a lot of talk doing the rounds about this team and how good we are and how we are favourites to win the County Final again. That's only talk and there is nothing that we, as a team, can do about that. Our focus has to be, and is, on performing to the best of our ability on the day. If people want to talk, let them talk – we can't control that, but our job is to look after our end of things and do our talking on the field.

"I think the success of the county team and the representation that we have had, has been a great boost to the rest of the lads on our panel. We have spent most of the year training and playing a lot of games without the county players, but since they have back home to us, they have been a huge boost. The standard of our training has risen hugely – they are the cream of the crop and they rise that standard naturally – and they have helped to give us a big lift. The other thing is that while they have been away, we have been able to look at a lot of the players on the panel and give them valuable game time, which is also very important. The Toomevara game was never going to be easy from our viewpoint. It was always going to be a battle and anytime Toome' come to Thurles to play in the closing stages of the county championship, you know they will be very hard to beat. But, we got over them and we have gotten over Loughmore Castleiney and Drom-Inch – not easy games to win. Ger O'Grady played a big part in those wins and had been having his best season since we got involved – it's very unfortunate for him to miss out on a County Final this afternoon."



PATRICK McCORMACK

(Captain – Thurles Sarsfields)

"There is always expectation there when it comes to Sarsfields but we have been taking it one game at a time and we never look beyond the next game. How could we, when you consider the tight and tough matches we have had? Sunday will be no different – we know that and we know that Clonoulty Rossmore will have no fears of playing us in a County Final. It's a huge honour for me to be captain but I try not to allow it affect my game at all. I go up for the toss and do a few other small things, but after that it's game on and concentrate on what's happening. It was a fabulous feeling when we won the Mid senior hurling final and accepting the cup was special – it would be great to do it again in the County Final. But, I'm not thinking about that at all – our focus has to be on the game and whatever happens after that happens. We know Clonoulty Rossmore very well – a lot of our lads went to school with their players, played on county teams with them, and of course we have played them a few times over the last few years as well. We know what to expect from them and we are well aware of the strength of the challenge they will bring. All we can do is try to have our own game right on the day and we'll be concentrating on that.



A parting word for **Tipp Management**



By: J.J. KENNEDY

REWIND TO the fall of 2007. Not a happy place for Tipperary hurling. A troubled season had finally stuttered to an end with Damien Fitzhenry's late goal for Wexford. Morale was on the floor, the ship was indeed sinking, as Eoin Kelly so pointedly recalled on September 5 last.

Out went the old management, in came the new, a fresh-faced triumvirate charged with righting the listing ship. In hindsight now it's easy to see the new crew as something of a 'dream team' but nobody was saying that in the winter of '07. We all hoped they'd deliver but expectations didn't stretch beyond that modest desire.

We had our dreams of course but in truth the new management was unproven at this level. The highlight item on Liam Sheedy's record was managing the minor team to All Ireland success in '06. He'd been a senior selector with Michael Doyle in '03 and, what's often forgotten, he'd managed the county intermediate team also. But senior management was uncharted territory for the Portroe man.



Tipperary Manager Liam Sheedy with team captain Eoin Kelly after this year's All-Ireland final in Croke Park.

It's widely accepted now that the link-up with Eamon O'Shea was central to the new structure. By their own admission Sheedy and O'Shea had never even spoken until John Costigan suggested they meet up. The meeting took place in Portumna and thus began a partnership that was to be central to the new system.

The third piece of the management jigsaw came in the form of Michael Ryan from Upperchurch. An uncompromising corner back, who had starred in Tipperary's 1991 All Ireland win over Kilkenny, he'd subsequently played alongside Sheedy before the pair retired at the end of the decade. There's an anecdote told about a conversation they had over a pint in Thurles following their retirements when Sheedy confided to Ryan that he'd like one day to have a crack at the top job. 'Well', said Ryan, 'I'd have no bother standing beside you'. Seven years on that promise was delivered.

You'll have differing views, I suppose, on what management entails, but perhaps a general definition is that it should facilitate the players with a framework to maximise their potential. Judged by that criterion this management team – and team is the operative word – was spectacularly successful.

Part of their success surely came from the way the 'team' ethic was worked through. We tend to think of Kilkenny, rightly or wrongly, as a one-man management but with Tipperary it was different. The Tipperary management was very much an ensemble effort with each member having quite a specific job. Sheedy was the boss, the overseer of it all, orchestrating the entire show. O'Shea worked closely with the players, talking tactics, encouraging, cajoling, urging them on. Michael Ryan was more in the background, the only All Ireland medal winner among them, lending his experience and wisdom. Cian O'Neill was a crucial addition to the group, Kildare's gift to Tipperary, taking care of the physical fitness side.

These, if you wish, were the front-line men, but behind them was an extended management team with each individual contributing his or her



From left: Michael Ryan (Selector), Eamonn O'Shea (Coach) and Liam Sheedy (Manager). (Photo: Bridget Delaney)

essential part to the overall mission. Kevin Delargy was the team doctor, aided by consultant Peter Murchin. Mick Clohessy as masseur and John Casey as physio did essential work too in keeping the players in peak condition. Aoife Hearne was the team dietician and Caroline Currid the performance coach. A key cog in the whole machine was the County Board's highly-rated PRO, Ger Ryan, who acted as liaison officer and took charge of all the logistics. John 'Hotpoint' Hayes was the kit-man.

It's quite a line up of personnel. In the more distant background then you had former PRO, Ed Donnelly and Eddie Kinane, compiling and presenting match statistics, something which has become an essential aspect of team preparation nowadays.

Overseeing the entire operation was manager, Liam Sheedy, and to him must go the major credit for the entire structure. Each individual performed his/her part excellently but the sum of those parts would have meant very little but for the guiding personality of Sheedy who fostered a family atmosphere within the group. Trust became a by-word.

In the spring of '08 we saw the first fruits of this management style. Paul Curran was quoted in interview as saying 'We're hurling with a smile on

our faces again'. The frowns of the previous years were gone. They were happy campers and it began to reflect in the results, winning the league in April. Significantly they beat Kilkenny in the semi-final at Nowlan Park. That rivalry with Kilkenny would surely define Sheedy's management.

The championship brought a famous win over Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and a Munster final win over Clare. The All Ireland semi-final defeat to Waterford, however, was a jolt to their newfound confidence and for the management surely it was part of a learning curve. Twelve months later they had learned the lessons so that a restructured team went back to Croke Park where Limerick were crushed in the semi-final before that luckless defeat to Kilkenny in the decider.

Still the performance curve was upwards and 2010 finally saw Tipperary reach the summit. As the weeks slip by since that September 5 victory over Kilkenny the monumental nature of the achievement is only gradually sinking in. Through the management structure and style he created, Liam Sheedy facilitated an incredible display, one that will forever be recalled. We owe him and his management team a huge debt. Thanks guys.

Michael HEFFERNAN



By: JACKIE CAHILL

MICHAEL HEFFERNAN remembers the last time Clonoulty-Rossmore contested a county senior hurling final – and never gave up hope that he would see this day again.

The man affectionately known as 'Fuzzy' started hurling senior for the club back in 1996, experiencing the joy of 1997 against Mullinahone and the agony of defeat a year later at the hands of Toomevara.

Heffernan, a farmer, played most of his hurling in the half back line or at full-back before moving up the field in later years.

A member of today's senior panel, Heffernan retains a keen eye for goal and popped over three points against Emly in the recent West Junior A hurling final, a game Clonoulty lost by three points.

Off the field, life is good too for Michael, who

recently became a father for the second time when wife Siobhán gave birth to baby Dara, a brother for three-year-old Jack.

Now 32, Michael is hoping to finish this afternoon with a second county senior hurling medal, which would add yet another memento to the sideboard.

Heffernan won a county minor medal in 1996 and also contested an U21 final that year against Holycross-Ballycahill.

After making the leap to the senior ranks in 1996, successive senior finals followed and Heffernan can still vividly recall the good old days, which appear to have returned with a vengeance.

"We still had a good crowd off the 1989 team," he reflects.

"Six or seven of them were on that team (1997) plus we had Fr. Peter Brennan and Aidan Butler was a very dominant centre back.

"We were still there or thereabouts right up to



Clonoulty Rossmore defender Michael Heffernan (centre) is tackled by two Mullinahone forwards during the 1997 County Senior Hurling Final at Semple Stadium.



Clonoulty Rossmore – County Senior Hurling Champions 1997. Front row (l.-r.): Dick Martin, John Kennedy, Liam Manton, Alan Kennedy, Declan Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Noel Keane, Michael Heffernan, Michael Kennedy, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, Fr. Peter Brennan, Seamus Coffey (R.I.P.). Mascots: Shane Fryday, Kieran Hammersley. Back row (l.-r.): Kevin Fox (Trainer), T. J. Ryan (Manager), Nollaig Heffernan, Barty Flynn, Philip Quirke, Roddy Ahearne, Michael Hughes, Aidan Butler, Maurice Quirke, Andrew Fryday, Michael Heffernan, Michael Brennan, Micheál Ryan, Liam Coen, James Ryan (face hidden), Joe Hammersley (Selector), Michael Coen.

2001, when we were beaten by Sarsfields in a county semi-final. We won a West final in 2002, still pretty competitive but then we had a couple of barren years culminating in a relegation final (against Moycarkey) in 2003.

That was a low point in Clonoulty's history but we were lucky enough to come out on the right side of it. It would have been an absolute disaster to go down intermediate but what happened then is that a youth policy started. And when Declan Ryan retired, we really had to change the style of hurling because we didn't have the target man who could spray balls all over the place. You don't replace a player like Declan too easily so the club went for a younger, more mobile team."

Surviving the drop to the intermediate ranks came as a blessing in disguise, Heffernan believes, forcing club players and officials alike to look deep within themselves for answers and a way forward.

"To come from that to here means an awful lot, not only to the players but to the community. Clonoulty is a pretty close-knit community and over the last couple of years, we've raised a lot of money for field development, with two full-sized pitches, dressing rooms and floodlights. They raised over €100,000 for the Guide Dogs and another €30,000 for Coiscéim Eile. From a personal point of view, winning a relegation battle was a low point but looking back, it means more than any county medal. If we had gone down that day, we definitely wouldn't be where we are today."

Heffernan accepts that Clonoulty are

Michael is hoping to finish this afternoon with a second county senior hurling medal – another memento to the sideboard

"complete and utter underdogs" for today's showpiece county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium.

And he rates Thurles Sarsfields highly enough to rate the Blues as potential All-Ireland club champions next March.

He said: "Look at the opposition – they're quite possibly heading for a club All-Ireland. They have Allstars, the lot.

"I can't ever remember beating the Sarsfields in championship hurling. We went very close in 2008, losing a semi-final replay, but I remember losing a county U21 semi-final in 1995 after a replay, beaten again at senior in 2001 and 2008.

"But we have absolutely nothing to lose and while I thought before the semi-final that Toomevara would win, Sarsfields showed their class to pull through with only 14 men.

"We're going in as complete underdogs and Kildangan can feel hard done by because they played the better hurling over 60 minutes and it was only in the last ten minutes that we got to grips with the game."



Clonoulty Rossmore



PATHS TO THE FINAL

• Sunday 11/04/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Clonoulty Rossmore 1-16
Knockavilla Kickhams 1-16

• Sunday 18/04/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Clonoulty Rossmore 1-18
Eire Óg Annacarty 0-08

• Sunday 25/04/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Clonoulty Rossmore 2-20
Golden 0-09

• Friday 30/04/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Clonoulty Rossmore 2-16
Cashel KC 1-14

• Sunday 9/05/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Clonoulty Rossmore 2-14
Cappawhite 0-17

• Sunday 13/06/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Clonoulty Rossmore 3-16
Galtee/Treacys 0-16

• Sunday 11/04/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship Semi-Final:

Clonoulty Rossmore 2-22
Kickhams 1-21

• Sunday 22/08/10

West Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship Final:

Clonoulty Rossmore 2-15
Eire Óg Annacarty 1-09

• Saturday 02/10/10

County Senior Hurling
Championship Quarter-Final:

Clonoulty Rossmore 2-21
Burgess 1-13

• Sunday 17/10/10

County Senior Hurling
Championship Semi-Final:

Clonoulty Rossmore 1-19
Kildangan 1-16

Overall Scorers in Championship 2010

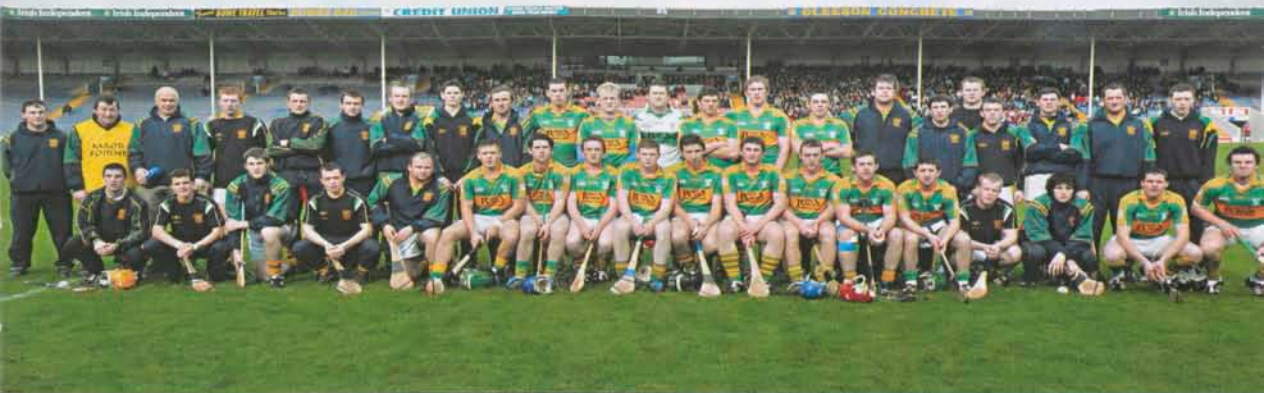
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Fiachra O'Keeffe	(5-13)
Thomas Butler	(3-16)
John O'Neill	(1-15)
Tom Butler	(1-14)
John Devane	(0-08)
Jason Forrestal	(0-07)
Paudie White	(0-07)
Micheál Coen	(2-00)
Martin Sadlier	(1-02)
Conor Ryan	(1-01)
Paddy Ryan	(0-04)
Sean O'Connor	(0-03)
John O'Keeffe	(0-03)
Padraig Heffernan	(0-01)

Clonoulty-Rossmore Group at the County SHC Final Launch in Lár na bPáirce. Back row (l.-r.): John Devane (Player), Andrew Fryday (Selector), Tom Ryan (Chairman), Tom Butler (Captain), T.J. Ryan (Manager), Micheál Ryan (Selector). Seated: P.J. Sullivan (Treasurer), Rodger Kennedy (West Board Chairman), Laoise O'Keeffe (Secretary), Will Ryan (Registrar).



