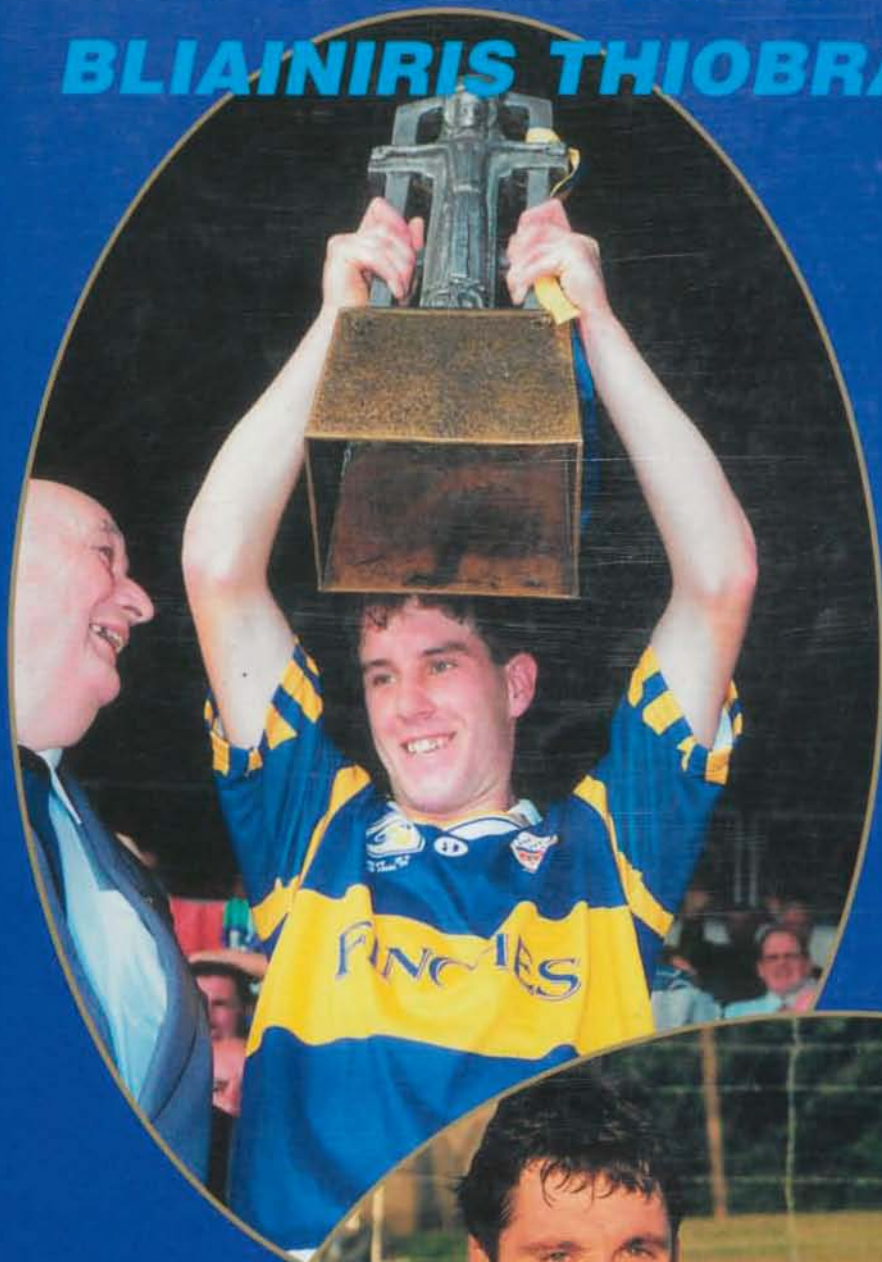


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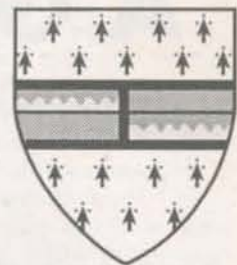
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Liam Ó Donnchú, Tipperary Yearbook Secretary, Ballymoreen, Littleton, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

A GLORIOUS SUMMER TO REMEMBER



WAS in Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage on June 18th – the day Tipperary played Limerick. As the teams lined out in Páirc Uí Caoimh the Cashel and Emlý pilgrims, representing the two counties fairly evenly, gathered in the Alba Hotel to listen-in via the Astra satellite.

It brought back memories of my childhood when the neighbours gathered into the only house in the townland which had a radio. Micheál Ó Hehir needed no satellite to transport us to the atmosphere of Croke Park. The Tipp-Limerick game was a tense one and fortunes swayed backwards and forwards. Limerick held off Tipp's final attack to win by 16 points to 15. The Limerick pilgrims were naturally jubilant and they could not resist the bit of banter.

"The Tipp lads will have to go back to school next year and try to get the extra points". This ball was doubled on, "Limerick will, no doubt, want a repeat of last year's All-Ireland Final against Offaly". Then, it was a case of back to the prayers for the pilgrims, the Tipp people saying the sorrowful mysteries while the Limerick folk recited the joyful.

Tipperary supporters could legitimately bemoan the loss of two of our best players because of a regrettable lapse in an otherwise open, sporting game against Waterford. The skirmish off the pitch looked worse on video than it did in reality. The heat of a few moments was frozen in celluloid. Two players from each side were suspended even though they had not been put off by the referee. "Big Brother" is watching everyone nowadays, including referees. Micheál Ó Hehir always qualified his own opinion on

decisions by saying, "the referee is the man on the spot". Now the referee is the man in the spot and is often in the centre of controversy for weeks after a game.

Be that as it may, it would be unfair to take from Limerick's display. Of course, it is doubtful if any team could have halted Clare as they swept across the land from June to September. They overcame the might of Cork, the courage of Limerick, the guile of Galway, the skill of Offaly and the curse of Biddy Earley. Of course, they had to get up at six o'clock in the morning to do it. But their faith in the morning air was well founded and nobody would begrudge Clare their second All-Ireland title. Their determination made them virtually unstoppable. Next year they will be mere mortals again, we hope!

What a wonderful summer it was for farming, holidays and sport! Conditions were near ideal for hurling and football. It was probably too hot for comfort for players on many occasions. Subs. did not have to "warm up" before coming into the game – their problem was to cool down. Cold towels borrowed from teachers correcting exam papers were used by some. The bottle men and women were threatened with water shortages as the dry spell continued.

When the Senior, Junior and Minors all lost by one point the Under-21 team moved in to fill the vacuum. Their magnificent victory over Kilkenny at Semple Stadium in the All-Ireland final did much to restore the pride and the hopes of the Premier County. Meanwhile, the Senior football team won the 'B' All-Ireland title to give them a well earned reward for their dedication over the past number of years.



At the wreath-laying ceremony in Liberty Square, Thurles, to commemorate the founding of the G.A.A. were (left to right) – Pat Murray, Chairman, Dúrlas Óg Juvenile G.A.A. Club; Bishop William Slattery, Diocese of Kokstad, South Africa, and a native of Killenaule, who laid the wreath; Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A., and Pat Stakelum, President of Dúrlas Óg G.A.A. Club.

The minor footballers defeated a very fancied Cork side in Tipperary's happy hunting ground, Killarney, in the Munster Final. The minor team played the best football of the day, better than Cork and Kerry who followed. There was great rejoicing at the end and the memory of another famous victory on the same pitch in 1984 was recalled. The defeat of Kerry in the senior game left their supporters more disgusted and angry than I have ever seen them before. A photograph in the local paper which showed me congratulating the Tipperary captain, carried the caption, "The only happy Kerryman at Fitzgerald Stadium".

The semi-finals of the County Championship produced great hurling and great excitement. The young striplings of Boherlahan-Dualla conquered the giants of Toomevara on the way to their fourth championship. Éire Óg Nenagh, who had been waiting in the wings for some years, left it to the last minute to oust a gallant Cashel side. The County Final was one-sided but all genuine Tipperary followers rejoiced as Nenagh lifted the Dan Breen Cup for the first time ever.

The Ballingarry minors made it two in a row when they came to claim the Seán Treacy Cup. This has an added significance as we were celebrating the centenary of Seán Treacy's birth this year. The honours went to Newport in minor football.

Moyle Rovers, like Éire Óg Nenagh, also won their first county title and in the same colours as Nenagh. Blue and navy were the flavour of the month. Golden-Kilfeacle captured the intermediate honours for the West.

There were two memorable celebrations off the playing field. One was the unveiling of the memorial to the famed team of Tubberadora who won the 1895 All-Ireland hurling final. The other was the *Arravale Rovers Story* by Tom O'Donoghue, which includes an account of their All-Ireland football win on the same day as Tubberadora and on the same pitch – Jones's Road. The pre-booked tickets for the hurling and football finals cost sixpence on the "Track" outside and a shilling for a sideline seat. There were no sponsors for the All-Irelands then and they seemed to manage alright!

It is very appropriate that the Club Championships have become an important part of the G.A.A. calendar again. They

have caught the popular imagination and the fans rally behind their county champions.

The year which now draws to a close will be long remembered for its glorious summer. The young people of today will tell their grandchildren about it, well into the second half of the next century and the grandchildren will think that they are making it all up. The Autumn may have delayed its departure and the Winter may have been postponed a little, but the G.A.A. Yearbook will, as always, be before its time – it is the 1996 annual! It will, I know, be a welcome visitor to the homes of Tipperary and to our exiles in America, Australia and Dublin! They follow our fortunes through the local press and video recordings. They are among Tipperary's most staunch supporters.

I wish all the readers a very enjoyable and informative read. I recall the two characters in Samuel Beckett's play, *Waiting For Godot*, out in the middle of nowhere waiting for someone who will never come. They have a visit from two passing strangers who are even more outlandish than themselves. After a long conversation the visitors depart and the following exchange takes place:

Vladimir: *That passed the time.*

Estragon: *It would have passed in any case.*

Vladimir: *Yes, but not so rapidly.*

The time would pass whether you read the Annual or not. But would it pass as pleasantly?

Guím Beannachtaí na Nollag ar mhuintir Thiobraid Árann sa bhaile agus i gcéin.

I wish you all the joys and blessings of Christmas and the determination of the Claremen in the New Year!

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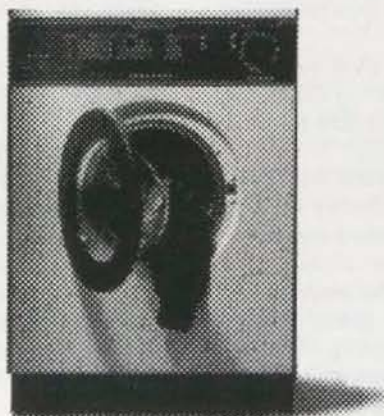
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A year of great activity

Tá blian eile thart agus is cúis mór onóir domsa mar Cathaoirleach Coiste Condae reamhrá a scriobh san leabhar spórtúil Tiobrad Árann 1995.

At this time of year it is usual to review the progress of the G.A.A. in Tipperary over the twelve months. Pride of place this year goes to our U-21 hurlers. Following a long campaign they emerged victorious over Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final with a fine display of traditional Tipperary hurling. It certainly augers well for the future. On the senior hurling scene, the lasting memory will surely be the unprecedented disciplinary procedure adopted by the Munster Council in producing video evidence to overturn a referee's report.

On the football front the achievement of the Minors in winning the Munster title was the highlight. The Seniors also

deserve recognition for capturing the All-Ireland B title.

This year the advent of a county intermediate league and a county senior B league provided many extra games for a large section of our players, who for years were dormant for long periods. These leagues were well received by the clubs and hopefully will go some way to fulfilling their needs.

The big achievement on the development front has been the purchase of thirteen acres of prime land adjacent to Semple Stadium. This site is at present being developed and when completed it will provide two full size pitches of a very high standard. This will help to centralise training of all our county teams. It will also help our schools in their never ending search for pitches to play their huge programme of games.

Our schools deserve a special mention for the ardent way they continue to pro-



Seán Fogarty

mote our games. The exam structure means that most of their games are played during Autumn and Spring. This usually entails enduring the worst of the elements, but to their eternal credit, they get on with the task. Their untiring input plus the ongoing coaching scheme will surely lead us to a long awaited All-Ireland Minor title in the not too distant future.

I would like to avail of this opportunity to thank you the loyal Gaels of our county for your continued support of our games and all our activities.

Finally a word of congratulations to our Communications Committee on another fine production. Every passing year provides its own unique happenings and talking points. What better way to record them for posterity than our own Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook.

Happy reading

Seán Fogarty

Tipperary G.A.A. Chairman

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SENIOR HURLING

FIRST ROUNDS

CORK v. LIMERICK

Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 26th May.

TIPPERARY v. WATERFORD

Walsh Park, 2nd June.

SEMI-FINALS

KERRY v. TIPPERARY

Tralee, 15th or 16th June.

KERRY v. WATERFORD

Tralee, 15th or 16th June.

CLARE v. CORK

Undecided, 16th June.

CLARE v. LIMERICK

Limerick 16th June.

FINAL

7th July.

JUNIOR HURLING

Same draw – played as curtain-raiser.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

FIRST ROUNDS

CORK v. LIMERICK

Limerick, 12th May.

KERRY v. TIPPERARY

Thurles/Clonmel, 19th May.

SEMI-FINALS

WATERFORD v. KERRY

Dungarvan, 23rd June.

WATERFORD v. TIPPERARY

Dungarvan, 23rd June.

CLARE v. CORK

Ennis, 23rd June.

CLARE v. LIMERICK

Limerick, 23rd June.

FINAL

21st July.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Same draw – played as curtain-raiser.

UNDER-21 HURLING

FIRST ROUNDS

LIMERICK v. TIPPERARY

Thurles, 19th June.

KERRY v. WATERFORD

Killarney, 21st June.

SEMI-FINALS

CORK v. LIMERICK

Limerick venue, 10th July.

CORK v. TIPPERARY

Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 10th July.

CLARE v. KERRY

Ennis, 10th July.

CLARE v. WATERFORD

Undecided, 10th July.

FINAL

24th July.

UNDER-21 FOOTBALL

FIRST ROUNDS

KERRY v. WATERFORD

Dungarvan, 10th April.

TIPPERARY v. CLARE

Ennis, 10th April.

SEMI-FINALS

CORK v. KERRY

Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 17th April.

CORK v. WATERFORD

Fermoy, 17th April.

LIMERICK v. TIPPERARY

Askeaton, 17th April

LIMERICK v. CLARE

Askeaton, 17th April.

FINAL

3rd May.

MINOR HURLING

FIRST ROUNDS

TIPPERARY v. LIMERICK

Thurles, 1st May.

CLARE v. KERRY

Ballyduff, 3rd May.

SEMI-FINALS

CORK v. TIPPERARY

Undecided, 26th June.

CORK v. LIMERICK

Undecided, 26th June.

WATERFORD v. CLARE

Undecided, 26th June.

WATERFORD v. KERRY

Kenmare, 26th June.

FINAL

7th July.

MINOR FOOTBALL

FIRST ROUNDS

LIMERICK v. KERRY

Castleisland, 24th April.

TIPPERARY v. CORK

Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 24th April.

SEMI-FINALS

WATERFORD v. LIMERICK

Undecided, 11th July.

WATERFORD v. KERRY

Killorglin, 11th July.

CLARE v. TIPPERARY

Limerick, 11th July.

CLARE v. CORK

Kilmallock, 11th July.

FINAL

21st July.

Ill-timed suspensions no help to Tipp

By John O'Grady ("Cúlbaire")

THE year of '95 will have one obvious claim on memory – the sustained duration of a summer hot beyond the recollection of most. For hurling people, it'll be the year of Clare; the Banner converted a remarkable escape against Cork into a crusade of growing momentum and conviction, climaxed by a September swoop on the national title. Greeted in Clare with an ecstasy owing nothing to artificial stimulation, it was popular everywhere the game is loved.

But our brief is Tipp's fate – and brevity is all too apt a term; we lasted until the weather was just turning warm. A senior championship of two rounds, with the inter-round happenings perhaps the crucial factor. We'll never know, can never prove, but on any logical basis the pitch was queered for Tipp by the suspension of Michael Ryan and Paul Delaney. As an item of future folklore, the episode will go down with the "Cooney Case" of 1938 and the "Foot-and-Mouth" of 1941.

LEAGUE SURRENDERED

When the year began, Tipp were still League champions of the previous campaign, but the pre-Christmas section of raw competition had seen two initial victories over Antrim and Limerick – balanced by as many defeats – to Kilkenny and Galway. Of these losses, that to Kilkenny at the Stadium was the first sign of problems for the new management team of Rev. Tom Fogarty, Ken Hogan and John Kennedy.

Any illusions they might have had after the good win at Limerick were shaken by a poor second half against Kilkenny and a pair of feeble halves at Ballinasloe. The absence after a long tenure of Babs Keating – he quit instantly after the defeat by Clare in the '94 championship – was in itself a novelty. In place of the colour, the media exposure, the quotes that were Keating's way of doing things, we had a less demonstrative and a quieter "government" in charge of county fortunes. And like all new administrations it got a "honeymoon" period of goodwill before the criticism began to re-emerge where followers gathered. The county side is everybody's property, as far as investment of interest goes.



