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2012

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It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Tipperary County Board to welcome you all to Semple Stadium today for what is the showpiece occasion in the Tipperary hurling calendar the County senior hurling final. Both matches on today's programme have all the promise of two wonderful games displaying all the positive attributes that make hurling the greatest field game there is.

I welcome in particular all the players who will grace the famed sod of Semple Stadium today, it is a proud day for them, they have trained hard, they have played hard and have reached their respective finals on merit. The ultimate goal, the Dan Breen Cup for the senior final and the Jacksie Ryan Cup for the intermediate final, is but an hour's hurling away for the four teams involved. I wish all the players and their management teams the very best of luck in today's games.

The senior final is an intriguing one, an all Mid Division affair with famed Thules Sarsfields, champions in 2009 and 2010, unbeaten throughout the championship. They have talent in abundance, with most of their players having worn the County jersey in one grade or another. Drom & Inch however hold the mantle of champions – what was hard won won't be let go easily. They have had a mixed season of victory and defeat, but it is noticeable that as the championship reached the knockout stages they upped their performance considerably. Drom & Inch, a team on form, versus a Sarsfields side who have not yet tasted defeat in this year's championship. All the ingredients are there for a final of epic proportions, one which will lift the spirits of hurling followers all over the County.

The Intermediate hurling final brings two North Division teams together – Silvermines and Ballina. Silvermines, who are North champions, had a previous County title win in 1999, while Ballina are seeking their first title. A most attractive curtain raiser which should provide splendid entertainment for today's attendance.

A special welcome today to Semple Stadium to

the Cappawhite team of 1987 who brought honour and glory to their Club and Parish with their first County senior hurling title win. Today's 25th anniversary celebrations will surely bring back to them fond memories of that special and joyous occasion. I thank the *Tipperary Star* and Dundrum House Hotel for their support and the organising committee for their excellent organisation of the event.

Best wishes to both referees for today's games and their officials. Fergal Horgan referees his first senior final today and is undoubtedly a referee with a great future ahead. Paddy Ivors is in charge of the intermediate final today and has in recent years given excellent service as a referee in all grades. My thanks to all the referees in the County for their dedication to the task and to County referees co-ordinator John Lonergan for his organisation in this area.

The County C.C.C and the four Divisions deserve special mention today for progressing the championships in what were the most trying of circumstances in recent years. Tipperary's appearance in five Munster finals, an excellent run in the senior football championship, an All-Ireland minor football quarter-final, an All-Ireland senior and minor hurling semi-final plus an All-Ireland Intermediate hurling final and minor hurling All-Ireland final and replay created an involvement that far surpassed any other County in terms of participation at inter-county level and yet all our championships are on track. Well done.

My thanks to the programme editor Ger Corbett and his contributors for an excellent programme in a short time frame and to the management staff and volunteers of Semple Stadium for the excellent field and facilities at our disposal. Thanks also to my fellow officers for their diligence in organising all the match day arrangements.

Finally, to all our supporters, I hope you enjoy today's games and enjoy the experience that is Semple Stadium on County final day. Many thanks for your support today and throughout the year and may today's games follow in the great tradition of the past and instil hope and confidence in Tipperary's hurling future.

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Clár an Lae

- 1.00** Ballina amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.02** Silvermines amach ar an bpáirc
- 1.15** Tús an chluiche – *Intermediate Hurling Championship Final:*
BALLINA v SILVERMINES
- 1.47** Leath-am
- 1.57** Tús an dara leath
- 2.30** Críoch an chluiche
- 2.40** Presentation of the Jacksie Ryan Cup to the winning captain by Micheál de Búrca Leas Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of "Man of the Match" Award (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)
- 2.50** Presentation of the Cappawhite 1987 County Champions
- 3.08** Drom & Inch amach ar an bpairc
- 3.10** Thurles Sarsfields amach ar an bpairc
- 3.25** Pre-Match Parade
- 3.28** Amhrán na Bhfiann
- 3.30** Tús an chluiche – *Senior Hurling Championship Final:*
DROM & INCH v THURLES SARSFIELDS
- 4.02** Leath-am
- 4.12** Tús an dara leath
- 4.45** Críoch an chluiche
- 4.55** Presentation of the Dan Breen Cup to the winning captain by Séan Ó Nuinseain Cathaoirleach an Chontae, followed by presentation of "Man of the Match" Award (Sponsored by John Quirke Jewellers, Cahir)



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM will be sung today by **ELLA STAPLETON** from Upperchurch/Drombane. Ella is a member of the Upperchurch/Drombane GAA Club and she has represented her club in Scór every year since she was five years old. She has won Mid and County titles in solo singing, ballad group and instrumental music. Ella has also represented her club in recitation, novelty act figure dancing and set dancing. She is an accomplished musician, playing a wide variety of instruments including fiddle, guitar and tin whistle. In 2007 and 2012 Ella travelled to Utah to perform in the Salt Lake City St. Patrick's Day parade. She is no stranger to the field of play and is a keen camogie and ladies football player. She is currently studying commerce in NUIG.



Buiochas

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), John Lonergan (Referees' Co-Ordinator), Pat Egan (Drom & Inch), Thomas Callanan (Thurles Sarsfields), John Gleeson (Ballina), Yvonne Griffin (Silvermines) and Liam Ó Donnchú. Many thanks to all who contributed articles: Seamus O'Doherty, Noel Dundon, Jackie Cahill, Shane Brophy, Enda McEvoy, Seamus J King, Leonard Fitzgerald, Seosaimhin Ni Chathail and Jim Fogarty. A special word of thanks to Bridget Delaney, John D. Kelly, Jerry Ring and Tom Ryan Casey for their photographs.

GER CORBETT, Editor

Deferred coverage of today's Tipperary Senior Hurling Final will be broadcast on TG4 this afternoon.

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Meet the Referees



Senior: FERGAL HORGAN
 Club: Knockavilla Kickhams
 Family: Married to Erin with 4 children
 – 3 boys and 1 girl
 Occupation: Mature Student
 Appointments: West Senior Hurling final 2011;
 Co. Senior Hurling quarter & semi-finals
 2011; Co Minor, U21 & Intermediate finals.
 Munster Minor Hurling semi-final 2011 &
 Munster Junior Club Hurling final 2011;
 Harty Cup final 2011.

Stand By Referee: Philip Kelly
 Linesman: John O'Brien
 4th Official: John McCormack
 Umpires: David Heelan, John Hayes,
 Eamon Fogarty, Michael Butler



Intermediate: PADDY IVORS
 Club: Knockavilla Kickhams
 Family: Married to Catherine with 3 children,
 2 girls & 1 boy who played with
 County U21s last year
 Occupation: Construction
 Appointments: South Senior Hurling Final 2012;
 Premier League final 2012;
 Co. Senior Hurling quarter-final 2011.

Stand by Referee: Keith Delahunty
 Linesman: Michael O'Donnell
 4th Official: P. J. Nolan
 Umpires: Jimmy Cleere, Paul Cleary,
 Tommy Sheehan, Johnny Callaghan

County Senior Hurling Final REFEREES 1960-2011

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

1960 Jim Stapleton (Solohead)
 1961 Tommy Foran (Carrick-on-Suir)
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 1963 Tommy Foran (Carrick-on-Suir)
 1964 Philly Ryan (Borris-Ileigh)
 1965 Philly Ryan (Borris-Ileigh) draw & replay
 1966-1972 John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
 1973 Paddy Verdon (Solohead)
 1974 John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
 1975 George Ryan (Lattin Cullen) draw & replay
 1976 George Ryan (Lattin Cullen)
 1977 John Moloney (Galtee Rovers) draw & replay
 1978 Liam Ryan (Hollycross Ballycahill)
 1979 John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
 1980 Martin O'Grady (Moyne Templetuohy)
 1981 Billy Carroll (St Mary's Clonmel)
 1982 George Ryan (Lattin) draw & replay
 1983 John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)
 1984 Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
 1985 Donal O'Gorman (Thurles Sarsfields)
 1986 John Maher (Boherlahan-Dualla)
 1987 Gerry Long (Knockshegowna)
 1988 Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
 1989 John Moloney (Galtee Rovers)

1990 Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
 1991 Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)
 1992 Tommy Loneragan (Kilsheelan) draw & replay
 1993 Paddy Loneragan (Galtee Rovers)
 1994 Michael Doyle (Hollycross Ballycahill)
 1995 T.J. Corby (St Mary's, Clonmel)
 1996 Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
 1997 Michael Cahill (Kilruane MacDonagh)
 1998 Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
 1999 Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)
 2000 Willie Barrett (Ardfinnan)
 2001 Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)
 2002 Paddy Russell (Emly) draw
 Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea) replay
 2003 Seamus Roche (Kilsheelan)
 2004 Willie Clohessey (Drom & Inch)
 2005 Brian White (Clonmel Commercial)
 2006 Richie Barry (Cappawhite)
 2007 Tommy Ryan (Kilddangan)
 2008 Noel Cosgrove (Marlfield)
 2009 Sean Bradshaw (Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams)
 2010 Keith Delahunty (Moyle Rovers)
 2011 Pat Gibson (Burgess)

Nothing between them

By: NOEL DUNDON
'Tipperary Star'



COUNTY champions Drom & Inch and Mid champions Thurles Sarsfields will both contest their fifth county senior hurling final since 2005, but the Blues will be looking for their fourth win, whereas Drom & Inch will be looking for their second.

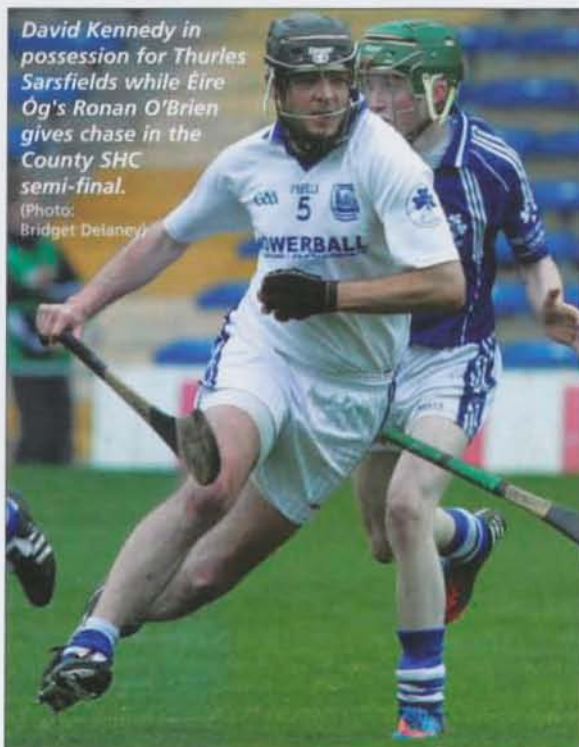
Yes, it's a measure of the success of both clubs to say that they have been collectively involved in all bar the 2006 final since Sarsfields won that title back in 2005 – their first in 31 years. And, while Sarsfields were to go on to win two of their three titles at the expense of Drom

& Inch and have had something of an Indian sign over their neighbours, this afternoon could put an end to all that. Or will it?

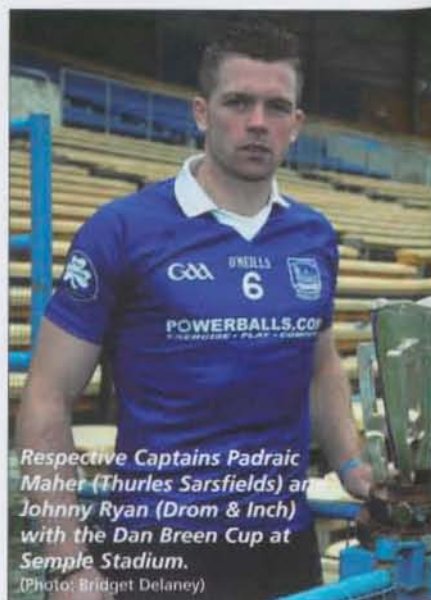
It's probably fair to say that both sides are really at the height of their powers just now and that makes the latest clash all the more intriguing. While the bookies have made Sarsfields the favourites, no one can doubt the credentials of the defending champions who have gone about their business in a very professional manner since they were dumped out of the Mid championship rather unceremoniously by Loughmore Castleiney in that semi-final replay.

David Kennedy in possession for Thurles Sarsfields while Éire Óg's Ronan O'Brien gives chase in the County SHC semi-final.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



Looking at the championship run-in in a very cold, analytical manner, it's fair to say that Drom & Inch have had to be in top form to reach the final. They have beaten last year's and the 2010 county finalists, Clonoulty Rossmore, and 2007 county and



Respective Captains Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields) and Johnny Ryan (Drom & Inch) with the Dan Breen Cup at Semple Stadium.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

Munster champions Loughmore Castleiney since they made it to Semple Stadium. They have had to be well up the gears with the lungs wide open – especially when taken to extra time by the Loughmore Castleiney lads last weekend. They have impressed with their free flowing and forceful style of hurling and are turning quite a few heads again.

So, are Drom & Inch to get the Sarsfields final monkey off their back? The fact that they are county champions should go some distance towards that. But, Drom & Inch are playing with far more purpose and poise than they have been at any stage before. They have pace, power, attacking acumen, defensive strength and key men in key areas. They have never been better equipped to down the Blues in a decider – the question now

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is, can they produce the performance necessary to do so?

Sarsfields have been most peoples favourites to take the title from the off. On paper, they have the kind of side every Coach dreams of shaping. But, games are not won on paper and Sarsfields will be more than conscious of the kind of potency in their neighbours side.

One concern perhaps for Sarsfields, will be the fact that they have not had to be at full throttle for some time. They cruised through the Mid Final; dealt with Kildangan with ease in the quarter; and did likewise with Éire Óg Anacarty in the semi. Can they now up the tempo for the sterner challenge of Drom & Inch? That will be the test.

On the other hand it could be argued that Sarsfields have been so impressive this

season that they have not had to be going at full pelt. They have swept sides aside with their huge level of scoring power and are amassing big tallies on the way. This final could come down to a shootout between the sharpshooters in which case the strongest defence and the most potent attack will prevail. But, what if each side has one of either – very difficult game to call.