Clonoulty-Rossmore Management (l.-r.): Micheál Ryan (Selector), Andrew Fryday, Conor Gleeson (Coach) and T.J. Ryan (Manager). (Photos: Bridget Delaney)

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Back row: Michéal Ryan, T.J. Ryan, Andrew Fryday, Andrew Quirke, Diarmuid Cullen, Anthony Kearney, John Heffernan, Aidan White, Niall Shanahan, Pádraig Heffernan, Paddy Ryan, Declan O'Dwyer, Tom Butler, Thomas Butler, Jason Forrester, Conor Ryan, Micheál Coen, Conor Gleeson, Donncha Ryan, Aaron Ryan, Michael Heffernan, Jamie Moloney. Front Row: Seamus Carew, Conor Hammersley, Martin Sadlier, Kieran Hammersley, Brian Ryan, John O'Neill, Paudie White, Kevin Horan, Sean O'Connor, John Devane, James Heffernan, John O'Keeffe, Joey O'Keeffe, Fiachra O'Keeffe, Kieran Ryan, Davy White, Timmy Hammersley, Liam Devane.

Clonoulty Rossmore

Substitutes



16. Diarmuid Cullen



17. Anthony Kearney



18. Jason Forrester



19. Micheál Coen



20. Martin Sadlier



21. Conor Ryan



22. Conor Hammersley



23. Brian Ryan



24. Paddy Ryan



25. Michael Heffernan



26. John Heffernan



27. Andrew Quirke



28. Niall Shanahan



29. Donncha Ryan



30. Kieran Ryan



31. Aaron Ryan



32. Kieran Hammersley



33. Aidan White



34. Davy White



35. Jamie Moloney



36. Seamus Carew



Clonoulty Rossmore

Dathanna: Glas agus Ór

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) D. Ó Cuilinn
Diarmuid Cullen
- (17) A. Ó Cearnaigh
Anthony Kearney
- (18) S. Fuireastal
Jason Forrestal
- (19) C. Ó Cadhain
Micheál Coen
- (20) M. Sadlier
Martin Sadlier
- (21) C. Ó Riain
Conor Ryan
- (22) C. Hammersley
Conor Hammersley
- (23) B. Ó Riain
Brian Ryan
- (24) P. Ó Riain
Paddy Ryan
- (25) M. Ó hIfeárnáin
Michael Heffernan
- (26) S. Ó hIfeárnáin
John Heffernan
- (27) A. Ó Coirc
Andrew Quirke
- (28) N. Ó Seanacháin
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- (29) D. Ó Riain
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Kieran Ryan
- (31) A. Ó Riain
Aaron Ryan
- (32) C. Hammersley
Kieran Hammersley
- (33) A. de Faoite
Aidan White
- (34) D. de Faoite
Davy White
- (35) S. Ó Maoldomhnaigh
Jamie Moloney
- (36) S. Carrún
Seamus Carew



(1) D. Ó Dubhuir
Declan O'Dwyer



(2) S. Ó Caoimh
Joey O'Keeffe



(3) S. Ó hIfeárnáin
James Heffernan



(4) C. Ó hÓráin
Kevin Horan



(5) P. Ó hIfeárnáin
Padraig Heffernan



(6) S. Ó Dubháin
John Devane



(7) L. Ó Dubháin
Liam Devane



(8) S. Ó Caoimh
John O'Keeffe



(9) S. Ó Conchúir
Sean O'Connor



(10) T. de Buitléir
Tom Butler



(11) T. de Buitléir
Thomas Butler



(12) S. de Faoite
Paudie White



(13) F. Ó Caoimh
Fiachra O'Keeffe



(14) S. Ó Néill
John O'Neill



(15) T. Hammersley
Timmy Hammersley

MANAGER: T. J. Ryan. **COACH:** Conor Gleeson. **SELECTORS:** Andrew Fryday, Micheál Ryan.
PHYSIO: Andy O'Connor. **MASSEUR:** Philip Maher.

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



Thurles Sarsfields

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán



(1) P. Mac Cormac (Capt.)
Patrick McCormack



(2) D. Ó Meachair
David Maher



(3) C. Ó Gormáin
Kevin O'Gorman



(4) B. Ó Dubhuir
Barry O'Dwyer



(5) D. Ó Cinnéide
David Kennedy



(6) P. Ó Meachair
Padraic Maher



(7) M. Ó Cathaill
Michael Cahill



(8) A. Ó Cinnéide
Alan Kennedy



(9) M. Ó Glasáin
Michael Gleeson



(10) S. Ó Laighléis
Stephen Lillis



(11) D. Ó Meachair
Denis Maher



(12) P. de Búrca
Pa Bourke



(13) S. Mac Ionnractaigh
Johnny Enright



(14) L. Ó Corbáid
Lar Corbett



(15) R. Rút
Richie Ruth

FIR IONAID

- (16) L. Mac Cormaic
Bill McCormack
- (17) A. Mac Cormaic
Aidan McCormack
- (18) S. S. de Búrca
John Joe Bourke
- (19) S. Ó Corbáid
Jim Corbett
- (20) M. Ó Briain
Michael O'Brien
- (21) G. Ó Meirtneach
Garry Mernagh
- (22) P. Ó Laocha
Patrick Leahy
- (23) S. Ó Meachair
Stephen Maher
- (24) S. Ó Meachair
John Maher
- (25) A. Rút
Tony Ruth
- (26) P. Ó Dubhuir
Philip Dwyer
- (27) S. Ó Leathlobhair
John Lawlor
- (28) E. Ó Ruiseil
Eoin Russell
- (29) D. Ó Dubhuir
David O'Dwyer
- (30) M. Ó Coileáin
Michael Collins
- (31) M. Ó Ruiseil
Michael Russell
- (32) P. Ó Doinn
Pa Dunne
- (33) R. Ó Sé
Rory O'Shea

MANAGER: Michael Gleeson. **SELECTORS:** Paddy McCormack, Johnny Burke, Tom Barry.
DOCTOR: Dr. Paul Ryan. **PHYSIO:** Mick Clohessy. **EQUIPMENT MANAGER:** John Moroney.

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



Thurles Sarsfields team that defeated Toomevara in the County SHC semi-final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l.-r.): Pa Bourke, Ger O'Grady, Barry O'Dwyer, Aidan McCormack, Johnny Enright, Kevin O'Gorman, David Maher, Padraic Maher. Seated (l.-r.): Michael Cahill, Declan Ryan, Paddy McCormack (Captain), David Kennedy, Denis Maher, Alan Kennedy, Michael Gleeson. Absent from photo: Lar Corbett. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)

Thurles Sarsfields Substitutes



Thurles Sarsfields backroom team: Paul Ryan (team doctor), John Moroney (equipment manager) and Mick Clohosey (physio).



16. Bill McCormack



17. Aidan McCormack



18. John Joe Bourke



19. Jim Corbett



20. Michael O'Brien



21. Garry Mernagh



22. Patrick Leahy



23. Stephen Maher



24. John Maher



25. Tony Ruth



26. Philip Dwyer



27. John Lawlor



28. Eoin Russell



29. David O'Dwyer



30. Michael Collins



31. Michael Russell



32. Pa Dunne



33. Rory O'Shea



Thurles Sarsfields



PATHS TO THE FINAL

• Sunday 11/04/10

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Thurles Sarsfields 1-20
Boherlahan/Dualla 2-08

• Saturday 01/05/10

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Thurles Sarsfields 2-17
Moycarkey/Borris 2-12

• Sunday 06/06/10

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship:

Thurles Sarsfields 0-14
Drom/Inch 3-04

• Sunday 01/08/10

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Semi-Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 2-16
Holycross/Ballycahill 0-13

• Sunday 19/09/10

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling
Championship Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 1-16
Drom/Inch 2-11

• Sunday 03/10/10

County Senior Hurling
Championship Quarter-Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 2-19
Loughmore/Castleiney 2-13

• Sunday 17/10/10

County Senior Hurling
Championship Semi-Final:

Thurles Sarsfields 1-17
Toomevara 1-16

Overall Scorers in Championship 2010

Pa Bourke	(5-28)
Ger O'Grady	(1-17)
Aidan McCormack	(1-13)
Johnny Enright	(0-15)
Lar Corbett	(1-08)
Denis Maher	(0-10)
Alan Kennedy	(0-08)
Michael Gleeson	(0-07)
Richie Ruth	(1-04)
Stephen Lillis	(0-05)
Jim Corbett	(0-01)
Michael O'Brien	(0-01)
David Kennedy	(0-01)

**Total scored in
seven Championship
Matches(9-118)**

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LEFT: Thurles Sarsfields Club Officers
(l.-r.): Philip Leahy (Treasurer),
Thomas Callanan (Secretary) and
Michael Maher (Chairman).



Thurles Sarsfields Management Team (l.-r.): Tom Barry (Selector), Paddy McCormack (Coach), Johnny Burke (Selector), Michael Gleeson (Manager).

(Photos: Tom Ryan Casey)

Barry O'DWYER



By: JACKIE CAHILL

PATROLLING the left corner back position with typical tenacity, Barry O'Dwyer is one of the unsung heroes of the Thurles Sarsfields team.

In a team pockmarked with stars well known far beyond the county boundaries, O'Dwyer is simply happy to play his part, getting about his business with a minimum of fuss.

A medical rep with Pamex, Barry is a native of Bawntameena in Thurles town, next door to Ritchie and Tony Ruth.

During his underage days, Barry won county minor medals in 1999 and 2000, before adding U21 glory in 2002.

Now 28, O'Dwyer quickly graduated to the senior squad but a back injury which required surgery cruelly robbed O'Dwyer of the 2005 campaign, when the Sarsfields won the county SHC title for the first time in 31 years.

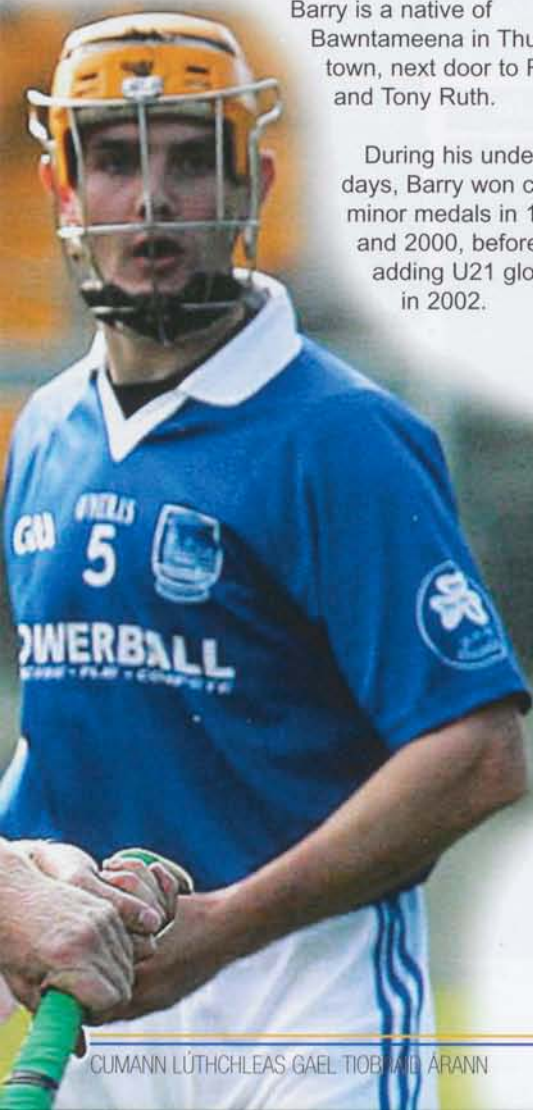
"I had a bulging disc that had to be removed," Barry recalls.

