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Welcome one and all to the Glanbia South Senior Hurling Final which takes place in Clonmel Sports field today. Today's final brings together Killenaule who are the titleholders bringing home the laurels in 2005 and Mullinahone who last won the title in 2004. I look forward to a splendid sporting

occasion between two teams who between them have some of the finest players in the game today. Killenaule had a mighty battle to capture the title last year after a lapse of thirteen years while Mullinahone have dominated the Senior Hurling championship scene in the Division for well over a decade. It all adds up to what should be a battle royal as one side seeks to hold onto what they have and the other seeks to recapture the cup they relinquished just over a year ago. I wish both teams and all associated with their preparation the very best of luck in today's final as they strive to put their Club name on the Corn O Riain. I thank our loval patrons for their support and hope that they are witness to a game that will do credit to our National game and will live long in the memories of those privileged to see it.

The curtain- raiser for today's final is a clash between Ballingarry and Carrick Davins in the Chadwicks Minor Hurling A Championship. This championship is providing great entertainment and today's game should set the scene for events later in the evening.

I wish to thank our Sponsors Glanbia for their continued support for our Senior Hurling Championship and I ask our patrons to acknowledge that support in every way possible.

Final I wish the best of luck to the referees and officials for today's games, Noel Cosgrove from the Marlfield Club referees his first South final and Andy Maloney from the Cahir Club is in charge of the curtain-raiser. Finally my thanks to the Clonmel Sports field committee for their preparation for today's games.

Miceal Mac Cormac Cathaoirleach

CLÁR AN LAE Ch September

2.00pm Chadwicks M.H.C.A Ballingarry v Carrick Davins Referee Andy Moloney [Cahir]

3.30pm Glanbia Senior Hurling Final Mullinahone v Killenaule Referee Noel Cosgrove [Marlfield]

Ceoltori an Lae Diarmuid O Hurley Pipe Band



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Noel Cosgrove from the Marlfield Club in Clonmel referees his first South Senior Hurling final today. Noel who hails from Cappamore in the County Limerick is a

highly experienced official and is in his third year as an Inter County referee. He has been in charge of Harty Cup finals, All Ireland Colleges finals and National League games and has given service to the

Noel Cosgrove

Munster Council at minor and other levels. He refereed the Mid Tipperary final in 2005. We wish Noel and his officials the very best of luck in today's game.



Andy Moloney

Andy Moloney from the Cahir Club is in charge of the curtain raiser between Carrick Davins and Ballingarry. Andy who is a former player with his Club has given outstanding service to the Board on the refereeing front in recent years both at adult and juvenile level. His contribution and that of his colleagues plays an important part in keeping the busy programme of games run by the Board on track. We thank Andy and his officials for making themselves available on a regular basis and wish them well in today's game.

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Best Wishes to all the teams

Senior Hurling Finals Past and Present

Our Senior Hurling final day is with us again in South Tipperary and as we await the throw in, nerves tingle with excitement in anticipation of a battle royal between two sides who are bristling with talent and who are prepared to do or die for the honour of Club and Parish. The crowds are in and the match parade is on, the rousing music of the Pipe Band fills the air and prepares the teams for the battle ahead as they march behind it. The supporters of both sides are filled with tension as they contemplate the possibilities of victory or defeat while the neutral observer is in a calmer frame of mind just looking forward to a great game and great entertainment.

Those of us who are of an age to look back over the last forty or fifty years can pause for a moment and recall the great Divisional finals that we have witnessed over the years, great battles between Carrick Swan and Carrick Davins in Davin Park. Killenaule and Marlfield in the early sixties, St Mary's and Carrick Swan in the early eighties and in latter years Mullinahone and Ballingarry have set the scene alight with some epic finals. Who however will forget the final of last year in Fethard between Killenaule and Ballingarry when it took over one hundred and forty minutes of top class hurling to separate the teams. What would we give for a game like that today, will we have it? I sincerely hope so.

I ask myself today as we approach the conclusion of this championship has anything really changed over all those years and have come to the conclusion that the scene is still very much the same. We may now live in a modern Ireland with all the latest technology and have a plethora of new-fangled activities to while away our leisure time but still the crowds come out to the major games, the people support their Club and Parish, the Pipe Band is still there to rouse the scene, at this level anyway. Peoples emotions before during and after the game are still the same and the players the most important people of all are still prepared to give endless hours of time to training and preparation for the challenge that lies ahead. The game and the rules may have changed somewhat with the overhead striking and the ground ball not so much in evidence now, Red cards and yellow cards have come on the scene to confuse us all and the price at the gate might seem to have gone up somewhat but if you convert to £ its still great value compared to other entertainment. The show goes on then very much in the same manner as it did fifty years ago, thanks be to God! and long may it last.

Today's game then and who could predict the result, Killenaule the champions after a thirteen year lapse and Mullinahone who last held the title in 2004 have dominated the Senior Hurling scene in the Division since they assumed Senior status in 1992. Killenaule will have grown in confidence from last years win and have a background of outstanding underage success behind them. Mullinahone on the other hand have vast experience at Senior level and the benefit of a number of Inter County players who on their day could make the difference. Just like it was fifty years ago its all to play for and the best of luck to both teams.