This will be Sarsfields tenth county final appearance since 2000 – that's quite a record and that experience,

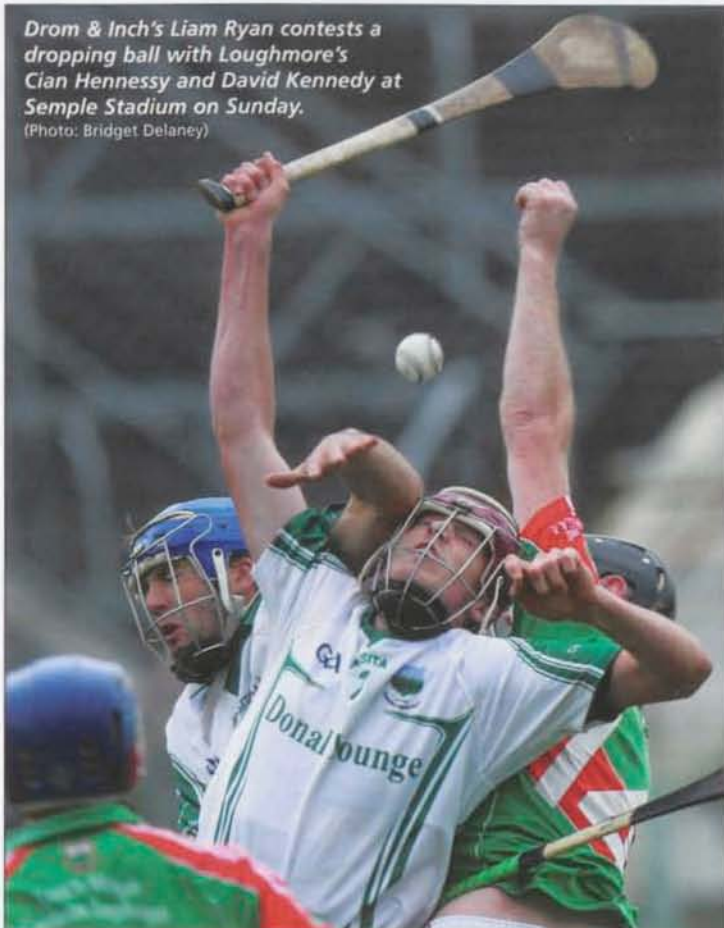
although much of it bad, will drive them on and give them the incentive to push for their 32nd title.

Let's hope for a fabulous final with free flowing hurling, hard hitting, great scores, wonderful defensive work, and a few decent saves. All the above and more could well be on the cards. There really is nothing between them – except for the parochial border of course.

Enjoy the game – the 82nd year the Dan Breen Cup is being battled for.

Drom & Inch's Liam Ryan contests a dropping ball with Loughmore's Cian Hennessy and David Kennedy at Semple Stadium on Sunday.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



COUNTY FINAL

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY



Mighty men

AN OFFICIAL *Man of the Match* award was first introduced on County Final day in 1981. Today's rivals have won the prize previously:

2009 & 2010 Padraic Maher (Thurles Sarsfields)

2005 Seamus Butler & 2011 Johnny Ryan (Drom & Inch)

Waving of the green

DROM & INCH were Co. Finalists in 2005, 2007 and 2009 and while they lost each decider, a constant factor in their defeats was an inability to score goals. On October 16th 2011, it all came right for them and Pat Lupton was the man who scored the club's first ever goal in a county final. His strike around the fifteenth minute brought Drom & Inch back into the game and their minimal half-time arrears (1-9 to 1-8) was eroded in a famous 1-19 to 2-14 victory. In this year's quarter-final it was Joe Lupton who found the net against the West Champions and he did it twice, in a comfortable fifteen point victory for his club.

Holding on

IN THE five decades from 1962 to 2011, Thurles Sarsfields, Carrick Davins, Roscrea, Moneygall, Kilruane MacDonaghs and Toomevara have all retained the county title. There were eight occasions when the defending champions reached the decider but were dethroned. That disappointment has been shared by Clonoulty Rossmore (lost to Toomevara 1998), Holycross Ballycahill (lost to Cashel KC 1991), Kilruane MacDonaghs (lost to Roscrea 1980) & (lost to Borris-Ileigh 1986), Roscrea (lost to Moyne Templetuohy 1971) and (lost to Borris-Ileigh 1981), Toomevara (lost to Thurles Sarsfields 1961) and Thurles Sarsfields (lost to Toomevara in 1960).

On this date

THE LAST county final played on October 14th was in 1990 when Holycross Ballycahill captained by Declan Carr defeated Cashel KC by 0-13 to 0-10 on the wettest final day since 1972. The attendance of approximately 12,000 saw the

Abbeysiders, who led by 0-6 to 0-3 at half-time, win their fourth title and a first since 1954. While Tommy Grogan led the Cashel challenge with 0-6, the greater scoring power of the Holycross Ballycahill players won the day. Their top marksmen were Stephen Dwan (Man of the Match) and Tony Lanigan who each scored 0-4. A Colm Bonner point for Cashel with seven minutes to go had levelled the match at 0-10 each but three late points from Tony Lanigan won the day for the Mid men. Apart from those mentioned, Johnny Doyle at right full back was also superb for the new champions. Declan Carr went on to captain Tipperary to All-Ireland victory when they beat Kilkenny by four points the following September. Other finals played on this date were the Roscrea v Kilruane MacDonaghs clash in 1973 and Thurles Sarsfield v Moycarkey Borris in 1962.

Final meetings

THERE HAVE been two previous County Final meetings of Thurles Sarsfields and Drom & Inch. The Blues won in 2005 and 2009, but today their opponents take to 'the field of legends' as defending champions.



Green shortage

THERE HAVE been six county finals which failed to produce a goal and remarkably five of them have occurred since 1986. The first was the 1887 maiden final when Thurles beat North Tipp by 0-3 to 0-0. The next was nearly a hundred years later when Borris-Ileigh beat reigning All-Ireland Club champions Kilruane MacDonaghs by 0-14 to 0-7.

In 1990, Holycross Ballycahill had three points to spare over Cashel King Cormacs. The drawn 2002 final between Mullinahone and Thurles Sarsfields in 2002 was next. The Mid had their first goal blank final when Loughmore Castleiney beat Drom & Inch in 2007.

The last final which failed to produce a goal was another all Mid decider of Thurles Sarsfields and Drom & Inch in 2009. The Blues won by 0-14 to 0-5. Johnny Enright was the winning captain and he also scored five points.

NAL *moments*

Last year's final

DROM & INCH beat Clonoulty Rossmore in last year's final played on October 16th at Semple Stadium. The final score was by 1-19 to 2-14 and victory gave a hard earned first County title to the Mid men, after the disappointments of 2005, 2007 and 2009.

The top scorers were Seamus Callanan who contributed 0-6 for Drom & Inch and Timmy Hammersley who did likewise for Clonoulty Rossmore. The winning captain was Seamus Callanan, the Man of the Match award was won by Johnny Ryan (Drom & Inch) and the referee was Pat Gibson (Burgess). The game was witnessed by an attendance of 7,038.

Defending Dan

PATRONS WHO are wondering about the chances of Drom & Inch retaining their crown today, might be interested in how the ten most recent first time winners fared, when defending their title.

- Mullinahone 2002 – beaten in quarter-final 2003
- Nenagh Éire Óg 1995 – didn't reach quarter-finals in 1996.
- Cashel King Cormacs 1991 – beaten in quarter-final 1992
- Loughmore Castleiney 1988 – beaten in quarter-final 1989
- Cappawhite 1987 – didn't reach quarter-finals in 1988
- Kilruane MacDonaghs 1977 – retained in 1978 and 1979
- Moneygall 1975 – retained in 1976
- Moyne Templetuohy 1971 – beaten in quarter-final 1972
- Roscrea 1968 – retained in 1969 and 1970
- Carrick Davins 1966 – retained in 1967.

Four out of ten confirms the extent of the challenge that Drom & Inch face today!

Contrasting fortunes

TODAY the two finalists come face to face with a combined tally of thirty two county titles. The Thurles Sarsfields haul of 31 looks overwhelming compared to the Drom & Inch tally of one. This year's beaten semi-finalists were also clubs of modest means, with Loughmore Castleiney on two and Éire Óg, like Drom & Inch, registered



Seamus Butler gets away for Drom & Inch with Clonoulty Rossmore's Padraig Heffernan in close pursuit during the 2011 Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. (Photo: Bridget Delaney)

for just one title. It is a statistical extreme but will hardly deter Drom & Inch from seeking a first ever County title victory over Thurles Sarsfields. Twenty five years ago the situation between the finalists was even more stark as neither Cappawhite nor Loughmore Castleiney had won the Dan Breen Cup. Previous to that Moneygall and Kilruane MacDonaghs played for a first title in 1975, while Carrick Davins and Lorrha faced each other with the same incentive in 1966.

Drawn out

THERE HAVE been ten drawn county finals and the last was in 2002 when Thurles Sarsfields and Mullinahone finished level at Semple Stadium on a 0-14 each scoreline. Mullinahone won the replay and their first title by 2-10 to 1-11. The team was captained by Ky Vaughan, and inspired by Eoin Kelly's scoring contribution of 2-7. The other draws occurred in 1899, 1930, 1945, 1965, 1975 1977, 1982, 1988 and 1992.

Out pointed

THERE HAVE been seven occasions when a point separated winners from losers on county final day. These mixed emotion days were:

- 1962 Thurles Sarsfields 1-7, Moycarkey Borris 1-6
- 1976 Moneygall 1-9, Roscrea 2-5
- 1978 Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-14, Roscrea 2-13
- 1980 Roscrea 3-11, Kilruane MacDonaghs 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.

Time to change

HATS

THE WEEK leading into a county final is one to relish for everyone involved with the participating clubs. There is the unique atmosphere throughout the parish, the colours proudly displayed, final training sessions and exiles returning for the big day. Hopes and expectations are shared in every conversation and for players at club level there is no escaping the hype. The final will leave a legacy of happiness and regret. The aftermath will include a few late nights and a constant presence of the Dan Breen Cup with the winners.

Despite the intensity of the on-field rivalry, the protagonists respect each other and visits are always made by the vanquished to the home of the new champions. It is one of the great traditions of club hurling in Tipperary. The wheel always turns and it is important to be gracious in victory and defeat. Neutrals will have enjoyed the game while regretting that

By Seamus O'Doherty



their own clubs were not involved. The conjecture about how they would have fared will linger for a few days.

A victory for either club will lead to questions about its value to the county. From then on everyone supports the county champions in the provincial campaign, while hoping that the Tommy Moore Cup will be raised by a Premier captain in Croke Park on St Patrick's day 2013.

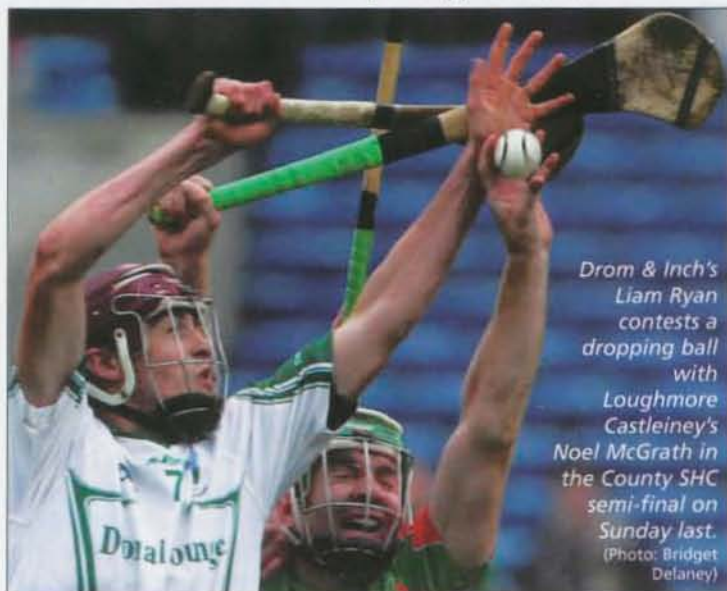
Next year marks the twenty sixth anniversary of our County's last win by Borris-Ileigh in 1987. They followed the path of Kilruane MacDonaghs in 1986 and Roscrea in 1971, in winning All-Ireland Club honours, but only Borris achieved it at Croke Park on March 17th. Toomevara's great effort in 1994 was our last appearance at GAA

Headquarters on All-Ireland Final day. Their unsuccessful 2007 semi-final clash against Ballyhale Shamrocks will be remembered as one of the all-time club championship classics.

The challenge of ending that gap will be tested as early as two weeks from today, when our champions visit Sporting Limerick to test themselves against the local kingpins Kilmallock.

Thurles Sarsfields and Drom & Inch will recall that 'The Blues' had a narrow escape against Kilmallock in 2010. Adare, of course, overcame Toomevara in the 2008 semi-final, so there will be no presumptions.

While our champion club is preparing for its debut in the provincial campaign, the thoughts of others will turn to 2013 and Tipperary's chances of regaining their position as Liam MacCarthy Cup contenders. There was a chorus of widespread approval and support following the appointment of Eamon O'Shea as Manager on September 25th. His 2013 players will expect to be challenged in their thinking and preparations. The expectation is that he will reignite some of the 2010 heroes and fast track the development of their apprentices. They will learn quickly that technique is the key to success. Explain, demonstrate and practice! It will be fascinating to follow the fusion as he and his management team utilise the older and experienced players as guides and leaders for their colleagues. There will be no dismissal of older players who have a contribution to make



Drom & Inch's Liam Ryan contests a dropping ball with Loughmore Castleiney's Noel McGrath in the County SHC semi-final on Sunday last.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

and influential players will be assigned to positions from which they can make the most effective contributions. Insistence on fundamental principles will be the critical starting point.

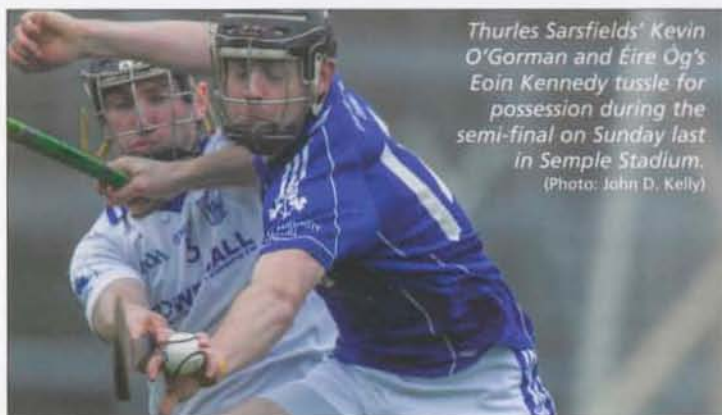
There were some reassuring green shoots during 2012, which may help the renaissance at Senior level. The August gloom did not overshadow all of the county's efforts this year. Perhaps too many of us are now guilty of hurling snobbery, in that two consecutive Munster titles was not enough to contemplate the retention of the Ryan/Dunne/Gleeson triumvirate. There was a time we would have celebrated such riches!