"It came on towards the end of the 2004 season and gradually got worse. I was left with no other option but to have an operation. That kept me out for over a year. I couldn't have got injured at a worse time, considering that we went on to win in 2005. But the back is a delicate thing and it's not something you rush back from. Initially I was a bit over-cautious but I built back up in the gym again and with physio as well. Luckily enough, it hasn't troubled me since."

In 2009, Barry did win that county senior medal he richly deserved and he's hoping to add another against Clonoulty-Rossmore this afternoon.

Sarsfields may be favourites with the bookies and the general hurling public but O'Dwyer has been around long enough to know that Clonoulty-Rossmore deserve huge respect.

"It's going to be a massive challenge," he insisted. "They're West champions four years in a row. We played them in the 2008 county semi final, drew the first game and were lucky to come through after extra time in the replay. There was nothing between the two teams and I'm sure it will be no different this time around. Not having won the county since 1997 will be a massive incentive for them. They're a very close-knit community and they'll bring massive support. You have two teams in 50-50 county final, hopefully we'll come out on the right side of it but they have seasoned campaigners like Timmy Hammersley, John O'Neill, Declan O'Dwyer in goals, John Devane and their captain Tom Butler. They're a very balanced team."





But Sarsfields too have their own big names like newly crowned Hurler of the Year Lar Corbett, Pádraic Maher, Michael Cahill and Pa Bourke, players with All-Ireland SHC medals in their back pockets from 2010.

"You always have pride in the jersey – it's an honour to wear the blue of Sarsfields"

Barry admits: "It's great to be part of a team with so many established players and it's great to hurl alongside them. But one thing with the Sarsfields is that it's not about any individuals.

"It's a team game, the 15 lads involved on the day and anyone else who comes into the mix."

Sarsfields may have class all over the field but they're also capable of digging out a result. That was never more evident than against Toomevara in the semi-final a fortnight ago, when Bourke struck a winning goal from a 20-metre free with over two and a half minutes of stoppage time played.

O'Dwyer reflected: "You never think that it's gone and that game showed that it's not over until the whistle goes. You never give up hope and thank God we stayed plugging away.

"Fair dues to Pa for the free. He struck it brilliantly and he's a real leader on the field."

Victory today would secure

a 31st Tipperary SHC crown for Thurles Sarsfields and a first back-to-back success since the great five-in-a-row teams of 1961-65.

There's an old saying that when Thurles Sarsfields are going well, Tipp motor quite nicely too and a proud Barry O'Dwyer says: "You always have pride in the jersey. It's an honour to wear the blue of Sarsfields. Look at all the lads that have gone before, I'm thinking in more recent years of Brendan Carroll, Eddie Enright, Johnny Enright, who is still going strong, Eamon Walsh and Tommy Maher. Positive influences to us the whole way up along, great players who wore the jersey.

"It's great to see Tipp win and it makes it that bit sweeter and more exciting when a few from your own club are involved.

"We're proud of them for performing brilliantly at the highest level. Obviously Lar is hurler of the year and Pádraic was an All-Star last year. And there's the boys with the U21s as well – of course you'd be very proud of them all."

Toomevara's Francis Devaney and Thurles Sarsfields Barry O'Dwyer in a contest for possession at the County SHC quarter-final.
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)





Half-time QUIZ

with
PAT BRACKEN

1. This Tipperary and Clonoulty-Rossmore legend won the second of his two All-Star awards in 1997. His name is _____?
2. Two former Tipperary and Thurles Sarsfields and Clonoulty-Rossmore players featured prominently in this year's up for the match, prior to the All-Ireland hurling final. Name the two legends?
3. Scorer of the Thurles Sarsfields goal, in their Mid-final defeat of Drom & Inch, on 19 September 2010?: (a) Johnny Enright, (b) Pa Bourke, (c) Aidan McCormack
4. In winning the All-Ireland senior hurling and U-21 crowns this year, Tipperary completed a double they last achieved in what year: (a) 1987, (b) 1988, (c) 1989?
5. Lar Corbett scored a hat-trick of goals in this year's All-Ireland final defeat of Kilkenny. Who scored the other Tipperary goal?

6. Name the former Thurles Sarsfields stalwart in the accompanying image?



7. Which club did Clonoulty-Rossmore defeat when they last won the Co. Tipperary senior hurling title in 1997?
8. Who was the last Tipperary President of the GAA?
9. What is the name of the GAA ground in Tipperary Town, home of Arravale Rovers, is it: (a) Dan Breen Park, (b) Charles Kickham Park, (c) Sean Treacy Park?
10. In winning this year's West divisional title,

Clonoulty-Rossmore have done so for how many year's on the trot? (a) 4, (b) 5, (c) 6.

11. Which Sarsfield's player was named as Man of the Match in their 2009 Co. Final victory?
12. Which club won the Séamus Ó Riain Cup in 2009?
13. Thurles Sarsfields lead the way in the Tipperary senior hurling roll of honour. How many titles have they won? (a) 28, (b) 30, (c) 32.
14. Who was the Moycarkey-Borris captain, who led the club to Co Final success in 1982 & 1984?
15. Name the All-Ireland winner in the accompanying photograph who gave great service to Clonoulty-Rossmore?



16. Clonoulty-Rossmore goalscorer in their defeat of Kildangan in the county semi-final?
17. In 2001 who became the first player from Thurles Sarsfields to win a hurling All-Star award?
18. Who won the South divisional title in 2010, defeating Killenaule in the process?
19. Who was the sole Clonoulty-Rossmore member of the Tipperary All-Ireland winning panel?
20. Who was the Sarsfield's captain in their defeat of Drom & Inch in last year's Co. Final decider?

• Answers on page 64 ➤



My ALL-IRELAND

SEÁN RYAN – 6th Class pupil Clonoulty NS

I REMEMBER the night before the All-Ireland final. I was very excited. I found it hard to sleep that night. I laid my Tipp jersey at the end of the bed ready for the morning. I got up early and woke my brother. We got dressed and decorated the car with flags. We went to early mass in Clonoulty. The village was a sea of blue and gold. After mass we headed for Dublin. We went through Thurles and it was full of colour. We drove on the motorway with lots of other excited Tipp fans.

As we approached Croke Park I was very excited. Last year Tipp were beaten in the final. This year I was hoping Eoin and the lads could go one better. The day was flying and before I knew it the parade was over. Now the atmosphere was at fever pitch. Next thing I knew, the game was on. Lar Corbett scored the first of his three goals with a bullet shot to the net. Shortly after, Brendan Cummins got a memorable point from a free inside his own half. Early in the second half Corbett struck again for his second goal that was nearly stopped by John Tennyson's hurley in mid-air. Two minutes later Noel McGrath got a great goal. Two minutes into injury time, Patrick 'Bonnar' Maher set up Corbett for his third goal.

The referee blew his final whistle. The Tipp fans went mad. Tipp were All-Ireland champions for the 27th time. After the match, Eoin Kelly's speech was brilliant and Pat Kerwick singing the 'Galtee Mountain Boy' made us remember the occasion even more. Timmy Hammersley carried the cup past us as the team did the lap of honour. We left the stadium and headed for home. I felt a lot happier on the way home than I did last year.



ANDY RYAN – Games Development Administrator

SINCE THE win on September 5th the atmosphere travelling around to schools has been amazing. Over the past five to six weeks the Liam McCarthy cup has been on the road every day visiting schools. My experience in the Mid Tipperary division has been unbelievable with every school, big and small, making a huge effort for the cup visit. When visiting the schools, it was great to see the joy on the young kids faces when they get the chance to hold the precious trophy and lift it over their head as Eoin did on September 5th. In our travels we have had songs, raps and poems, mainly written by the kids themselves, with a few blasts of Slievenamon and Johnny B's Premier Rap also. The players themselves have been great as has our County Chairman Barry O'Brien who has been out every day with us. But Barry, the kids from Tipp have decided that you're too old to play for Tipp!!!



PADDY STAPLETON – right corner back

IT WILL be hard to ever top the undescrivable feeling that the final whistle brought that day. With the crowd unable to invade, it was brilliant to be able to meet the players, and as importantly, the members of the backroom staff that you've bonded with the last few years. After going from the lowest of the low down in Cork last May, to the highest of the highs in September made it all the more special.

Meeting my family and friends at the side of the pitch really sticks out as they're the people that know what you've gone through for this achievement. The scenes in the dressing room and on the journey to the Burlington were very special and it was great to have that hour to be with the rest of the Tipperary 'Family'.





TIPPERARY All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Champions 2010

Back row (l-r): Brian O'Meara, Kevin O'Gorman, Michael Cahill, Paddy Murphy, Pádraic Maher (Capt.), John O'Dwyer, Seamus Hennessy. Seated: Michael Heffernan, Seán Carey, Patrick Maher, Brendan Maher, James Barry, James Logue, Ciarán Hough, Noel McGrath.

(Photo: Brendan Delaney)



Final Day MISCELLANY

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

Blue days

THURLES SARSFIELDS are enjoying a very successful era in the past decade or so and their title haul is highly impressive. They won the Senior County title in 2005 and 2009, the Under-21 in 2002, 2008 and 2009 the Minor in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2008 and 2010. In this year's victory over Nenagh Eire Óg, **Aidan McCormack scored an astonishing 0-19**, which was the most convincing 'Man of The Match' display given in a Minor decider for many years.

Western dominance

CLONOULTY ROSSMORE have not been as successful in winning County titles as their opponents, with a last senior success in 1997 and Minor a year earlier. The Under-21 title remains elusive and their attempt in 2009 ended at the hands of Pa Bourke's Thurles Sarsfields in the final at The Ragg. Despite that, the club has

been working away and winning West Senior titles in 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, Under-21 Divisional titles were claimed in 2000, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009, while the Minors won in 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2010.

Beating the pressure

PA BOURKE'S decisive goal from a free, which beat Toomevara, in the semi-final was scored by a player who knows a thing or two about pressure.



The controversial '65' in the 2008 Munster Under-21 Final at Ennis against Toomevara.

was also taken (after much debate) and scored by Pa, to give Tipp a one point win.

It was a remarkable achievement on both occasions under intense pressure!

Old score

DURING THE course of his address on County final Media night, Co. PRO Ger Ryan suggested that Thurles Sarsfields would need to score more than the 0-3, which was the winning score in the first Tipperary County Final, if they are to beat Clonoulty Rossmore today. Among the attendance was a Thurles Sarsfields man who played in the Co quarter-final against Clonoulty Rossmore at Boherlahan on September 27th 1992. His view on the game, eighteen years later, was that it was the worst championship match he ever played in – and nobody disagreed!

Most observers would have dismissed Sarsfields' chances of winning the County title after their underwhelming 0-6 to 0-5 victory. However, the Mid men only lost the county final to Toomevara by three points, and that was after a replay.

The lineouts on that day of modest scoring – the lowest ever in a Tipperary quarter-final – were:

Thurles Sarsfields – Paddy McCormack, Michael Maher, Tommy Maher, Michael Sparrow, Jim Moloney, Seamus O'Shea, Seamus Maher, Brendan Carroll (0-2), John Dorney, Eamonn Walsh (Captain), Connie Maher (0-3), Maurice McCormack (0-1) Paddy Maher, Liam Duggan Graham O'Connor. Sub: Seamus Quinn for E. Walsh (inj.).

Clonoulty Rossmore – Andrew Fryday, Seamus Hammersley, Noel Keane, Phil Shanahan, Michael Hughes, John Kennedy, Alan O'Dwyer, Joe Hayes, Tim Shanahan, Dan Quirke (0-1), Declan Ryan (Captain 0-3), Michael Heffernan, Maurice Quirke (0-1), Peter Hayes, Kevin Ryan. Subs: Aidan Butler for M. Heffernan, Pat Hayes for K. Ryan.

The teams were level on 0-3 each at half-time. The selectors were Tom Barry, Dinny Maher and Liam Ó Donnchú (Thurles Sarsfields) and John Kennedy, Francis Kearney and Paddy Kenny (Clonoulty Rossmore).

The referee was Michael Lenihan (Ballinahinch)

Interestingly, the two goalkeepers in that game are now selectors with their clubs.





CLUB STALWART



By: JACKIE CAHILL

Jackie COOKE

TAKE a ramble into the Thurles Sarsfields clubhouse any night and the chances are that Jackie Cooke will be there to welcome you with a trademark smile.

A native of Killenaule, Jackie's been in Thurles since 1970 and is now living in Childers Park, across the road from Dr. Morris Park and just a puck of a ball away from Semple Stadium.

"I work the bar, I'm here every day," Jackie says.

"I look after the outside field and there's people coming and going there all the time. There's the sports hall too and you'd have to be there at all times to let them in and out. The outside field is for training, school games and Harty cup training."