Joining in – Tipperary's team manager, Fr. Tom Fogarty, enjoys 'a few pucks' during a training session.

Tipp's hold on the League title began to look very provisional from the end of February and a visit to Cork. Not to Páirc Uí Chaoimh but to the neighbouring and new field named for Christy Ring after being built as Flower Lodge for soccer purposes.

The "Park" was passed over for the game because of the wet winter, but the alternative sod was no bargain on the day, extremely heavy and dead. Tipp's formation was: Cummins; Delaney, Ml. Ryan, Flannery; Conal Bonnar, Gleeson, McIntyre; King, Brian O'Meara; English, McGrath, Cleary; Fox, Crosse, Bourke. Pat King replaced the chosen Colm Bonnar.

We played with the wind but made little use of it in an ominous first half. Cork had a lot of unfamiliar names. We lacked Leahy's valuable presence and our attacking play, apart from one high-flying and excellent point by English against Denis Walsh, brought no more than a couple of Cleary frees for a wretched 0-3 total against Cork's 1-7.

The home side got their goal from full-forward Browne quite early and driven forward by Corcoran from centre-back, they gave our defence a great deal of trouble. Left-back Flannery coped better than most.

GOOD RECOVERY

Outright embarrassment was definitely on the cards, with Cork turning round to gain the aid of the wind. Interim adjustments by a worried "cabinet" brought on

Declan Ryan for McGrath, and Aidan Ryan for young Bourke, Raymie Ryan for McIntyre. We "won" the second half though saving the game was beyond us. The final tally was 1-12 to 1-7 and we had at least averted the threatened rout.

Declan Ryan improved distribution from the "forty" by drawing out Brian Corcoran, while Crosse inside him also saw the merits of roaming inventively. The biggest dividend of the more co-ordinated play was a goal by Fox which altered the mood of the game and made it a better battle than complacent Cork followers bargained for at the break. Still the points were lost, making it three defeats out of five rounds with Clare and Laois the remaining fixtures. For bad luck, too, we were away to the Banner, at home to Laois; the opposite might have yielded four points.

So to Ennis against a Clare who would have strong incentive to beat us. For one thing, they had a winning streak to preserve; for another, the rivalry with Tipperary, always keen, had been sharpened by the events of recent years in the championship – our runaway win in the '93 Munster Final, their success over us in the first round of '94.

Our line-out: Cummins; Shelly, Michael Ryan, Flannery; Raymie Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Frend; Cleary, O'Meara; Aidan Ryan, Declan Ryan, Leahy; Fox, English, Dunne. Of these, the least expected was Paul Shelly – even by himself! Paul Delaney had been the choice but he arrived late.

The placing of Cleary at midfield was of special interest, designed to gain quick release of the ball to the attack, but an attack weakened by the Éire Óg man's absence. Frend and Dunne had been busy with Toomevara in the club series, Sheehy absent also for a spell.

DEFEAT AT ENNIS

Clare were obviously all out for this one, backed by the bulk of a vociferous crowd. Still, Tipp stood up to it quite sturdily and led by two points coming close to half-time, 6 against 4 after the home attackers had been very inaccurate and ours had done quite well on their share of play – Conal Bonnar's display at centre-back and that of Michael Ryan behind him were outstanding.



Photograph shows a presentation being made to Michael 'Babs' Keating at a County Board function organised to present National Hurling League medals. The presentation was made by the County Board in recognition of 'Babs' contribution to Tipperary hurling over the past number of years. Included in photograph are (l.-r.): Seán Fogarty, chairman County Board; 'Babs' Keating; Tommy Barrett, secretary County Board and Tom O'Donnell, treasurer County Board. Presentations were also made to his fellow selectors, Noel O'Dwyer and John O'Donoghue.

TRIBUTES TO 'BABS'



Photograph taken after presentation of a set of golf clubs by past and present Tipperary hurlers to Michael 'Babs' Keating at a County G.A.A. Board function organised to present National Hurling League medals and to honour 'Babs' contribution to Tipperary hurling as senior team manager over the past number of years. Included in photograph are (l.-r.): Bobby Ryan, former player; Donie O'Connell, former player; 'Babs' Keating, former Tipperary manager and John O'Donoghue, former team selector.

ILL-TIMED SUSPENSIONS - CONTD.

Just on the "break", through, a Clare goal. Centre-back McMahon delivered a good clearance towards left wing. The move involved O'Loughlin, Clancy and the newly-arrived substitute McInerney. The ball was pushed in out of ruck, Clare dashed briskly to the dressing-rooms - and Tipp walked off more thoughtfully.

On the restart, Tommy Dunne had a good chance of a goal that would have roused the visitors. He shot well but Fitzgerald drew cheers for a brilliant stop. After that, the impetus was with the home team, though Tipp battled on well until the "Sparrow" O'Loughlin got Clare's second goal.

Our attack was well held by a back-line in which Doyle gave Leahy little scope and which had the grit and strength to check Fox and English close to goal. A number of clinching Clare points endorsed the outcome. Now it was four losses in a row and averting relegation took over from the thoughts of qualifying.

The final round pitted us against Laois. It was played at Roscrea, more conveniently to travellers across the border than to our more distant regions. The prospect was more urgent than exciting, with little glamour attached to merely surviving - and the possibility that Laois might cap our sorrows.

We lined out: Cummins; Delaney, Michael Ryan, Flannery; Raymie Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Frend; Leahy, O'Meara; Dunne, McGrath, Aidan Ryan; Fox, Crosse, Cleary. With ten minutes repairing Tipp had by no means killed of the challenge of the earnest visitors at 10 points to 5.

One saw Ken Hogan take a stroll towards the forward zone in some anxiety.

Fox and Cleary switched corners and quite soon the Nenagh player was on hand to avail of a fumble by the Laois goalie for a goal that eased all worries. The lead grew rapidly as the crowd began to move. The final figures were 2-13 to 0-5; Tipp were in the "buffer zone" between the four qualifiers and the two relegated. No a place of high honour for a county that had started off as holders. At least we would not be entering the championship with any exalted ideas of our quality such as had been rudely shattered by Clare the year before.

Our remaining role was to play host at the Stadium to the knock-out game in the League - and to engage in the usual rota of pre-championship trials-cum-tournaments. Kilkenny demolished both Offaly and Clare in winning the League. Later events were to make a novelty of the rating gained by Kilkenny - and to surprise those who said Clare's bubble had again burst.

Tipperary's various evening outings included one at Gortnahoe against Kilkenny and at Kilcommon against Limerick, but experience of such games sees them as pale reflections of serious hurling, however helpful to the good cause of the local organisers. A number of individual claims, though, were influenced by the form shown. Brendan Carroll of Thurles Sarsfields somewhat improved his image, while Brian Flannery's seemed to be somewhat dimmed. Young Andy Moloney's play against Pat O'Neill at Gortnahoe was a boost for the Cahir lad.

A TOUGH DRAW

We hadn't availed of a "handy" Munster draw in '94. This one had more, and higher, obstacles. Waterford to start with; Limerick, provincial holder, next;

Cork of Clare on the other side, with Cork as the popular presumption after Clare's downfall in the League final.

Such was the advance theory. The practical side of it began at Cork. The venue was a reminder to the cautious that the Decies had hammered us there back in 1983, and might be no easy prey now. After beating Galway heavily in a League quarter-final they had gone down to Clare after having a fair bit of play but little reward in attack.

For this occasion our selectors chose as follows: Cummins; Frend, Sheehy, Michael Ryan; Raymie Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Delaney; Colm Bonnar, Aidan Ryan; Dunne, Declan Ryan, Leahy; Cleary, Crosse, English. The return of Sheehy restored Michael Ryan to his regular corner.

The squad had trained well and were ready. They gave an exhibition that reminded some of the Munster final of '93 against Clare in terms of flair, brilliant use of space and score-getting as the tally of 4-23 v. 1-11 illustrates. A solitary hiccup gave a softish goal to Waterford midway through the second half but substitute Pat Fox flicked on a Cleary free to take the harm out of it.

TROUBLE IN CORK

With Tipp coasting along nicely there occurred, without advance signs of trouble, an incident - or combination of them - that was to be one of the year's big stories. A Waterford attack seemed to have petered out with a forward shepherded over the line by Sheehy. He vented frustration with a jab and suddenly there was a confusion of struggling players, with new arrivals to swell the fracas. Referee Terence Murray (Limerick) took names but expelled nobody - it seemed to be all over without cost to either county. When the



The Tipperary team which lost by the narrowest of margins to Limerick in the Munster S.H.C. semi-final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Seated - Nicholas English, Michael Cleary, Brendan Carroll, Tommy Dunne (captain), George Frend, Colm Bonnar, Aidan Ryan. Standing - Raymie Ryan, Noel Sheehy, Brendan Cummins, Declan Ryan, Anthony Crosse, John Leahy, Conal Bonnar, Pat Fox.

Best wishes to Tipperary teams in 1996

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game was over - Tipp's other three goals from Cleary, Aidan Ryan and Fox - talk among followers dwelt on our fine performance more than on the outbreak of trouble.

Television changed the picture. Video of the set-to, taken from behind the goals as well as downfield, drew sharp remarks from the commentators on Sunday night. The Ref. had been too lenient, it was alleged. The image of hurling had been damaged, the game brought into disrepute. Optimists in Tipp held that the Ref's decision to send nobody off was the end of the matter, but others cited cases where filmed evidence had been taken into account.

The gravity of the matter was deepened within days when a Waterford player's graduation from the Templemore Training College was deferred by the College authority. This drew further attention to the issue. Would a fine satisfy the Munster Council?

The whole county had its ears to the radio the night the verdict was announced - Michael Ryan and Paul Delaney suspended, John Leahy - called before the Council on an unrelated matter - free to hurl against Limerick; such was the Tipp-end of the penalties.

Ironically, no player had been sent off during Keating's reign. Now Fr. Tom's apparent escape from loss had been proved illusory by the delayed double blow, and the clash with Limerick would establish whether we had the resources to cope with the deficiencies.

CHANGES FOR LIMERICK

Optimists said we'd get over the problem; that our spirit would be stirred all the more. Realists reckoned that the disappearance of the whole left flank of defence just had to have adverse effect. How would the mentors realign their forces? There were theories galore.

Colm Bonnar could go into defence, though at possible cost to midfield. Brian Flannery could return to the left corner post he had had held during the League though it seemed he wasn't now as highly regarded. Paul Shelly was another corner-back whose inclusion would reduce the number of changes necessary but again there seem to have been similar reservations about promoting him.

Leahy has been quoted as a play-anywhere type and he had his supporters for a midfield role. Brian O'Meara was perhaps also a "possible" for that position if Colm Bonnar was taken out of it. Brendan Carroll had come into the picture during the tournaments as a midfielder or a half-back.

When the team was announced it was seen that the selectors had indeed moved Colm Bonnar - and to left-back; had opted for Carroll on the wing and come up with a surprise pairing of Aidan Ryan



Anthony Crosse in action against Limerick in the Munster senior hurling semi-final at Cork. In the background is Tommy Dunne, awaiting developments.

and Leahy for midfield. The fifteen: Cummins; Frend, Sheehy, Colm Bonnar; Raymie Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Carroll; Aidan Ryan, Leahy; Dunne, Declan Ryan, Cleary; Fox, Crosse, English.

It game food for concentrated thought, with Carroll's surge to the forefront a main item; the wisdom or otherwise of two ultra-mobile players at midfield another one to interest theorists. The absence of Ryan and Delaney had certainly brought multiple consequences. Limerick were bound to defend their Munster title with fire and fury, especially seeing the foe in difficulties. They too had an absentee in Ger Hegarty; Ciaran Carey took the centre-back role.

If anything can be deduced from the way a team comes on-stage, Limerick's entry was one marked by dash and eagerness, while Tipp walked out more sedately led by Tommy Dunne. The contrast didn't stop at preliminary impressions - Limerick tore into the opening passage of play with a tempo that left Tipp straining and stretching to cope.

Carey was catching and dodging against Declan Ryan. The pace of Galligan and Quigley on the left had our defence in definite trouble. Galligan ended one darting run by pushing wide of Cummins, but the referee called the "goal" back for a pointed Kirby penalty - a very substantial escape for us.

Quite early, Colm Bonnar and Frend switched corners. Tipp were doing well to be level at six-all - our points from Crosse, Declan Ryan, Fox, English and two frees by Cleary - after about twenty minutes Cross had one reasonable chance of a goal. Tommy Dunne's move to the "forty" had some benefit.

If Ramie Ryan had been by-passed early on by Galligan, the Cashel defender settled. It was he who off his personal "bat" produced the two happiest episodes of the half, advancing twice to hit the long points that built a nine-seven interval lead. Another reassuring aspect was the sound performance of Brendan Carroll.

CHAMPIONSHIP EXIT

Could it be that Limerick's best effort

had been held? Such hopes were the stuff of half-time conversation. But the immediate concession of a couple of needless frees gave Limerick quick propulsion on resuming, and Kirby was in confident form on these opportunities. Still, a Leahy point levelled at the three-quarters stage.

Declan Ryan was moved to midfield for Leahy. English hit a leading point, thirteen to twelve. T. J. Ryan answered it - and the game turned towards Limerick on Kirby and O'Neill points by two up. Leahy brought it back to the minimum. Anthony Crosse's unlucky injury brought in Andy Moloney of Cahir - the youngster struck too hurriedly on one definite thirty-yard chance.

The atmosphere was now one of the greatest tension as followers cheered their men or pleaded with them - for the vital effort. Gary Kirby got another free out on the left - and made no mistake. Time was fading fast. Cleary pointed a free in the hope of more to follow - but was there time? Fox had a fleeting opening closed by Mike Nash's stick - and Declan Ryan, on a pass-back from Cleary, got the ultimate opportunity of deferring the decision to another day.

From near the touchline under the stand he looked at the posts, struck solidly. Those not behind the line of flight thought it had good prospects. Those of us right behind knew immediately that it was drifting right of Quaid's posts. The puck-out was the closure, our fate was sealed as we joined Cork among the casualities.

With fifteen wides, nine of them in the second half, we had certainly not been short of chances. Knocks to Cleary and Dunne were no help. Aidan Ryan was outstanding in ceaseless efforts. Sheehy made a fine return to full-back, in front of a capable, cool Cummins. Not quite the desired quota came from Cleary or Leahy, while Fox was generally frustrated. Credit English with inventive efforts.

What would Delaney and Michael Ryan have achieved? The question is theoretical but, in the hour of defeat, inevitable. Did we lose in our second outing or at the Council in between the two

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games? In retrospect, there was no lack of critical comment on choices and placings and sideline management - 'twas ever thus. The bottom line, though, another defeat, further extension of the losing spell into the middle of the decade - and speculation as to the future of some honoured names.

The draw for '96 seems quite favourable against Waterford, with Kerry a bye and the strong triangle of Clare, Limerick and Cork in the other section. A complication was revealed later in the year - we have to honour an agreement going back to 1973 and go to Walsh Park, if the venue is approved by the fire authorities. Some fire of our own would seem to be required - but one is entitled to be hopeful of an impact in '96.



Raymie Ryan (right) has his eyes firmly fixed on the ball as he is closely watched by Gary Kirby (left) and Mike Houlihan.

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Under-21s redeem a bleak year

By: J.J. Kennedy

IN A year when Tipperary's hurling fate slumped miserably at senior, minor and junior level, the U-21s – not for the first time – brought redemption. While the others bowed out disappointingly, the U-21s alone chartered a course that cut a swathe through Limerick, Cork, Clare, Antrim and Kilkenny for the

county's 8th title, leaving us just one behind Cork's record of nine.

It was a campaign that had its share of bother along the way but in the end did much to lift the gloom of a disappointing year and established Michael Doyle as an upcoming manager to be watched.

In the logical progression of things,

Tipperary had no right to this All-Ireland. Three years back as minors we failed to come out of Munster. That was the year Waterford's Paul Flynn caught us for a draw in the Munster final and we lost the replay. But, sure, when did logic have anything to do with hurling? For one thing only about half the minor side of '92 made the U-21 team of '95. Different selectors, different line-out, different approach and very different outcome.

SELECTORS

After the failures of previous years, the County Board, in the fall of '94, gave the county executive the task of sussing out suitable candidates to manage the county teams. For U-21 the executive came up with Michael Doyle as manager, assisted by fellow selectors Jerry O'Brien of Portroe and Donal McGettigan of Killenaule. The three commanded a useful geographical spread and while their brief was a two-year one they brought home the bacon early.

Late March then and the new boys on the block set to work in assembling a panel that would bid for Munster and All-Ireland honours for a county that last won the grade in '89. Four trial games followed and then a circuit of challenges that set them against Clare, Waterford, twice against the county seniors, against Borrisoleigh, Cashel K.C., Mount Sion and Kickhams. Preparations had gone well and all was ready for the first round against Limerick at the Gaelic Grounds on June 27th.