The Croke Cup success of Nenagh CBS was well earned and following so soon after the Thurles CBS victory in 2009, it provided a great boost to Post Primary Schools hurling in Tipperary.

The county under-21 team, guided steadily and sensibly by Ken Hogan, almost won a provincial title, despite facing the most arduous itinerary ever in the history of the Munster Championship. Their achievement in almost pulling it off has been recorded with pride and appreciation.

The Intermediate team won the Munster and All-Ireland titles under Fethard's Michael Ryan. Whatever about the problems and inconsistency in the competition, the victory over Kilkenny was sweet, timely and warmly embraced.

Then we had the Minor hurlers – somewhat short of their best form in the drawn final, they still managed to stay alive. If they had the lost the first day there would not have been any excuses. Dublin controlled long passages of play, but tenacity and accurate free taking kept us in it, while a half-time contribution from Bainisteoir Willie Maher



*Thurles Sarsfields' Kevin O'Gorman and Éire Óg's Eoin Kennedy tussle for possession during the semi-final on Sunday last in Semple Stadium.
(Photo: John D. Kelly)*

brought a changed attitude to proceedings. The team demonstrated much improved form in the replay and were totally in control by half-time. They won what they worked to achieve.

My enduring concern about Tipperary hurling is the club competition structure. There are too many senior teams in the county championship and when quarter-finals and the preceding round are won so easily you really need to query such contrasting standards. The club structure in Tipperary must be revised to best suit our county teams and the real deficit at present is in the Intermediate grade, where there are too few high quality participants. Candidly, many teams are not good enough for the Senior grade and their absence weakens the Intermediate competition. At that level, the possibility of county honours would increase significantly and provide a welcome boost for clubs, which at Senior status can only dream about success.

Our obsession with the Divisional structure needs to be relaxed and the County Senior Championship should be run on an all-county basis. This year, three of the four County semi-finalists did not win their Divisional titles. Another reality to chew on – twelve Senior teams play in the North and **not** one of them was good

enough to reach a county semi-final this year or last.

If we are serious about helping Tipperary to win more All-Irelands, let's play our part by leaving the past and moving bravely into the future. Provide a structure that helps to develop players at appropriate grades, so that they may be competitive at the next level when required. The county eventually changed its method of appointing the senior hurling captain in recent years, after the unsettling episodes from 1988 onwards. If you appoint a management team they should be trusted to address **all** aspects of their task. We changed an outdated practice and the new system worked. Thus, Eoin Kelly lifted the MacCarthy Cup in 2010.

The message – **Tipperary** is the unit and everything else a tributary. We have complained in recent years about the Senior Championship format but didn't engage when the time came to display maturity and make some progressive decisions. Move on from pleasant memories to the visualisation of a golden future and don't forget to change your cap before you do. Wear the Tipperary one from now on and play your part in reshaping our hurling structure to a more effective and cogent model, which will produce results which are consistent with our expectations.

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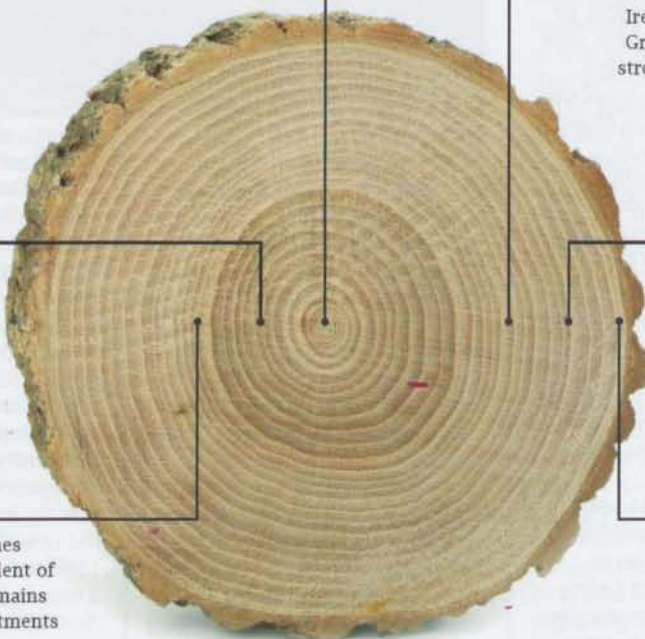
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Can Ballina make first Intermediate appearance a winning one?

By: SHANE BROPHY
'Nenagh Guardian'



THE NORTH Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship will have 13 teams in 2013 regardless of the outcome of today's County Intermediate Hurling Championship Final between Ballina and Silvermines.

Silvermines will be aiming to bridge a nine-year gap to return to the senior ranks having been relegated in 2003, just four years after winning their second County Intermediate title when they defeated North neighbours Templeduffy Kenyons in the 1999 decider, an omen perhaps!

In the meantime, Silvermines have won the North Intermediate title in 2006 and 2011 and are the current holders of the Fr. Hewitt Cup as this year's decider between the same two sides has yet to be played due to the involvement of Ballina duo Michael Breen and Steven O'Brien on the Tipperary All-Ireland Minor hurling winning team.

Silvermines have been unbeaten so far in the championship, winning all five games in the North Championship to date, including a 1-17 to 0-12 win over Ballina in their very first game way back on June 10th. In the county quarter finals, they needed extra time to defeat Moyne-Templeduffy before cruising past St. Mary's in the semi-final, scoring five goals in the process.

Jason Forde has scored two goals in each of his last two games as he returns to the scene of his greatest success so far when he captained Nenagh CBS to the All-Ireland Colleges Senior 'A' hurling title in March.

Managed by Thurles native Paddy Moore, Silvermines have a very experienced panel, including Damien Boland, Donal Keogh and Tipperary Intermediate All-Ireland medal winner Ronan Sherlock in defence.

Cathal Gleeson is an experienced hand at

midfield along with Orrie Quirke, who also has an Intermediate All-Ireland to his name. As well as Forde up front, add in the three Keogh brothers, William, David and Daniel, Silvermines have massive potential to trouble Ballina.

This is Ballina's first ever appearance in the County Intermediate decider. Their last county final appearance was in 1996 when they defeated Skeheenarinky to win the Junior 'A' title. Captain that day was Brian Stritch and he along with corner back Sean Collins remain from that success.

Ballina scraped into the semi-finals of the North Championship with one win and a draw along with two defeats, but since then they haven't looked back, particularly since the victory over Ballinahinch.

The lakesiders showed their toughness when they played for almost 40 minutes in the county quarter-final against Clonakenny with 14 men and still managed to force extra time in which they scored three goals to earn victory and set-up a semi-final last Saturday against Sean Treacys in which they had nine-points to spare at the final whistle.

Along with Stritch and Collins, they have added experience at the heart of their defense in Pat Cosgrove and inspirational captain and centre back Jerry O'Brien. Added to that you have Stephen Stritch and David Hickey in attack but have suffered a blow with Kevin Cosgrove out through suspension, a harsh penalty for a clean hurler.

They have added quality young players in recent years in Eoin Kent, Brian O'Connor and Tipp minor stars Michael Breen and Steven O'Brien who will look to end their hurling year in style with a county championship medal,

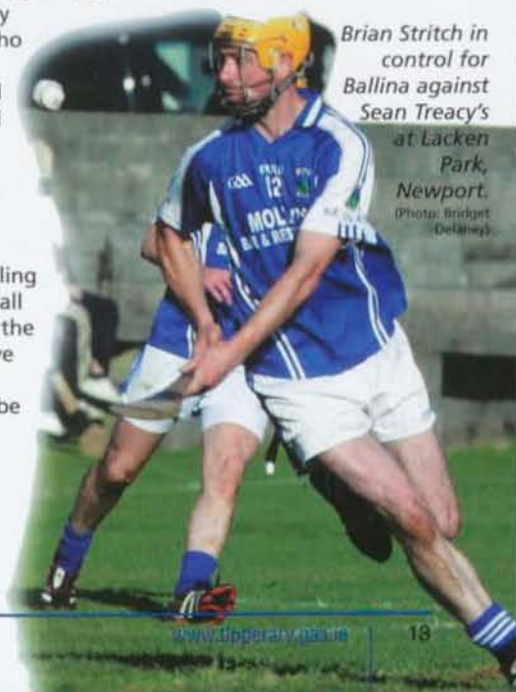
particularly O'Brien who has won All-Ireland minor and colleges hurling medals as well as Munster minor hurling and football medals in the past twelve months. Could he be Ballina's lucky charm?

Enjoy the game!

Brian Stritch in control for Ballina against Sean Treacy's at Lackan Park, Newport.
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



David Boland
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



Ballina



Back row (l-r): Adrian King (Selector), Stephen Stritch, Gerry O'Brien, Dara King, Aaron Devane, Paudie McGrath, Brian O'Connor, Martin McKeogh, Pat Conway, David Hickey, Stephen O'Brien, Sean McKeogh, Des Morgan, Paul Ryan, Eoin Sheehy, Brian McKeogh, Kevin Stritch, Eoin Cleary (Selector), Michael Sheehy (Selector), Aidan Hanley. Front row (l-r): Fergal Collins, Kevin Cosgrove, Roddy Kennedy, Mike Breen, Brian Stritch, Sean Collins, Thomas Collins, Pat Cosgrove, T.J. O'Connell, Eoin Kent, Eamon O'Sullivan, Niall Sheehy, Michael Murphy (Manager), Donal Kent.

BALLINA GAA Club was formally established in 1885. There were two teams Ballina & Boher. In 1902 Michael Minihan from Boher became North Board Chairman. In the early years Ballina was a senior team and reached the final in 1912, where they were defeated by Toomevara.

ROLL OF HONOUR

- 1932 Junior North Champions (beat Lahorna)
- 1967 Junior North Champions (beat Roscrea)
- 1982 Ballina Juvenile club joined with Ballinahinch
- 1984 North Tipp Junior champions (beat Knockshewowna)
Won County title (beat Cashel King Cormacs)
- 1990 Beaten in County Final by Moyne Templeuohy
- 1996 Won 5th North Junior title and County final after replay against Skeenarinka
- Have been playing intermediate since 1996
- Won three North intermediate league titles 2001, 2010 & 2011

FACILITIES

The present playing field was purchased in 1969 and this year 2012 saw the purchase of a new field adjacent to the existing facilities to serve the clubs needs and large juvenile cohort of players.

PRESENT PLAYERS LINK TO PREVIOUS SENIOR BALLINA TEAMS

Rody and Martin Kennedy, Seán and Brian McKeogh, Eoin and Donal Kent are grand nephews of John O'Brien (played 1930s - 1940s).

Fergal Collins – grandfather Connie and grand uncles Jack and Jed (1930s/40s).

Brian, Kevin and Stephen Stritch, T.J. O'Connell and Diarmuid Healy share a grand uncle in Harry Mooney (1930s/40s).

Eamon O'Sullivan's grandfather Mikey O'Sullivan also played at the same time (1930s/40s).

Eddie Maher also played (1930s-40s). His son John Joe is the Club's current president.

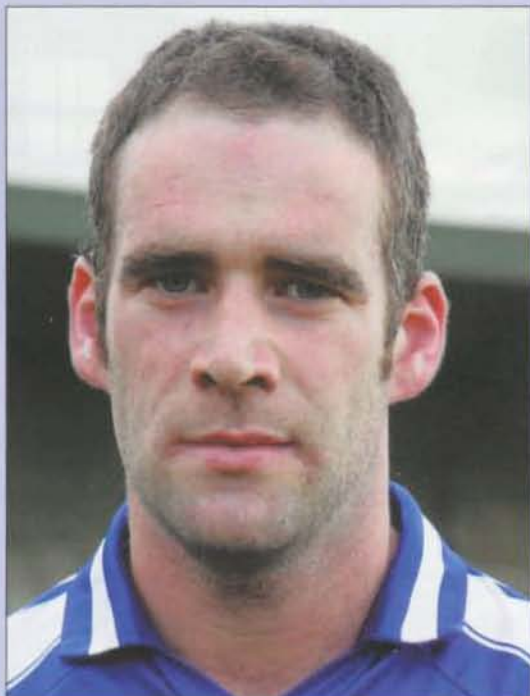
John Joe Gleeson also played (1930s-40s). His son John is currently club secretary.

Club Officers

Chairperson:	Sarah Devane
Secretary:	John Gleeson
Treasurer:	Caroline McKeogh

Backroom Team

Manager:	Michael Murphy
Trainer:	Michael Sheehy Jnr
Selectors:	Eoin Cleary, Adrian King
Physio:	Racheal Devane



JERRY O'BRIEN
Ballina Captain

Sponsors

Most immediate sponsors of jerseys – Molly's Bar & Restaurant, McKeogh's Supermarket and the club has been well served in recent years by The Roundhill Bar, O'Donovan's Bar, McKeogh's Hardware, Lakeside Hotel, Wellingford Construction and Mills Bar.

Player Profiles

Name	Occupation	Age
Martin McKeogh	Bank Official	26
Roddy Kennedy	PE Instructor	29
Pat Cosgrove	University Lecturer	30
Sean Collins	Warehouse Manager	37
Brian O Connor	Student	22
Jerry O'Brien	Electrician	27
Thomas Collins	Bank Official	28
Pat Conway	Electrician	30
Fergal Collins	Student	22
Kevin Cosgrove	Engineer	27
Stephen Stritch	Engineer	28
Brian Stritch	Carpenter	37
TJ O Connell	Farmer/Engineer	28
Eoin Kent	Student	21
Mike Breen	Student	18
Aaron Devane	Butcher/ SM Manager	32
David Hickey	Electrician	30
Eoin Sheehy	Bank Official	26
Paul Ryan	Blocklayer	28
Stephen O'Brien	Student	17
Aidan Hanley	Student	17
Diarmuid Healy	Chemical Analysis	26
Sean Mc Keogh	Auctioneer	30
Eamonn O Sullivan	Electronic Engineer	31
Daire King	Student	21
Niall Sheehy	Student	19
Des Morgan	Auctioneer	34
Kevin Stritch	Quantity Surveyor	34
Paudie McGrath	Student	17
Martin Kennedy	Student	20
Brian McKeogh	Student Teacher	27
Donal Kent	Student	22



Ballina Intermediate Hurling Management Team (l.-r.): Michael Sheehy Jnr., Eoin Cleary, Michael Murphy (Manager) and Adrian King.