Jackie's wife Alice, son Trevor and daughter Olivia provide constant support and Alice was already working in Thurles when Jackie made the move to the town thirty years ago.

It's a place he now rightly calls home and while it was a natural wrench to leave Killenaule, Jackie enjoyed a great degree of success as a player with Thurles Sarsfields.

Before leaving Killenaule, he won a South final on the same team as his late father Neddy back in 1963 and also played minor hurling for Tipperary in the same year.

As a player with the Sarsfields, the undoubted highlight of Jackie's career was



Jackie Cooke

the 1974 county SHC success, when he played in the team containing the legendary Jimmy Doyle. There were other star names too that Jackie can fondly recall – the likes of Paul Byrne, Jimmy Duggan between the sticks, Jim Ryan and Francis Murphy. But Doyle was the marquee name and Jackie admits that sharing a dressing room with the great man was "out of this world." He adds: "I remember one day in Templemore, a mucky day. The ball got stuck in the ground. "Three or four of us ran in and let fly. The ball went nowhere. Then Jimmy left a shout, jumped in the air, came down on the ball and it flew from under his boot like a bullet into the net." It was a moment of genius and improvisation from Doyle that Cooke has never

forgotten to this very day but just one of many happy memories from his time in Thurles.

Following Sarsfields County Junior win in 1987, Jackie swapped roles to become a County selector with the Tipperary Junior hurlers. During his time involved, Tipperary had considerable success, winning several Munster titles and were crowned All-Ireland Champions in 1989 and '91.

He never tires of talking hurling and now as Sarsfields contest another County final, he's very familiar with all the players, selectors and backroom staff involved.

"They haven't been at their best to-date," says Jackie, "and they will need a top drawer performance to beat the men from the West."



By: JACKIE CAHILL

CLUB STALWART

Philip MAHER

FRIDAY night in Clonoulty, nine days before the county final and Philip Maher is casting an experienced eye over proceedings. If there's anything the players need, a bandage here or a patch there, Philip is on hand to oblige.

He's known as a good man to give a rub too and many of the club's players down through the years have taken advantage to help rejuvenate overworked leg muscles.

"They're looking good," Philip smiles, as manager T.J. Ryan and coach Conor Gleeson put the players through their paces.

"I'd give them a good chance. A bit of luck and you'd never know what might happen."

Philip, now 70, has been involved with the club since the mid 50s. He played a bit in the junior ranks and was also well regarded as a cross-country running. "I never miss a night if I can help it," he says. "Once the hurling starts, Saturdays, Sundays, it doesn't matter. We've seen some terrific days and it's a great club."

Former county men Joe Hayes, John Kennedy and Declan Ryan are just some of Philip's favourite players from



Philip Maher accepts a presentation from Tipperary manager Liam Sheedy at the Clonoulty-Rossmore Annual Social in February 2008.

down through the years. And in recent times, an exciting crop of young players have been busy writing fresh history for Clonoulty-Rossmore. With four West SHC titles in the bag, the chance of a first county crown since 1997 now presents itself. "All they want is a bit of a break," Philip adds. "Two years ago (county semi-final against Sarsfields) they were there or thereabouts. This year, I think they're a lot more resilient."

It's not just at the weekends when you see Philip down at the local field. His house is just a couple of minutes away,

with the lights in the front yard twinkling in the distance, and the club is home for Philip. "It's Tuesdays and Fridays with the seniors," he says. "Then we had the junior team, minors, U21s, U16s. I'm here with all of them." Clonoulty-Rossmore may be rank outsiders with the bookies against a star-studded Sars outfit but Philip Maher, for one, is not without hope.

"Listen, we're up against it," he admits. "Sars have top class hurlers but we're young and the lads have it all in front of them. We'll give them a fair rattle."



Across the years with **Tom**

RYAN CASEY

(Clonoulty Rossmore)

By: P. J. MAXWELL

TOM RYAN CASEY was born in to a highly respected and very popular family in White Pound, Rossmore on 05/06/1926. His family having come from over the road in Cloneyross were steeped in our national pastime and were greatly influenced by Mr. Tim Gleeson, the local schoolmaster who won many honours including three All-Irelands with Tipperary.

Tom went to school in Turaheen where the Master John O'Sullivan, a Kerryman, had no interest in the game of hurling. All the local lads played all their early hurling in McGrath's field and Sweeney's field in Rossmore. There was no "school boy hurling those times". Whilst they were hurling every evening and ever Sunday, Tom and his pals were rubbing shoulder with the local heroes who were giants in the game as they lined out for Clonoulty-Rossmore in both Senior and Junior. Tom had often heard his father recall the great deeds of magnificent men from the parish, like Phil Byrnes, Thady Ryan, Tim Gleeson, Dave Carew, Mick Ryan Fox, Jack Dwyer Larry, Matt and Jim Morrissey, Jack Hayes, Pake Mahoney and the Goulds.

Success in the senior was scarce as the Kickhams were our bogey team. They were fierce strong in the late 40's and early fifties, but we stopped the rot in 1951 when Clonoulty-Rossmore beat Kickhams by 3-2 to 0-3 in Cashel, refereed by Bill O'Donnell of Golden. This famous victory was the first win in a West Final since 1933 when Clonoulty had completed a four in a row. Tom remembers the next three finals, 1952, '53, '54 where we fell victim of that great Kickhams outfit.

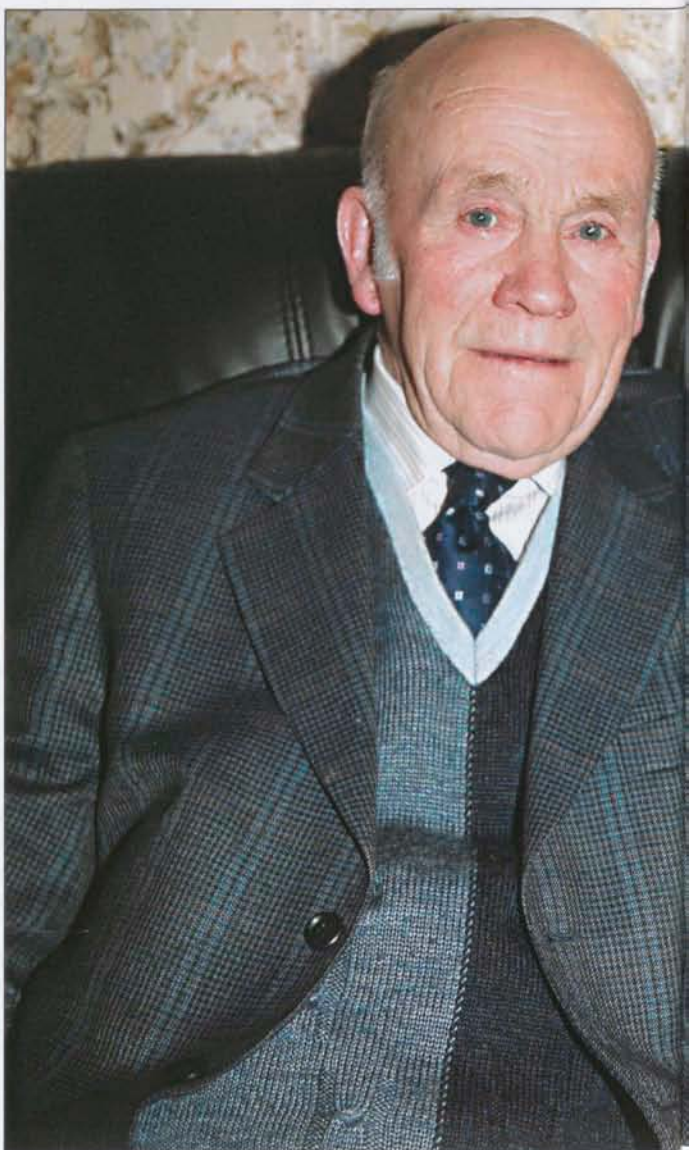
Prominent on them teams were Tony Brennan, Dick Purcell, Mick Kinnane, Jimmy Davern, Dan Ryan Terry, and John Kearns who later played with Thurles Sarsfields.

Tom's own first taste of success came in 1956 when Rossmore beat Cappawhite in Clonoulty to take the No. 1 Junior Hurling West Title, but had to play off with to the No. 2 winners Emly for the Junior championship. This was Tom's proudest day as his

beloved Rossmore team beat Emly by 2-0 to 0-5 in Golden, refereed by Ted Landers, to claim the Championship and the Leahy Cup.

Tom played all his hurling at midfield where his strength and speed coupled with good anticipation and well able to hurl left and right were the hallmarks of his game.

Tom was a keen admirer of Willie John Daly of Cork and Mick Mackey of Limerick and used to relish travelling all over the country following





Tipperary as they went in to battle with all the top teams of their time.

All the mentors over teams in Tom's day preached, first time hurling, hold your position, get first to the ball, let it in low and fast to the forwards, and always mark you man. When Tom was playing Senior for Clonoulty-Rossmore he practised the full range of skills, hooking, blocking, batting down the puck-out to a colleague, drop pucking, pulling hard and fast left and right, taking side line pucks, taking 70's and long range frees. Tom remembers that you would always finish up with a few rounds of the field. Lads that time were naturally fit. They would be always walking, cycling, and hunting, jumping ditches, and fishing by day and by night. If you

got injured training or in a match you would nurse the injury as best you can so as to be ready for the next day. It wasn't anything unusual for players then to play with a bit of an injury, you wouldn't let your team mates down, and your leg would want to be hanging off before you would consider not playing. Most auld sprains and the like would be helped to heal by dangling the ankle in the Suir or the Multheen.

Tom travels the country still going to matches supporting his native parish at all levels, and whoever is representing Tipperary either as a county team or a club team is sure of his support. Tom's travelling companions are Michael Coen, Philip Maher from Clogher and Lord Rest him they miss Fr. Rodgie who was taken so suddenly from their crew.

In evaluating hurling today, Tom is full of praise for the modern facilities that clubs supply, the way players are looked after with out of pocket expenses, out of work compensation and all of their needs are taken care of professionally. Teams today put in a savage effort, modern training techniques are demanding, social life is put on the back burner, and they make huge sacrifices as do their family and loved ones. The game today is very fast, the ball being lighter is travelling longer. The first touch has to be spot on or you are out of it. All in all the games of hurling that Tom attends are most enjoyable and entertaining.

Tom would have fears for the physical aspect of the game. Sometimes it looks like basket ball. There is too much overuse of red and yellow cards; they should be done away with. Referees are inconsistent and they all interpret the same rules differently which brings trouble on themselves. The last time we played the Sarsfields in the drawn game the referee had the whistle in

All the local lads played all their early hurling in McGrath's field and Sweeney's field in Rossmore

his mouth ready to blow for a blatant free, but the pea in the whistle must have slipped out. The physical nature of the game must not be let go, I mean tough, hard, hip to hip and shoulder to shoulder stuff seems to be getting watered down, till it will end up like crick-

et. Tom does not like to see fellows gamming on injury either for the purpose of being taken off or to encourage a referee to send off an opponent. Tom gets annoyed when he sees this hurley around the neck. That is not hurling.

Tom when asked for his own personal glorious memories, cites the junior win of 1956, the All-Ireland Senior Hurling final of 1989 when John Kennedy, Joe Hayes and Declan Ryan were members of the Tipperary winning team. The 1989 All-Ireland Under-21 hurling final in Portlaoise when Declan was captain and Dan Quirke ran riot scoring a hat trick of goals, Kevin Ryan (B) and Noel Keane making it a great day for the quartet from the parish. The day of all days was on the 22/10/89 when Clonoulty-Rossmore beat Holycross-Ballycahill by 1-11 to 1-09 in Semple Stadium, refereed by John Moloney, and brought the Dan Breen for the first time to our proud parish, which was only the second county final title win in our history, the first being in 1888.

Tom gives Clonoulty-Rossmore a great chance against the Sarsfields today (who incidentally have half of their team with ancestors from our parish); if they mark their men and let each man give of his best in looking after the little area that he is picked to play in.

"Not alone am I thrilled with the Parish getting to the county final, but I am also immensely proud of the five local players who are representing Ireland at the World Racquetball Championships in L.A. and what makes it all the more sweeter is that my granddaughter Aisling is one of the five".



A minute of your time with

Declan O'DWYER

(CLONOLTY ROSSMORE)

Club: Clonoulty/Rossmore

When and where did you first play hurling (who was coach, friends)? Aged 4, Being given a hurley made by Phil Bourke (Upperchurch) by my father

Who was the biggest influence on your career? Family, Andrew Fryday

What do you consider your greatest achievements? 4-in-a-row West Senior Hurling Championships

What players do you most admire and why? The Munster Rugby Team, for never giving up in the face of a challenge

Favourite sporting event of all time? All-Ireland Hurling Final 2010

Which living person do you most admire and why? Muhammad Ali, great character

Describe your typical training week? Tuesdays and Fridays, time spent on shot stopping and

dodging running drills

What has been your biggest disappointment? Getting so close to a county final appearance in 2008

Your best hurling memory outside of playing? Clonoulty/Rossmore comeback v. Boherlahan/Dualla in County SHC Semi 1997, and Final victory against Mullinahone

Your best hurling memory as a player? Captaining this panel in 2009

How do you relax away from sport? Socialising, Poker, Travel

If there was a transfer market, what player would you add to your panel? Anyone but Brendan Cummins.