Liam Barron (right) keeps a close eye on David Buggy (Kilkenny) during the Under-21 hurling All-Ireland final, at Thurles.

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LIMERICK GAME

The opening bout came just nine days after Tipp's seniors had bowed the knee to Limerick and that senior boost, it was feared, might make the Shannonsiders an even tougher nut in their own Ennis Road grounds. Tipp, too, had an injury problem with an attacking gap left for Cahir's Darren O'Connor, who unfortunately failed to make the deadline and was replaced by Mullinahone's Pat Croke.

The team began the campaign as follows: Brendan Cummins (Ballybacon-Grange), Liam Barron (Cashel K.C.), Paul Shelly (Killenaule), Philip Shanahan (Toomevara), Brian Horgan Capt. (Kickhams), Aidan Butler (Clonoulty/Rossmore), Brian Flannery (Mount Sion), Liam McGrath (Burgess), Terry Dunne (Toomevara), Tommy Dunne (Toomevara), Andy Moloney (Cahir), Pat Croke (Mullinahone), Kevin Tucker (Nenagh), Declan O'Meara (Nenagh), David Bourke (Holycross/Ballycahill). Subs. used on the day were Aidan Flanagan (Boherlahan) for Pat Croke, Keith Slevin (Borrisokane) for Brian Flannery, and Eddie Enright (Thurles Sarsfields) for Kevin Tucker.

The game was won by a whopping fourteen points but that doesn't tell the entire story. Limerick had T.J. Ryan, Mark Foley and Shane O'Neill of their conquering senior side, but languished behind 0-10 to 0-1 at half-time. Hidden behind that scoreline, though, was a large tally of Limerick wides and one magic save by Tipp's Brendan Cummins when Brian Tobin tried to kick a Limerick goal in full flight.

And if Tipp were cruising there suddenly arose a mini-crisis midway through the second half when J.A. Moran cracked in two Limerick goals (one from a penalty) and Tipp's lead was back to just four points. Tipp, though, turned in a cracking finale highlighted by goals from Declan O'Meara and Aidan Flanagan to end all doubt and set up a semi-final date with Cork at the Stadium.

CORK

Cork in a Munster semi-final is always an appealing prospect and a decent crowd turned up at the Stadium on July 12th for a game that was preceded by the Munster junior hurling final between Clare and Waterford, where the Banner enhanced their new status with a second provincial crown in three days.

But Tipp's focus was on the U-21. The team started as against Limerick. Brian Flannery, substituted in the Limerick game, regained the wing-back spot, even though Keith Slevin had done very well as replacement and would be needed again before the campaign was over. Pat Croke and Kevin Tucker held on in attack.

'Stylish Tipperary outplay Cork' was the heading on Michael Dundon's *Tipperary Star* report the following week. 'Smooth and slick Tipp advance to Munster final' was the corresponding *Nationalist* head-



Tipperary Under-21 hurling selectors and Manager: Donal McGettigan, Jerry O'Brien and Michael Doyle (Manager).

ing to Eamonn Wynne's account. Whether the adjective was smooth, stylish or slick, all were eminently appropriate to a win that truly warmed Tipp hearts. With senior players like Darren Ronan, Alan Browne and Michael Ryan in their ranks, Cork might have been expected to test Tipp but such was not the case, especially in the second half when the Leesiders' challenge fizzled out badly.

It was tighter in the first half. Tipp started well with Liam McGrath a strong presence at midfield and Andy Moloney and David Bourke menacing in attack but after early Tipp points the home side was rocked by a Cork goal in one of their first attacks when Alan Browne outfielded Liam Barron. But Tipp held composure and a goal from Kevin Tucker before half time left the home side ahead 1-11 to 1-6 at the interval.

Gradually Tipp pulled away in the second half. Eddie Enright came in and struck an immediate and sweet point. Tipp were eight-up when Cork corner forward, Kieran Morrison, was dismissed after an off-the-ball incident with Paul Shelly. Alan Browne netted another Cork goal but it never signalled a rally because Declan O'Meara immediately responded with a like score and injury time points by Kevin Tucker sealed an unexpectedly smooth win.

Team captain Brian Horgan limped off near the end and would not play a full part again until the All-Ireland. Keith Slevin was once again the half-back replacement. Pat Croke was again replaced; Eddie Enright would hold wing forward for the next day.

CONTROVERSY

With Clare coping with Kerry in the other semi, the Munster final was fixed for Thurles for July 26th, but controversy was about to erupt. Clare's team contained senior players Frank Lohan, Fegal Hegarty,

Ollie Baker and Eamonn Taaffe, and with an All-Ireland semi-final beckoning against Galway in ten days, they sought a postponement of the Munster U-21 final.

The request failed to get the desired vote at Munster Council but that did not end the stand-off. Rumours abounded that Clare would refuse to play or simply put out a token side not wishing to risk their senior panelists. The uncertainty lasted up to throw-in time with Clare taking the field almost ten minutes late and playing without the senior men – actions that would later cost them at Munster Council.

With Brian Horgan out for Tipp, Keith Slevin slotted in at wing back. Eddie Enright kept Pat Croke off at wing forward and otherwise we fielded as previously. 'Tipperary's escape to victory' was the heading to Eugene Hogan's report in the *Star* the following week, highlighting the nature of a somewhat unsatisfactory Munster final win. 'Tipp take title but fail to impress', said Michael Heverin in the *Nationalist*.

With all the shenanigans dominating the lead-up to the game, it was inevitable that minds would not be as focussed as in previous matches. Tipp were now hot favourites against a depleted and peeved Clare, so it couldn't have been easy to motivate the side as against Cork for example. It proved a most awkward encounter – Clare highly charged, Tipp struggling for form.

BREATHTAKING

It took a breathtaking save from Brendan Cummins in the first half to hold Clare at bay. The goalie turned out a shot that had taken a nasty deflection off Phil Shanahan and but for that stop Tipp might have been in dire straits. As it was, David Bourke poked home a goal to leave Tipp ahead 1-7 to 0-6 at half-time but the fans were shuffling uneasily.

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GAMES RECORD

Date	Score	Venue
June 27th	Tipp 2-17	Limerick 2-3
July 12th	Tipp 2-19	Cork 2-9
July 26th	Tipp 1-17	Clare 0-14
August 12th	Tipp 4-12	Antrim 1-8
September 10th	Tipp 1-14	Kilkenny 1-10
Total scored: 10-79 (109 points). Total conceded: 6-44 (62 points).		

Scorers: Tommy Dunne 0-33, Kevin Tucker 1-11, Declan O'Meara 3-4, David Bourke 1-10, Darren O'Connor 2-3, Eddie Enright 1-3, Andy Moloney 0-5, Terry Dunne 0-4, Liam McGrath 0-3, Aidan Flanagan 1-0, Philip O'Dwyer 1-0, Pat Croke 0-2, Aidan Butler 0-1.

come in the second half as Clare hit a purple patch in the third quarter and came within a point of Tipp. Even when Tipp slipped three-up, again Clare once more refused to die and back they came again to within a point of the leaders. But they never got in front. In the end, Tipp, rescued mainly by the excellence of Tommy Dunne, pulled clear for a flattering six point win while Clare were left to agonise over whether they left a third Munster title behind them.

It was Tipperary's 14th Munster U-21 title. Brian Horgan had been introduced briefly at the end and the captain stepped up to accept the trophy from council chairman – and Clareman – Noel Walsh. Munster was won although not in the style we would have wished. Pat Croke had replaced Eddie Enright, Aidan Flanagan came in for David Bourke and Liam McGrath gave way for Brian Horgan. It had been a stuttering performance and there was more relief than celebration afterwards. The episode had soured Tipp/Clare relations – the Banner resenting Tipp's refusal to move the date – and that was reflected in Clare's failure to pay the normal courtesy call to the Tipp dressing room afterwards.

ANTRIM GAME

Anyway, with Munster conquered, Tipp eyed a possible All-Ireland. Antrim provided the next obstacle but now the news broke that Andy Moloney had a badly damaged cruciate ligament from a club game with Cahir and would be out for the rest of the season. It was a cruel blow, the Cahir man a central personality at centre-forward and so much a play-maker for the other attackers.

Forces had to be rejigged for the Navan date with Antrim now that Moloney had joined Horgan in the casualty ward. Loughmore's Noel Norris came on at wing-back for his first game. Keith Slevin went midfield, releasing Liam McGrath for Moloney's centre-forward berth. Darren O'Connor returned to attack with Pat Croke and Eddie Enright both on the substitute list.

The Navan game was to be Tipp's biggest win and deserves little by way of detail. Darren O'Connor marked his selection with a personal 2-2 and Tipp had the game sealed at half-time when they led by 4-8 to 1-1. Eddie Enright replaced an injured Liam McGrath, Seán McGrath came on for Terry Dunne and Pat Croke replaced Kevin Tucker. Again injuries were to take their toll. A damaged eye was to deprive the side of the services of Nenagh's Declan O'Meara for the final, and as I write in late November this fine player has still been unable to resume a full role with Éire Óg.

The second semi-final was a titanic tussle between defending champions, Kilkenny, and Galway. It went to a replay before the Noresiders narrowly got through – they'd been making a habit of narrow escapes all year.

ALL-IRELAND

In the meantime speculation continued about the make-up of Tipp's team for what was viewed as a daunting task. Brian Horgan was recovered to resume at number five, but there had been concern about the form of Aidan Butler at centre-back. When the selectors finally deliberated there was a surprise or two. Goalie and full-back line remained unaltered throughout. Now Keith Slevin was given the number six jersey between Brian Horgan and Brian Flannery. Aidan Butler went midfield beside Terry Dunne – this was to be the major talking point, the selectors ultimately vindicated by Butler's fine display in the final. Liam McGrath stayed centre-forward with Eddie Enright again getting the start at wing forward. On the subs' list a new name had come into the reckoning: Kilkenny would remember Philip O'Dwyer before the day was out.

So the team fielded as follows against Kilkenny, on September 10th: Cummins; Barron, Shelly, Shanahan; Horgan, Slevin, Flannery; Butler, Terry Dunne; Tommy Dunne, McGrath, Enright; Tucker, O'Connor, Bourke.

Kilkenny offered to come to Thurles for the final as the start of a two-game deal, looking ahead, no doubt, to future plum fixtures at their own revamped Nowlan Park. Their confidence of success may also have been a factor in such a gesture – if it was it proved misplaced.

'Super second half sees Tipperary through' pronounced the *Tipperary Star* above Noel Dundon's report. 'Spirited Tipp tame the 'cats' declared the *Nationalist*, headlining Eamonn Wynne's account. In smaller headings both papers focussed on another important feature of the day. 'Half-time roasting inspired Tipperary' said the *Star*, and 'Half-time 'chat' fires up Tipp' agreed the *Nationalist*, both spotlighting the interval pep-talk that was credited with the second half turn-about.

DUG DEEP

It was a victory for which Tipp dug deep. They got a rotten start, against a Kilkenny side with half of last year's successful team, when hit by a Brendan Ryan goal as early as the 3rd minute; they trailed by 1-3 to 0-1 after the first quarter.

It was already a crunching, competitive game with the Tipp defence in particular playing it tough. Shelly was booked for a tackle on Kilkenny senior star Denis Byrne, the dangerman to be watched, and Flannery rattled midfielder Dermot Maher with a late jostle.

Tipperary's coming to grips with Kilkenny was gradual. By half-time they were still trailing 1-6 to 0-5 and manager Michael Doyle, it appears, left them in no doubt but that more was expected in the second half. Eddie Enright was withdrawn at half-time and on came Philip O'Dwyer for his first action with the team; impressive club displays with Boherlahan had drawn the selectors' attention.

It might all have been over for Tipp early in the second half but for one stupendous save by Brendan Cummins off Brendan Ryan. Buoyed by that stop, Tipp gained heart and their goal, created by the weaving run of Kevin Tucker and finished clinically by super-sup O'Dwyer, left the game wide open. A save by Cummins and a goal by O'Dwyer and suddenly the issue was 'alive' again – games turn on such twists.

But it still had to be won by Tipp and not for the first time they produced a storming finish. O'Dwyer was pestering the Kilkenny defence with his attacking play and the frees and scores followed to carry Tipp one, two, three and then a safe four clear. A thrilling tussle, watched by 24,234, had leaned Kilkenny's way in the first half, then straightened and crucially the tilt was to Knocknagow at the end.

Cummins, Barron, Shelly, Slevin, Butler, Tucker and O'Dwyer all got special kudos for their part but it had taken different stars on different days. Cyril Farrell on the 'Sunday Game' gave man-of-the-match to Tommy Dunne, and if there was not universal agreement, well, over the span of the campaign the Toomevara man had been central. Tipp had won a famous victory. Michael Doyle was immediately installed as favourite to succeed Fr. Tom Fogarty as Tipp senior manager, and the U-21 class of '95 is being watched for future senior men. All to come, as they say, but for the moment we'll simply relish an U-21 trophy that lifts the bleakness from an undistinguished year in other grades.



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The G.A.A. is its own worst enemy!

By Gerry Slevin (Nenagh Guardian)

I don't know what the Yearbook committee had in mind when it was decided that Denis Floyd should give me a ring and ask me to contribute an article on the dangers facing the G.A.A.

Presumably the committee sat down and discussed various topics they felt worthy of inclusion. The Association has been in receipt of quite a hammering from many quarters and I suppose someone said, "ask Slevin to comment on it".

Slevin's immediate response when Denis rang was "yes" and have a feeling Denis was somewhat taken aback with the suddenness of my answer. If he thought my focus would be on dangers which such as soccer and rugby bring, he was wrong. Not for a moment do I consider what so many in officialdom describe as "other codes" to be a threat to the G.A.A. No, the G.A.A. is its own worst enemy and whatever failings there are, whatever threats there are to the future of the Association come not from without but from within its own ranks.

Whatever about the ethos of the G.A.A., its basic aims, its aspirations in the strengthening of the national identity in a thirty-two county Ireland through the preservation and promotion of Gaelic games and pastimes, the G.A.A. will stand or fall, not on idealism, but on how it treats its players and its paying public. A very practical situation this is and any withdrawal of attention to either the players or the supporters will be the rock on which the 111 year old Association will perish.

Let us deal first with the players. True, many players are taking themselves off to "other codes". Why? They are assured of regular games, even weekly games. By aligning themselves to a G.A.A. club it is often the case that they might have to wait weeks, or even months between one round of a competition and the next.

The player lucky enough to make the county team in any grade will be looked after very well, but the average player, the lad with so-so ability but whose heart and soul is in the games doesn't seem to matter all that much.

There is another side to this also. Players in the 14-21 age bracket can get too much of it and become burned out, losing entirely the appetite before they reach adulthood. Schools competition, club competition, inter-divisional competition . . . and much of it in bad wintry weather can all take its toll on young lads. The drive departs before they are out of minor ranks and what was once a big attraction, a major challenge now becomes a chore, something from which they no longer derive a thrill, no longer are they enthused enough to keep at it.

So we have the players who don't get enough games, and we have those who get an overdose, all of which calls for the introduction of a happy medium, however such can come about.



Speakers at the Tipperary Youth Convention held in the Park Avenue Hotel, Thurles, in March, were (l. to r.) Tommy Barrett, secretary Co. Board; Seán Fogarty, chairman Co. Board; George Frend, member of senior hurling panel; Pat Daly, Coaching and Games Development Manager, Croke Park; Donie Shanahan, chairman Youth Committee and James Gleeson.

Apart from the actual games, players must be treated well. They must not be taken for granted as so many of them are. The day is long gone when the G.A.A. was looked upon in a parish as the "one true sporting organisation" where first allegiance was to the local club and nothing else mattered. One can appreciate that discipline is vital in the promotion of any sport and every team manager wants his players to be as loyal as possible to the cause. But it does happen that those in charge can go over the top somewhat in their demands. The old Ban mentality no matter what is said to the contrary, is still there and it is not unheard of for training sessions to be called in direct opposition to a match in "another code" and to lay down the law that if attendance at such a session is missed, then . . . Is there any surer way of losing a player?

Games have to be there regularly for players. Theoretically, schedules are drawn up at the start of a season, but how often are they adhered to? OK, circumstances bring about changes in plans but this hardly accounts for the many sunny Sundays in the middle of summer when there is little or nothing happening on the club scene. Free Sundays because of county engagements the next week-end perhaps.