Sean O Nuinseain

Tom Ryan [Killenaule]



Inevitably when South Final day comes around again and your team is competing for honours, the mind wanders back to great South Finals of the past. This brings me back to the Final of 1961, when Killenaule captained by the great Tom Ryan scored a famous victory over Theo English's Marlfield. What a talented, marvellous hurler Tom Ryan from Graystown Killenaule was! He first came to prominence in 1958 when he captained Killenaule to victory in the South Tipp Minor Championship, only their second ever in this grade. His sterling performances in this campaign brought him to the notice of the Tipp Minor Selectors and he was an automatic choice for the Tipp Minor Team of 1959.

1959 was a wonderful year for the young Tom. He helped Tipp win the Munster Championship and with his

namesake Tom Ryan (RIP) of Toomevara played a magnificent part in Tipp's victory over Kilkenny in the All Ireland Final. Soon Tom was a household name not only in Tipperary, but all over Ireland. He played in the Munster and all Ireland Senior finals in 1960. Unfortunately in spite of Tom's great performance Wexford were the victors in 1960. In 1961 Tom won his first senior All Ireland medal when Tipp defeated Dublin by 0-16 to 1-12 in a thrilling final. What a tussle Tom had with the late Lar Foley that day! Tom, of course led Killenaule to victory over Marlfield in the South Final of that year. 1962 was Tom's crowing glory. His hurling was superb right throughout the campaign, but his 'piece de resistance' was the fantastic goal he scored after 20 minutes of the second half, a goal, which won the title for Tipperary.

Tom's work took him away from Killenaule and he hurled briefly for Eire Óg Nenagh. He also played for Clare and Galway, winning county championship medals in both counties. He played in two Kilkenny finals with 'the village', losing both. He finished his hurling career back with his native Killenaule and now lives nearby in Clonmel. Recently he was given a Civic Reception by the Mayor and Corporation of Clonmel, a fitting reward for his great achievements. Like the late great Martin Luther King, I too have a dream and I'm sure Tom shares it with me that soon a son of Killenaule will walk up the hallowed steps of Ardám Ui Riain to accept the Dan Breen Cup and bring it back proudly to Killenaule, hopefully today will be a step in that direction! Best of luck to both teams.

Willie O Grady Killenaule

Killenaule V Mullinahone

The history of Hurling in Killenaule and Mullinahone is twined in the 1970's and early 1980's. Both clubs combined as Eire Óg at minor under 21 and senior level. Killenaule returned to senior ranks in 1987. Mullinahone made the giant leap in 1992. In their first senior year Killenaule (the reigning champions) and Mullinahone clashed three times. Each side won one, drew one and lost one.

1992			
Cloneen	Mullinahone 1-14	Killenaule 0-10	
Clonmel	Mullinahone 1-11	Killenaule 1-11	Semi-Final
Clonmel	Killenaule 4-12	Mullinahone 2-6	Replay
1995			
Cloneen	Mullinahone 3-16	Killenaule 2-17	Semi-Final
1997			
Clonmel	Mullinahone 6-14	Killenaule 5-10	League Section
1998			
Clonmel	Mullinahone 1-12	Killenaule 3-5	League Section
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Clonmel	Mullinahone 2-21	Killenaule 1-15	League Section
2000	36 11: 1 2 21	77'11	
Clonmel	Mullinahone 2-21	Killenaule 0-6	League Section
2002	37 11: 1 1 17	W. 1 0 10	
Clonmel	Mullinahone 1-17	Killenaule 0-12	Final
2003			
Fethard	Mullinahone 2-15	Killenaule 0-15	Semi-Final
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Brian O'Meara

Ky Vaughan

12.

Niall Curran

Paul Kelly

10. Vinny Doheny 13.

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Dermot Hackett

5.

Edward O'Brien 14.

Adrian Maher 15.

Eoin Kelly

Alan Curran

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26. Shane Collins

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Stephen Harris

Ian Mullins

Lee Mackey

Jim Waters

Stephen Kerwick

10.

Patrick Harris 13.

James Waters 14.

Anthony Stewart 15.

Richard Carroll

J. J. Butler

Keith O'Dwyer

Subs: 16 William O Gorman 17 Keiren Flanaghan 18 Mark Keane

19 Christy Corcoran 20 James Waters 21 Ian O Dwyer 22 John Keys

23 Sean Robinson 24 Michael Coady 25 Billy Kelly

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KILLENAULE

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Damien Gleeson

Ken Cleary

Joe Ceaser [Capt]

Philip Blake

12.