You may not know it, but I'm good at . . . the 100 metre dash

If you could go back in time, where would you go? Ancient Rome

Who would play you in the film of your life? Pat Shortt

When I was a child I wanted to be . . . Older

Whom would you invite to your dream dinner party? Liam Sheedy, Michael Ryan, Eamonn O'Shea, Liam McCarthy and Brian Cody, with Megan Fox as waitress!

What would your super power be? Ability to stop bullets

In ten years time, I hope to be . . . Standing on the Semple Stadium field watching a Clonoulty/Rossmore Captain lifting Dan Breen.





A minute of your time with

Club: Thurles Sarsfields

When and where did you first play hurling (who was coach, friends)? In Durlas Óg at the age of 6. Ger Donnelly was the main coach.

Who was the biggest influence on your career? My father and Paddy Moore, he always believed in me and stuck by me and supported me, during tough times as well.

What do you consider your greatest achievements? Winning back to back Under 21 County Titles and being part of this year's senior team.

What players do you most admire and why? Anthony Daly, a true leader, warrior and inspirational figure on and off the field. Padraic Maher unreal hurler, always there when it matters most. Roy Keane, a remarkable desire to always win. Rafa Nadal, unbelievable desire to keep improving.

Favourite sporting event of all time: Istanbul 2005 and Wimbledon final 2008.

Which living person do most admire and why? My mother a truly selfless person, does everything she can to help and support her family.

Describe your typical training week: Training Tuesday with the team. One night in the gym. Training with the team again Friday and usually a match on the Sunday.

What has been your biggest disappointment? Losing Minor Mid Final in 2009 against Loughmore/Castleiney.

Your best hurling memory outside of playing? Experiencing Munster championship hurling for the first time in Páirc Uí Chaoimh with my father in 1998. The atmosphere and the noise is something I'll never forget.

How do I relax away from sport? Watching *Friends* and a *League Of Their Own* on telly, playing Pro Evolution, reading, having a laugh with the lads out in MacNallys and preparing final accounts on Saturday mornings for Mr. O'Loughlin!

If there was a transfer market, what player would you add to your panel? Tommy Walsh.

You may not know it but I am good at... Poker!

David MAHER

(THURLES SARSFIELDS)

If you could go back in time, where would you go? Back to the early 1920s so I could get to know Michael Collins and make sure he wasn't killed at Béal na Blath!

Who would play you in the film of your life? Al Pacino

When I was a child I wanted to be a... Magician and a fireman!

Whom would you invite to your dream dinner party? Just Katy Perry...

What would your super power be? Being invisible!

In ten years time I hope to be...

Still playing hurling, running an accounting firm, still allowed into Hayes's and a season ticket holder in Liverpool's newly built stadium.





Across the years with **Micheál**

By: P. J. MAXWELL

MAHER

(Thurles Sarsfields)

MICHEÁL MAHER has given almost all of his 88 years in service to the G.A.A. His first love is the game of hurling and especially Thurles Sarsfields hurling teams which have been enmeshed and intertwined with Tipperary teams since the birth of the Association 126 years ago. As Micheál looks forward to another County Final joust between Thurles Sarsfield and Clonoulty-Rossmore, he is mindful of all the great matches he both saw and played in Semple Stadium.

Micheál saw the first light of day on 29/11/1922 and was born in to a totally committed G.A.A. house at No. 1 & 2 Parnell Street. Hurling and football had been played in Killinan before the G.A.A. was founded in Thurles in 1884. His grandfather Sean Maher was an avid supporter of the G.A.A. and provided the local field where

the Killinan men took on all comers. Incidentally there is a spot still in Killinan that is affectionately known locally as "Sean's Corner". Micheál's uncles Denis ("Long Dinny") and Ned (father of Mr. Hurling in Roscrea John Joe) were valued members of the famed Thurles team who won the very first Tipperary County final in 1887. Thurles backboned by eight Mahers from Killinan and captained by Denis Maher ("Long Dinny") beat North Tipperary by three points to nil in that famous inaugural final and earned the right to represent Tipperary in the All-Ireland series. Thurles beat all comers and defeated Galway in the Final by 1-2 to nil in Birr on Easter Sunday 1887, thus becoming the very first All-Ireland Senior hurling Champions.

When Micheál was growing up in the Square in Thurles, his father's premises was a "Mecca"

for all G.A.A. people travelling to the Cathedral Town. Jim Maher was Treasurer of Thurles Sarsfields for nigh on 40 years. Treasurer in those days meant chief financier as most bills were paid from the owners till. Incidentally Jim Maher whilst working in Dublin played hurling for the Grocers Team and walked with Cusack on several occasions.

Micheál attended the Local C.B.S. School and immediately came to the attention of the Brothers as a possible find. Under the tutelage and eagle eye of Bro. Lynham he was soon to be picked on the Croke Cup team which also included Donal Sammon, Ailbe O'Dwyer and Michael Ryan (Martin) from Rossmore, his cousin. Micheál played on Dean Ryan and Harty Cup teams as well as toggging out for the Frewen Cup football team. He was picked on the Munster Colleges Hurling team of 1940, which also included among others Dr. Con Murphy and John Lyons from Cork

Micheál was greatly influenced by his Dad, his cousins John and Jimmy Maher and Jobie Callanan, plus the plethora of giants from the





hurling world who visited their premises where the one topic being discussed was hurling and hurling men from morning till night. Paddy Brolan from the Old Blues team was one of Micheál's earliest heroes, but the great Mick Mackey was his idol and indeed on whom he modelled his own style. Tom Semple was generous in his words of encouragement and imparted some lovely gems of wisdom in helping young Maher when he burst on to the scene in 1940. Already a county Minor with Mickey "Rattler" Byrne, Micheál was learning his trade and earning his spurs above in the Sportsfield his father along with others had the wisdom to purchase.

His grandfather Sean Maher was an avid supporter of the G.A.A. and provided the local field where the Killinan men took on all comers.

Micheál cut his teeth in the early 1940's as he trained and hurled with his boyhood heroes who were now his mentors. He also participated in athletics and his only claim to fame was to lead "The Ballincurry Hare" John Joe Barry in the first 200 yards of a mile race in the Sportsfield.

Micheál won a total of five County Finals and seven mid finals during his senior career. He was picked by the Tipperary Senior selectors on several occasions and was on the all-conquering 1945 panel but was unceremoniously sidelined as a result of a career ending leg injury received in a 7-a-side Thurles Sars Tournament final. Micheál didn't make it back for over twelve months. But back he came, and he continued to excel in his favourite and best position, wing half back. Micheál played for Tipperary in N.H.L., Oireachtas, Wembley Tournaments, etc. He worked his way back into favour with the Tipperary selectors and his performances in the Championship caught the attention of the Interprovincial management team and he was selected to play for Munster in 1947 where he played on Josie Gallagher of Galway and Connacht who won their very first Railway Cup final.

Micheál also played senior football as well as both junior hurling and junior football with Tipperary. He served as a Selector with the Tipp Senior football after Thurles Crokes won a great County Final in 1960.

Micheál has many fond and glorious memories



Family relative Michael Maher, Chairman of Thurles Sarsfields at home with Micheál.

of matches, teams and players over the decades but when pressed he freely picks his two stand-out events. Firstly, that day in 1945 when John Maher climbed the Hogan Stand and was presented with the Liam McCarthy cup. Secondly, the pride he felt in 1949 when his brother Donncadh won his All-Ireland medal playing wing back on a talent laden Tipperary Minor Hurling team.

When his playing days were over he followed Thurles Sars and Tipperary everywhere to support them. Micheál's companions on match days were Dr. Bill Herlihy, Paddy Kenny, Noel Treacy, and Jacksie Ryan. In 2004 Micheál was chosen for a Sean Ghael award which acknowledges special people for their contribution to the association over a long number of years.

Micheál is looking forward to today's final with admiration and confidence in this present bunch of Sarsfields men. They are as good as he ever saw. The County Final last year saw Thurles, powered by Padraig Maher and Pa Bourke with John, Denis and Stephen Maher on the bench, beat Drom-Inch, which included their cousins Matthew and Johnny Ryan, who all have the Killinan blood running proudly through their veins. Micheál rests easy in the knowledge that they will carry on in to the third century the torch that was lit by The Killinans more than 126 years ago.

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

Champions 1982 & 1984

THE DOUBLE success of our senior hurlers in annexing the county senior hurling finals of 1982 and 1984 lifted the spirits of our parish. It was a long wait of forty two years for the honour since 1940 when Tom Kennedy and his men had last won The Dan Breen Cup.

There was never any dilution of effort in the club to achieve that goal. After defeats in the 1943 and 1962 county finals patience was often getting short and the old adage "that patience is a virtue that comes to those who wait" was not considered very valid by players, officials and supporters. Chasing that elusive county final win was always a "Holy Grail" well worth pursuing.

While the 1970's had kindled fires of hope with Mid senior titles in 1971 and some under age successes at both minor and u/21 levels, the early years of the following decade set the tone for things to come. In 1981 the mid championship crown was retrieved after ten years. After defeating Carrick Swan in the county quarter

final, a narrow one point defeat to Borris-Ileigh in the semis was an encouraging sign. All systems were ignited for 1982 and with a large panel of experienced and young players available

The Mid campaign was retained with wins over Drom-Inch, Holycross-Ballycahill, Thurles Sarsfields and Loughmore-Castleiney in the final. The late John Flanagan was our leading scorer in that particular Mid campaign, getting vital goals at crucial times. The temperature of the training schedule was upped for the county series and Tipperary and Kilruane stalwart Len Gaynor drafted in. New methods and a new face boosted the spirits of the players. It was a hard slog to the county final of '82 with victories over Eire Og (Nenagh) replay in quarter final and Knockavilla Kickhams (semi-

final). Roscrea provided the final opposition and another draw resulted. Our goals coming from the Quigley brothers and Jack Caesar. But the replay saw the red & yellow brigade break a losing county final day mode and achieve victory



Moycarkey-Borris – 1982 Mid, County and Munster Senior Hurling Champions

Back row (l.-r.): John Hackett, Willie Ryan, Micheal Clohessy, Tom Mullins, Jim Flanagan, Liam Dempsey, Robert Hayes, Tom Doran, Bill Gooney, John McCormack, David Fogarty, Liam Bergin, Matty Bourke. Front row (l.-r.): Jimmy Leahy, Nicholas Bergin, Eamon Darmody, Tommy Quigley, John Flanagan, Jack Bergin (Captain), Dick Quigley, Eddie Clancy, Jack Ceaser



Referee George Ryan (Lattin-Cullen) throws in the ball at the start of the 1982 County Senior Hurling Final replay as Jim Flanagan (Moycarkey-Borris) and Richie Dunne (Roscrea) await followed by Patrick 'Purdy' Loughnane (Roscrea) and Liam Bergin (Moycarkey-Borris).

by a seven point margin. But the campaign did not end there and in the Munster club victories over Ballyduff (Waterford) and Patrickswell, (Limerick) added a fabulous bonus. The All-Ireland series were next and a nine points win over Brian Boru (London) in the quarter final set a semi-final slot with Loughgeil in faraway Antrim glens but our odyssey ended there with a four point defeat. Disappointing but what a hurling campaign.

In 1983 we set out to repeat the feat of the great team of the 1930's by adding three Mid titles in a row but our opponents in the two previous divisional finals, Loughmore-Castleiney ended that feat by a 4 points triumph. Our team defeated Cappawhite in the quarter final and lost by the minimum margin to Borris-Ileigh (semi-final) in Cashel.

Paddy Doyle (Thurles

Sarsfields) who was coach in 1983 was once more trainer. A number of new players were on this selection including Timmy Cullagh and Ned Slattery. A mid final place was again reached with victories over Boherlahan, Moyne and Loughmore but Drom considered somewhat outsiders defeated us in the final by one point after a replay. Carrick Swan fell before our onslaught in the quarter final of the county. Our habit of draws continued v Cappawhite in the semi but we beat the West men in the replay. Lorrha provided the county final opponents and led by two points at half time and looked to have our measure as time ebbed away but late goals by Ned Slattery and John Flanagan gave us an a five point winning margin. We had achieved what no other club in Ireland could in winning the jubilee and centenary County

Moycarkey 1982

By Paddy Power (Drangan)

*Come gather round me hurling fans and I'll sing a verse to you
It's about the county final, in the year of eighty-two.
'Twas in Thurles town of high renown on a bleak October's day,
When those heroes from Moycarkey beat the stalwarts from Roscrea.*

*Here's a health to you Tom Doran; you kept your goal line clear –
And likewise stalwart Willie Ryan, sure you're praised both far and near.
With Mullins, Hayes and Darmody and Leahy, strong and tall
And your captain brave Jack Bergin, he lorded over all.*

*The blonde head of Jim Flanagan, round the centre oft was seen
With the neat touch of Liam Bergin; what an asset to the team. –
The Quigleys and young Fogarty, with Caesar brave and bold
They fought like lions for every ball, those boys in the red and gold.*

*'Twas a pity on you Cormac lad, that you did not see it through –
You were caught up in that incident and some blame was laid on you.
You did your best like all the rest, for to keep your temper cool
But the referee who're he may be, has to apply the rules.*

*Now here's to you John Flanagan, your hour at last has come
That you'd win that county final, was the wish of everyone.
Down through the years, we gave long cheers, you were held in high
esteem
And please God next year, you might reappear for to lead the county
team.*



Moycarkey-Borris – 1984 County Senior Hurling Champions

Back row (l.-r.): Willie Ryan, Jimmy Bergin, Jim Flanagan, Tommy Quigley, Tom Mullins, Jimmy Leahy, Ned Slattery, John Hackett, Tom Doran, Robert Hayes, Liam Dempsey, John McCormack, Liam Hackett, Micheal Clohessy, Matty Bourke, Michael Fanning. Front row (l.-r.): Michael McKenna, Declan Kirwan, Liam Bergin, Timmy Cullagh, Jack Bergin (Captain), Robert Doran (mascot), John Flanagan, Eamon Darmody, Dick Quigley, Tommy Noonan, Eamon Darmody (Newhill), Billy Fogarty, David Fogarty.