And what of the supporters? Those whose hard earned money, paid into the coffers of the G.A.A. adds up to the vast sums earned each season? They, like players have rights and entitlements too. It isn't too much to expect that they watch games in relative comfort and while the county scene sees them faring rather well in what is available to them and at a reasonable fee, thereafter things can get somewhat nasty. This all-ticket mullarkey for inter-county games is taking the whole enjoying out of the scene. Yes I know security ordains that crowd control is a priority but when I look back to my own young days and recall my father lifting me over the

turnstile and keeping me on his knee during a match, I fail to see what was wrong with it. That a young child should now be deprived of seeing a Munster Final or an All-Ireland Final because he or she MUST have a ticket . . . at £30? . . . is despicable. Instead of enticing young people to become interested, the G.A.A. is driving them away. It is driving adult support away too in that so many genuine supporters are unable to obtain tickets for all-ticket encounters. That one now has to have a ticket to stand at either goal end is farcical and the search for tickets prior to each game takes so much of the thrill of anticipation out of the scene.

Then there's the hypocrisy of allowing pop concerts on "sacred turf" and denying other games to be played there. Not for a moment, mind you, that I am advocating a free for all here. No, the soccer authorities especially have been highly remiss in their attitude to the provision of proper facilities for their own games. There should be no big deal about it, really, if an occasion arises where such as Croke Park or Semple Stadium might be used for an international soccer game. International pop stars whatever about their morals and the example their lives gives to impressionable youngsters seem to be more than welcome, but after that . . . ?

Despite all this, the G.A.A. is the greatest amateur sporting organisation in the world, but it has a penchant for shooting itself in the foot. It has done so on several occasions and I suppose it will in the future. It is something of a mystery that it has survived all that has been thrown at it . . . mainly from within . . . but it has and it has the panacea for its future in its own hands. It's remedy is one that can and should be emanating from within because in the heel of the hunt, it is what the G.A.A. gives to its members, or what it fails to give, that will decide where its fate over the coming years will rest.



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Pat Davin of Deerpark

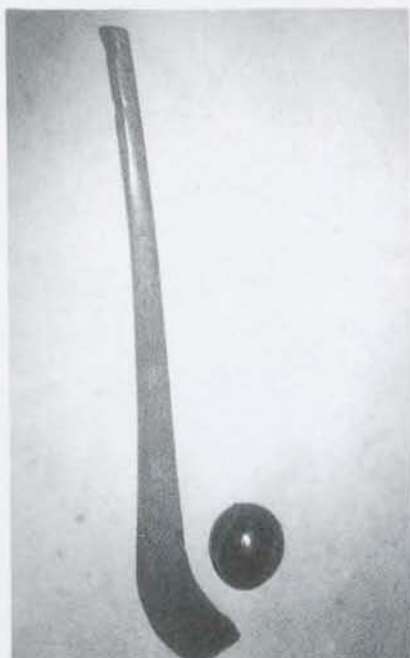
PAT DAVIN was a renowned all-round sportsman and athlete born at Deerpark, Carrick-on-Suir, in 1857, to a farming family who also conducted a prosperous river transport business.

He was the youngest and most outstanding of three famous athletic brothers. He broke the world high jump record on the 5th July 1880 in Carrick-on-Suir with a leap of over 6'2" and in 1881 he won the British A.A.A. titles at both high jump and long jump. He also set the first recognised British record of 23'2" in the long jump at Monasterevan in 1883.

He was the first man to jump over 6 feet in the high jump, and at one stage held 6 world records (including the 100 yards in 10 seconds, the 120 yards hurdles in 16 seconds, the high jump at 6'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 23'2" for the long jump off grass).

Apart from his involvement with athletics he took part in many other sports including rowing and cricket, both of which were popular in the Carrick-on-Suir area at the time. Along with his brother Maurice he was a founder member of Carrick-on-Suir Athletic and Cricket Club and drew up the clubs first set of rules.

In September 1888 Pat Davin travelled to the United States with a group of 45 hurlers and athletes on a trip sponsored by the newly founded GAA, which became known as the "American Invasion". In Boston, he defeated the champion of America in 129 yards hurdles and also



The hurley and sliotar used by Pat Davin on the American Tour 1888.

took part in several hurling games during the tour. The hurley which he used on the tour to America is inscribed with the name of many of the cities Davin visited. On further examination, the hurley shows it was fashioned not from ash but from a hardwood, probably oak. Davin played cricket at an early stage of his life and when it came to hurling, it seems he used

a harder wood, more suitable for a cricket bat, to fashion his hurley. Nevertheless, in a long puck competition, he used this rather unsuitable hurley and the large and heavy 10 ounce sliotar of the time to good effect, pucking almost 85 yards.

Pat Davin's athletic achievements have never attracted the renown they deserved, partly because he never achieved the prestige of an Olympic medal, for the simple reason that he was a man before his time and the Games did not exist when he was in his prime. Also, he has tended to be overshadowed by his brother Maurice who attracted much more notoriety not only because he was a great athlete in his day, but also because he was the first President of the GAA. Nevertheless, Pat Davin could lay justified claim to being Ireland's best ever athlete. He brought much honour to Carrick-on-Suir and Ireland at a time when national prestige was at a low level and did much to raise public interest in sport, which undoubtedly contributed to the successful foundation of the GAA.

The hurley and sliotar Pat Davin used on the "American Invasion" are now given pride of place as part of the Davin showcase collection at Lár na Páirce, the National Visitors Centre for Gaelic Games in Thurles. Information on opening times and the displays in Lár na Páirce may be obtained by telephoning (0504) 23579 during office hours.



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MOYLE ROVERS

Tipperary Senior Football Champions 1995



Moyle Rovers - Tipperary Senior Football Champions 1995 - which defeated Commercials in the County Senior Final.
from back row (l to r): Paul Boland, Kevin O'Connor, Derry Foley, Seamus Delahunty, Ml. McGrath, Jimmy Dunne, James Williams, Donal Foley.
Front: Liam Cronin (Capt.), John Owens, Eamon Power, Declan Browne, Noel Wall, John McGrath, Robbie Boland, Mascot; Denis McGrath.

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*The Tipperary Junior Hurling Team which failed by the narrowest of margins to Waterford in the Munster Championship at Páirc Uí Chaoimh (Cork)
 Back row (l.-r.): Liam Mooney, Aidan O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan (Fethard), Cathal Egan, Eamon Walsh, Anthony Waters, Val Cronin, Sean Collum. Front row:
 John Ryan, Ger Maguire, Conor Arrigan, Vinny Ryan, Tommy Hogan, Declan Corcoran, Finbarr Ryan.*

Tipperary Junior Hurlers 1995



Tipperary junior hurling selectors (l.-r.): Seamus Barry (Upperchurch-Drombane), Jimmy Ryan (coach, Carrick Davins) and Kevin Fox (Eire Óg, Annacarty) photographed before the Munster championship game with Waterford at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

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Tipperary Minor Hurlers 1995



ABOVE:

Tipperary's Eugene O'Neill has this situation under control as he is tackled by Liam Kelly (Waterford) during the Munster minor hurling championship match at Fermoy.



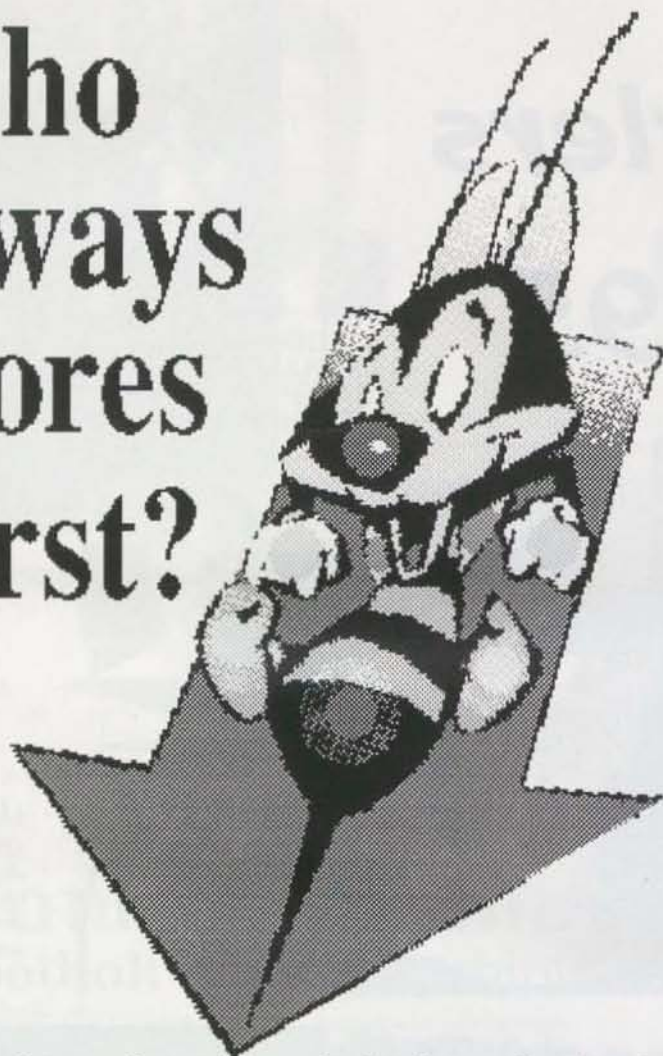
LEFT:

Tipperary minor hurling selectors photographed prior to the Munster championship match against Waterford at Fermoy - (l.-r.): Ger O'Neill, Paudie Butler and Denis Cahill (manager).



The Tipperary minor hurling team which failed by the narrowest of margins to Waterford for the second successive year at Fermoy. Back row (l.-r.): Mark Cummins, Paul Drmond, Mark Keeshan, P. J. Sweeney, Austin Cooney, Mark O'Leary, David O'Riordan, John Carroll, David Fogarty, Nigel Cleere, John Teehan, Kevin O'Brien, Donncha Fahy, Pat O'Neill, Ollie Geoghegan, Aidan O'Gorman. Front row: Peter Nolan, Eamonn Corcoran, Michael Kennedy, Chris Dunne, John Enright, Michael Bevans, Liam Cahill (captain), Fergal Horgan, Ray Hackett, Sean Maher, Denis Kelly, Eugene O'Neill, Seamus Hickey, Sean Ryan.

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COUNTY CONVENTION

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President of Tipperary County G.A.A. Board, Seamus Ó Riain, addresses County Convention last January.



Michael Lowry, chairman of Semple Stadium Management Committee (left) receiving a presentation from Seán Fogarty, Chairman of the Tipperary G.A.A. County Board, at the Board's Annual Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre. The presentation was made to Mr. Lowry in recognition of his successful clearing of the debt on Semple Stadium.



His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A., photographed with the two readers, prior to celebrating Mass for deceased members of Tipperary County G.A.A. Board before the Board's Annual Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre. Included in photograph (l.-r.): Anne Brennan, secretary Borrisokane G.A.A. Club; His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford and Jeanette O'Meara, secretary Shannon Rovers G.A.A. Club.



Re-elected unopposed at County Convention were (l.-r.): Tom O'Donnell, Treasurer; Seán Fogarty, Chairman and Tomás Ó Baróid, Secretary.



All the Secretaries at the County Convention (l.-r.): Matty Connolly, Mid; Michael O'Brien, North; Michael O'Meara, South and Jerry Ring, West.



Happy faces - Photographed after G.A.A. County Convention were (l.-r.): Noel Morris, re-elected Central Council Rep.; John Ryan, re-elected County Development Officer; Mick McCarthy, re-elected Munster Council Rep.; Seán Nugent, South Board Chairman; Liam O'Dwyer, re-elected Munster Council Rep.

Tipperary Senior Footballers - All-Ireland 'B' Champions 1995

By S. J. King

TIPPERARY senior footballers made history on August 27 when they defeated Longford by seven points in the All-Ireland 'B' Championship Final at Birr. The win was most welcome for football followers in the county after a woeful league campaign, which saw the team failing to record a win in Division III.

In the three post-Christmas games they lost to Longford, Antrim and Wexford respectively and these failures were followed by a massive McGrath Cup trouncing at the hands of Clare. It was more in hope than expectation the team looked forward to the Munster championship.

Tipperary had a bye to the semi-final and the preparation of the team was hampered by injuries, curtailed by clashes with club fixtures and, to add to the tale of woe, the selectors had to do without the services of Anthony Crosse in the attack, as a result of an injury received in the hurling semi-final the previous Sunday.

So the team travelled to Tralee on June 24 to take on Kerry, a team they hadn't beaten in a Munster championship game since 1928. The resultant defeat by 7-12 to 1-13 does not do justice to a fine performance from an injury-hit team. Tipperary went from being 0-2 to 0-1 up after ten minutes to being 5-2 to 0-2 down



Football coach of the future? . . . Seamus McCarthy, coach of the Tipperary senior football team, photographed with his son Niall after the Hayes' Hotel Historic Challenge match between Tipperary and Derry at Semple Stadium.



*The Tipperary senior football team which played Kerry at Tralee. **Back row** (l. to r.) - Paul Costelloe, Brian Lawlor, Criostóir McGrath, Brian Lacey, Derry Foley, Brendan Cummins, Brian Burke, John Costello, Pat Maguire, Mark Sheahan, Ger Maguire. **Front row** - Jim O'Meara, Tom Anglim, Peter Gleeson, Philly Ryan (captain), Tom Macken, Davy Hogan, Peter Lambert, John Owens, Liam Cronin, Mark Leonard, Eamon Ryan.*

after seventeen minutes. The goals kept coming and coming during this six-minute period.

However, between then and six minutes into the second half, Tipperary came thundering back and reduced the deficit to four points. But this fine effort did not last. Kerry gradually recovered their composure and by the final quarter were completely in charge, hammering home their superiority for a seventeen-point win.

The losing side was as follows: P. Ryan, T. Macken, P. Gleeson, B. Lacey, J. Owens, J. Costello, T. Anglim, B. Burke, D. Foley, D. Hogan, P. Maguire, M. Sheahan, P. Lambert, C. McGrath, B. Cummins. Subs: L. Cronin for Anglim, G. Maguire for Costello.

It is against this background, then, that the success in the 'B' All-Ireland must be viewed. The final was played on the same evening which saw the unveiling of a monument to the great Tubberadora team of a century ago. The game got little publicity and the attendance of less than a thousand people hardly did justice to the endeavours of the players and the significance of the win.

An indication of this significance of this win is the fact that it's the first major win in county senior football since 1971. In that year Tipperary won Division 2 of the National Football League and were presented with a special trophy by the President of the Association, Pat Fanning. The team achieved a 100% success, defeating Carlow, Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, Clare and Kilkenny along the way.

Victory was clinched when they defeated Waterford by 0-10 to 1-6 at Clonmel on May 16th. Babs Keating, the captain, punched a point five minutes from the end to give the team a one-point victory. The victorious side was: J. O'Donoghue, J. Harney, E. Webster, M. McCormack, D. Fitzgerald, D. O'Gorman, P. O'Donoghue, D. Burke, S. Kearney, P. Blythe, M. Keating, P. O'Connell, J.



A determined Brian Burke holds the ball tightly as Liam Hassett (K) prepares to tackle him during the Munster Senior Football Championship semi-final at Tralee.

Cummins, D. Strang, C. McElwee. Subs: P. Moroney for Fitzgerald, L. Myles from McElwee.

The selectors were Mick Frawley of Emly, Rev. Dr. Marsh of Ardfinnan, Michael O'Meara of Clonmel, Dick McGrath of Loughmore-Castleiney and Tom Larkin of Kilsheelan.

But back to '95. Having beaten Wexford and Waterford, Tipperary qualified for the All-Ireland 'B' final. The victory over Wexford was of particular importance as it represented a tremendous bounce back after the championship defeat by Kerry. It was Longford's second appearance in the final, having lost to Clare in the 1991 decider.

There was never any doubt about the outcome. Longford had no answer to Tipperary, whose appetite for the fray and technical ability were far superior. Playing with the breeze in the first half they established an eight-point lead, 1-7 to 0-2, after eleven minutes.

Derry Foley was in inspirational form at centrefield while Seán Brett and Tom Macken were on top in defence. Davy Hogan scored the first-half goal while sub-

stitute Mark Leonard got the second. Longford notched 1-3 in the last ten minutes but there was never any doubt about the outcome. The final score was 2-12 to 2-5 in favour of Tipperary.

The captain, Philly Ryan, was presented with the cup by Albert Fallon, Vice-President of the G.A.A. and Chairman of the Leinster Council.

The successful side was as follows: P. Ryan (Commercials), S. Brett (Mullinahone), B. Lawlor (Mullingar Shamrocks), P. Gleeson (Arravale Rovers), M. Sheahan (Nenagh), T. Macken (Ballyporeen), T. Anglim (St. Patrick's), B. Burke (Fethard), D. Foley (Moyle Rovers), B. Cummins (Ardfinnan), P. Lambert (Nemo Rangers), F. O'Callaghan (Commercials), J. O'Dwyer (Killenaule), J. Costello (Kilmacud Crokes), D. Hogan (St. Patrick's). Subs: M. Leonard (Aherlow) for Hogan; C. O'Reilly (Cashel) for Anglim; P. Costello (Garda) for Foley.

The selectors were: Seamus McCarthy (Galtee Rovers), D.J. Gleeson (Éire Óg/Annacarty), Michael Power (Newcastle), Pete Savage (Ardfinnan).