10. **Tony Shelley**

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Hurling in Mullinahone Twenty Years Ago

Back in July 1986 Mullinahone won their first ever South Tipp Juvenile Hurling Title. It was the 14 rural Hurling Title. At that time Mullinahone was not associated with Hurling. This was the year before John Leahy burst on to the Tipperary Minor Hurling scene. Some say that Leahy lost out that year for the final place in the Tipp Minor Hurling squad because he was from Mullinahone. It wouldn't happen today. The previous year 1985 their centenary year Mullinahone had won only their third South Tipp Junior Hurling title with an aging team. The previous titles had been won in 1940 and 1979. Some say that the 1986 14 win was the beginning of Mullinahone's Hurling saga. For the record the previous years junior win had come at the expense of Killenaule's second string.

In the final of 1986 South Tipp rural under 14 hurling playing in the St. Patrick's jerseys in the Commons they defeated red-hot favourites Killenaule. We read of the 1986 hurlers in the "Mullinahone Magazine" We entered the championships with more than confidence we drew Newcastle in round one and beat them easily enough in Marlfield with good displays from Michael Skehan, Brian O' Meara, Tony Dalton and Dessie McGrath. In round two we were due to be beaten by Ballybacon/Grange but with Ky Vaughan as our only sub we battled brilliantly in the rain to shock the favourites. Our full back line of Declan Mc Namara, Philip Lynch and Alan Fox had a good hour as had Philip Skehan and Stephen O Brien.

We were now in the semi final against Cahir. We hoped to beat them but playing under strength we were on our way out of the championships when a last gasp goal from Kevin Sheehan won us a replay. In this we proved too strong for Cahir as "little Willy Murphy"

was carried off. In the final every one of our players hurled themselves in to the ground. It was a victory that was to impact down through the years. First let us pause in tribute to two of the players no longer with us Larry Hayes of Killenaule and Thomas Cahill of Mullinahone. May they look down from heaven today. I can only remember two of the Killenaule side the late Larry Hayes and Tony Shelly. Mullinahone lost the county semi final to Gortnahoe/Glengoole but few cared.

These in July 1986 were the history makers Thomas Cahill (RIP) Micky Keating, Alan Foxe, Philip Lynch, Declan McNamara, Philip Skehan, Billy Vaughan, Michael Skehan, Brian O' Meara, John O' Shea, John Hennessy, Tony Dalton, Stephen O' Brien, Dessie McGrath, Eoin Power, Kevin Sheehan, John O' Brien, Tony Gunn, Thomas Mcnamara, Pat Croke, Ger Dalton and Ky Vaughan. Five of that panel were to



Thomas Cahill R.I.P. 1973 - 1998

go on and play Minor Championship hurling for Tipperary while Brian O'Meara was to captain Tipp Seniors. The famous five were Philip Skehan, Michael Skehan, Brian O'Meara, Pat Croke and Ky Vaughan. This was at a time when in over a hundred years only one Mullinahone man Mick Cahill had played championship hurling once (Minor 1941) for Tipperary. Three of that panel Brian O'Meara Pat Croke and Ky Vaughan should be on the Mullinahone Senior Hurling team which lines out today. The history makers surprised Killenaule twenty years ago this month Eoin Kelly and Paul Curran were then only four years old and some of the Mullinahone and Killenaule panels today weren't even born.

Ricky Sheehan



"The History Makers" Mullinahone South Tipp -14R.H.Champions 1986

Back L to R Brian O'Meara ,Thomas (Toddy) McNamara, Dessie McGrath, Philip Lynch, Michael Skehan, John Hennessy, Philip Skehan, John O'Brien

2nd Row L to R Pat Croke, Ger Dalton, Kyran Vaughan, Kevin Sheehan, Declan McNamara, Alan Foxe, John O'Shea, Tony Gunn

Front Row L to R Thomas Cahill (RIP), Stephen O'Brien, Tony Dalton, Billy Vaughan, Eoin Power, Micky Keating, Liam Crowley

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The late Larry Hayes, R.I.P., Killenaule who died in a tragic accident in 1997 while returning from a game with his beloved Club, Killenaule.

Larry was an outstanding player at all levels with his Club and was a member of the U14 Killenaule team beaten by Mullinahone in the U14 Rural Hurling Final played in the Commons in 1986.

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The year 2007 marks the Centenary year of the founding of the South Tipperary G.A.A. Board. The Centenary committee which is representative of all the Clubs of the Division are sparing no effort to ensure that the year will be marked in a special way and will honour the memory of all those who founded the Board and those who have sustained its activities over the last hundred years. The full calendar of events will unfold as we approach 2007 but the following will give a flavour of what will be happening. Unveiling of a plaque at Mc Carthy's Hotel River St Clonmel where the first meeting of the Board was held. Easter Monday 9th April parade of Clubs with adult and juvenile teams through Clonmel with various bands drawn from around the area. Commemoration ceremonies will be held throughout the year to remember the founding fathers of the Board and those deceased Officers who followed in their footsteps. In September the History of the Board will be launched which will recall in detail the life and times of the G.A.A over the last hundred years and the personalities involved at various levels. A Centenary Banquet will be held in Hotel Minella on the 14th October and on Sunday the 9th December the curtain will be brought down on a year to remember with the Annual Convention.



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