Final double and our heroes were acclaimed with as much spontaneous enthusiasm as those of 1982. John Flanagan was also top scorer in the centenary final and Eamonn Darmody was "man of the match". A week later our Munster conquest was cut short when Patrickswell beat us easily in the Munster championship.

The Moycarkey-Borris players taking the field of honour to-day will be remembered by followers and neutrals throughout Tipperary as a gallant bunch that achieved the highest accolades in Tipperary gaeldom twice all of those 26 and 28 years ago. It was another great era in the hurling lore of Moycarkey-Borris.

Two members of those panels are now deceased John Flanagan and Pdraig Maher as well as four selectors of the period, Gus Ryan, Larry Ryan, Harry Ryan and Conor Kennedy. They too should be remembered this afternoon. Many others members of the panels have exited the parish to take up employment in places far and near. Some today will be renewing acquaintances with each other for the first time since those herculean days. We salute them and hope they enjoy their reunion together. "Squeeze them up Moycarkey"

GREAT MEMORIES OF THE FINALS

1982

Memories of that cold, wet and windy day in Semple Stadium come floating back; a full blooded hurling and incident packed game John Flanagan was once again our top score with 1-5 (and later that year was awarded "Tipperary Hurler of the Year" by the United Sports Panel, Clonmel, with Dick Quigley awarded the "man of the match" trophy. There was a clean sheet kept by Tom Doran; the scenes of jubilation as

captain Jack Bergin received the Dan Breen Cup from Co. Board Chairman, the late Mick Frawley and the week long celebrations that went on throughout the parish. There were tears of joy in both youngsters and not so young and the veterans who could remember 1940. An

Paths to the Final

1982 MID:

Moycarkey Borris 5-11, Drom & Inch 3-5
Moycarkey Borris 3-10, Thurles Sarsfields 4-6
Moycarkey Borris 4-10, Loughmore-Castleiney 2-9

1982 COUNTY:

Moycarkey Borris 1-8, Eire Óg, Nenagh 0-11
Moycarkey Borris 0-11, Eire Óg, Nenagh 0-7 (Replay)
Moycarkey Borris 3-8, Knockavilla Kickhams 0-5
Moycarkey Borris 3-9, Roscrea 1-15
Moycarkey Borris 2-12, Roscrea 0-11 (Replay)

1982 MUNSTER:

Moycarkey Borris 4-9, Ballyduff, Waterford 0-14
Moycarkey Borris 1-9, Patrickswell, Limerick 0-11

1982 ALL-IRELAND:

Moycarkey Borris 3-5, Brian Borus, London 0-5
Moycarkey Borris 1-6, Loughgell, Antrim 2-7

1984 MID:

Moycarkey Borris 0-14, Boherlahan-Dualla 0-9
Moycarkey Borris 2-12, Moyne-Templetuohy 0-5
Moycarkey Borris 0-13, Drom & Inch 2-7
Moycarkey Borris 1-8, Drom & Inch 1-9 (Replay)

1984 COUNTY:

Moycarkey Borris 1-15, Carrick Swans 3-1
Moycarkey Borris 2-10, Cappawhite 1-13
Moycarkey Borris 3-14, Cappawhite 2-12 (Replay)
Moycarkey Borris 2-8, Lorrha 0-9

1984 MUNSTER:

Moycarkey Borris 0-6, Patrickswell, Limerick 2-12



occasion that will live long in memory of those privileged to be present.

In Nenagh against Patrickswell, who can forget the spell binding last seconds as Richie Bennis stepped up to take a last minute free to bring equality but his effort fell short. Moycarkey-Borris were champions of Munster

In the semi-final v Eire Og we will remember

that pass from Tommy Quigley to Eamonn Darmody, who neatly slotted the equalising point over.

1984

Lorrha have our measure as time ebbed but late goals by Ned Slattery and John Flanagan gave us a five point winning margin. Our heroes were acclaimed with as much

JOHN FLANAGAN

THE NAME of John Flanagan is synonymous with hurling for the famed Moycarkey-Borris club. In a hurling career stretching across four decades, Flanagan's stout-hearted and feisty style of play won him many admirers. He was guaranteed to strike terror into opposing defences. John Flanagan made his Senior inter-county debut in 1967, playing for Tipperary in that memorable All-Ireland final against Kilkenny at the tender age of 19. A week later, the fair-headed John was back at Headquarters helping the Tipperary Under 21's bring home All-Ireland honours. That performance secured Flanagan's place as a free-scoring forward on the Tipperary team for the next decade.

The highlight of his inter-county career was undoubtedly in 1971 when he played a major role in winning the last All-Ireland title before the onset of Tipperary's 18-year long hurling famine. On the way to Tipperary's last visit to Croke Park for many years, Flanagan was a central figure in a classic Munster final against Limerick on a soggy day in Killarney. Although Babs Keating's scoring feats and 'dry-ball' shenanigans captured the headlines that day it was Flanagan's last minute point which secured a famous victory. Flanagan's pure genius and determination in fending off three Limerick defenders was enough to secure a score that has since become part of Tipperary hurling folklore.

Although sometimes unfairly described as a firebrand, Flanagan will best be remembered for this natural scoring ability to pick off points from any range as well as his goal-poaching prowess not to mention his teak-tough determination. His death at the age of 47 in 1994 was a shock to all Gaels in Tipperary and beyond and he will be fondly remembered for as long as hurling is played in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris.

ROLL OF HONOUR – INTER-COUNTY

1 All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal, 1 All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling Medal, 2 Munster Senior Hurling medals, 1 Munster Under 21 Hurling medal, 1 National Hurling League Medal, 1 Railway Cup medal from 4 appearances with Munster

ROLL OF HONOUR – CLUB

1 Munster Club Senior Hurling medal, 2 County Senior Hurling medals, 5 Mid Senior Hurling medals, 1 County Intermediate Football medal, 1 Mid Under 21 Hurling medal





spontaneous enthusiasm as those of 1982 as Jack Bergin received the trophy. Another week of parish celebrations and as in '82 visits to the parish schools with the trophy to salute their heroes.

Club Officials – Chairman: Liam Hennessy; Hon. Secretary: Conor Kennedy; Hon. Treasurer: Jim Leahy

Selectors (1982) – Sean Barry, Paddy Coman, Jimmy Fogarty, Gus Ryan, Larry Ryan (M).

Coach: Len Gaynor; Assistant Coach: Eddie Ryan.

Selectors (1984) – Sean Barry, Conor Kennedy, Harry Ryan; Coach: Paddy Doyle.

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

Player Profiles - 1982-1984

JACK BERGIN – the inspirational captain of this era and outstanding centre-back was Jack Bergin who played Senior Hurling for the club from the 1970s into the 1990s. Jack captained Tipperary in the 1984 Munster SH Final and was a selector with the Tipperary Senior Hurlers helping bring back the Liam MacCarthy Cup in 2001.

JIMMY BERGIN – a County Minor medal winner in 1983, Jimmy was a sub in 1984 & centre back on the 1985 intermediate team and played Senior for the club for many years in defence.

LIAM BERGIN – Liam was a hard working midfielder during this period, playing an important role in both County Final successes and captaining Tipperary in 1983. He also played Centre forward on the 1985 Intermediate team. Liam is now living in Florida and will be represented by his brother Dan.

NICHOLAS BERGIN – Nicholas was a dangerous forward on his day and was on the 1981 Mid Final winning team and was a sub on the 1982 panel.

MATTY BOURKE – Matty won a Mid SH medal in 1981 and lined out at midfield during much of the 1982 campaign and was still part of the panel in 1984 – a versatile player.

JACK CAESAR – Jack was a dangerous corner-forward on the 1982 team, scoring many crucial goals during the successful Mid, County and Munster campaign. Jack later managed the club to the 2002 Mid Final.

EDDIE CLANCY – Eddie was a tough defender, winning a Mid SH medal in 1981 before lining out at corner-back for much of the 1982 campaign including the drawn match in the County Final.

MICHEAL CLOHESSY – Micheal was sub-goalkeeper on both teams and subsequently has been involved as a club administrator and selector.

GREG CULLAGH – Greg played at all underage grades with the club before graduating to the Senior panel for the 1982 season.

TIMMY CULLAGH – Timmy was a hard working wing-forward and played an important role in the 1984 County Final success over Lorrha.

EAMON DARMODY – Eamon was an ever present at right half back during this period. An outstanding sticksman, Eamon won man of the match honours in the 1984 County Final.

EAMON DARMODY (Newhill) – Eamon Darmody of Newhill was a substitute on the 1984 panel. Eamon has

been involved in recent years at underage level within the club.

LIAM DEMPSEY – Liam was an important player, winning many battles when selected at centrefield during this era, including the 1982 Munster Final and 1984 County Final victories.

MICHAEL DEMPSEY – Michael was a sub on both teams and won a County Intermediate medal with the club in 1985 as a wing-back.

TOM DORAN – the ever reliable goalkeeper for this team making many spectacular saves to keep Moycarkey-Borris in many games was Tom Doran.

MICHAEL FANNING – a sub in 1984, Michael Fanning went on to win a County Intermediate medal with the club at wing-forward in 1985.

JIM FLANAGAN – Jim lined out at midfield in the 1982 County Final winning team and was an integral part of the 1984 panel and a member of 1985 Intermediate team. Jim is a former Club Chairman.

JOHN FLANAGAN R.I.P. – John Flanagan was possibly the best ever produced by the club. Strong, fearless and skillful, John proved to be a nightmare for many defenders, lining out for the club over four decades up to the time of his untimely



death in 1994. John's daughter Noreen is a currently a member of the Tipperary Senior Camogie team.

PAT FLANAGAN – a tall, imposing full-forward, Pat Flanagan was a sub in 1982 and went on to win County Intermediate honours with the club in 1985. Pat is currently the Club Chairman.

BILLY FOGARTY – Billy played for the club in the 1979 Mid SH Final and was a sub on the 1982 panel.

DAVID FOGARTY – Billy's brother David was one of the younger players of this generation, playing at wing-forward and corner-forward on both County Final winning teams. David played for Tipperary at Minor and Under 21 level.

BILL GOONEY – Bill was an important midfield player during the successful 1982 campaign, lining out in the County Final drawn match before picking up an injury.

JOHN HACKETT – John was a tight marking corner-back during this era, winning Senior medals in both years and captain of the winning County & Mid Intermediates of 1985. John has served as Club Secretary and Club Treasurer.

LIAM HACKETT – John's brother Liam was a sub on both panels and won County Intermediate honours with the club in 1985 and has served as a club selector for a number of years.

ROBERT HAYES – Robert won medals in both years, lining out at corner-back in the 1982 campaign. Robert has served as Chairman of the Juvenile Club in recent years and also as a club selector.

DECLAN KIRWAN – Declan was a sub on the 1984 panel, the same year he captained the Tipperary Minors to the Munster Final. Declan won County Minor and County Intermediate medals with the club.

JOE KIRWAN – Joe played at all underage grades with the club and was a member of the Senior panel in the successful 1982 campaign. Joe also won Mid Junior honours in 1982.

TOM KIRWAN – Tom was a sub on the 1982 panel and won Senior, Intermediate and Junior medals with the club.

JIMMY LEAHY – another of the young players of this era was Jimmy Leahy who played at wing-back in both County final successes and played Senior for the club in to his 40's. Jimmy played for Tipperary at Minor, Under 21 and Senior level.

PAT MAHER – Pat was a sub on the 1984 panel before winning County Intermediate Honours in defense in 1985. Pat has served as a selector at juvenile and adult level in recent years.

PADRAIG MAHER R.I.P. – Padraig was a sub on the 1982 SH panel and also won Mid Junior honours in the same year.

JOHN McCORMACK – John, better known as the Count was an effective centre-forward on both winning teams. One of the characters of the team.

MICHAEL McKENNA – Michael played County Minor in 1983 and was a sub on the 1984 Moycarkey panel. Michael also won County medals with the club at Minor and Intermediate level.