Officers of the Tipperary County Football Board photographed with Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A., at the Board's Annual Convention in Hayes' Hotel. Seated (l. to r.) - Tom Cusack, Treasurer; Dr. Dermot Clifford; Seán Mockley, Chairman; Eddie Lonergan, Secretary. Standing - Seamus O'Donoghue, P.R.O.; Michael Power, Vice-Chairman; Pete Savage, Vice-Chairman; Seán Fogarty, Chairman, County Board.



The Tipperary Junior Football Team which was defeated by Kerry in Tralee

Back row: Noel Leahy, Colm Duggan, Anthony O'Gorman, David Condon, Pat O'Neill, John O'Dwyer, Michael Moroney, John Larkin. Middle row: Liam Duggan, John Roche, Denis O'Shea, Martin McCabe, Vincent McKenna, Tom Guilfoyle, Martin Larkin, Michael Heanen. Front row: Sean Bradshaw, Derry Peters, Seamus Butler, John Crotty, John Purcell, Seamus Roche, Lenny Phillips, Brendan Fitzgerald.

Tipperary Junior Footballers 1995



Tipperary junior football selectors photographed in Tralee before the Munster championship match against Kerry (left to right): Conor O'Dwyer, Willie Robinson (coach), Tom Cusack, Mick Byrnes and Richie Boyle.

WHEN Gerry Ring made the bold prediction at a meeting of the County G.A.A. Board one Tuesday evening during the year just passed, that the Tipperary minor footballers would win an All-Ireland title before their hurling counterparts, he was looked at with some surprise.

The West official had joined in a lengthy debate on the state of the minor hurlers and the fact that they had again failed to bring honours to the Premier County when he made the statement which raised a few eyebrows in the upstairs meeting room in Thurles Sarsfields Social Centre.

If the hurlers were beaten it was a major shock; if the minor footballers went under it was not such a shock. What transpired this year, therefore, in the minor football championship came as both a shock and a surprise and leaves the footballing fraternity with many fond memories of '95.

At the outset the minor football selectors scoured the county in search of talent, talent that would do the country proud, and trials started very early in the year. A panel was assembled and nurtured and under the watchful eye of Eamon Owens and his co-selectors Michael O'Mahony, Jimmy Moynihan, Paddy Morrissey and Michael Lonergan but it was the response from the players that made this minor team from Tipperary a good one, with the ability of becoming a great one.

It was the character and never-say-die attitude in the side that brought Tipperary through many a sticky moment and none more so than in the first round game against Waterford.

Tipp's late surge in the drawn game in Semple Stadium saw them travel to Waterford for the replay and overcome a 14-man team for a fine win of 1-9 to 0-8. It was also interesting to note that the other semi-final between Cork and Kerry also ended up in a draw with Kerry going under in the replay.

And so to the Munster Final. In Tipp for the past number of years we were used to having the senior team contest the final but this year we had our interest in the first game or the curtain-raiser if your prefer. People spoke of a Cork double as we surged through the crowds in Killarney on our way to Fitzgerald Stadium and in many ways we were prepared to concede to that. It was a good job that the players didn't see it that way.

Tipperary came onto the pitch with a hunger that was admirable, but would it last for the full hour or was it just a matter of time before Cork took over?

Two first-half goals from Darren Owens after a long run through and Brian Maguire from a penalty gave us a great start and a tremendous boost for the second half, but Cork were coming strong and the Tipp backs were under a lot of pressure.

TIPPERARY MINOR FOOTBALLERS – MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

Fond memories of '95

By Noel Dundon ("Tipperary Star")



Proud moment . . . Captain of the Tipperary minor football team Mark O'Shea holds the cup aloft after the team's exciting victory over Cork in the Munster final at Killarney.

When people look back at the minor team of 1995, though, they will remember it for the very tight and physically strong back line which was evident throughout the campaign.

Niall Kelly and Ben Walsh were solid down the middle while McKeogh, Keane, Cummins and O'Dwyer flanked them very well to give cover to Paul Fitzgerald in the goal. David Fogarty made his first appearance in the championship in the Munster Final and he didn't let anyone down with a top-class performance alongside Paul Ormonde in midfield.

Cork came at Tipp in the second half as you might expect but a watertight defence and tremendously committed and tigerish midfield and forwards saw off the stern challenge and won out for a famous victory.

It was quite a scene to witness grown men crying in the Tipperary dressing-room in the immediate aftermath of the game as the Archbishop of Cashel and Emlly, Most Rev. Dr. Dermot Clifford, spoke to the players and mentors about the whole affair.

Backs were red from slapping when the celebrations finally calmed for a short while but Tipperary minors had claimed a place in history and nobody could take that from them.



Tipperary centre-back Ben Walsh (left) has this situation under control as he brings the ball out of defence watched by Austin Walsh (Cork) during the Munster Minor Final at Killarney.



The final whistle and Tipperary are champions! . . . The joyful scene in the Tipperary dugout as the referee blew the whistle at the end of the Munster Minor Football Final against Cork at Killarney.

What separated this football team from others which left the county, was that they had a self-belief in their abilities and nothing could distract them from their goal. They knew what they wanted and they went for it. This team, though, got what they went after.

The highs of the Munster Final win were contrasted with the lows of the scene in Croke Park after Westmeath had run riot in the All-Ireland semi-final. The dream had turned into a nightmare and the campaign was over. It was the slow start that had doomed so many Tipperary football teams in the past That came back to haunt the minors, although it has to be said that they had not experienced it before.

Westmeath had run amok early on and the game had passed Tipperary by the end of the third quarter. The last Tipp team to win the Minor Munster Final under the tutelage of Seamus McCarthy have progressed to senior stage now. Perhaps the same will happen with the '95 team. The future looks bright for the code in the Premier County.



Pointing the way to Croke Park – Minor football coach Eamonn Owens photographed during Tipperary's historic victory in the Munster Minor Football Championship Final against Cork at Killarney.



The Tipperary minor football selectors who plotted Cork's downfall in the Munster Final at Killarney (l. to r.) – Jim Moynihan (J. K. Brackens), Michael Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Eamonn Owens (coach), Michael O'Mahony (Newport), Paddy Morrissey (Galtee Rovers).

DERRY FOLEY - **Tipperary Senior** **football captain** **looks forward**

By Michael Heverin

After ten years playing senior football, Derry Foley can finally look back on a season that produced tangible results. He is now the proud holder of a county senior football championship medal and that means an awful lot to the Moyle Rovers man.

"You need some reward from the game and that county medal is very important to me," he says.

Foley knows only too well that it shouldn't have taken so long. Moyle Rovers have been one of the top sides in the county in recent years without making the final breakthrough.

He also realises that if he hadn't got his medal this year he might never have got it. Frustration may have set in after another fruitless campaign and a team that promised so much throughout the 90s might have broken up without winning the championship.

Now that is no longer the fear. Moyle Rovers have broken their duck and are now looking forward to retaining the title - and that's a challenge that Derry Foley describes as being as important as winning the first.

Foley has another challenge in 1996. The new Tipperary captain is eagerly looking forward to the championship clash with Kerry. He believes that Tipperary can win that game but only if the correct preparatory work is done between now and then and only if the right team is picked.

These are good days for Foley. He has played some of his best football ever as Rovers created their own piece of history and he is also delighted at the honour his club bestowed on him by nominating him as county captain.

He has given some towering performances, most particularly in the South final win over Clonmel Commercials and again in the county semi-final win over Loughmore-Castleiney.

The quality of his fielding would have won him a place on any team in the country. His gazelle-like leaps have won Rovers a steady stream of possession in many crucial games.

He has also used the hard won possession well, with careful distribution to col-

leagues or else scathing runs of his own at the heart of the opposition defence.

Such displays often grab the headlines and win numerous man of the match awards for the farmer from Garryroe House on the outskirts of Clonmel.

But Foley can be as equally effective without making such an obvious impact. His workrate is phenomenal in the cause of the team and his ability to attract the attention of more than one opposition player can generate extra space for his team mates.

It's on the field of play that Derry Foley wants to make the most impression. He wants to be remembered for his displays in the beloved blue and navy of his club, or blue and gold of his county.

But eighteen months ago Foley was best known for events off the field. He was still making headlines but this time they concerned court reports rather than match reports.

Foley was sent off while playing for Rovers in a South championship game against Grangemockler. But instead of facing just a two week suspension, he was reported for striking in the referee's report and the subsequent one month suspension meant that he couldn't play in the Munster final for Tipperary against Cork.

Foley was devastated. He was determined to be part of such a special occasion for Tipperary football and he took the unusual step for a GAA player of taking his case to court.

And he won. The High Court granted him an injunction restraining the GAA from suspending him for the Munster final. He was cleared to play in the showdown with Cork.

Foley wasn't in the starting fifteen but he came on as a sub and scored one of the goals of the year. The Moyle Rovers man, like all the other Tipp players, was gutted that Tipp had gone so close without winning but at least he had realised his ambition of playing in the game.

And he has no regrets over his decision to seek legal redress over what he considered to be a grave injustice. "I wanted to show that the laws of the GAA were inadequate to deal with a situation like this and I succeeded. My only regret about it all is that Tipp lost the final".



Derry Foley

If anything, the controversial summer of '94 has had a beneficial affect on the Rovers star. It has given him a new determination and self confidence.

"I was often nervous before big games. I was questioning myself and that was an awful waste of energy. Now I am more relaxed and my performances have improved. Looking back I ask myself why was I nervous before," he remarks.

Without any doubt Moyle Rovers have been the football team of 1995. They had a hard act to follow in Commercials who had been the dominant force in Tipp football for a number of years and who had also represented the county with pride on the provincial stage.

Rovers had a few barriers to break down if they were to succeed their illustrious neighbours. Playing good football was not going to be enough. No one ever doubted Rovers' ability to do that; what was more important was an inner belief, an acceptance that they were as good as any other side in the county and that they would battle until the final whistle to prove it.

This they finally achieved in 1995. After losing three South semi-finals in a row, they had to dig deep this year to end the losing sequence and scrape past Grangemockler in the semi-final. In the final itself they allowed Commercials get off to a whirlwind start and many Rovers teams in the past wouldn't have recovered. But they were a different team in the second half when a combination of spirit and football ability won the day for them.

They had further problems in the county semi-final against Loughmore when they were rocked back on their heels by two goals from the mid side approaching half time. Again Rovers' resilience was being tested and again they responded with a second half display that was as good as anything seen in the county this year.

For the third match running, the Powerstown-Lisronagh club had proven itself in the heat of battle. With all the hard work done earlier, the county final proved to be just the icing on the cake.

The sound of the final whistle that historic afternoon in Cahir was sweet music

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Ex-County players from Loughmore/Castleiney at the Tipperary Football re-union – Front row (l.-r.): Dick Quinn, Mick Ryan, Billy Kelly, John Brennan, Richard McGrath. Back row (l.-r.): Tom Ryan, Paddy Nolan, John McGrath, Eamon Connolly, Michael Ormond.



At the Friends of Tipperary Football re-union in September 1995 were Aherlow's Pat Moroney, Billy Kiely and Mick McCormack with Paul Merrigan of Lattin.



Also at the Friends of Tipperary Football re-union were Michael McCormack, Michael Moroney, Eamon Keating, Clive Mullins, Frank Coffey, Johnny Ryan, Tony Newport and John O'Meara.



Tipperary Under-21 Football coach and selectors photographed before the Munster semi-final against Waterford at Dungarvan (l.-r.): John Cummins, Jim O'Donnell, George Webster and Vincent McKenna.

Tipperary Under-21 Footballers 1995



The Tipperary Under-21 Football Team which played Waterford in the Munster semi-final at Dungarvan. – Back row (l.-r.): Bill Fitzgerald, Jim McAuliffe, Tom Moylan, John Crotty, Mervyn Bradish, Brendan Cummins, Joe Shields, Brian Reidy, Kevin O'Sullivan, Brian Lacey, A. J. Lonergan, Pdraig Costigan, Patrick Moloney. Front row (l.-r.): John Heaney, Derry Peters, Damien Byrne, Graham Lonergan, S. Maher (mascot), Sean Maher, Keith Hennessy, Paul Darcy, P. J. Lanigan, Aidan Butler, Kieran O'Reilly. (Missing from photograph due to injury: Colm O'Flaherty).

to the ears of Derry Foley. "I had a gut feeling that we had to win the title either this year or next or else we wouldn't do it. You can only make the effort for so long and you cannot have the door slammed in your face all the time."

Now he is confident that the winning team will stay together to defend the title next year. Some of the older players who might have retired if Rovers hadn't won this year will now remain on.

"It is very important that we win it again next year because we cannot afford to let this be a once off thing. People say it will be hard but it is never hard when you are winning. Football is only hard when you are losing," he says.

Retaining the county title with his club is one of Foley's targets for 1996 - the other is doing well with the county. And by doing well he means beating Kerry in the first round of the championship on 19th May.

The new county captain believes Tipp can win but not without major changes.

The first priority is to introduce new young blood into the panel for the remainder of the league campaign.

"We have to play the new players now. There is no point in picking them in May. We need change. We stuck with the championship side for last season's league campaign and we didn't get one point," he says.

Foley believes that there is a core of players on the Tipp team who feel they will be picked for the team no matter what happens. He wants to end that attitude. "The axe will have to fall. The team is stagnant and we need new players. We have often excelled against top class opposition but there is no point in being close. We have to win."

He is convinced that the talent is out there and names players such as James Williams and Noel Wall from his own club, Fergal O'Callaghan from Commercials, John Roche, Kilsheelan and Ardfinnan's Brendan Cummins.

"Young players like these must get on the

team now. I want to go into the Kerry game with a reasonable chance of success but if we play with the same fifteen players as last year then we will lose. Kerry will have the edge. But the young players won't care about Kerry's reputation. Many of them will never have lost to Kerry," says Foley.

He still cringes at what he describes as Kerry's "annihilation" of Tipperary in last year's championship and he doesn't want to endure that again.

He acknowledges that beating the Kingdom will be a tall order but he has no doubt that with the proper mental attitude of every Tipp player, Kerry are far from unbeatable.

Now after his best season ever in 1995, Derry Foley might be just the person to lead Tipperary to an historic win over Kerry. This was the year that a Foley-inspired Moyle Rovers finally realised their true potential. Could it be that an historic breakthrough for the county is just around the corner as well?

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LADIES' FOOTBALL IN TIPPERARY

By John Ryan, P.R.O.

LADIES' football comes to a close for '95 with Brian Boru's making it three in a row in the senior championship. Brian Boru's finish queenpins this year after also winning the U-14 and Minor County Championships.

Aherlow finish next best with the U-12 and U-14 County Championships.

Ladies' football is expanding with two more clubs involved this year in Marlfield and Killenaule and also secondary schools in Cashel, Cahir, Clonmel and Tipperary Town.

Representing Tipperary in the Mini-Sevens I.N.T.O. skills exhibitions this year were Margaret McGrath and Siobhán Hayes from Aherlow. They fulfilled a big dream by playing in Croke Park.

At inter-county level the U-14s did best by reaching a Munster Final. Tipp ladies' football has further to improve to compete



Aherlow - U-16 County Champions

Back row - Catherine O'Neill, Lisa Halligan, Margaret Moroney, Margaret O'Neill, Marie Hayes, Caroline Grogan, Siobhán Moroney (capt.), Sinéad Kirby. **Front row** - Mary Donovan, Libby Grogan, Anita O'Brien, Denise Brennan, Marie Donovan, Tracey O'Brien, Linda Moroney.

with the might of Waterford, who are an eye-opener to the standard that ladies' football can reach.

Congratulations and well done to all the clubs who competed this year, also to

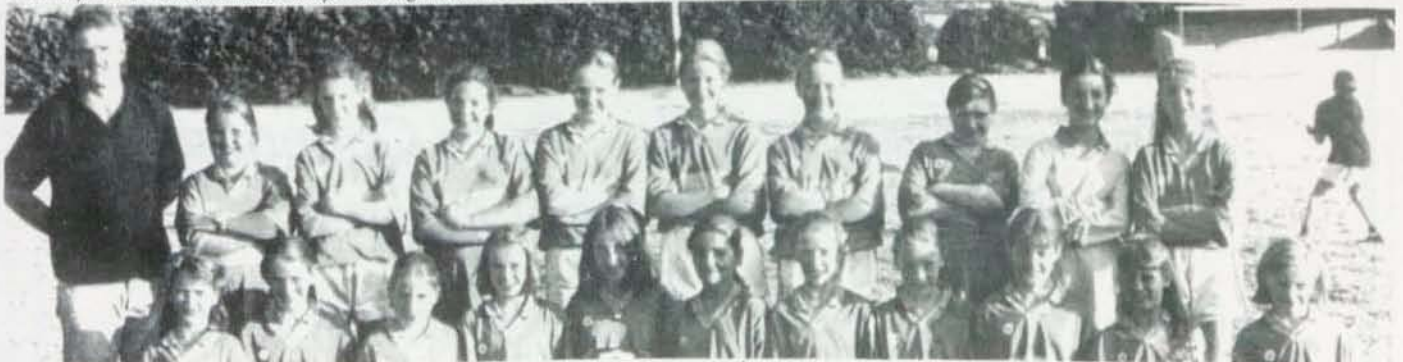
all those hard-working club officials who keep ladies' football going strong.