(Photos: Bridget Delaney)

Ballina

Dathanna: Dearg agus Bán

INTERMEDIATE



	TEAM LEADER	TEAM LEADER	MANAGER
CUIL			
CUILIN			
SEACHAÍ			
GSN			
SADR			
POCANNA			



16. A. Ó Dubháin
AARON DEVANE
17. B. Ó Conchúir
BRIAN O'CONNOR
18. C. Mac Oscair
KEVIN COSGROVE
19. E. Ó Síoda
EOIN SHEEHY

20. P. Ó Riain
PAUL RYAN
21. A. Ó hÁinle
AIDAN HANLEY
22. S. Mac Eochaidh
SEAN McKEOGH
23. B. Mac Eochaidh
BRIAN McKEOGH

24. N. Ó Síoda
NIALL SHEEHY
25. D. Ó hÉalaí
DIARMUID HEALY
26. E. Ó Súilleabháin
EAMONN O'SULLIVAN
27. D. Ceannt
DONAL KENT

28. D. Ó Muireagáin
DES MORGAN
29. D. Ó Cionga
DAIRE KING
30. C. Straoits
KEVIN STRITCH
31. M. Ó Cinnéide
MARTIN KENNEDY
32. P. Mac Craith
PAUDIE McGRATH

Manager: Michael Murphy. Selectors: Eoin Cleary, Adrian King.
Trainer: Michael Sheehy jnr. Physio: Rachael Devane

	1st	2nd	3rd
COIL			
COILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
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SABR			
PÓCAINNA			



Silvermines

Dathanna: Bán

INTERMEDIATE



C. Scórlóg
Cathal Sherlock



A. Ó Riain
Alan Ryan



B. Ó Tiomáin
Brendan Timmons



D. Ó Beolláin
Damien Boland



D. Mac Eochaidh
Donal Keogh



R. Scórlóg
Ronan Sherlock



N. Ó Coirc
Noel Quirke



C. Ó Gliasáin (Capt.)
Cathal Gleeson



O. Ó Coirc
Orrie Quirke



L. Mac Eochaidh
William Keogh



D. Ó Beolláin
David Boland



S. Ó Coirc
Sean Quirke



D. Mac Eochaidh
Daniel Keogh



G. Mac Giollarnáth
Jason Forde



D. Mac Eochaidh
David Keogh

16. O. Laighléis
OWEN LILLIS
17. M. Ó Léime
MAURICE LEAMY
18. P. Ó Fógartaigh
PAUDIE FOGARTY
19. P. Scórlóg
PAUL SHERLOCK

20. D. Mac Aogáin
DAMIEN EGAN
21. S. Ó Corcáin
JACK CORCORAN
22. C. Ó Coinín
KEVIN CUNNEEN
23. G. Ó Tuathaigh
GARY TOOHEY

24. C. Ó Fógartaigh
KIERAN FOGARTY
25. P. Ó Cinnéide
PETER KENNEDY
26. L. Mac Giolla Phóil
WILLIAM POWELL
27. S. Ó Caoineáin
SEAN QUINLAN

28. S. Ó hÓráin
SHANE HORAN
29. A. de Siún
ADRIAN YOUNG
30. R. Ó Tuathaigh
RYAN TOOHEY
31. A. Ó Maolchaoin
AARON MULQUEEN

Manager: Paddy Moore. Selectors: Declán Corcoran, Michael Cunneen. Coach: Pat McCormack.

Physio: Eddie Hynes. First Aid: John Sherlock. Massuer: Pat O'Brien.

Silvermines



Back row (l.-r.): Paul Sherlock, Maurice Leamy, Orrie Quirke, Damien Boland, Peter Kennedy, Donal Keogh, Cathal Sherlock, Brendan Timmons, Ronan Sherlock, Adrian Young, Sean Quirke, Gary Toohey, Arran Mulqueen, David Boland, Shane Horan, Jack Corcoran, Owen Lillis. Front row (l.-r.): Kieran Fogarty, Kevin Cunneen, Alan Ryan, Cathal Gleeson (Capt.), Willie Keogh, Jason Forde, Noel Quirke, Paudie Fogarty, David Keogh, Daniel Keogh, Sean Quinlan, Damien Egan. Missing from photograph Ryan Toohey and Willie Powell.

WHEN THE GAA was founded in 1884, Silvermines were one of the first Clubs organised and affiliated between the end of 1884 and the start of 1885. In March 1885 the first game in Tipperary, under the new rules of the Association, was played between Silvermines and Nenagh Mitchells. Silvermines won this game. Hurling has continued since and as a Club we have won several titles in all grades. Our Juvenile Club was formed in 1970 and we have today over 130 children registered. One of the founding members was Paddy Collins RIP. Paddy sadly passed away in July of this year. One of the final acts Paddy Collins performed for the Club was the planting of a tree for all past members at our Club Day held in May last.

We have and had many outstanding players at all levels for Tipperary. Jim Keogh and Jack Dunlea were well known to the Tipperary Senior Hurling in the 1970s. Both were selectors together with Ger Clifford in 1999 when Silvermines last won the Intermediate County Final. One of the Clubs most noted player is Noel Sheehy. Noel won All Ireland Honours with Tipperary at Minor, U21 and Senior level along with two All-Stars. Joe Harrington also won an Intermediate All-Ireland Hurling title. Declan Corcoran captained the team when they won the Intermediate All Ireland Title in 2000.

We have a number of up and coming stars including Ronan Sherlock and Orrie Quirke who were both on the winning All-Ireland

Intermediate Hurling team this year. Jason Forde was a member of the U16 Tipperary Team that won the U16 Tipperary Supporters Tournament in 2009. Jason also captained the Tipperary Minor Team in 2011. He played for the Tipperary U21s and captained Nenagh CBS to their first All-Ireland Colleges Senior 'A' Hurling title this year, together with fellow club mates, Paudie Fogarty, Aaron Mulqueen, Senan Stanley and Will Power.

We are constantly upgrading our facilities at Dolla. We have two full sized playing adult fields and a full sized juvenile field. We recently constructed a Hurling Wall, and added a Medical Room and Turnstiles. Our pitch and grounds are acknowledged as being one of the best playing surfaces in the County.

Club Officers

Chairman – Mattie Ryan
Vice-Chairman – Ciarán Timmons
Secretary – Yvonne Griffin
Treasurer – John Sherlock
PRO – David Boland

Backroom team

Coach – Pat McCormack
Physio – Eddie Hynes
First Aid – John Sherlock
Masseur – Pat O'Brien

Hurley & Water Carriers:

Anthony McGrath, Sean Quigley, Willie Forde, Mark Dunne, Jimmy Murphy, Michael Hogan, T.J. Timmons, Ciarán Timmons, Kelvin Young, Paddy Collins.



←
**CATHAL
GLEESON**
*Silvermines
Captain*

Adult Roll of Honour

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions: 1974

North Tipperary Senior Football Champions:

1973, 1974, 1975, 1980

North Tipperary Intermediate Hurling

Champions: 1945, 1948, 1972, 1987, 1994,

1997, 1998, 1999, 2006 and 2011

Tipperary Intermediate Hurling Champions: 1972

and 1999

North Tipperary Junior Hurling Champions: Junior

'A' 1939, 1974; Junior 'B' 1997

Tipperary Junior Hurling Champions: Junior 'A'

1979

North Tipperary Junior Football Champions: 1987

North Tipperary U21 'B' Hurling: 1992, 2006

North Tipperary U21 Football Champions: 'A'

2006, 2007, 2008; 'B' 1969, 1999, 2005

Tipperary U21 A Football Champions: 2007

North Tipperary Minor Hurling: Minor 'A' 1970;

Minor 'B' 1976, 1977, 1980, 1991; Minor "C"

1988, 2009

Tipperary Minor C Hurling Champions: 2010.

Player Profiles

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION
Cathal Sherlock	26	Accountant
Alan Ryan	30	Carpenter
Brendan Timmons	31	Teacher
Damien Boland	25	Agricultural Contractor
Donal Keogh	34	Garda Siachana
Ronan Sherlock	25	Banking Advisor
Noel Quirke	22	Student
Orrie Quirke	26	Carpenter
Cathal Gleeson	28	Engineer
Paudie Fogarty	18	Student
David Boland	33	Garda Siachana
Sean Quirke	31	Carpenter
Jason Forde	18	Student
Willie Keogh	29	Horticulturist
David Keogh	24	AT Analyst
Owen Lillis	21	Warehouse Operator
Kevin Cunneen	28	Agricultural Contractor
Maurice Leamy	26	Landscaper Contractor
Daniel Keogh	24	Civil Servant
Gary Toohey	22	Glass Cutting Technician
Peter Kennedy	34	Garda Siachana
Damien Egan	28	Teacher
Adrian Young	21	Glass Operative
Kieran Fogarty	21	Student
Paul Sherlock	31	Plumber
Jack Corcoran	17	Student
Ryan Toohey	17	Student
Willie Powell	28	Building Contractor
Sean Quinlan	19	Glass Operative
Shane Horan	26	02 Telefonica Employee
Aaron Mulqueen	17	Student



Silvermines Management Team (l.-r.): Declan Corcoran (Selector), Michael Cunneen (Selector) and Paddy Moore (Manager).

(Photos: John D. Kelly)

By: JACKIE CAHILL



Eddie

NOT everybody gets the chance to say that they love doing what they do on a daily basis. But Drom & Inch defender Eddie Costello is happy to admit that getting out of bed in the morning is rarely a chore. Coming from a family that's steeped in hurling, what could be better than coaching the game to potential young stars of the future? "When I came out of college, I had a job in Dublin, working in security," Costello reflects. "There was some bar work too but I hated what I was doing, just didn't like it. When this opportunity came up, I went for it."

"I work with the County Board as a Games Development administrator. "Tadhg O'Connor is my boss, and Dinny Maher. I cover North Tipperary and I love it. I've been coaching with the club, U10s and U8s for years. Now I'm doing what I love and not many get to say that."

Costello is on his way to Moneygall when we caught up with him during the week to discuss this afternoon's county final against neighbours Thurles Sarsfields. For Costello, this is a chance to earn a county senior medal on the field of play. He was part of the panel last year but an unused substitute when Drom & Inch won the Dan Breen cup for the

(Photo: John D. Kelly)

COSTELLO

DROM & INCH

very first time with victory over Clonoulty-Rossmore.

Injury hampered Costello's 2011 campaign and before he knew it, he was well behind his teammates in terms of preparation. This year, Costello has had a clear run of injuries but he had to be patient before breaking back into the team. Costello's chance came against Moneygall in round two of the county championship in July and he's been there ever since. And after losing the last six county finals

that he's played in at various grades, he's anxious to make the most of today's opportunity. He'll be joined in the Drom & Inch full back line by brother Michael, with another brother, Brian, unfortunately ruled out through injury. "Brian won every county final he's every played in, all the way up," Eddie smiles. "He's fortunate that way. On the other side of it, I've lost the last six." Brian (31) is the oldest of the three brothers and Mike is 29. They're sons of club stalwarts Michael and Alice, who was interviewed for last year's county final. "Mam was secretary there of the senior club for a number of years," Eddie says. "She was chairperson of the juveniles before that. She was involved with us at juveniles, always there with the teams I was on."

"Our father put hurleys in our hands, had us pucking around every day.

"There was a lot of blood shed," Eddie laughs. "But it was all healthy passion and rubbed off on the three of us."

Michael, incidentally, is the nephew of Kilkenny legend Jim Langton, a two-time All-Ireland senior medallist who hurled with the Cats from 1939-1954. Langton was later named at left half forward on the GAA Hurling Team of the Millennium.

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"The pedigree is there alright," Eddie nods. "But that doesn't make a hurler out of you."

And the Costello boys have had to work hard to get to where they are now. The 2005 mid final against Thurles Sarsfields marked Eddie's debut as a senior club hurler. He was 18 years of age. Plenty of water has run under the bridge since then and Costello played on

the teams that lost the 2005, 2007 and 2009 county finals. In 2005 and 2009, Sarsfields outclassed Drom but Costello bristles at the suggestion that Drom have something to prove against the county's most successful team on the big day. "We've played them already in the championship, and we won," he points out. "Played them in the Mid and knocked them out of the Mid."

"We know that we can beat them, we know that we're well able for them."

"It would be great to win it, of course, and if we do, we'll have done it the hard way, beating Clonoulty, Loughmore

and Sars along the way."

Last Sunday, Drom needed extra-time before seeing off Loughmore in a titanic semi-final. Costello reflects: "It was tough, we knew that it would be. We got off to a good start, Loughmore had a good backlash and in the second half, they were up by three. Seamie Callanan got the goal down the far end. I don't know how he scored it, he dispossessed the goalie and with five minutes of injury time played, we were up when Eddie Connolly, out of nowhere, scored a monster point. Into extra time then and the man down hurt them, they had a man sent off in the first minute of extra-time. We really drove on from there."

Drom & Inch



April 8th

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Championship:
Drom & Inch 2-12, Moycarkey Borris 0-14

April 28th

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Championship:
Drom & Inch 1-12, Thurles Sarsfields 1-8

May 12th

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Championship:
Drom & Inch 1-21, Loughmore Castleiney 1-20

July 1st

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Semi-Final (aet):
Drom & Inch 2-21, Loughmore Castleiney 2-21

July 21st

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Semi-Final Replay:
Drom & Inch 0-16, Loughmore Castleiney 3-23

July 29th

Tipp Senior Hurling Championship Round 2:
Drom & Inch 1-14, Moneygall 2-7

August 26th

Tipp Senior Hurling Championship Round 3:
Drom & Inch 0-22, Burgess 0-11

September 15th

Tipp Senior Hurling Championship Round 4:
Drom & Inch 2-19, Carrick Swan 1-13

September 22nd

Tipp Senior Hurling Championship quarter-final:
Drom & Inch 2-22, Clonoulty Rossmore 0-13

October 7th

Tipp Senior Hurling Championship semi-final (aet):
Drom & Inch 2-26, Loughmore Castleiney 1-21



**JOHNNY
RYAN**
(Drom & Inch
Captain)

Drom & Inch Scorers in Championship 2012

Seamus Callanan	3-82
Johnny Ryan	0-29
David Butler	2-20
Seamus Butler	1-13
James Woodlock	0-07
Pat Lupton	0-07
Kevin Butler	0-07
David Collins	1-04
Jamie Moloney	2-01
Joe Lupton	2-00
Paul Collins	0-05
Paddy Kenndy	1-01
Michael Long	1-00
Shane Delaney	0-02
Enda Walsh	0-01
Eamonn Buckley	0-01
Damien Young	0-01
James Ryan	0-01

Total Score in this
year's championship 14-82



Drom & Inch Management (l-r.): Sean Prendergast (Coach), Teddy Kennedy (Manager), Andy Bourke and Mike Shanahan.