TOM MULLINS – Tom lined out at corner-back and wing-back during this period, being an ever present and reliable defender during this era. Tom has served as a club selector in recent years.

TOMMY NOONAN – Tommy, better known as "Mossy" won a County Minor medal with the club in 1983 and graduated to the Senior panel in 1984.

DICK QUIGLEY – Dick was a dangerous forward during this era, scoring many crucial scores. Dick won the man of the match award in the 1982 County Final Replay.

TOMMY QUIGLEY – Dick's brother Tommy was wing-forward in 1982 and a sub in 1984, getting many important scores during this era.

MATTY RYAN – Matty played in defense for the club and was part of the 1979 team which contested the Mid SH Final. Matty was a sub on the 1982 panel.

WILLIE RYAN – The ever present full-back was the imposing figure of Willie Ryan. Many forwards threatened to score off of Willie but very few ever did as he was the Rock of the defense at full-back. He was the club vice captain in that era.

JOHN RYAN (MOORE) – John gave good service to the club and was part of the 1979 Moycarkey-Borris team that reached the Mid Final. John was a sub on the 1982 panel.

NED SLATTERY – Ned made the full-forward position his own in 1984, creating and scoring many scores during that campaign including a crucial goal in the second half of the 1984 County Final.



YOUTH VIEW

NAME: **Jason Jordan**

SCHOOL: Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S., Thurles

CLASS: 6th

CLUB: Dúrlas Óg

Favourite Position: Midfield

Favourite Sars Player: Lar Corbett

Favourite GAA

Memory: Eoin Kelly lifting the McCarthy Cup



The 2010 Co. semi-final between

Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara was held in Semple Stadium and I was there supporting the Sars. It was very exciting and a close game. Michael Cahill was outstanding at wing-back. My favourite Sars player is Lar Corbett. He has lightning pace, super touch and great goal scoring ability.

I am really looking forward to the County Final against Clonoulty. It should be a fantastic game and Sars should come out on top.

UP THE BLUES!!!!

My name is **Norah Kennedy** (12), 6th Class. I play camogie with Presentation Primary School and Thurles Camogie Club. I want Sarsfields to win the County Final because they played their heart out to get to the final and they're a great team.

My favourite players of all time are Pádraig Maher and Denis Maher because, if the ball ever comes into the back line, the one player you can depend on to get the ball out is Pádraig Maher and if they ever need scores, Denis Maher will get them for you.



Hello my name is **Sadhbh Leahy**. I am ten years old and I am in 4th class in Leugh N.S., a small school on the outskirts of Thurles Parish. I play Ladies football for Thurles Sarsfields. I also play for Thurles Camogie Club.

This is a very special day for my family, as my dad Philip is the treasurer of the club and my cousin Michael Maher is the chairman. I have four cousins on the panel as well as my brother, Patrick.

It is a great honour for my school as Michael Cahill, Denis Maher, John Maher, Stephen Maher, Rory o' Shea and my brother started their hurling careers on the small pitch in my school. And not to forget the Sarsfields club Secretary, Thomas Callanan who also went to my school.

Up the Sars,



Aidan Loughman (11), Sixth Class, Rossmore N.S.

I play Hurling and football for Clonoulty-Rossmore. This year was a great year for the Clonoulty-Rossmore U-12 A team, winning the two West titles.

I am really proud of Clonoulty -Rossmore Senior Panel for reaching the County Final.

There is great anticipation and excitement all around the Parish awaiting the big day!

Tá súil agam go mbeidh an bua againn!





YOUTH VIEW

Name: **Ódhran Quirke**
Age: 12
School: Clonoulty N.S.
Class: 6th class

I love hurling and I have won medals with my club and with my school. I love going to see the team training and the colour and the decorations in the school.

I can't wait to see the team playing in Semple Stadium. I hope to see them winning and celebrating and the cup coming to the school.

I wasn't even born the last time they won the County final so I hope to see them winning and beating the Sars.

Best of luck to the lads on the day.

My name is **Jack Ryan**. I am 10 years old. I am in 5th class in Ballagh N.S. My favourite sport is hurling.

Pupils from Ballagh, Clonoulty and Rossmore schools are lucky to have training every Friday. This year our trainers are Timothy Hammersley and John O' Keffe.

The two of them are playing in the county final. Even though the team didn't play to their true potential in the county semi-final, I think if every member 'clicks' we will have a great chance in the county final.

All the boys and girls in Ballagh N.S. wish the team success on Sunday.



My name is **Sarah Stakelum**. I am 12 years of age and am supporting Thurles Sarsfields. I think they will win by four or five points.

My favourite players are Patrick McCormack, Padraic Maher, Michael Cahill, Pa Bourke, Lar Corbett and Ger 'Redser' O'Grady.

I am in 6th Class in Scoil Angela, Thurles. I play camogie for Thurles Camogie Club.



Is mise **Seosamh Ó Riain** is táim ag freastal ar Ghaelscoil Bhride i nDurlas Éile.

Imríim i lár na páirce le foireann na scoile sa pheil agus san iománaíocht. Is breá liom freisin bheith ag imirt le Durlas Óg.

Ní chaillim aon chluiche leis na Sairséalaigh agus tá aithne agam ar na himreoirí go léir.

Táim ag tnúth go mór leis an gcluiche Dé Domhnaigh seo chugainn. Is é Lar Corbett mo laoch iománaíochta thar éinne eile. Ach tá faitíos orm faoi Clonoulty. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an t-ádh linn.





Tipperary Supporters' Club Junior Membership



This interview with LAR CORBETT was won by EUGENE RYAN as a prize in a draw among Junior Members of the Tipperary Supporters' Club. You can join up as a Junior Member for FREE on www.tippsupportersclub.com.

My name is Eugene Ryan. I live in Rossmore. It is a joint parish with Clonoulty. I am 12 years old and I am going to school in Rossmore N.S. I have 2 sisters. Their names are Deirdre and Brigid. I like sports, especially Hurling and Football. I play with the local club Clonoulty-Rossmore. My favourite position is corner forward. This year we won the West Final in Hurling. We came within a point of getting into the county final but unfortunately Kilruane McDonaghs got over the line before us on a 2-5 to 2-4 score line. We also reached the U12 Football Final but were narrowly defeated by Killenaule after extra time. Once again by a point.

The scoreline was 3-6 to 3-5.

We'll be back next year!

1. **Who was your toughest opponent on the hurling field?**

(Question: Andrew Irwin)

You would have to look at the Kilkenny team, especially players like JJ Delany and Tommy Walsh.

2. **What is your favourite hurling memory to-date?**

(Question: Katie Corbett, Ballybrien, Ballymcarbry, Co. Waterford. Age: 14)

Probably winning the All-Ireland Final 2010.

3. **Where did you begin hurling and at what age?**

I started with Dúrlas Óg but I suppose I had started at home at age 5/6.

4. **Your discipline on the pitch is fantastic and you are never seen getting into arguments with other players on the opposition. How important do you think this is in the game of Hurling and what do you think the GAA should do in order to combat the increase in arguments occurring on the pitch, especially during underage games which has increased over the past few years?**

(Question: Eugene Ryan, Park House, Rossmore, Cashel, Co. Tipperary. Age: 12)

You have to accept the referee's decision; you don't get anything out of arguing with the referee. The quality of referees is very important for players.

5. **Did you have 'that feeling' when you went out onto Croke Park on the day of the All-Ireland Final that today was going to be Tipp's day?**

(Question: Ciara Gleeson, Portroe, Nenagh. Age: 15)

We would always have great belief in ourselves and team management would have given us that belief. That applies to all sports and all levels, no matter what age group is involved. It's up to the players to continue that belief out on the field. I would definitely say that under this management we had belief every time we went out and we had it that day as well.

6. **When you were younger how long would you practice for?**

(Question: Christina Bradshaw, The Green Road, Dunleckney, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow)

When I was younger I always liked hitting the ball off a wall. It's very important for first touch and hand to eye co-ordination. I wouldn't even call it practice, it was something I liked doing. It's a way of getting away from everything else.

7. **Did you ever dream that you would score three goals in an All Ireland final?**

(Question: Pádraig Maher, Coalbrook, Thurles, Co Tipperary)

I never dreamed about scoring 3 goals in an All-Ireland Final but it is very important to dream. Always set your standards very, very high. The most important thing about the day of the Final is that we won and everything thing



else about it comes second.

8. What does it feel like to play on the Tipperary Team?

In hurling it doesn't get any bigger. We all start off in our clubs and we get a lucky break to play county minor, under 21 or senior. It's great to play with other players in the county who are the best around.

9. How many goals have you scored in your career?

I don't know, you could find that out!

10. What is your favourite position?

I'm often asked that but a forward should be able to play in any position.

The way the game is gone a corner forward could find himself out at centre forward or wing forward after 10 minutes. I like being a forward and the movement among the forwards. I wouldn't have any set position and could see myself moving around.

11. Of the two years you've won an All Ireland medals and I know it must have been brilliant each year but which year feels more important?

(Question: David Kelly, 4 Dawson Villas, Tipperary Town)

It's a hard question. It's great to win an All-Ireland and I was lucky enough to be there in 2001 and 2010 and I could not pick between them. However in 2010 with Kilkenny going for five in a row it had to be extra special but at the end of the day I would value the two of them the same.

11. How did you become such a class hurler and how do you feel about being nominated for another all star?

(Question: Patrick Finn, Garrykennedy, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Age: 9)

All those things are great but the main thing is to be part of a fantastic team. You would never



Eugene Ryan and Lar Corbett.

be nominated for All Star Awards but for the players around you, with everyone giving the same commitment. Sometimes people can read too much in to individuals. No one would achieve anything unless the other 14 players on the field were as good.

12. How did it feel to score three goals in the All Ireland final?

(Question: James Finn, Garrykennedy, Portroe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Age: 8)

It's fantastic to get three goals and as I said it's great to be involved with players like that. The feeling does not come near the feeling of winning the match on the day.

13. Well done on winning the Liam McCarthy Cup. Ye were brilliant my question is how many autographs have you signed since ye won the final or could you even guess?

(Question: Brendan Looby, Horse & Jockey, Thurles, Co Tipperary)

Coming from Tipperary which is such a proud hurling county everyone wants an autograph from an All-Ireland winning team. In a few more years it will be someone else's turn to sign the autographs! Maybe some day you will be winning All-Irelands and you can keep count!

Promoting SCÓR in your club



A CHAIRDE-SCÓR is involved each year in promoting our unique heritage and culture within the G.A.A.

Three categories of Scór at county level ensure that all age groups are catered for:

Scór Sinsear for adults.

Scór na n-Óg for the 12-17 age group.

Scór na bPáisti for Primary schoolchildren.

Each club in Tipperary is encouraged to participate in the many competitions that make up Scór:

- Rince Foirne
- Recitation
- Ballad Group
- Question Time
- Novelty Act
- Rince Seit
- Solo Singing
- Instrumental Music

Adults, teenagers and young people alike participate in and enjoy competitions at club and county level, growing in stature and self confidence as they perpetuate the tradition that is Scór.

Your club, if not already involved might consider entering some competitions in 2010/2011 Scór.

There are many Scór personnel who will only be too happy to offer advice and provide you with information re competitions and venues.

Taking part is what matters. Bí ullamh.....

Tús maith leath na hoibre.

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← J K Brackens – winners of the Figure Dancing in the Co Final of Scór na nÓg. Front row (l.-r.): Lisa Fogarty, Yvonne Meehan, Niamh Kennedy, Chloe Giles. Back row (l.-r.): Francis Bourke, Leona Bowe, Ciara Bourke, Sandra Bowe, Maeve Bourke, Mairéad Delaney, Paddy Stapleton.

An Ghaeilge agus an club

A dhaoine uaisle – táimid bailithe anseo inniu i Stáid Semple, Durlas Éile – croilár na heagraíochta chun buaicphointe na bliana san iomáint-Craobh an Chontae a fheiscint.

Tá neart suime inár gcluichí dúchais le brath ar fud an chontae agus tá gach mac is iníon máthar sna paróistí ó cheann ceann an chontae anois dílis, díograiseach i leith na cluichí Gaelacha.

Nach iontach an rud é na páisti ag luascadh camáin agus ag deanamh aithris ar ár laochra. Is dóigh go bhfuil pobal iománaíochta, peile, camógaíochta níos treise na riamh againn agus go bhfuil meon agus spiorad muintir an chontae athmhúscailte.

Mar is eol do chách is é an club bunchloch an Chumainn ach seachas na cluichí Gaelacha a chur chun cinn agus a fhorbairt ní mor dúinne go léir-ach go háirithe na hoifigigh sna clubanna aithmaisféar Gaelach a chothú agus an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sna clubanna agus sa Chumann araon.

Tá súil ag Bord an Chontae go mbeidh Oifigeach Gaeilge/Cultúrtha ceaptha i ngach club sa chontae roimh deireadh na bliana. Tá dlúth cheangal ag an gCumann Luthchleas Gael le saibhreas agus le hoidhreacht chultúrtha ar sinsear agus is é an Aos Óg a chinnteoidh go mbeidh ár dteanga fein slán amach anseo ach go mbeidh deashampla agus spreagadh uathu go géar sna clubanna.