Any clubs interested in starting their own team for the 1996 championship should contact county chairperson Pauline Russell on 062-56159.



Brian Boru's (Clogheen area) - Ladies' County Senior Football Champions 1995

Front row - Sinéad Norris, Orla Kennedy, Siobhán O'Dwyer, Nora Noonan, Susan Wall, Geraldine Kennedy, Caitriona English. **Back row** - Linda English, July Hickey, Karen Kenneally, Fiona Norris, Kerrie Fennessy, Lisa Fitzgerald, Aine Condon, Orla Fleming, Eileen Myles, Helen Norris, Karen O'Brien, Emma Wall, Ann-Marie Moran



Aherlow - U-12 County Champions 1995

Back row (l. to r.) - Thomas Peters, Eilish Hennessy, Aoife O'Sullivan, Brid O'Neill, Siobhán Hayes, Kate Hedigan, Emma Noonan, Helen O'Donnell, Margaret Davern, Chantell Ryan. **Front** - Brigid Ryan, Karen Nash, Jeanne O'Brien, Deirdre Coskeran, Martina Peters, Aine Staunton, Orla Valence, Sharon Kiely, Denise Peters, Stacey Smith, Rebecca O'Sullivan.

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Photographed at the launch of Nenagh Co-op. sponsorship of 1995 county hurling championship at Park Avenue House, Thurles, were: Seated (l-r) - Seán Nugent, Chairman South Tipperary GAA Board; Gerry Long, Tipp FM; Tom Ryan, member of Committee of Management Nenagh Co-op.; Tomás Ó Baróid, Secretary County GAA Board; Seamus King, Chairman, West Tipperary GAA Board. Standing - Martin Leenane, Assistant Chief Executive Nenagh Co-op.; Tom O'Donnell, Treasurer County Tipperary GAA Board; Seán Fogarty, Chairman Co. Tipperary GAA Board; Richard Tobin, Chairman Nenagh Co-op.; George Bourke, member of Committee of Management Nenagh Co-op.; Matty Connolly, Secretary Mid Tipperary GAA Board.

The Nenagh Co-Op. County Senior Hurling Championship '95

by Seamus J. King

THE fifteen thousand crowd that came to the County Final at Semple Stadium on October 15 was the biggest in years. The pairing was unique. Never before had Boherlahan-Dualla and Nenagh Éire Óg, met in a county final. Never before had the north side won a senior final. In fact, they had appeared but once in that stage of the competition, in 1993.

On the other hand, the mid side of the equation, with a noble fine tradition for appearing in and winning finals, hadn't appeared in a final since 1953 and hadn't won one since 1941! So, there was hunger on both sides and the supporters turned out in their thousands to find out which side was hungrier and whither the destination of the Dan Breen Cup.

As an entree to the main course was a fascinating minor pairing, Ballingarry Gaels, a rising force in hurling, pitted against Thurles Sarsfields, an ancient stronghold of the game in the county. On top of all was a favourable weather forecast which promised a dry day with above average temperatures for the time of year.

DIVISIONAL FINALS

The long road to the county final began months previously with the start of the divisional championship. The first to come to a decision was the south on August 13, an unlucky day for Carrick Davins, who were crushed by Mullinahone on a scoreline of 5-11 to 0-10. The guiding light in that crushing victory was John Leahy, whose 2-8 not only inspired Mullinahone but won him the 'Man of the Match' award.

The following Sunday saw Toomevara and Borrisileigh fight out the north decider in Nenagh. Borrisileigh were surprise packets, having accounted for Nenagh in the semi-final, and the largest attendance in decades turned up in the expectation of a Borris breakthrough. Such was not to be and Toomevara went through comfortably on a scoreline of 0-18 to 1-12. The mid final was played on August 26 with Boherlahan-Dualla making their first appearance in decades and attempting the breakthrough against Loughmore-Castleiney, who weren't a hurling force when Boherlahan previously won the mid final. There was great expectation and hope in the Boherlahan camp and it came good

for the club on the day with a comprehensive win by 1-13 to 1-8. It was an occasion of great emotion when Seamus Murphy received the Leahy Cup, the first time in 47 years for his club to do so.

The following day, in a poor west final, at Cappawhite, marred by a sending-off incident at the interval, Cashel came through against Kickhams on a score of 2-11 to 0-10.

QUARTER-FINALS

On the same day that Cashel and Kickhams were slogging it out in the west, Nenagh Éire Óg, the Hogan League winners in the north, played Borrisileigh, the championship runners-up, to decide on the second north team for the county quarter-finals. The game ended in a draw as a result of a great come-back by Borrisileigh, who were ten points in arrears at the interval. At the final whistle the sides were level at 3-8 each. The replay didn't take place for three weeks. Nenagh showed much of the ability and many of the skills that would carry them through to ultimate honours. They scored a magnificent 2-16 from play and deserved more than their 8-point margin of victory on a scoreline of 2-21 to 5-4. In

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the middle of the second half, as if resting on their laurels, they let Borrisleigh through for four goals, which gave a respectability to the scoreboard.

Three of the quarter-finals took place on Saturday, September 16, two of them in the afternoon at Semple Stadium and the third with a 5.30 start at Holycross. In the latter venue Toomevara had an easy win over Carrick Davins. Whatever hopes the south runners-up might have had of creating a surprise were shattered in the first quarter when county minor scored three goals in an eight minute spell for the north champions. The score at the end of the hour was 4-16 to 3-5 in favour of Toomevara.

A small crowd came to the Stadium for the double-header. In the curtain-raiser, a late spurt by Boherlahan gave them victory by 2-12 to 1-11. The game was in doubt until the final quarter, with Kickhams, who resurrected a creditable performance after their defeat in the west, leading by two points. However, a brilliant goal by Liam Maher gave Boherlahan the lead. Kickhams equalised but the mid champions ended in a flurry of four points to give them that margin of victory.

In the second game Cashel King Cormacs scored a comprehensive victory over a disappointing Loughmore-Castleiney, who appeared tired and at the end of a road. In contrast, Cashel gave one of their better performances with Timmy Moloney scoring ten points of their 1-18 tally. The goal in Loughmore's total of 1-11 came from a last-minute penalty by Pat McGrath.

The last of the quarter-finals was played in Semple Stadium on September 23 and Nenagh gave a lacklustre performance before beating Mullinahone by 2-16 to 3-9. The game will be remembered for the magnificence of John Leahy's display. He scored 2-7 and his overall performance was excellent. His catching ability, his turn of speed, his ball control, his weaving runs and his striking ability were a delight to watch. They established him as the most accomplished and effective Tipperary hurler at the present time.

THE SEMI-FINALS

The draws for the semi-finals seemed to point to a Cashel-Toomevara final. Cashel were drawn against Éire Óg and were installed as favourites against a side which had not impressed in the quarter-final. Toomevara had been making steady progress and, although Boherlahan had impressed along the way, hurling wisdom dictated they wouldn't have the class or the experience to dethrone the county champions.

The Cashel Éire Óg game provided the curtain-raiser. In a mediocre game it appeared that the west champions would come through for most of the game. Their line-out on the day surprised many and they didn't perform well in the first half with the aid of the wind. However, they led by 1-8 to 1-5 at the interval. Against



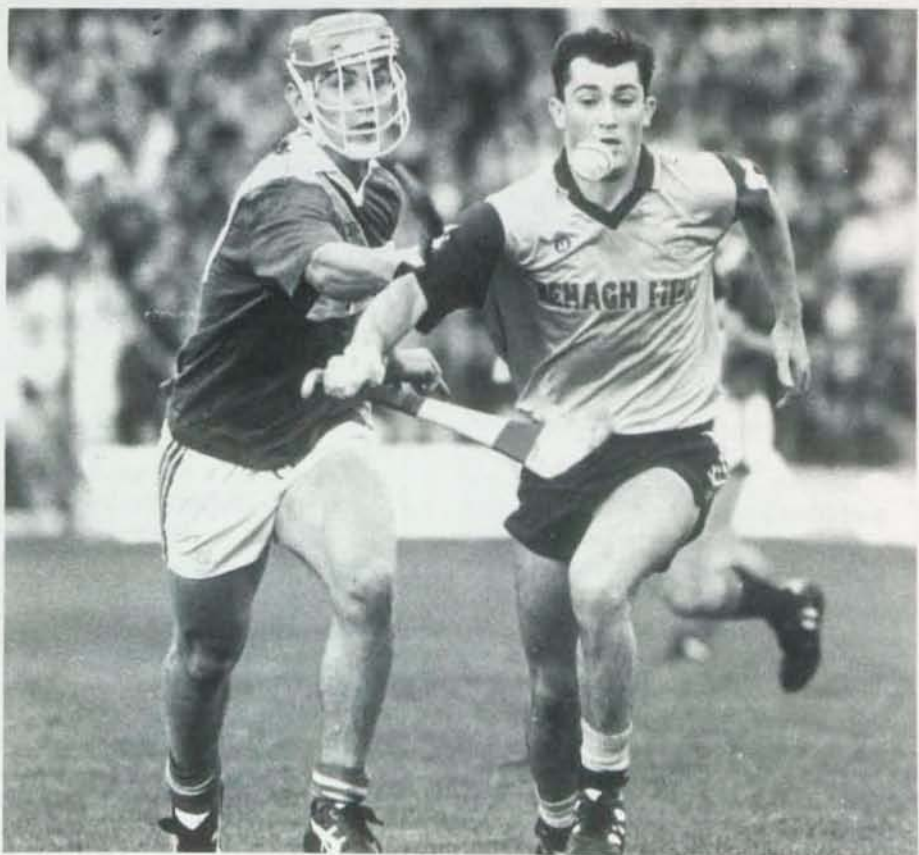
Chairman of the County Tipperary GAA Board, Seán Fogarty, presenting the Dan Breen Cup to Conor O'Donovan, captain of the Nenagh Éire Óg team which won the Nenagh Co-Op. county senior title.

the breeze they appeared to play better and by the final quarter they had opened up a seven point lead. At this stage the team seemed to lose its way, the players became lethargic, were slow to react and seemed to be leaving it to the next to do the work.

In contrast, Nenagh began to hurl with purpose and fluency and to notch off points and reduce their deficit. With a couple of minutes to go there were but two points separating the sides and in the final minute Robbie Tomlinson got the clinching goal for Nenagh, to the delight

of their followers and the consternation of Cashel. In the dying seconds, Cashel made desperate attempts to get a point that would give them a draw but to no avail.

In the second game, Boherlahan defied their critics by dethroning the champions. Against the breeze in the first half they performed quite well and were three points behind after twenty-two minutes. Then in a great spell they got two goals by Aidan Flanagan and Liam Maher and went to the dressingroom at the interval leading by 2-2 to 0-6. On the resumption



Action from the county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium shows Boherlahan-Dualla's Garrett McLoughlin (left) and Kevin Tucker (Nenagh Éire Óg) in a race for possession.

there was greater urgency in Toomevara's play.

However, it was Boherlahan who played the best hurling in the third quarter and this was reflected in the score (2-8 to 0-8) in their favour at the end of the period. It was then Toomevara began to hurl and in a great spell of about ten minutes they drew level. It looked as if they had weathered the storm and would go on to win. But Boherlahan were not giving up and in the final minutes they proved they had more in reserve than the triple champions. Two points during this period by Philip O'Dwyer and Conor Gleeson gave them victory by 2-11 to 1-12 to the utter delight of themselves and their followers.

THE COUNTY FINAL

The build-up to the final was the best for years. The villages of Boherlahan and Dualla were festooned with flags. The oldies caught a glimpse of the good old days when Boherlahan were a powerful force in Tipperary hurling. The vast number of their supporters had never experienced the sense of schievement and the joy of victory.

Expectations were also high in Nenagh. They had been trying a long time and this appeared to be their year. The removal of Toomevara appeared a good omen to many but there were others who believed that was a pity because the knowledge that Toomevara were their opponents would be sufficient to motivate the Nenagh lads to gargantuan efforts. It might be more difficult to motivate them against untried and unplayed Boherlahan.

A marvellous crowd turned up to see their expectations fulfilled. Nenagh were the bookies' favourites and Boherlahan were unfortunate to be without their free-taking and point-taking forward, Aidan Flanagan, who injured his wrist in the dying moments of the semi-final. Corner back, Dave Delaney, was also on the injured list, even though he lined out.

For the first fifteen minutes Boherlahan were very much in the game, having had a dream start with a goal in the fifth minute, which might have been their third. After twenty minutes the sides were level but after that the Boherlahan challenge began to falter. At half-time Nenagh were ahead by 0-12 to 1-5 and in the driving seat.

However, some believed that the mid men could resurrect their challenge again, as they had done in previous games and, what was four points in hurling? But that renewed effort never came. Instead, the crowd saw an outstanding Nenagh performance which became more fluent and perfect as the game progressed. The players reached into reserves of talent that had been lying dormant for years and gave an exhibition that was uninhibited and brilliant. They caught and struck the ball with ease and accuracy and scored some marvellous points. They clocked up the huge score of 2-25 to Boherlahan's 2-8.

It was Nenagh's day and the heroes

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were all on their side. The Tucker brothers – both got 'Man of the Match' awards from different sponsors – John Heffernan, Michael Cleary and Paul Kennedy were outstanding, while Conor O'Donovan played a captain's part in the back-line. It was a great occasion for Nenagh, an achievement that had proved elusive for over a century and a moment to relish by Conor O'Donovan, when he received the cup from county chairman, Seán Fogarty. In fact, as if making up for having to wait so long for the winners' podium, the Nenagh captain gave one of the longest acceptance speeches ever heard in Thurles.

The teams were as follows:

Nenagh-Éire Óg: C. McLaughlin, N. Coffey, C. O'Donovan, P. Kennedy, J.

Kennedy, F. Moran, D. Finnerty, C. Howard, C. Bonnar (0-1), M. Cleary (0-8 from frees), E. Tucker (0-3), K. Tucker (0-5), D. Quinn (0-1), R. Tomlinson (1-2), J. Heffernan (1-3). Subs: D. O'Meara (0-1) for J. Kennedy; R. Burns (0-1) for C. Howard; J. O'Donoghue for Quinn.

Boherlahan-Dualla: P. Ryan, S. Hickey, T.J. O'Dwyer, D. Delaney, G. McLoughlin, C. Gleeson, T. O'Dwyer, S. Murphy (0-1), M. Ferncombe (0-3, 0-2 from frees), D. Ryan, M. Murphy, G. Flanagan (0-1), P. Delaney (1-0), L. Maher (1-0), P. O'Dwyer (0-3). Subs: E. Maher for D. Delaney; K. O'Donnell for M. Murphy.

Referee: T.J. Corby (Clonmel).

John Quirke 'Man of the Match' award: Eddie Tucker (Éire Óg).

The 1995 County Senior Hurling Championship at a glance

FINAL: Semple Stadium, 15/10/95:

Nenagh - Éire Óg 2-25

Boherlahan-Dualla 2-8.

Referee: T.J. Corby (Clonmel).

SEMI-FINALS: Semple Stadium, 1/10/95.

Éire Óg, Nenagh 2-14

Cashel King Cormacs 2-13.

Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan).

Boherlahan-Dualla 2-11

Toomevara 1-12.

Referee: Paddy Russell (Emly).

QUARTER-FINALS: Semple Stadium, 23/09/95.

Éire Óg, Nenagh 2-16

Mullinahone 3-9.

Referee: Michael Greene (Upperchurch/Drombane).

Holycross, 16/09/95.

Toomevara 4-16

Carrick Davins 3-5.

Referee: Richie Barry (Cappawhite).

Semple Stadium, 16/09/95

Boherlahan-Dualla 2-12

Kickhams 1-11.

Referee: T.J. Corby (St. Mary's).

Cashel King Cormacs 1-18

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-11.

Referee: Ger Hayes (Moneygall).

SHADES OF AUTUMN

By Seamus Leahy

AUTUMN can be a time when the bottom has fallen out of the year and much time is given to reflection on the might-have-beens of the summer past. If the McCarthy Cup is on the sideboard, that makes the matter entirely different, but it's a while ago since we had that pleasant experience. Still, this particular autumn had its moments and for many of us the finest of all was when, while the smoke was still rising from the tar-barrels on the hills of Clare, our scarcely rated under-21s stole the bacon from Kilkenny in Thurles.

It was all the sweeter for its being not entirely expected and as so often happened in the past there was the additional pleasure of knowing that, man for man, Kilkenny were possibly the more classy hurlers. In a way it was vaguely reminiscent of a golden day in 1973 when Tipp in a never-to-be-forgotten game against Cork at Limerick were 2 goals down with 7 minutes to go when they let loose such a torrent of power as left Cork at the final whistle wondering what had happened to what seemed certain victory.