(Photo: Bridget Delaney)



Drom & Dinch



(Photo: Eiríngíat Delaney)

Back row (l.-r.): Seamus Butler, Padraig Butler, Padraig Stapleton, Jamie Moloney, Michael Campion, Philip Looby, Paul Stapleton, Joe Egan, Shane Delaney, Enda Walsh, Seamus Callanan, Eamonn Buckley, Johnny Ryan Capt, Michael Butler, James Ryan, Nicky Ryan, Martin McGrath, Paddy Kennedy. Front row (l.-r.): Eric Woodlock, Shane Hassett, Eddie Costello, Pat Lupton, David Collins, Damien Young, David Butler, James Woodlock, Liam Ryan, Paul Collins, Michael Costello, Matthew Ryan, Kevin Butler, Cathal Ryan, Joe Lupton.

Drom & Inch

Dathanna: Glas agus Bán

SENIOR



Teddy Kennedy
(Manager)



Johnny Ryan
(Captain)

	1st LEATH	2nd LEATH	3rd LEATH
CUIL			
CUILINN			
SEACHAI			
BSM			
SAGH			
POCAINNA			



16. S. Ó hAisi
SHANE HASSETT

17. P. Mac an Ghaill
PAUL STAPLETON

18. S. Ó Riain
JAMES RYAN

19. C. de Buítléir
KEVIN BUTLER

20. P. Ó Cinnéide
PADDY KENNEDY

21. S. Ó Dúláinne
SHANE DELANEY

22. M. Ó Riain
MATTHEW RYAN

23. S. Ó Maolomhnaigh
JAMIE MOLONEY

24. D. Ó Coileáin
DAVID COLLINS

25. E. Uadlóg
ERIC WOODLOCK

26. P. Ó Lubaigh
PHILIP LOOBY

27. S. Mac Aogáin
JOE EGAN

28. M. Mac Craith
MARTIN McGRATH

29. N. Ó Riain
NICKY RYAN

30. P. de Buítléir
PADRAIG BUTLER

31. P. Mac an Ghaill
PADRAIG STAPLETON

32. C. Ó Riain
CATHAL RYAN

33. M. Caimpion
MICHAEL CAMPION

Manager: Teddy Kennedy. Selectors: Mike Shanahan, Andy Bourke.
Coach: Sean Prendergast. Physio & First Aid: Helen Ryan, Carina Daly.

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Padraic Maher
(Captain)

Thurles Sarsfields

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán

SENIOR



Seamus Quinn
(Manager)



P. Mac Cormaic
Patrick McCormack



S. Ó Meachair
Stephen Maher



C. Ó Gormáin
Kevin O'Gormanm



D. Ó Meachair
David Maher



D. Ó Cinnéide
David Kennedy



P. Ó Meachair (Capt.)
Padraic Maher



M. Ó Cathail
Michael Cahill



M. Ó Glasáin
Michael Gleeson



S. Mac Ionnrachtaigh
Johnny Enright



P. de Búrca
Pa Bourke



S. Ó Coirbín
Jim Corbett



L. Ó Coirbín
Lar Corbett



M. Ó Briain
Michael O'Brien



D. Ó Meachair
Denis Maher



A. Mac Cormaic
Aidan McCormack

16. C. Mac Gabhann
KEVIN SMITH

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21. M. Ó Ruiséil
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22. B. Ó Dubhuir
BARRY O'DWYER

23. P. Ó Doinn
PA DUNNE

24. T. Ó Cionga
TOM KING

25. T. Ó Dúghaill
TOMMY DOYLE

26. S.S. de Búrca
JOHN JOE BOURKE

27. C. Ó Treasaigh
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28. E. Ó Ruiséil
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32. M. Ó Dubhuir
MICHAEL O'DWYER

33. P. Ó Cróin
PA CRONE

Manager: Seamus Quinn. **Coach:** Garry Mernagh. **Selectors:** Brendan Carroll, Noel Fogarty.
Equipment: John Moroney, Jamie Curtis. **Masseurs:** Mick Clohessy, Aoife Loneragan. **Doctor:** Paul Ryan.



Thurles Sarsfields



Back row (l.-r.): Lar Corbett, Rory O'Shea, Tommy Doyle, Padraic Crone, Tom King, David Maher, Declan Ryan, Denis Maher, Johnny Enright, Padraic Maher (Capt.), Aidan McCormack, Kevin O'Gorman, Eoin Russell, David Corbett, Kevin Smith, John Joe Bourke, John Lawlor, Pa Bourke. Front row (l.-r.): Pa Dunne, Michael Collins, John Maher, Michael Cahill, Michael Gleeson, Stephen Maher, David Kennedy, Jim Corbett, Michael O'Brien, Cian Treacy, Michael Russell, Barry O'Dwyer, Richie Ruth, Michael O'Dwyer, Ger O'Grady, Patrick McCormack.

Thurles Sarsfields



Sunday 12/04/12

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Championship:
Thurles Sarsfields 2-18, Loughmore/Castleiney 2-12

Sunday 29/04/12

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Championship:
Thurles Sarsfields 1-08, Drom & Inch 1-12

Sunday 13/05/12

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Championship:
Thurles Sarsfields 2-19, Moycarkey/Borris 1-18

Sunday 09/06/12

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Quarter-Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 3-17, Boherlahan/Dualla 1-09

Wednesday 04/07/12

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Semi-Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 3-24, J.K Brackens 0-14

Sunday 29/07/12

Mid Tipp Senior Hurling Final:
Thurles Sarsfields 7-16, Loughmore/Castleiney 2-13

Sunday 22/09/12

County Senior Hurling Championship quarter-final:
Thurles Sarsfields 3-22, Kildangan 1-12

Sunday 07/10/12

County Senior Hurling Championship semi-final:
Thurles Sarsfields 2-22, Éire Óg Anacarthy 1-13



PADRAIC MAHER
(Thurles Sarsfields Captain)

Thurles Sarsfields Scorers in Championship 2012

Pa Bourke	9-41
Michael O'Brien	4-17
Aidan McCormack	4-14
Denis Maher	2-11
Lar Corbett	1-09
Johnny Enright	0-12
Gerard O'Grady	1-08
Richie Ruth	0-08
Michael Gleeson	0-06
Stephen Lillis	0-06
John Joe Bourke	1-01
Jim Corbett	0-02
Padraic Maher	0-02
Michael Cahill	0-02
Michael Russell	0-01

Total Score in this
year's championship 22-140



Thurles Sarsfields Management (l.-r.): Noel Fogarty, Seamus Quinn (Manager), Garry Mernagh (Coach) and Brendan Carroll.
(Photo: Bridget Delaney)

Michael GLEESON

By: JACKIE CAHILL



THURLES SARSFIELDS

HAVING captured an All-Ireland intermediate medal with Tipperary last month, Michael Gleeson is hoping to add the 2012 county senior hurling championship to his hurling CV this afternoon.

The 24-year-old midfielder starred in the intermediate final against Kilkenny and has tasted senior hurling with the county hurlers in recent years.

Since breaking through as a senior club hurler in 2006, Gleeson has demonstrated remarkable levels of consistency.

An All-Ireland minor medallist from 2006, Gleeson is the son of former Sarsfields team manager and former Tipperary senior selector Michael.

A graduate of Scoil Ailbhe and Thurles CBS, Gleeson is now domiciled in Dublin, where he is working as an accountant with KPMG.

Work commitments mean that it is difficult for him to get home for training sessions but Gleeson ensures that he keeps himself ticking over with midweek training at UCD.

And as a Sarsfields senior hurler, Michael junior is conscious of the club's rich tradition and the expectation levels that lie on a player's shoulders when they pull on the blue and white.

Gleeson says: "With no disrespect to any other club, any year that the Sarsfields are not

contesting or winning the county final is seen as an unsuccessful year, regardless of what players they have. The history and expectation comes with success – that's what's expected of you. But of course, it doesn't guarantee that you'll win any finals."

Gleeson adds: "My father and grandfather played with the Blues as well and I believe that my great grandfather did too. We got a bit of slagging for a few years though, when we lost the four county finals (2000-2003).

"There's a quote from a friend of mine, I won't name him now, who claimed that we were looking to sign a new Chinese player – Win One Soon!"

But the jokes ended in 2005 when Sarsfields beat today's opponents Drom & Inch to win the county final for the first time since 1974.

That was the year before Gleeson made his breakthrough and he was struck by the sheer magnitude of the occasion.

"I've never seen scenes like it," he recalls. "Even when we won it in 2009 and 2010, it was nothing like that. It was the sheer relief, having not won it for over 30 years. I was in the town centre afterwards, into the early hours of the morning. Families were linked and everybody was smiling – definitely the best celebrations that I've ever seen."

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My father and grandfather played with the Blues and I believe my great grandfather did too

The biggest regret for so many superb Sars hurlers is that they went through their careers without winning a county senior medal. "Connie Maher hurled three generations for Sarsfields and didn't win one," Gleeson says. "Tommy Maher didn't win one. But you don't have to be winning county finals to be renowned as a great player."

And Gleeson is generally reluctant to draw comparisons with the great club teams of the past.

From 1955-65, for example, Sarsfields won ten of the eleven county titles on offer. But Gleeson says: "I wouldn't start comparing ourselves to them."

"They can say that they won five-in-a-row (twice) and we won't have that until we get to that, if we ever do."

And in a fiercely competitive age, Gleeson realises that sustained periods of dominance are unlikely to happen again.

Today, Drom & Inch present the formidable opposition and come into the 2012 final as reigning county champions.

"I was just having a think," Gleeson adds. "I have a couple of cousins from Drom – one of them has emigrated to London, the other is a sub on Sunday. There's another who likes to call me every now and again, to remind me how they're going! Over the last two years, we've played them six or seven times and lost every time. We would have won the county finals of 2005 and 2009 but if you compare 2005 to now, we have nearly a completely different team now. There's a bit of confidence about Drom now – they have a high expectation of themselves."

The challenge now for Drom, having lifted Dan Breen for the first time last year, is to do it again. Gleeson believes that getting the monkey off the back in 2011 has made Drom an even better team.

"They're back in the county final and in extra-time against Loughmore, they showed the hunger again, answering the question about whether they want to win a second one," Gleeson reflects. "It's well-renowned that Paudie Butler has put in massive work underage and it's stemmed from that. It's nearly a 20-year project at this stage. It just goes to show what can be achieved."



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A full-page photograph of Johnny Enright, a hurler, in mid-swing. He is wearing a white jersey with blue trim, white shorts with blue patterns, and a blue and white helmet with a face mask. He is holding a hurley (hurling stick) with both hands. The background is a blurred crowd in a stadium.

Johnny **ENRIGHT**

Thurles Sarsfields

Sarsfields veteran midfielder Johnny Enright plays in his tenth County senior hurling final this afternoon having re-invented himself as a supplier of ammunition rather than a lethal finisher. For many years he was Sarsfields' talisman in attack, racking up huge scores, but unable to get his hands on a much coveted county senior medal. That jigsaw piece was added in 2005 and since then Johnny has continued to play an integral role in the side, captaining the team to lift the Dan Breen in 2009 – a personal career highlight for the ever popular and affable Johnny, who this year, also played for the Kildare senior team.

Home thought

Today we hear from some former Drom & Inch and Thurles Sarsfields players who would love

Martin Butler

Martin Óg Butler or Murt as he is affectionately known has been an ever present on the Drom & Inch Senior panel for the last number of years. He lined out at corner back in last year's Co. Final and was a very proud winner of a treasured Co. Senior Medal on that day. In a fine career, Murt has won Mid Minor 'A' and 'B' titles in both football and hurling with the Club as well as 2 U-21 'A' Mid medals. In the Senior ranks he has won 4 Mid titles, 2 Cahill Cups, 1 Co. Senior League and of course last year's coveted Co. Senior title.

Martin like many others had to leave Ireland for work earlier this year and is currently based in New South Wales in Australia working in a gold mine. Dogged with a shoulder injury all year, he does hope to resume his hurling once he gets back to Sydney in the new year.

"It was a fantastic honour and privilege to have represented the Club in winning a Co. Final, the homesickness will definitely be kicking in this week as the excitement builds to this year's one. My heart is with all of my team-mates this week and I wish I was there training with ye. Drom & Inch Abu!"



Donncha Kennedy

Donncha Kennedy has been a long-serving member of the Drom & Inch Seniors and was part of last year's Co. Final winning panel. In an illustrious career with Drom & Inch he has won Mid medals at Minor 'A' and 'B', U-21 'A', Junior 'B' and 4 Senior while winning Minor 'B' Football also. He has won County Minor 'B' and County Senior medals with the Club.

Donncha left Ireland this year to work as an M&E Engineer in Birmingham. He transferred from Drom & Inch to a great club John Mitchels in Birmingham. They are contesting the Warwickshire county final this year against a Manchester team Fullen Gaels, which is unfortunately clashing with today's Senior final.

"Sorry I can't be there to shout ye on lads, but I know ye will give it a right good lash and the very best of luck."



Declan Ryan

Declan Ryan probably better known to everyone as Deckie has been part of the Drom & Inch Seniors for the last good few seasons. A Minor and U21 Mid medalist with the club he first tasted Co. Final success in '05 as part of a victorious Junior 'A' team. 3 Mid titles, a Cahill Cup, Co Senior League and of course last year's Co. Final complete his medal haul. Deckie started at full forward on that never to be forgotten day against Clonoulty-Rossmore last October.

Having started this season showing as good a form as ever, Deckie had to leave the country for the UK to pursue work in his chosen field of carpentry. A loss to the club like so many others he hopes to resume his career next season in London unless things improve at home.

"Here's hoping back to back titles can be achieved, it would be a tremendous achievement for the Club. I know the boys have been working unbelievably hard and I wish them the very best against Sarsfields on Sunday."



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to be part of County Final day but will be cheering on their club mates from distant shores.

Patrick Leahy

Currently I am situated in Queensland, Australia, roughly 10,000 miles from my home town of Thurles.

I have been abroad for the last 21 months, with some of the most remarkable weather conditions.

There are numerous events which make it difficult to be so far away, and the County Final weekend is certainly one of them.

I've played with a majority of the Thurles Sarsfields players and I would like to wish them all the very best of luck.

"Up the Sars."



Stephen Lillis

"Ni hao!