Is féidir breis eolais nó moltaí a fhail ó Oifigeach Gaeilge an Chontae ag irishculturalofficer.tipperary@gaa.ie



My ALL-IRELAND

SHANE BROPHY – Nenagh Guardian

THIS YEAR'S All Ireland Final was one of the most nerve-shredding experiences I have had in my life, let alone as a sporting spectator. While I was not directly involved, I like many other Tipperary supporters knew what either victory or defeat would mean, ecstasy or pain. Two hours before the game while the rest of the media in the Hogan Stand tucked into their lunch, the butterflies that had found their way into the pit of my stomach ensured that I wasn't able to feast with them. If the nerves were bad then, they were nothing compared to the game itself. I don't think I stopped shaking from the first minute until the Benny Dunne's point which for me meant that Tipperary were not going to lose the game. When Seamus Hennessy followed with a point shortly after, the pen and paper were quickly put away in the bag as I allowed myself to enjoy the last few minutes, savouring the fact that we were going to win the All Ireland.



MARION GRAHAM – Managaer, Lár na Páirce Merchandise Shop

WHAT AN exciting year we had in Lár na Páirce! The build up to the All-Ireland Final commenced immediately after the semi-final and the fabulous extension to the shop this year brought supporters from far and near searching for gear for the big day. Getting closer to September 5th, the excitement was building up big time. Wanting a bit of the Tipp action, national television stations, national papers, local radio stations, Spin South West Radio, the famous "Johnny B", and various journalists all paid a visit to the main arena "Lár na Páirce", which incidentally is the only owned County G.A.A. Merchandise Shop in Ireland. Their spirits were high, the buzz was unreal. People were chatting away in corners of the shop about the Final, quietly confident and one could sense victory, ear wiggling into their conversations. "Championship fever was well and truly in the air". It was wonderful to see the expressions on the faces of the children when Eoin Kelly, Lar Corbett, Shane McGrath or any of the players strolled in now and again. The children would nudge each other, all too shy to ask for an autograph. But the lads had no problem when their autograph was requested and the smile and expression on the faces of the children when they left will always be remembered. We had the "Joke Happy" Joe Hayes helping out in the final days, ably assisted by the one and only "Effin Eddie". What a treat this was for the supporters, the banter was brilliant and now and again we even had a few Kilkenny people tasting the build up in the shop. All this made the busy season all the more easy to cope with.



"Role On, Role On Championship 2011".

MICHAEL PURCELL – 6th Class, Scoil Ailbhe CBS

Iwent up to the All-Ireland Final in Croke Park by car with my Dad and two brothers. The motorway was mobbed with cars all decked out in Tipp and Kilkenny colours. We parked in St. Vincent's hospital and caught the Luas to Connolly Station. We then made our way by foot to the stadium. The atmosphere inside the stadium was electric and it was a brilliant final, the best I have ever seen. The battle between Bonnar Maher and Tommy Walsh was intense but the best player on the pitch was Thurles Sarsfields star, Lar Corbett. I couldn't contain my excitement when Lar hammered home his third goal and Tipp secured the victory. I leapt about with delight. My favourite Tipperary hurlers are Lar and Michael Cahill. I had a great feeling of happiness and sense of pride as Eoin Kelly raised the Liam McCarty cup. It was a nerve wrecking game but the victory was so sweet. What a party we had at the homecoming in Thurles the following night. Hohnnnnnn Tipp!!!!



REGULATIONS

Stáid Semple

1. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Rules (which are designated to protect the Health and Safety of all entrants to the ground). Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these Rules.
2. The management reserves the right of admission.
3. The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
4. All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
5. Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
6. The following are not permitted:
 - 6.1 Entry upon the pitch or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders, or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
 - 6.2 Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall surrounding the pitch or incursion on to the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes a trespass to property.
 - 6.3 The climbing of floodlights or other pylons, stands or other buildings. Such behavior constitutes a trespass to property.
 - 6.4 Throwing of objects onto the pitch.
 - 6.5 Remaining or loitering in any gangway or aisle.
 - 6.6 Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
 - 6.7 Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
 - 6.8 Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon.
 - 6.9 Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances and behavior likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language.
7. If a person commits a trespass, reasonable force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
8. Where a person is in breach of any of these rules, or where the management believes that a person constitutes a source of danger to others, or to the ground, such person may be refused entry or ejected from the ground, and reasonable force may be used for that purpose.

Safety and General Information

Supporters are asked to respect the fact that they are entering and leaving the stadium through residential areas.

Safety Notice



In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardai, Fire Brigade and the HSE.

The full co-operation of supporters is requested to avoid serious injury and to ensure that games can be enjoyed without resource to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing action from all vantage points.

Together we can ensure that the Stáid Semple experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

Smoking Policy

Stáid Semple operates a No Smoking policy except in designated areas of the ground.



Medical Assistance



First Aid Centres are located in the stadium.

Should you require assistance please enquire which is the nearest to you from a member of An Garda Síochána or official steward.

Lost Children

Lost children will be brought to the above First Aid Centres.





— By Séamus Ó Dubhagáin —

Six goals in — is mise Micheál Ó Muirhceartaigh

BAINEADH sonc asam is mé ag éisteacht le Radio na Gaeltachta le gairid is Edel ní Churráin ag treáslú le Micheál Ó Muirhceartaigh ar bharr Chnoic Bhréanainn go raibh a cheithre scór scoirichte aige. Ghlac sé go humhal mar is dual dó lena raibh le rá ach ba dheacair a shamhlú go raibh an fathach fir seo a shiúil is a labhair le cosmhuintir na tíre seo thar na glúinte ag druidim le deireadh ré. Go luath ina dhiaidh sin d'fhógair sé go mbeadh sé ag éirí as an gcraoltóireacht. Bhí an buachaill beo ag fágáil slán.

Ag breathnú siar ar oilithreacht na mblianta sé a thagann chun cuimhne ná cé chomh cuimsitheach folláin, rí spéisúil, beatha an fhir seo idir spórt, teanga, taisteal, múineadh agus breis. Anseo i Staid Semple, thar aon áit eile, leis an guth aonraic sin, shúigh sé an teannas is an tine, an mórtas is an gliondar croí agus scaip trasna an domhain iad. Thuig sé gurab é an t-iománaíocht an sain comartha oidhreacht a mhair fós i gcroíthe na ndaoine agus rinne sé a sheacht ndicheall chuile uair a shiúil sé in airde staighre go dtí an bothán ghlas in aice an sean ardáin nó faoi dhíon Ardán Uí Chuinneáin ag breathnú ar bhánta Cill Eidneáin.

Cé go bhfuil clú agus cáil air mar urlabhraí ba bhreá leis seasamh agus éisteacht ina shlí cheansa féin

Creid nó ná creid, thosaigh sé ag craoladh iománaíochta i gcluiche ceannais an Oireachtais i 1949 i dtús an ré órga sin le Tommy Doyle agus a chuid agus lean sé air gan stad gan staonadh go bhfaca sé Lar Corbett agus Tiobraid Árann i mbarr réime arís i mbliana. B'fhear é de bhunús an tseansaíocht — an tráth sin lena luaitear focail mar macánta, iobairt, flaithiúlacht anama, misneach, dílseacht, na sean suailcí lena mhair sé féin agus thug le fios anseo i nDúrlas gur chuid bunúsach luachmhar de shain mheon na tíre í an t-iománaíocht. Nuair a bhíodh cluiche idir lámha aige, bhí i bhfad níos mó is gceist ná an cluiche féin — Bhí tír agus teaghlach, clann agus treabh, saoirse is mórtas cine,

iománaíocht agus rún diamhair agus iad uile fite fuaite sa tslí gur tugeadh do chách gur ócáid ar leith gach cluiche ar an bhfaiche ós a gcomhair amach.

Ba bhreá leis buaileadh le daoine lá an chluiche mhóir i Staid Semple nó sa sportsfield mar a bhí air nuair a thosaigh sé. Is cuimhin liom é sa seomra feistis roimhré. Fios a áite is a ghnó aige gan cur isteach nó amach ar aon imreoir ag ullmhú don chath a bhí le teacht



Micheál Ó Muirhceartaigh meets Tipperary Gaels at a championship match (l.-r.): Dick O'Connell, Joan O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, Micheál Ó Muirhceartaigh, Tom Slattery and John Ryan.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



agus i gnuth íseal séimh fuair sé an t-eolas agus d'imigh. Bhí sean aithne aige ar roghnóirí, bainisteoirí agus lucht cúraim na páirce agus bhí moladh aige do a leithéid Jimmy Purcell nó Liam Ó Donnchú - níor fhad sé éinne as an áireamh. Shiúil sé chun na páirce i measc an lucht tacaíochta tar éis cuairt a thabhairt ar an gcumhdach bunaithe, Ostán Uí hAodha. Cé gur shiúil scáileanna na sean iománaíthe ina theannta dhírigh sé go huile is go hiomlán ar imreoirí an lae inniu. Nuair a cuireadh ceist air le gairid faoin cluiche ab fhearr a bhfaca sé riamh bhí sé suimiúil gur luaigh sé an cluiche ar an gcéad Domhnach de Mheánfómhair na bliana seo. Ní cuimhin liom cáineadh ar bith faoi aon imreoir a chlosaíodh thar na tonnta riamh.

Ag siolrú ó thraidisiúin feirmeoireachta in iarthar Chiarraí ba bhreá leis na capaill is na gadhair, na báid agus gach gné den saol maguaird. Ceapaim féin gur breá leis lucht na

gcapall agus lucht na ngadhar agus aon duine daonna suimiúil a raibh scéal a bheatha mealltach. Cé go bhfuil clú agus cáil air mar urlabhraí ba bhreá leis seasamh agus éisteacht ina shlí cheansa féin. I rith a shaoil bhuail sé le Gaeil mór thimpeall an domhain agus thug sé tús áite do chomharthaí sóirt na nGael, an caid, an t-iománaíocht agus thar aon ní eile an teanga. Le cúpla focal anseo is ansiúd i ngach aon craoladh chuir sé le cúis na Gaeilge agus i ngan fhios dúinn féin d'fhill an meas ar ár dteanga dúchais.

Anois tá deis aige a shaoil a chaitheamh i bhfad ó sholas ghéar na gréine, áit gut féidir leis a scíth a ligint agus cé a dhéarfadh nach bhfuil sé tuillte agus túillte go maith aige. Anseo i Stáid Semple, guimíd rath air, gabhaimid buíochas leis as a bhfuil curtha i gcrích aige dúinn agus bí deimhin go mbeidh fáilte Uí Cheallaigh roimh Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh anseo go deo.

Nominations sought for **Tipperary Sports Stars of the Year Awards**

EACH YEAR the Tipperary United Sports Panel presents its annual Annerville awards, sponsored by Bulmers, to the county's top amateur sports stars of the year.

The Panel members, who are now meeting to choose the stars for 2010, welcome nominations from the public, clubs and sporting organisations.

Anyone who wishes to nominate any sporting achievement by a team or individual, since the beginning of the year, may do so by contacting any member as soon as possible.

The Panel includes:-

Chairman – Liam Ó Donnchú, Ballymoreen, Thurles.

Secretary – Seamus King, Cashel.

Treasurer – Ken Conway, Clonmel.

Committee – Jimmy Cooney, Johnny O'Loughlin, Eamonn Wynne, David Clancy, Richie Blanche and Davy Hallinan (all Clonmel); Seamus McCarthy (Bansha) and James Holohan (Kilsheelan).

QUIZ answers

Quiz on Page 60

- Declan Ryan.
- Mickey 'Rattler' Byrne and Joe Hayes.
- Aidan McCormack.
- 1989.
- Noel McGrath.
- Seamus O'Shea.
- Mullinahone.
- Séamus Ó Riain, from 1967-1970.
- (c) Sean Treacy Park.
- The drive for 5 is now on!
- Padraic Maher.
- Kilruane MacDonaghs.
- 30.
- Jack Bergin.
- Joe Hayes.
- Fiachra O'Keeffe.
- Eddie Enright.
- Carrick Swans.
- Timmy Hammersley.
- Johnny Enright.

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*Tipperary panel and mentors on the steps of Blackrock College
(Dublin) prior to the 1945 All-Ireland Final*

Front row (l.-r.): Jack Mockler, Bursar Blackrock College, J. J. Callanan, Henry Goldsboro, Mutt Ryan, Mickey Byrne, Tommy Ryan. Second and third row (l.-r.): Johnny Ryan, Jim Devitt, Tom Wall, Tom O'Keefe, Eddie Gleeson, Tommy Semple, Fr. John Maher (County Chairman), John Delahunty, Jack Dwyer, Paddy Maher (W), John Maher (Captain). Fourth and fifth row (l.-r.): Tommy Purcell, Martin Loughnane, John Coffey, Flor Coffey, Jimmy Maher, Paddy Ryan (S), J. Ryan, Tommy Doyle, Anthony Brennan, Gerry Doyle, Mick Murphy, Ger Cornally, Paddy Mockler (Blue).