It was not quite as dramatic as that with Kilkenny on this September day in Thurles but the Cats certainly did get the undeniable scent of victory before it was taken away again. By half-time we were already making excuses and telling one another that we hadn't expected to win anyway.

The second half wasn't long on when the flying fair head of Philip O'Dwyer gave us a sample of what might have been if we had met any other but Kilkenny. But before we knew where we were, we were in the lead and our tails were as much up as those of the Cats were down.

It was a case of *is mó an sasamh a thugann bua nuair is lú an choinne leis* and as we drove home through the sunset there was a feeling of anticipation mixed with the whiff of nostalgia. There is nothing at all like an under-21 success to give the feeling that if the McCarthy Cup may not be round the next corner, well, it's not exactly over the mountains either.

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The end of August in Tubberadora when the world was young was a time between the cutting of the corn and the threshing. But in 1945 all the talk in the

Golden Square Mile was the impending All-Ireland in which Tipp would try to lay the bogey which had deprived us for eight years of our 13th title. Three local men were on the team which would master Kilkenny – 'Little Jimmy' Maher, Flor Coffey and John Coffey. The attention of the rest of the world might have been focused on Nagasaki and Hiroshima and the prospect of famine in Europe but the eyes of Tubberdora were on Croke Park.

Fifty years later the focus of attention was on the unveiling of the memorial at Kitty's Cross from where Mikey Maher and his men started off a hundred years ago on the trail that would make them unique in the annals of hurling. In the warm sunshine of the last Sunday evening of the month we stood around in the company of two past presidents of the GAA and three bishops to hear Séamus Ó Riain sing the praises of the men of Tubberadora/Boherlahan.

Nobody was more appropriate than he. His uncle, Darby Collison of Moneygall, had risen above local prejudices in 1916 to help the Boherlahan selection in Tipp's ninth All-Ireland when Johnny Leahy and his men avenged the defeat of Wedger's Greyhounds three years previously.

But all the talk on this occasion was of the Tubberadora heroes of a century ago. Cars were parked in Will Dwyer's field where Mikey Maher's men once made the leather sing and the skirl of the Moycarkey Pipers rose skyward.

As Séamus Ó Riain and other speakers extolled the great deeds of a hundred years ago, however, my mind was reaching back to only half that distance. Once again I was looking at 'Little Jimmy' standing with his back to the road and the crab-tree on his right hand. In my mind's eye I erased the wrinkles and as the years rolled back the grey-haired, proud-looking men around me were young again.

The blue and gold jersey was still in the future for many of them and now – Mahers, Walshes, Dwyers, Leahys and Doyle – they were eager to obey Paddy Sheehy's exhortations to "mark ye're men and pull on the ball." When the light faded they would move out onto the road for a game of skittles. Half a world away the debris of war was still being cleared up but in Tubberadora it was the hurling and the skittles that were important.

God be with the days!

MORE AUTUMN MEMORIES . . .

On an October evening I high-tailed it out of the gates of Rockwell College and down the road to Cork. Only the previous night I had been watching a video of the incomparable Christy Ring and when I took up the paper and realised that on the next day a statue of the Wizard of Cloyne was to be unveiled in Cork Airport I say to myself: "For old times sake I'll skip down after work to pay my respects." Besides, I told myself, I might be the only one there from Tipp and that wouldn't be right. Too many of the most memorable moments – good and bad – of the story of Tipp hurling are linked with Ringey for us not to be present at a function in honour of the man who brought Cork a few All-Irelands that might otherwise have been ours.

So off I went and I was right pleased that I did. It wasn't the size of the crowd that impressed me most but the quality of it. Men of the Glen and men who had worn the red of Cork when our world was young clustered round to inspect the bronze figure that reflects the fierce power and energy that was so often catapulted against a blue and gold line that to anyone else was as unyielding as the Rock of Cashel. "You'd think he was looking at Reddan", a veteran remarked and indeed those of us who saw Ringey in his prime were agreed that the excitement he generated has been eloquently captured in bronze.

The city's Lord Mayor was not just performing an ordinary ritual function in presiding at the unveiling. There was a deep personal emotion in the words with which he described the childhood days in 'The Park' made memorable by the artistry of the greatest hurler of all. It was not merely a Corkman's event; it belonged to us all hurling men. All of us who were there shared the Mayor's emotion. Everyone had his or her treasured memories of summer days when excitement hovered like a tornado over the stocky figure whose magic is now cast forever in bronze as a challenge to the aspirations of hurlers of the present and of future times.

After the unveiling and as the crowd began drifting upstairs where young Irish dancers were doing their stuff, I moved towards Mrs. Ring to shake her hand. In front of me somebody said: "I'm from Limerick". So I told her, "I'm from Tipp". I felt no more need be said on the

Twelve Commandments for hurling success

by David Power

Moses ascended Mt. Sinai and God gave him two tablets of stone on which contained the ten commandments. These moral precepts have since guided man's moral footsteps.

Tipperary senior hurlers, although they have won twenty four All-Ireland titles, have carelessly lost many more in recent decades that they could quite easily have won. That is why I bequeath my commandments to Tipperary hurling authorities and teams to avert the heartbreak of unnecessary defeats. To sustain the Biblical imagery I now offer one commandment for each of Jacobs sons and each apostle who followed Christ. My twelve hurling commandments, if obeyed, shall lead us to the Promised Land of many more All-Ireland titles over the next forty years.

All twelve are of equal importance and all are accompanied by the appropriate evidence of past Tipperary failures or how some other counties have triumphed in the face of adversity by the application of some or all of my twelve commandments.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt ensure that weak championship opposition is not trounced and humiliated because such debacles contain the germs of future revenge and defeat.

Evidence – Tipp's defeat by Clare in the 1994 Munster championship. Tipperary's huge defeat of Waterford in 1995 proved to be the catalyst for their later defeat by Limerick.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not set out to win the National League title. The winning of the league title should carry a championship health warning.

Evidence – The last six league winners were unceremoniously dumped out of the championship race at the early stages.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt always be superbly fit physically as added acceleration in the final ten minutes enables frequent victory over teams of superior skill.

Evidence – All Clare's championship games of 1995; Kilkenny against Cork in 1972 and Limerick against Tipperary in the drawn game in 1981 when the Premier half time lead of thirteen points was hauled back to parity.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt always have a management team that excels in managerial skills.

Evidence – Offaly in 1994, Clare in 1995 and Tipp's under 21 victory in 1995 when appropriate substitution and redeployment of personnel changed the outcome.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt ensure a regular supply of top class and experienced minors and under 21s as a conveyor belt for senior talent.

Evidence – Tipp in the fifties and Kilkenny and Cork in later decades especially through outstanding secondary school teams.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt choose a captain to represent the team rather than having the victorious club nominate the captain.

Evidence – Tipperary probably lost the 1988 All-Ireland final over the O'Neill captaincy confusion.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt always know that matches are won 'on the day'. Earlier performances frequently distort an accurate focus on the relative merits of a team.

Evidence – Tipp lost the 1993 All-Ireland semi-final against Galway because the Munster final performance was described as awesome in its brilliance. Cork trounced Waterford in 1982 by over ten goals, yet lost heavily to the Noresiders in the All-Ireland.

THE EIGHT COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt always ensure as far as is feasible a top flight goalkeeper because soft goals break a team's spirit.



The Tipperary Masters (over-40) hurling team which played Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Limerick. Back row (left to right) – Michael Lonergan (manager), Tony Smith, Martin Bohan, Eugene Ryan, Paddy Moore, Michael Dempsey, Tony Dunne, Sean Fitzpatrick, Pat McLoughney, Michael McGrath, Peter Fitzell, John Stokes, Tommy Butler, Denis Maher, Larry Mackey (selector). Front row – Joe Tynan, Pat Dunlea, Martin Butler, Seamus Fox, Dan Shelly, Jack Bergin (captain), Seamus Barry, Eamonn Maher, Jim Guilfoyle, Tadhg O'Connor, Denis Cahill, Robert Stakeelum, Eugene Shortt.

Evidence – Wexford's defeat by Tipp in the 1951 decider; Tipp's defeat by Cork in 1957 and 1985; Limerick's victory over Tipp in 1973 when the Shannonsiders netted half a dozen and Tipp's utter goalkeeping collapse in 1959 when Waterford scored eight goals in thirty minutes. Tipp failed even to raise a flag.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt always endeavour to have a top class free taker on the team because scoring from placed balls embodies and embellishes team confidence.

Evidence – Pat Delaney points from long range frees in the first half of the 1981 All-Ireland enabled them to make a successful grand stand finish. Limerick

beat Tipp in 1995 because Gary Kirby was infinitely superior in his free-taking to Michael Cleary.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt always be alert to sideline cuts especially before half and full-time.

Evidence – Mark Foley's goal against Tipp in the 1990 Munster final and Clares last gap goal against Cork in 1995 came following a sideline cut.

THE ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt be always aware that video cameras are recording dirty play and retaliatory strokes.

Evidence – Tipp lost in 1995 to Limerick because Mick Ryan and Paul Delaney were ineligible owing to video

evidence.

THE TWELFTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt never underestimate an opposition team in any championship game because security is mortals chiefest enemy. Most shock championship results are due to complacency.

Evidence – Every All-Ireland series is replete with examples. Tipp lost the 1960 and 1967 All-Irelands to Wexford and Kilkenny. Offaly bit the dust unexpectedly in 1989 and in the 1993 Munster championship Waterford paid the penalty for underestimating Kerry.

Keep my commandments and you shall enter the Kingdom of Success. Ignore them at your peril.



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Historic Year for Moyle Rovers

By Tony Lonergan

On Sunday, September 24th, history was made in Cahir when Moyle Rovers captured its first ever County Senior Football title by defeating near neighbours and great rivals Clonmel Commercial by 3-12 to 0-12. As the final whistle sounded scenes of unrestrained joy were witnessed as players and supporters massed together to celebrate this famous day for our club and parish. To try and describe those precious moments is difficult, in ones mind was a sense of pride and delight mixed with a certain sadness that so many who had worked so hard to make this day happen were not with us to witness and be part of this momentous occasion having passed to their eternal reward.

Moyle Rovers is a rural club based in the parish of Powerstown/Lisronagh sandwiched between Clonmel and Fethard. Records show that the parish has been actively involved in the affairs of the Gaelic Athletic Association since its foundation.

The present day Moyle Rovers was founded in 1928 and have been more or less active since then except for a period in the 1950's.

The present resurgence began in 1956 and success was not long coming with a victory in the County Junior Championship in 1959.

Indeed there is a strong connection between the 1959 team and the present one, through the Foley and McGrath brothers, Eamonn Power and Liam Cronin. Since 1960 through to the present time with the exception of 1966 when the club regressed to the intermediate grade, we have competed in the Senior Football Championship, a period of thirty five years that saw many disappointments, many near misses and some dismal failures.

The late eighties revealed a period that saw new hope dawn, as many young players started to come through to senior ranks from the successful underage teams. However, South and County titles are difficult to win and this year finally saw the

ambitions of so many people fulfilled in Cahir. The beginning of this year saw our team start the championship in a slowish manner and as it progressed the momentum gathered and we reached the knockout stages of the South Championship.

We edged through by the minimum against Grangemockler in an exciting semi-final to qualify for the final against Commercial.

The general feeling outside of the club was that defeat would again be our lot. However, coach Jim Cahill with his two able lieutenants Dick Looby and John Keating and trainer Donal Foley, together with panel members had other ideas as they prepared for the south final. This game was played at Ardinnan in heatwave conditions, started with Commercial in complete control for the first twenty minutes, we improved somewhat and at half time we were in arrears by four points having been down seven points at one stage. Whatever was said at the break had the desired effect, the team quickly drew level and won convincingly on the score of 2-12 to 1-7. South Board chairman Sean Nugent, as he presented the trophy to Liam Cronin, expressed a wish that both teams would contest the county final. The fans were pleased with this prediction as they acclaimed the teams great victory.

The draw for the county semi-finals saw us pitted against Loughmore/Castleiney following a walk over in the quarter final.

This match was played in Boherlahan and proved to be the game of the championship. This game had everything that is good in football, high fielding, sweeping movements from end to end, great scores, and all played in the highest sportsmanlike manner. At the end of sixty pulsating minutes our lads had qualified for their first county final by a one point margin. This game was probably one of the best seen in Tipperary football for many years and was just what the doctor ordered for our team as it gave them the belief that they could



Liam Cronin, captain of Moyle Rovers accepts the O'Dwyer Cup from football chairman Sean Mockler.

achieve the ultimate and bring back the coveted county title to the banks of the Moyle. No stone was left unturned by the management team and panel of players as the great day approached, our first appearance in a county final again versus Commercial. As we travelled to Cahir that day the club colours were to be seen streaming from cars, juveniles wearing club colours was the norm, supporters in large numbers all lent a great atmosphere to the occasion. From the throw-in our lads went about their business in earnest and after a tremendous first half display led by nine points at the break. Anticipation amongst the supporters was high, just thirty minutes away from a coveted victory.

The team resumed in determined fashion and while on the defensive for a time, finished in style to maintain the half time lead of nine points as referee Tom Meehan sounded the final whistle. Then great scenes of jubilation and emotion unfolded, as players and members were mobbed by excited supporters and as football chairman Sean Mockler presented the O'Dwyer Cup to Liam Cronin, the long wait was over, and the fans celebrated in style. Derry Foley was awarded "Man of the Match." The fifteen players that started and finished this county final were all heroes in their own way, the players on the bench too had made their contribution on the run up to the final and last but by no means least the three selectors, trainer, and back up team, whose trojan efforts helped to secure this victory. We compliment one and all on this magnificent achievement.

As we reflect on the events of this Summer and Autumn we bask in a contentment that at last our club has delivered what it promised to do for the past couple of years. We are proud of our team and in the Munster Club Championship, our lads qualified for the final, where they lost to Laune Rangers (Kerry).



Man of the Match Derry Foley receives his trophy from Football chairman Sean Mockler. Sponsor John Quirke is on right.



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WEST BOARD REVIEW

ONE hundred and thirty-three teams affiliated in the various competitions. In all, the Board ran nineteen competitions. An innovation this year was the introduction of a County Intermediate Hurling League and also a Senior 'B' Hurling League.

On the games front, the highlight of the year was Golden/Kilfeacle's double county championship wins in U-21 B Football Championship and Intermediate Hurling Championship. These victories were unique for the club.

Aherlow, too, have won an elusive double. They have captured the U-21 A Football Championship county title and the County Intermediate Football final.

West Tipperary Officers 1995

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WEST SCÓR WINNERS 1994/95

	Scór na bPáistí	Scór Sinsear
1. FIGURE DANCING	Cappawhite	—
2. SOLO SINGING	Orla Glasheen Lattin/Cullen (Co.)	Margaret Walsh Cappawhite
3. INST. MUSIC	Cashel	—
4. NOVELY ACT	Sean Treacy's	Cappawhite
5. QUESTION TIME	Clonoulty/Rossmore (Co.)	Cappawhite
6. RECITATION	Mary T. O'Connell Sean Treacy's	Eileen Heffernan Cappawhite (Co.)
7. BALLAD GROUP	Cashel	—
8. SET DANCING	Clonoulty/Rossmore	Cappawhite

WEST ROLL OF HONOUR 1995

WINNERS	
S.H.C.	Cashel2-11
I.H.C.	Golden/Kilfeacle2-9
J.H.C. A	Aherlow2-9
J.H.C. B	Cashel1-10
U-21 H.C. A	Clonoulty/Rossmore4-8
U-21 H.C. B	Cappawhite4-15
M.H.C. A	Cappawhite6-11
M.H.C. B	Arravale Rovers2-6
Crosco Cup	Kickhams3-8
S.F.C. Replay	Golden/Kilfeacle0-9
O'Donoghue Cup	Galtee Rovers1-6
I.F.C.	Aherloww.o.
J.F.C. A	Rosegreen2-6
J.F.C. B	Rockwell Rovers0-7
U-21 F.C. A	Aherlow3-15
U-21 F.C. B. Replay	Golden/Kilfeacle2-14
M.F.C. A	Golden/Kilfeacle0-8
M.F.C. B	Lattin/Cullen2-9
J.F.L.	Rosegreen2-12

RUNNERS-UP	
Kickhams0-10	
Lattin/Cullen1-10	
Emly0-5	
Sean Treacy's1-9	
Kickhams3-8	
Solohead/Éire Óg2-6	
Clonoulty/Rossmore2-5	
Sean Treacy's1-8	
Cashel1-12	
Lattin/Cullen0-6	
Aherlow0-7	
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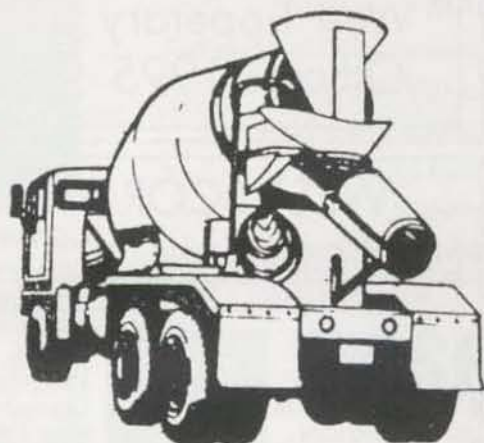
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Aherlow – County U-21 Football Championship A Winners 1995
Back (from left) – T. Peters, S. Peters, K. Moroney, T. Leonard, A. Moroney, B. O'Sullivan, D. Walshe, L. Leonard, N. Clifford, D. Reardon, B. Reardon, M. O'Brien, S. Frewen. **Front** (from left) – J. Noonan, B. Leonard, Ml. Carey, C. O'Shea, F Clifford, D. Peters (capt.), L. Lewis, C. O'Shea, M. O'Shea, T. O'Shea.