Life here in China is, to put it mildly, a completely different world to that in Thurles. It's been a fantastic first month for me. I'm teaching a group of four year olds and it has been an enjoyable experience so far. Beijing is so big, I don't think I will get to enough places during my year's stay.

I play soccer with the local people and I have joined the GAA football team here but it does not beat being home playing hurling with the Blues.

It would be great to be part of another county final but all I can do is support you from over here.

Best of luck to the management and all the boys. Keep up the winning ways. Sars Abú!"



Alan Kennedy

"Hello to all back home from sunny Abu Dhabi or as they say out here 'salam alaikum'. Been nearly six weeks since I packed my bags and headed off on my Middle East adventures and time has past me by so quickly.

Culturally, Abu Dhabi takes a bit of getting used to, at times you might think you have died and gone to heaven, with modern luxurious buildings surrounding your every move.

There is a huge Irish population over here and we all gather at the weekends to watch the streamed GAA games back home. I will be watching today's game with much regret, but also hoping that all the hard work the lads have put in during the year finally pays off.

I would like to wish all the players and management from Thurles Sarsfields all the best today and hope come 5 o'clock today the Dan Breen Cup will not have far to travel. Wishing you all the best and looking forward to seeing everyone over the Christmas break."



Representatives

IT IS always satisfactory for a club to be represented in the county final and if they are not playing, then providing the referee comes high on the consolation agenda. The last Thurles Sarsfields whistler was the late Donal O'Gorman, who was in charge of the Kilruane MacDonaghs v Roscrea final in 1985. Interestingly, Eamon O'Shea who scored 1-4 won the 'Man of the Match' award on that occasion.

Drom & Inch provided Willie Clohessy for the 2004 final between Toomevara and "the Combo" Éire Óg/Golden Kilfeacle. Toomevara's Paddy O'Brien, who was the physiotherapist with Tipperary Minor Hurlers this year, was the winning captain, top scorer (2-3) and 'Man of the Match' – an unique treble.

Seamus O'Doherty

By: ENDA McEVOY
'Irish Examiner'



TO SOME people the name will be familiar. Others, especially regulars in the New Stand at Semple Stadium, will know him to see him: that stocky, darkhaired gentleman who's a steward in the Árd Comhairle section. But he is so much more than that. He is both a colonel and a foot soldier, an official and an ordinary clubman, a Roscrea native in Kilkenny exile, a historian and a human mine of information on all things hurling. He is the Sultan of Statistics. He is **Seamus O'Doherty**.

Seamus is not a man for the headlines. He is more a grey eminence, a presence in the shadows. Had the Bard cast him in a play he'd have given him a couple of pungent lines in a walk-on part, but a leading character he is not – too decisive for the Danish prince, too peaceable for the homicidal Scot – and, what's more, does not want to be. As a by the by, I'm only sorry I can't see his face when he opens these pages. The poor man will be mortified. (Tee hee!)

He is one of those people who make Tipperary great and make the GAA what it is. And that isn't an empty compliment. Ten days or so before every championship match these past few seasons, Tipperary have held a media afternoon in the Horse and Jockey Hotel.



Players and team management are available for interview, and a detailed press pack containing every fact and figure a journalist could possibly want has already been emailed out to the media. These events are presided over with his customary smooth efficiency by the county PRO Ger Ryan, a man who really should be photocopied and given out to every other County Board in the country. And there in the background (naturally!) is our man, An t-Úasal Ó Dochartaigh.

These events are not something Tipperary absolutely have to do. But they're helpful and constructive and demonstrate not only a willingness to feed the

beast but a realisation that engagement with the media is a prerequisite for County Boards in this day and age.

Of the many retainers I keep on my payroll (chauffeurs, charladies, dancing girls, assorted fact-checkers and whatnot), Seamus is by a distance the most important and most necessary. Occasionally, or more than occasionally, I'll email or text him with an enquiry as to some abstruse hurling stat, and if he can't give me the answer straight off the top of his head (which most of the time he can) he'll be back to me by, at latest, the following morning with the needful, which he'll have plucked from his formidable treasure

- a man for all seasons

trove of GAA records. It might well have been Seamus O'Doherty that Sherlock Holmes was speaking about when he declared, "A man should keep his little brain attic stocked with all the furniture that he is likely to use, and the rest he can put away in his library, where he can get it if he wants it."

Some other things you may or may not know about Seamus. He has spent years on the Tipperary Yearbook and Tipperary communications committees.

He was the driving force behind *The Red Years*, the 1984 history of Roscrea GAA club. He works for the HSE in Kilkenny (unfortunately for all of us it's James Reilly rather than Seamus who's taking the big decisions there) and he lives a blameless life with his family in Ballyragget, where he may well have an unrivalled collection of Metallica and Megadeth records and assorted paraphernalia but somehow I doubt it.

When he's not in Semple Stadium on match day, he's involved with his adopted club, St Patrick's of Ballyragget. And last year St Patrick's won the Kilkenny junior championship. And this year they followed up by winning the All-Ireland junior



Celebrating St. Patrick's – Photographed are the Communications Committee at the launch of St. Patrick's (Ballyragget) "Bally Boys Abú" (l.-r.): Pat O'Neill, Noel Cummins, Seamus O'Doherty, Geraldine McGrath, Carmel Walsh Kenny and Jim Delaney.

championship. And both of these triumphs were marked in suitable fashion by the publication of a souvenir brochure. And you can guess the identity of the person who pioneered these estimable publications.

Talking of publications, yours truly had [discreet cough] a modest tome published during the summer.* And, thankfully, it was well received, to the extent that I wasn't left wishing I'd never undertaken it or that at any rate I should have done this part of that part differently. But – and here's quite a big but – I foolishly neglected to ask, entreat or intimidate Seamus into fine-toothcombing the manuscript beforehand. And that was an extremely culpable oversight on my part, for when he finally read

the book he identified three small mistakes therein. Not a criminal offence in a book of 106,000 words, I hope you'll agree, and one of them was an editing error that I'm disclaiming all responsibility for. Anyway, you'll doubtless be overjoyed to hear that the errors have been corrected in the second edition of the book – or the O'Doherty Edition, as we must now call it.

One of these days he may even write his own memoirs. I hope so. But I won't be reading it for errors. Because, Seamus being Seamus, I know there won't be any.

* *The Godfather of Modern Hurling: The Father Tommy Maher Story* is published by Ballpoint Press and is actually pretty interesting. Even for Tipperary readers.

Faithful followers

THE BEST county final attendances in the past twenty years were the 17,020 in 1997 (Clonoulty Rossmore v Mullinahone) and the 14,137 which attended the Nenagh Éire Óg v Boherlahan-Dualla clash in 1995. The returns reached 12,000 in 1990, (Holycross-Ballycahill v Cashel KC), 12,140 in 2001 (Toomevara v Thurles Sarsfields) and 12,710 in 2005 (Thurles Sarsfields v Drom & Inch). Drom & Inch drew 9,667 to their last final appearance v Thurles Sarsfields in 2009, while Clonoulty Rossmore and Thurles Sarsfields attracted 6,224 to the 2010 decider. Drom & Inch and Clonoulty Rossmore played before 7,038 spectators last year.

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THURLES SARSFIELDS *Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions*



Back row (l.-r.): Joss Connors, Noel Murphy, Larry Keane, Seán McLoughlin, Tim Walsh, Tony Wall, Benny Maher, Michael Murphy, Gerry Doyle. Front row (l.-r.): Mikey Byrne, Kevin Houlihan, Patsy Dorney, Paddy Doyle, Musha Maher, Micheál McElgunn (Capt.), Michael 'Blackie' Keane, Bobby Mockler.

Where is he now?

By: Seamus O'Doherty

Johnny

BOURKE

THURLES SARSFIELDS

IN 1974 Thurles Sarsfields, captained by Jimmy Doyle, won the Tipperary Championship for the first time since 1965. They beat Moneygall in the quarter-final, Toomevara in the semi-final and Silvermines in the County Final at Semple Stadium on October 13th.

One of the key men in that victory was full forward Johnny Bourke, who scored 3-0 in the semi-final and 2-1 in the final. It was his only County Senior medal, but his contribution to that victory won't be forgotten. His scoring prowess and courage guaranteed a call up to the Tipperary colours for the ensuing League campaign. He received a warm Semple Stadium welcome when introduced to the crowd, at the former champions reunion, on county final day 2005.

A former employee of Ballyragget based Avonmore/Glanbia, with whom he was a multiple All-Ireland Inter-Firms winner, Johnny, who is now retired, has spent several years involved with hurling teams in Tipperary, Laois and Kilkenny.

He was a member of 'Glossy' Gleeson's Thurles Sarsfields management team which reached three Tipperary county finals in-a-row 2008/2009/2010 – winning the latter two. He

had two disappointments outside the county championship in that time – losing the first round Munster Club game to Newtownshandrum at Semple Stadium on November 1st 2009 and the equally frustrating one point failure to Waterford's De La Salle in the 2010 final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Prior to that great run, Johnny had served as Bainisteoir with St. Patrick's Ballyragget (2006/2007) and many of his young guns won All-Ireland Junior club hurling honours at Croke Park last Spring. Joe Brennan, who made his Junior Championship debut in John's time as Bainisteoir, was a member of Kilkenny's Senior winning squad two weeks ago.

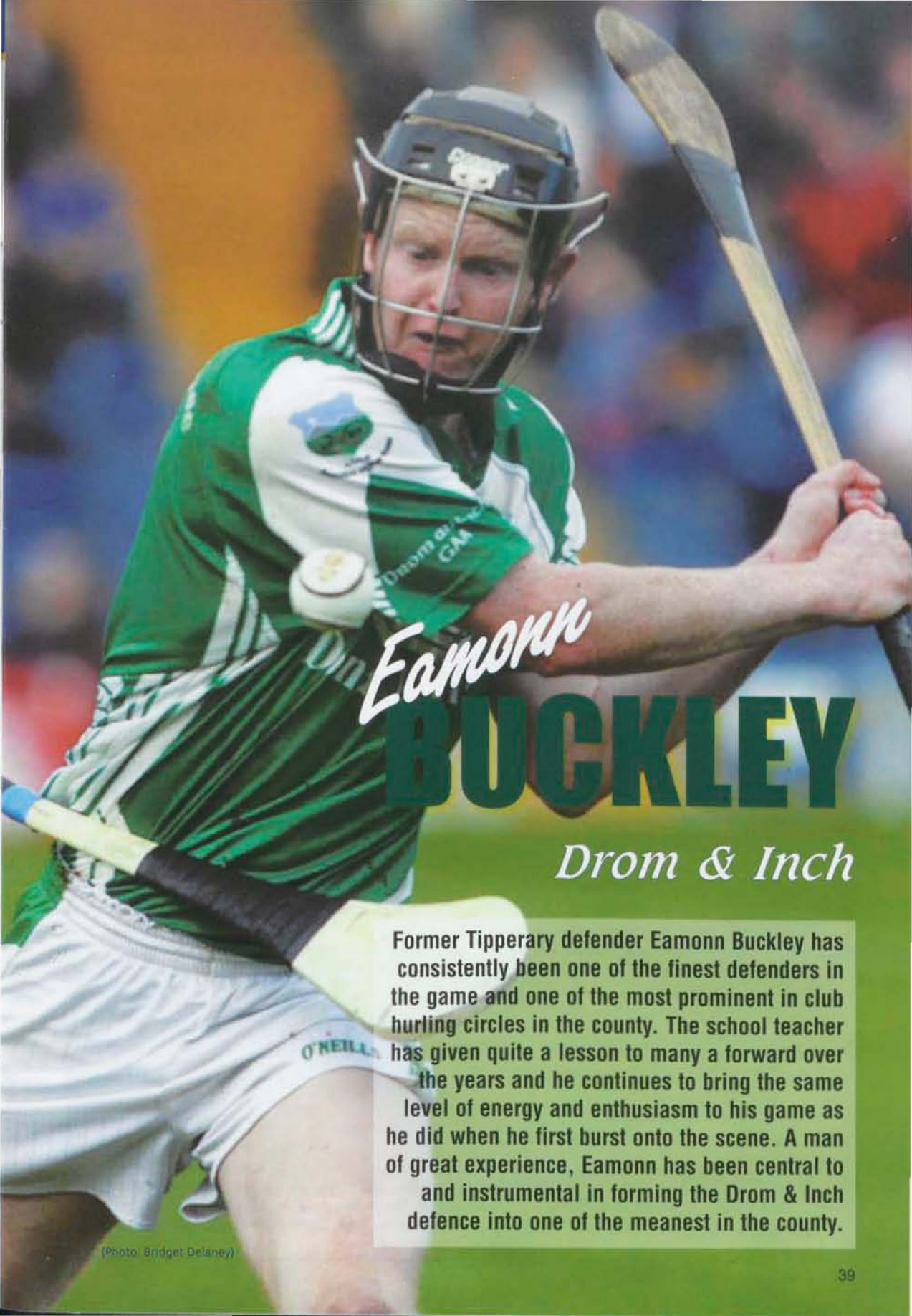
John lives with his wife Breda and family in Cullahill, Co. Laois and this year his experience was shared with local club, The Harps. Unfortunately, having overcome Camross in the quarter-final, they were beaten at the semi-final stage by Rathdowney-Errill.

No doubt he will be here today to enjoy the Premier County Final and the expectation of further honours for his beloved Thurles Sarsfields. As for next year . . . who knows?



2010 Thurles Sarsfields Management Team (l.-r.): Tom Barry (Selector), Paddy McCormack (Coach), Johnny Burke (Selector), Michael Gleeson (Manager).

(Photos: Tom Ryan Casey)



Eamonn **BUCKLEY**

Drom & Inch

Former Tipperary defender Eamonn Buckley has consistently been one of the finest defenders in the game and one of the most prominent in club hurling circles in the county. The school teacher has given quite a lesson to many a forward over the years and he continues to bring the same level of energy and enthusiasm to his game as he did when he first burst onto the scene. A man of great experience, Eamonn has been central to and instrumental in forming the Drom & Inch defence into one of the meanest in the county.

1987

FIRST COUNTY SENIOR HURLING TITLE FOR



CAPPAWHITE – County Senior Hurling Champions 1987

Back row (l.-r.): Noel Buckley, Ger O'Neill, Tom Coughlan, Simon Ryan (L), John Ryan (P), Conor Ryan (H), Ger Ryan (B), Danny O'Neill, Michael Ryan (L), Anthony O'Neill, John Barry, Eugene Maguire. Front row (l.-r.): Austin Buckley, Paul Buckley, Pa O'Neill, Mike Buckley, John O'Neill (Capt.), Martin McDermott, (Mascot Shane McDermott), Myles Coughlan, Deasún Hennessy, Dan Ryan (P), Eamonn Ryan (B), Dick Quirke.

CAPPAWHITE made history in 1987 when they won their first ever county senior hurling final by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at Sempie Stadium on November 1. It was the 100th Tipperary senior hurling final. It was also the first time since 1943 that a team from the West division had won the title, when Eire Óg snatched victory over Moycarkey-Borris in the dying minutes of a thrilling final.

Not only was this the centenary final but neither of the contestants had ever won it before. Cappawhite were making their first appearance. Runners-up, Loughmore Castleiney, had been there once before in 1983, when they lost to Borrisoleigh at Cashel. Another interesting thing about the final pairing was the absence of a team from the North division (the same again twenty-five

years later). Not since 1965, when Thurles Sarsfields defeated Carrick Davins was there a final without a northern team. The observation was also made that never before was a final played between two less-populous parishes.



Photographed in the dressing room on county final day: Rusty Keane (Trainer), Mike Buckley, Conor Ryan H, Eamon Ryan B and Mylie Coughlan.

CAPPAWHITE

By: SEAMUS J. KING



The first half belonged to Clonoulty, who led by 3-7 to 1-4 at half-time. The second was Cappawhite's, who turned the nine-point deficit into an eight-point victory on a final scoreline of 4-15 to 3-10. Clonoulty's eclipse in the second half was as swift as it was incredible.

In the county quarter-finals Loughmore-Castleiney defeated Killenaule while Thurles Sarsfields were too good for Ballingarry. Kilruane MacDonaghs defeated Clonoulty-Rossmore after a replay and Cappawhite had six points to spare over Roscrea.

In the semi-finals Cappawhite had the breeze in the first half against Thurles Sarfields but led by only a point at the interval, 1-7 to 1-6. They were helped by two missed chances for goals by their opponents in the middle of the third quarter and they had the edge in the final quarter to win by 2-15 to 1-14. Loughmore-Castleiney had a goal to spare over Kilruane-MacDonaghs, 1-12 to 0-12 in the second semi-final.

QUALIFICATION

Both the Mid and West divisional finals were played on September 13 and it wasn't unlucky for either of the county final contestants. In one of the best Mid finals for years Loughmore-Castleiney held on in a thrilling final quarter to beat Thurles Sarsfields by 2-11 to 2-10. On the same day at Cashel, Cappawhite took the West title in an amazing contest with Clonoulty-Rossmore.



Cappawhite captain, John O'Neill, receiving the Dan Breen Cup from County Chairman Michael Lowry, after victory in the 1987 County Senior Hurling Final.



Action from the 1987 County Senior Hurling Final shows Cappawhite's Martin McDermott having words with Loughmore Castleiney's defender Richard Stapleton with Peter Brennan and Eamonn Ryan (B) in the background.

FINAL DAY

Gerry Long of Knockshgowna refereed his first senior final on that day. All the pundits had forecast a fairly close game with the verdict at the end of the hour in favour of Loughmore. Cappawhite's opening efforts were just plain bad while Loughmore looked brilliant as they raced into an eight-point lead within twenty minutes. Pat McGrath looked superb as he chalked up a personal tally of 1-4 of his side's 1-7.

The Cappawhite mentors were forced to make some drastic changes, the most effective of which was the sending back of Ger Ryan Bawn to police the Loughmore danger man. The change worked as Cappawhite had to deficit reduced to 1-8 to 1-6 at the interval.

However, difficulties had still to be overcome in the second half. Loughmore opened up a five-point gap with a Liam Cormack goal in the ninth minute. Soon after Cappawhite made another important move, bringing out Ger O'Neill to centreforward. Added to this was the loss to Loughmore of full-back, Peter Brennan.

Cappawhite surged back and drew level with eight minutes to play. Loughmore

retaliated with a point to go ahead. Pat O'Neill came back to level and, with a minute to go, Austin Buckley got a brilliant point to give the West champions victory by 1-17 to 2-13.

Pat O'Neill was given Man of the Match award and scored ten points of Cappawhite's total. Following closely behind were Ger O'Neill and Ger Ryan (B). Others to impress were Michael Buckley, about whom doubts were cast beforehand, and Simon Ryan, who did a power of hurling at midfield.

The first time county champions were as follows: Danny O'Neill, Myles Coughlan, Michael Buckley, Dan Ryan (P), Deasún Hennessy, Anthony O'Neill, Ger Ryan, Eamonn Ryan (B), Simon Ryan (I), Austin Buckley, Conor Ryan (H), Pa O'Neill, John O'Neill (F) (Capt.), Ger O'Neill, Martin McDermott. *Subs:* John Ryan for Myles Coughlan, Eugene Maguire for John O'Neill. Also: John Barry, Noel Buckley, Dick Quirke, Michael Ryan (L), Tom Coughlan, Paul Buckley.

Loughmore-Castleiney: F. McGrath, R. Stapleton, P. Brennan, J. Maher, P. Cormack, J. Cormack, E. Sweeney, N. Ryan, E. Brennan, S. Bohane, P. Treacy, T. McGrath, L. Cormack, M. McGrath, P. McGrath. *Subs:* J. Treacy (Capt.), R. Larkin, D. Kiely, D. Egan, P. Lynch, M. Maher.

Referee: Gerry Long (Knockshgowna).

Cappawhite selectors: Gerry Creedon, Liam Treacy, Rusty Keane (trainer).

CAPPAWHITE – Player Profiles

By LENNY FITZGERALD

13. John Fox O'Neill (Capt): A West minor hurling medal winner in 1971 before achieving back-to-back West U21 hurling medals in 1974 and '75, John made his senior championship debut in '76, and claimed West and county junior football success in 1977. Holder of four West senior hurling medals, he was drafted into corner forward in the '87 campaign. He won a county intermediate football medal in 1990 and coached Kilmallock and Doon to Limerick senior hurling finals in 2000 and 2001.

1. Danny O'Neill: As well as being a gifted shot-stopper in hurling, he was also a prolific footballer, lining out at wing-forward in Cappa's West and county junior football success in 1977 and West and county under-21 success in 1977. He won a senior football title in 1978. He also holds four West senior hurling titles coupled with a West and intermediate hurling success in 1990.

2. Mylie Coughlan: A West U21 medal winner in the early 70's, Mylie was a tough and tigerish defender, winning a trio of West junior hurling medals in 1982, '85 and '88 in the number 2 shirt. He played at corner back in all six of Cappa's championship games in '87. He also collected back-to-back West junior hurling medals in 1997 and '98 respectively.

3. Michael Buckley: He was part of the Cappa/Éire Óg combination that claimed divisional honours in 1980. He made the full back line position his own in the '83, '84 and '85 victories. His long delivery yielded the winning point in the '87 final v Loughmore. A Crosco Cup medal winner in 1987, he served as senior hurling selector in 1993.

4. Dan Ryan (P): After achieving West and county U21 success in 1977, he also picked up a county junior football medal for good measure. A West U21 medal followed in 1978 along with a coveted West senior football crown. A West minor medal winner in 1980, he holds four West senior hurling medals and one county title. He also managed Cappawhite to West senior success in 2005. A former club chairman, he was also proficient in administration holding numerous roles at Bord na nÓg within the club.

5. Deasún Hennessy: A West minor

hurling medal winner in '78 at wing back, he was an able substitute in the '83 season before lining out at midfield in the West championship successes in '84 and '85. In the concluding games in the '87 championship, he lined out at corner back v Roscrea, midfield v Sarsfields and wing back v Loughmore. He also anchored the defence for the Cappa juniors during their West title winning season in '88.

6. Anthony O'Neill: A West minor hurling winner in 1978 and 1980, he was centre back during the 1981 Cappa/Éire Óg team that claimed divisional U21 honours. A senior championship debutante in 1978, he played out in '81 West Final v Éire Óg. He holds six West senior medals, 1983, '84, '85, '87, 2000 and 2001. Holder of three All-Ireland medals with the Tipp Masters, he also holds West and county intermediate football medals in 1990. A West junior football medal winner in 2006, he also managed Cappawhite to county U21 honours in 1999.

7. Ger Ryan (B): He made his senior championship debut v Éire Óg in the '83 championship campaign and his final senior outing v Golden/Éire Óg in the 2004 championship, a career spanning 21 years. Having played in no less than nine finals, he holds six medals lining out at wing forward in the '83, '84, '85 while operating at wing back in '87, 2000 and 2001. He also netted 2-4 from play in the '84 West senior final win over Kick-hams in Sean Treacy Park. Having missed the '92 championship to a hand injury, he lined out with the Tipp intermediates in the '93 championship. He captained Cappa to West and county intermediate

football honours in 1990.

8. Eamonn Ryan (B): He was part of the Cappa/Éire Óg combination that took West and county honours in 1977, reverting between centre forward and midfield. He also picked up a West senior football medal in 1978 at no 11. He made his senior championship debut in 1975, losing finals in '76, '78, '79 and '81 before finally making the breakthrough in '83. He added three more West medals for good measure. He lined out at midfield for all six championship games in '87, operating with three different partners in that time. After Cappa's exit to Cashel in the 1993 championship, Ned called time after 16 years of unbroken service.

9. Simon Ryan (L): He made his baptism of fire at corner back in the '83 championship campaign and remained there right through to the end of the '86 season. On the change of management, he was moved to midfield for much of the championship. In 1988 a serious collarbone injury halted his progress but he returned to win a West junior hurling medal in 1998 from the corner back position.

10. Austin Buckley: After picking up West and county U21 honours in '77, he picked up a second West U21 win in '81. He lined out at corner forward in Tipp's All-Ireland U21 success in 1980 and was also an integral member of the '81 All-Ireland U21 success v Kilkenny. He won a West junior medal in '82 before making a permanent place on the senior team the following season. He scored the winning point in the '85 West final win v Cashel KC while also hitting the winner v Loughmore in the '87 county title win. In the '87 championship, he operated at wing back,



Pat O'Neill, Tipperary captain, receiving the National League trophy after victory in the 1988 final.

midfield and wing forward before a serious eye injury cut his career short during the 1990 West hurling championship.

11. Conor Ryan (H): A West U21 medal winner in 1980. The following year he was positioned at centre back for the Cappa seniors in their West final loss to Éire Óg. He also collected a West U21 football medal in that same season. Holder of four West senior medals, he captained them to successive West victories in 1983-85. He also played a series of games for the Tipp seniors in the Oireachtas competition and the '87/88 National League campaign. In 1993 he operated at full back for St. Finbarr's in their Cork county senior success, placing him into a unique group to have claimed county honours in different counties.

12. Pa O'Neill: After a West U21 football medallist in 1981, he made his senior championship debut in 1982 v Sean Treacy's. Holder of no less than seven West senior hurling medals, he was easily the highest scorer in the '87 championship hitting 4-47 in the process. He also hit 3-05 v Clonoulty in the '84 West semi-final and 0-10 v Roscrea in the '87 county quarter-final. A man of the match winner after the '87 county final, he captained Tipp to Munster senior championship and National League success in 1988. A West and county intermediate football medal winner in 1990, he further collected West senior medals in 2000, 2001 and was sub goalie on the 2005 winning side.

14. Ger O'Neill: A duel Tipp minor in 1980 season, he operated at wing back for the Tipp footballers v Kerry in the Munster championship while also played a wing forward in Tipp minor All-Ireland winning season that same year. He hit 0-6 from play for the Tipp U-21s in their All-Ireland victory over Kilkenny in Walsh Park in 1981. He played senior championship for Tipperary in 1985, '86 and '91 campaigns, hitting 1-3 in the '85 Munster final v Cork. Holder of four West senior medals, he lined out at wing back in Cappa 1990 county intermediate football side. A selector on the successful Tipp minor team in 1996, he was player-manager of the Cappa senior hurlers in 1998. Scorer of 4-9 en route to county success in 1987, he was selected at corner forward on the West Tipp team of the Millennium.

15. Martin McDermott: A West minor hurling championship medallist in 1966, he played senior championship for the club in four decades, making his senior championship debut in 1969 to being

introduced in the losing '91 West senior final to Cashel KC. A County junior football medallist, he played senior football championship for Tipp in 1975-77 period. He lined out at centre back in Cappa's only West senior success in 1978 and in all played in ten West senior hurling finals, losing six and finally gracing the winner's podium in 1983, '84, '85 and '87. He hit the only goal in the '87 county senior final and was selector with the successful Tipp intermediate girls that achieved All-Ireland success in 2008.

16. John Barry: In 1978 he lined out at corner back in Cappa's West junior hurling 'B' success while also vacating the substitute goalie position for the successful senior footballers that same season. In 1981, he made it onto the Cappa senior hurling team for a spell before winning a trio of West junior hurling successes between the posts in 1982, '85 and '88.

17. Johnny Ryan (P): An All-Ireland Colleges medal winner in 1975 at corner back, he won back to back West U21 medals in 1974 and '75. In 1977 he captained Cappa to win West and county junior honours in 1977 and picked a West senior football medal for good measure the following season. Holder of four West senior hurling medals, he also played at centre back in the '85 West junior success and at full forward in the '88 West junior hurling decider. A former club chairman, Johnny played his final game v Cashel KC in the '94 West senior hurling championship.

18. Eugene Maguire: Having played at corner forward for Arravale Rovers in their West senior football success in 1981, he moved to Cappawhite the following season. Holder of four West senior hurling medals, Eugene lined out at full forward in both the '84 West final victory v Kickhams and the '85 West final win over Cashel KC while also lining out at wing forward in the '87 decider v Clonoulty. He was introduced as a substitute in both the '87 county semi-final and final. He was a West junior medal winner in 1988 and followed that with a West junior 'B' winner's medal in 1997. He acted as a selector in Cappa's West senior victories in 2000 and 2001 and managed the Cappa Ladies footballers to intermediate county success in 2005 and 2007.

19. Noel Buckley: A West Junior medallist in 1982 at wing back, he immediately impressed to be promoted to the senior set-up the following year. His consistent displays saw him rubber stamp his

place in the successful three in-a-row winning side in '83-85 period. In the '87 championship he played in all three West championship victories before a knee injury kept him out of the county championship ties. Injury in turn eventually cut short his playing career but he continued to manage numerous underage titles within the club and was selector in Cappa's last West senior success in 2005.

20. Tom Coughlan: A senior panel member of the successful West and county winning side, Tom is best remembered for his displays in the junior grade for the club. He lined out at midfield in Cappa's West junior success in 1988 and helped in no small part to emerging victorious for the club in the 1997 West junior 'B' title winning season. He captained the club to a further West junior title in 1998 v Cashel KC.

21. Paul Buckley: He lined out between the posts as the Cappa intermediate footballers took West and county honours v Grangemockler in 1990. He also operated at right corner back in the '91 West final loss to Cashel in Clonoulty. Holder of West and county titles in '87, he collected a West junior hurling championship medal in '85 and featured at corner forward in the successful junior team in '88.

22. Dick Quirke: An All-Ireland College's winner with St. Flannan's playing at corner forward in '83 and full-forward in '84, he was a Tipp minor hurler in '83 at No. 15. He hit a personal tally of 0-08 from 0-11 in their win over Waterford and collected a Munster medal with victory over Limerick in the decider. Holder of two West medals in '85 and '87, he collected a Crosco Cup medal for good measure. Dick also lined out with the seniors in their unsuccessful West final in '89 and '91 campaigns. He also operated at midfield in the club's West and county intermediate win in 1990.

23. Michael Ryan (L): From centre-back, he helped bring the Club into numerous underage West finals, losing narrowly to Kickhams '82 and Arravale Rovers at minor level in '83 and '84. He was the youngest member of the senior set-up that claimed West and county honours in '87. In 1988 he made his senior championship debut when introduced at no 7 v Clonoulty in Golden and was evident again in the club's West final loss in '89. He played in the '90, '91 and '92 campaigns before finishing his career with a spell on the junior team in the mid-nineties.

Coaching and Games in the PREMIER COUNTY

By: DINNY MAHER, Games Manager

AS THE curtain comes down on 2012 we reflect on a busy and successful year in coaching and games development across the county.

For many clubs the highlight of the year is the annual GAA Cúl Camp. This year Kellogg's took over sponsorship nationwide. In Tipperary we had 53 clubs taking part and a total of 4528 participants. In spite of the inclement weather, all camps managed to get through their weekly programme. Our sincere thanks to all the club coordinators and helpers on the ground. The Kellogg's Cúl Camp offers a week of fun and GAA activity for all participating children; it also offers the club an opportunity to recruit new members. With the help of Kellogg's we look forward to growing the club numbers over the next couple of years. The online booking system coupled with the €5 token proved to be a great success. Clubs who to-date have not held a Kellogg's Cúl Camp are strongly encouraged to do so.



'A typical Irish Summer' – Children and coaches revel in the mud at the Rosegreen Kelloggs Cúl Camps 2012.

Over the last number of months, and continuing into November, the Games Development Administrators have organised U8 and U10 Hurling and Football Go Games Blitzes, on a county basis. The blitzes take place in Dr. Morris Park on Saturday mornings. They are hugely popular with children and parents alike. On many occasions up to four hundred children would play a minimum of three matches during the course of the blitz. Our



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sincere thanks to all the voluntary club mentors who coach and organise their teams for these events. From uncertain beginnings the Go Games Model has gained in strength and popularity. The concept of all children playing all the time is gaining momentum and will prove to be a great benefit to clubs in the long term. Our thanks to the GDA's, Andy Ryan (Mid), Johnny Cummins (South), Kevin Halley (West) and Tadhg O'Connor (North) for their continuous work in this area.

The Primary School coaching scheme has just commenced its twelfth year in operation. Without doubt this is the most important project undertaken in the county. We urge clubs to actively engage with the scheme and with the schools in its parish. Over the last couple of years we are coming into stiff opposition from



'Cups of Glory' at the Ballina Kelloggs Cúl Camp 2012.

other codes and activities in our Primary Schools. It can be very challenging to compete with the Munster Rugby brand or the FAI logo. We are lucky to have developed a very strong link with our primary schools and teachers and we need to maintain this link going forward. We are very grateful to them all for their continued support in the scheme and in the competitions and events that we run throughout the year.

There was great joy throughout the county as a result of our County Minor Hurling victory in the All-Ireland in late September. It was indeed a unique occasion with both senior and minor finals going to replays. Our congratulations to all involved, especially the management team and of course the players. The more often we appear in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day at minor level the better the future of the games in the county. The underage development programme is an essential part of this success.



Cúl Camp U-Can Skills winners receive their medals from County Chairman Seán Nugent.

During the year our hurling and football squads acquitted themselves very well. We had success at U15 level in both hurling and football and our other squads competed very well with their counterparts from the other counties. Development is the key word for all the squads. While it is nice to taste victory in some of the tournaments, the bigger picture is All-Ireland Final day at Minor level and competing well there.

Winter field sessions and gym programmes are currently being prepared. Our thanks to all the mentors who took charge and responsibility for the squads in 2012. We are blessed to have such talented people making themselves available to take on these very important roles. While the system is not one hundred per cent perfect, we are striving to improve every year. Our thanks also to the 'Recruiting Groups' in both codes for assisting with the recruitment of coaches and mentors.

Why not check us out on Facebook and YouTube.

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History book

By Seamus O'Doherty

THE Dan Breen Cup was first presented to the Tipperary County Champions in 1931 (Martin Kennedy of Toomevara was the first recipient) and this cup (now at Mark 3) has inspired Tipperary man Jim Fogarty, a long time resident in Kilkenny City to write a book about the County Finals from 1931 to 2011 inclusive.

The original Dan Breen Cup was withdrawn in 1972 due to wear and tear, as a new version

was commissioned by the County Board. The first captain to receive the new cup was Roscrea's Jackie Hannon, when his club beat Borris-Ileigh (5-8 to 3-6) in the latest (November 12th) and on the wettest final day (there were floods all over the county's roads and the Minor final was postponed) in modern times.

Jim's upcoming publication will be a welcome addition to the personal libraries of Tipperary hurling followers.



ROSCREA – Senior Hurling County Champions 1972

Back row (l.-r.): Thomas O'Reilly, Seamus O'Doherty, Luke Carroll, John Joe Maher, Jimmy Crampton, Tom Tynan, Jody Spooner, Willie Stapleton, Jackie Hannon (Capt.), Tadhg Murphy, Mick Minogue, Martin Loughnane. Front row (l.-r.): Willie O'Reilly, Francis Loughnane, Joe Cunningham, Mick Hogan, Donie Moloney, Patsy Rowland, Brendan Maher, Joe Tynan Tadhg O'Connor.

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By Jim Fogarty



By:

**JIM
FOGARTY**



From November 1931 to 2011, the Dan Breen Cup has been the most treasured trophy in Tipperary hurling. It has seen many great players and teams, and it has been a source of pride for the county for over 80 years.



GAA

County Senior Hurling Final **RECORD**

By: SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

THURLES SARSFIELDS/BLUES

1887 beat North Tipp 0-3 to 0-0
 1894 lost to Drombane 4-4 to 0-0
 1904 beat Lahorna De Wets 5-8 to 3-9
 1906 beat Lahorna De Wets 4-11 to 3-6
 1907 beat Lahorna De Wets 3-13 to 1-6
 1908 lost to Glengoole 4-2 to 2-6 (Thurles objection upheld. Championship later declared void).
 1909 beat Racecourse/Grangemockler 10-4 to 5-2
 1911 beat Toomevara 4-5 to 1-0
 1915 lost to Boherlahan 4-4 to 1-2
 1925 Refused to play Boherlahan
 1929 beat Toomevara 4-3 to 1-3
 1935 beat Carrick Swan 6-5 to 0-2
 1936 beat Roscrea 2-10 to 0-3
 1938 beat Kildangan 7-7 to 2-2
 1939 beat Cashel 5-3 to 4-2
 1942 beat Killenaule 8-5 to 0-1
 1944 beat Kilruane MacDonaghs 6-3 to 1-4
 1945 beat Roscrea 1-4 to 1-0 (replay) (4-4 to 3-7)
 1946 beat Carrick Swan 4-5 to 0-3
 1952 beat Borris-Ileigh 5-6 to 2-8
 1955 beat Borris-Ileigh 4-10 to 0-6
 1956 beat Lorrha 3-5 to 1-4

1957 beat Na Piarsaigh 4-15 to 4-4
 1958 beat Toomevara 4-11 to 3-3
 1959 beat Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-12 to 2-6
 1960 lost to Toomevara 3-15 to 2-8
 1961 beat Toomevara 3-4 to 0-9
 1962 beat Moycarkey Borris 1-7 to 1-6
 1963 beat Roscrea 4-10 to 2-10
 1964 beat Holycross Ballycahill 5-13 to 1-4
 1965 beat Carrick Davins 3-10 to 0-7 (replay) (2-7 to 3-4)
 1968 lost to Roscrea 2-13 to 3-4
 1970 lost to Roscrea 3-11 to 2-12
 1974 beat Silvermines 3-6 to 1-10
 1979 lost to Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-18 to 3-6
 1992 lost to Toomevara 0-12 to 1-6 (replay) (1-8 to 0-11)
 2000 lost to Toomevara 2-10 to 0-11
 2001 lost to Toomevara 1-21 to 1-13
 2002 lost to Mullinahone 2-10 to 1-11 (replay) (0-14 each)
 2003 lost to Toomevara 3-19 to 3-16
 2005 beat Drom & Inch 1-17 to 0-15
 2008 lost to Toomevara 2-14 to 0-17
 2009 beat Drom & Inch 0-14 to 0-5
 2010 beat Clonoulty Rossmore 1-16 to 1-7

DROM & INCH

2005 lost to Thurles Sarsfields 1-17 to 0-15
 2007 lost to Loughmore Castleiney 0-22 to 0-13

2009 lost to Thurles Sarsfields 0-14 to 0-5
 2011 beat Clonoulty Rossmore 1-19 to 2-14

Scoláireachtaí na Gaeilge – Samhradh 2012

GACH BLIAIN cuireann Bord an Chontae scoláireachtaí ar fáil do dhaoine óga a bhfuil baint acu leis an C.L.G. Bronnadh nach mór caoga scoláireachtaí i mbliana, na scoláirí uile ag freastal ar na Coláistí i gCúige Mumhan-Coláiste Na Rinne, Coláiste Chorca Dhuibhne agus Coláiste na Mumhan.

Is mór an taitneamh agus an tairbhe a bhaineann ár nimreoirí óga as na cúrsaí seo agus is deis iontach é saol na Gaeltachta a bhlaiseadh. Seo thíos cuntas ó chuid de scoláirí a chaith seal ann.

Laura Ní Dhonnaille (Na Sáirséalaigh)

"Táimse i mo bhall den chlub agus tá dlúthbhaint ag mo mhuintir leis an gcumann. Imríim camógaíocht agus díolaim cláracha i Stáid Semple leis. Bhí an tádhlíom



scoláireacht a bhuachan agus bhaineas sár taitneamh as na ranganna agus as na cluichí a bhí againn. Bhí comhlúadar iontach deas againn agus molaim do dhaoine óga cur isteach ar an scéim seo."

"NA SARS ABÚ"

Cathal Ó Riain (Druim agus Inse)

"Is as Druim agus Inse mé agus táimse ag freastal ar scoil na mBráithre sa bhaile mór. Tá muintir an tí sáite i gcúrsaí iomána, peile, camógaíochta agus dar ndóig i gcúrsaí Scór. Is i gColáiste Chorca Dhuibhne a bhí mé



anuraidh maraon le 22 dalta eile ón gContae. Ní bréag a rá gur chabhraigh an cúrsa go mór liom chun mo chuid Gaeilge labhartha a chur chun cinn. Tá súil agam filleadh ar an nGaeltacht lá éigin"

"DRUIM AGUS INSE ABÚ"

– Seosaimhín Ní Chathail

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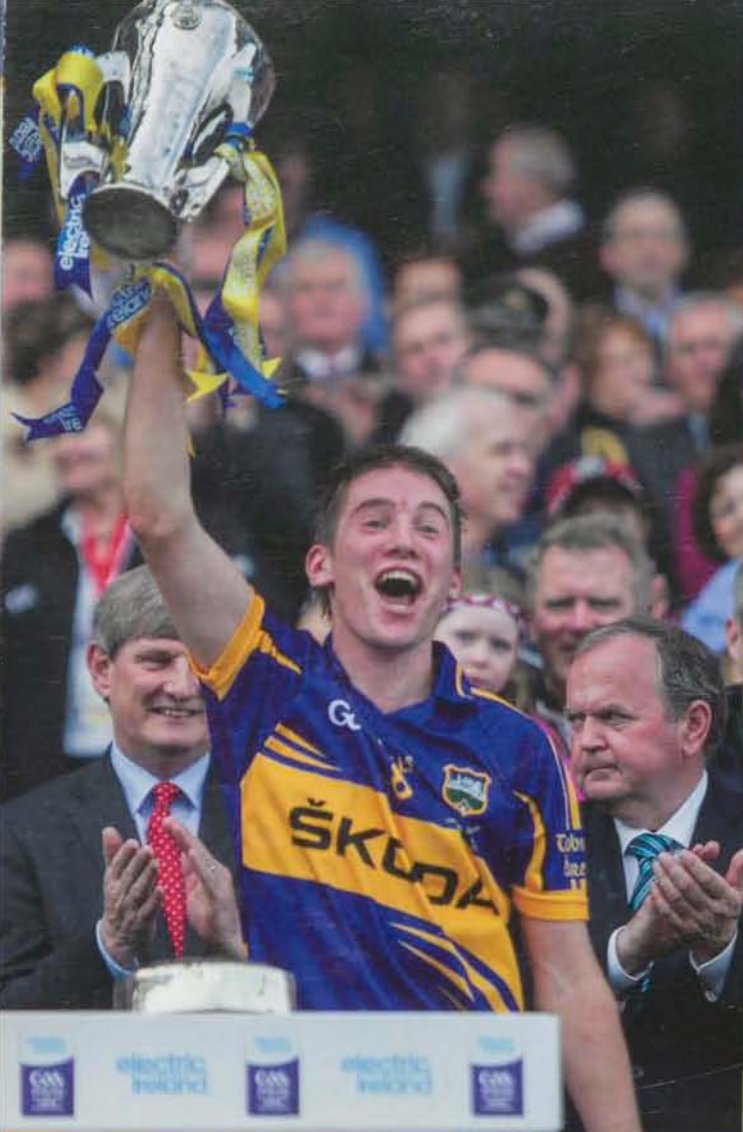


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All-Ireland Minor Hurling and Intermediate Hurling Champions 2012



ABOVE:

BILL MAHER – Tipperary
Minor Hurling Captain



RIGHT:

EDDIE CONNOLLY –
Tipperary Intermediate
Hurling Captain.

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