Golden/Kilfeacle – County U-21 Football Championship B Winners 1995
Back – P. J. Collins, J. Ryan (P), D. Fogarty, J. Lawrence, S. Flood, T. Fogarty, B. Ryan, K. Moloney, L. Sherlock, S. Carr, D. Hogan, K. Landy. **Front** – M. Stapleton, A. Fogarty, G. Luby, A. Beattie, D. Ryan, B. O'Connell, N. Moloney, B. Fogarty, D. Beattie, D. Crosse.



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Cashel – West Senior Hurling Champions

Back row (l. to r.) – Colm Bonnar, T. J. Connolly, Liam Barron, Timmy Moloney, Kevin O’Sullivan, John Ryan, Sean O’Donoghue, Pat O’Donoghue (capt.). **Front row** (l. to r.) – Raymie Ryan, Conal Bonnar, Joe O’Leary, Willie Fitzelle, Jamesie O’Donoghue (R.I.P.), Michael Butler, Michael Perdue. Mascot: Master Fitzelle.



Aherlow – West J.H.C. A Champions, 1995

Back (l. to r.) – B. Riordan, A. Moroney, M. Leonard, D. Reardon, G. Kirby, L. Leonard, C. O’Shea. **Front** (l. to r.) – L. Leonard, F. Clifford, M. Moroney (capt.), D. O’Shea, M. O’Shea, K. Moroney, G. Kiely, M. O’Brien.



Rosegreen – West J.F.C. A Winners and J.F. L. League Winners 1995

Back row (l. to r.) – Tom O’Brien, Enda Hayes, John Walsh, Tomás Manton, Neilly Gayson, Denis O’Grady, Michael O’Grady, John O’Grady, James Walsh, Eamon Sherlock, Tomás Hennessy, Michael Doyle. **Front row** – Justin Maher, Chris O’Brien, T. J. Phelan, David Hayde, Fintan Ryan, Ber Ryan, Seán Óg Ryan, Michael Corcoran, Tom Shelly, Eddie Tobin.



Lattin/Cullen – West M.F.C. B Winners 1995

Back row – John O’Dwyer, Frank Bourke, Pat Whelan, Alan O’Brien, Thomas Cunningham, Joseph Morrissey, Adrian Glasheen, Brian Maguire, Declan Garrett. **Front row** – Thomas Leahy, Bernard Murray, Mark Greene, Donal Breen, Thomas Leahy, Diarmuid O’Halloran, Mark Morrissey, Roger Kiely, Aidan Hogan.



Aherlow – West I.F.C. Champions 1995

Front (l. to r.) – Luke Leonard, Michael Morrissey, Denny Peters, Fergal Clifford, George Kelly, David Grogan, Ciaran Moroney. **Centre** (l. to r.) – Brian Sullivan, Don Walsh, Ger Kirby, Anthony Moroney, Mark O’Shea, Conor O’Shea, John Ivory. **Back** (l. to r.) – Mark O’Brien, Lionel Leonard, Billy Reardon, Mark Leonard, Jimmy Leonard, Noel Clifford, Denis O’Shea.



Golden Killeacle – West M.F.C. A Winners 1995

Back (l. to r.) – Mark Baragary, Aidan O’Sullivan, Ned Rogan, Lar Luby, Stephen Flood, Tomás Fogarty, Seán Carr, Seán Hourican, David Fogarty, Tomás Ryan, Ivor Hanrahan. **Front** (l. to r.) – Anthony Ryan, Jason Collins, Michael Stapleton, Don Beatty, Brian Landy, Seamus Ryan, Aidan Fogarty, Michael Sherlock, James Tierney, Shane Stapleton, Kevin McCarthy. Mentors: Donie Crosse, P. J. Collins, Kevin Landy.



Cashel – J.H.C. B West Champions 1995

Back (l. to r.) – P. O’Sullivan, K. Kelly, P. Casey, K. O’Sullivan, J. McGrath, S. Foley, W. Harding, D. Riordan, J. Eakins, T. O’Dwyer, T. Moloney, J. Hickey, M. Quirke. **Front** – C. Teehan, D. O’Donoghue, J. Connolly, R. Ryan, G. Quirke, D. Moloney, S. O’Keefe (capt.), N. Murphy, G. Doherty.



Kickhams – Crosco Cup Winners 1995

Back (l. to r.) – Tony Farrell, Jimmy Farrell, Seán Bradshaw, Donie O’Brien, John McCormack, Seamus Hennessy, Kevin Farrell, Vincent Bradshaw. **Front** (l. to r.) – Brian Horgan, Paudie Slattery (capt.), Ger Butler, Ger Crosse, Barry Ryan, Christopher Ryan, Aidan Butler.



Clonoulty/Rossmore – West U-21 H.C. A Winners 1995

Back (l. to r.) – Nollaig Heffernan, T.J. Maher, Micheál Coen, William Ryan, Michael Carroll, Tom Dwyer, Aidan Butler, Michael Heffernan, Joseph Wade, Ian Ryan, John Barry, Tom Ryan, James Carroll. **Front** (l. to r.) – Tomás Barry, Micheál Ryan, James Ryan, Kevin Lanigan-Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Roddy Ahearn (capt.), Paddy O’Brien, John Heffernan, Ollie Quinn, Seamus Lacey, Michael Maher.



Arravale Rovers – West M.H.C. B Champions 1995

Back (l. to r.) – Andrew Lacey, Michael McEvoy, John O’Donnell, Matty Doherty, Ger Stapleton, Pa McEvoy, Niall Considine, Padraig Moore, Tom Cullen, Mark Cummins, Eamon O’Dwyer, Damien Quinlan, Michael Gleeson. **Front** (l. to r.) – John Carew, Liam Kiely, Eoin O’Dwyer, Pat Duggan, Pat Murnane, Dara Moore, Thomas Cronin, Ivan Flynn, Liam Quirke, Pat Delaney.



Cappawhite – West M.H. 'A' Winners 1995

Back row (l. to r.) – George Furlong, John Paul Crowe, Eugene O'Neill, Philip Kelly, Colm O'Neill, Michael McCarthy, Eoghan O'Keefe, John English, Pat O'Neill, Thomas Jullian, Thomas Costello, Adrian Carmody. **Front row** (l. to r.) – John Ryan, Stephen Grisewood, Robert Fitzgerald, Sean Mullins, Paddy Jullian, Don O'Neill, John Tierney, Sean Ryan, William Buckley, Brian O'Neill, Declan Costello, John Coyle.



Cappawhite – West Under-21 Hurling Championship 'B' Winners 1995

Back row (l. to r.) – Don O'Neill, Tony Quirke, Michael O'Connor, Eugene O'Neill, Kevin O'Keefe, Colm O'Neill, Thomas Jullian, Eoghan O'Keefe, Dave Barry, James Burke, Michael McCarthy, Martin Ryan, William Buckley, Pat O'Neill, John Tierney, Adrian Carmody. **Front row** (l. to r.) – Pat Kelly, Stephen Grisewood, Sean Ryan, Patrick Quirke, Leonard Fitzgerald, Thomas Costello, Brian O'Neill, Declan Costello, Eamonn Buckley, John English, Paddy Jullian.



Fitzgibbon Cup, 1995

Colm Bonnar (Cashel), captain W.R.T.C.; Pat Maguire (Lattin/Cullen), captain U.L. photographed with referee Dickie Murphy (Wexford).



Golden Kilfeacle – County Intermediate Hurling Champions 1995

Back (l. to r.) – Liam O'Sullivan (selector), Liam Rafferty, Daithi Fogarty, Philip Ryan, Niall Fogarty, James Hally, Michael Fogarty, Tony Cooney, Ger Luby, Jim Fogarty (selector). **Front** (l. to r.) – John Currihan, Brian Fogarty, Donal Ryan (P), Tom Leamy, Brian Leamy, Liam Sherlock, Donie Crosse.

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Cashel King Cormacs won the Siúcre Éireann sponsored All-Ireland 'elevens' in Carlow on May 7, becoming the first club to win the competition for the second time, their previous success being in 1991.

Cashel won their six games to take the honours in this blitz, organised by the Carlow Town hurling club, since 1989.

The crucial game for the King Cormacs was the semi-final, where they beat the O'Toole's of Dublin after extra time. In fact it took a pointed '65' by Timmy

Moloney, who was told he had to score direct, to send the game into extra time with the Cashel side eventually running out comfortable winners in that extra period by 4-9 to 3-5.

In the final against Camross of Laois it took a great goal by Raymie Ryan to clinch the title in a scoreline of 1-8 to 1-5. Earlier in the tournament Cashel accounted for St. Martin's of Wexford, Faughs of Dublin, Brownstown of Westmeath and Carlow Town.

In the competition Cashel accumulated

a score total of 28 goals and 45 points, conceding just 7-29. Michael Butler was their top scorer with 9-6 followed by Raymie Ryan with 7-9.

Cashel's panel of fourteen was as follows: Kevin O'Sullivan, Pat O'Donoghue, Liam Barron, Joe O'Leary, Sean O'Donoghue, Timmy Moloney, Michael Perdue (captain), Ailbe Bonnar, T. J. Connolly, Raymie Ryan, Michael Butler, Seamus Morrissey, Willie Fitzel, James O'Donoghue (R.I.P.).

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Sean Treacy's G.A.A. Juvenile Club

In reviewing the past year, pride of place must go to the under-14 "C" football team which won the West Championship. This was the only divisional championship won at Juvenile level and it also proved to be the only divisional championship to be won by the entire Sean Treacy's Club. This same team had previously won the under-12 "B" hurling and under-12 "C" football in 1993. Hopefully, they will go on to do better things in the next few years. Also this year, our juvenile teams reached the under-12 "C" hurling final and were beaten by Aherlow in the final by one point. Our juvenile team also reached the under-16 "B" Hurling Championship where they were beaten again by Arravale in the final.

Our juveniles have been very active in school's competitions during the past year.

Francis Carr played with the Doon C.B.S. team which won the All-Ireland Senior "B" hurling final.

Eamon Ryan played with the County Tipperary under-14 hurling team which won the inter-county Tony Forristal tournament in Waterford in August. They beat Kilkenny, Limerick and Wexford in the semi-final going on to beat Clare in the final.

Eamon Ryan and Pdraig Ryan (W), played with the Doon C.B.S. team which won the Limerick under-14 hurling championship and who also reached the final of the Rice Cup Competition in which they were defeated by Roscrea C.B.S., Thomas Ryan was sub-goalkeeper on the team.

Niall Butler, Thomas Ryan, John Carey



SEAN TREACY'S U-14 FOOTBALL TEAM WINNERS WEST TIPPERARY "C" CHAMPIONSHIP 1995
 Front, l/r: Fr. Jim Foley C.C., N. Butler, J. Ryan, P. Ryan (C), P. Ryan (Holl), Jn. Ryan, J. Moloney, Mn. Ryan, K. O'Toole, Mk. Ryan, P. Murphy, D. Carey.
 Back, l/r: Paddy Ryan, Philip Ryan (Manager), E. Ryan, T. O'Connor, J. Carey, P. Ryan (W), T.L. Ryan, P. Devitt, J. Phelan, W. O'Dwyer, S. Shiels, T. Nolan, E. O'Toole, Willie O'Dwyer.
 Missing from photo: S. Reynolds (Capt.), Joe Nolan and Matthew Ryan.

and Mark Ryan played with the Doon C.B.S. team which reached the final of the county Limerick under-14 "B" hurling competition.

Ciaran O'Toole and Willie O'Dwyer were members of the Scoil Íosagáin Upperchurch team which won the 7-a-side County Championships for Primary Schools. Ciaran and Willie along with their team-mates went forward to the Munster Final in Austin Stack Park in Tralee.

Handball – Bernard O'Brien and John Paul O'Connor won the Tipperary North and the County under-17 doubles. Eamonn Ryan and Pdraig Ryan (W) won the Tipperary North and the County under-14 handball doubles.

Scór – Mary Theresa O'Connell won solo singing in the West final Scór na nÓg. Maura Hanly and Germaine Byrne won the West final in instrumental music. In Scór na bPáistí, Mary O'Connell won the recitation. Thomas Nolan, Triana Wade, Eamonn O'Toole, Catriona Reynolds, Martin Ryan, Una Nolan, Joseph Morrissey and Cait Hammersly won the novelty act.

Club Officers:

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Éire Óg's two county titles

In 1994 Éire Óg (Annacarty-Donohill) added two county titles to their previous list of achievements, a county junior football title and a county intermediate hurling title. Admittedly the junior football title was for 1993, but it was played on January 30th, 1994 at Golden against Clonmel Commercials. The Intermediate Hurling Final versus Silvermines was played at The Ragg on October 30th, 1994. Coincidentally, both games were played on the 30th of each month, which must have been a good omen for Éire Óg.

The south champions were daunting opponents for Éire Óg in the football final coming from, as it were, the home of football. This did not deter Éire Óg or quell their hopes of success as they surmounted the challenge and beat Commercials on the score 1-9 to 1-8. Éire Óg were deserved winners but were lucky to hold out for a one point victory as Commercials staged a come back in the second half. Commercials, having opened with a goal after ninety seconds, left the rest of the first half to Éire Óg, with the half-time score reading 1-4 to 1-1. In the first ten minutes of the second half, Éire Óg won this match with four great points from corner forward, John Quinn. However, this was almost their final tally and from here on Commercials battled and whittled away at the Éire Óg lead.

The Éire Óg defence was put under severe pressure but managed to defend resolutely and held out even though two minutes extra time was played. The 'Man of the Match' was centre-back Liam Mooney who was a pillar of strength and the rock on which so many of Commercial's attacks floundered. The Éire Óg team and substitutes were: Donncha Horan, Jacko Breen, John Kelly, Martin Quinn, Kevin Fox, Liam Mooney (0-2), Michael Heffernan, Anthony Crosse, Liam O'Dwyer, Noel Griffin (1-0), Pat Fox (0-2), Vincent Ryan (0-1), John Quinn (0-4), Liam Gleeson, Michael Ryan. *Substitutes:* Tom Crosse, Walter Corbett, Sean Breen, Tim Heffernan, Tom Breen, Shane Hennessy, Michael McGrath, Bill Bourke. This was Éire Óg's third title in this grade as they were county champions in 1974 and 1983, and one man, Kevin Fox, was a member of all three teams.

Interestingly the intermediate hurling county final was also won by a one point margin on the score 0-9 to 1-5. The Éire Óg team likes to live dangerously so putting the heart crossways in their loyal supporters. This was Éire Óg's first title in this grade, having won a county junior hurling title in 1977. It was a dramatic last minute point from the stick of Anthony Crosse that brought the Miller Cup to Annacarty-Donohill for the first time. Éire

Óg were three points ahead with four minutes remaining when Silvermines snatched a goal to leave the sides level. A draw seemed likely but Crosse salvaged the day with a brilliant point from sixty yards. Éire Óg had dominated the second half but slack shooting left them in a vulnerable position in the closing minutes.

It was a well deserved victory for the Pat Fox coached side and Fox's contribution could be seen on and off the pitch, as he marshalled the defence from centre-back. It was the impressive half back line that was central to the victory and thus Vincent Ryan graciously accepted the cup from County Chairman Sean Fogarty. The victorious team and substitutes were:

Donncha Horan, Denis O'Dwyer, Kevin Fox, Jacko Breen, Vincent Ryan (0-3), Pat Fox, Tim Heffernan, Bill Bourke, Liam Mooney, Michael Heffernan, John Kelly, Michael Ryan, John Quinn (0-3),

Anthony Crosse (0-3), Liam Ryan. *Substitutes:* Liam Gleeson, Michael McGrath, Liam O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan, Donncha Hughes, Ollie Kelly, Gerard Griffin, Liam Hughes, Donal Kelly, Walter Corbett.

Two county titles in the same year is quite an achievement for any club but even more so for a small rural parish in West Tipperary. Éire Óg teams have always been known for their determination and true grit which has always substituted for any lack of skill or other deficiency.

From a perusal of both the football and hurling teams it can be seen that many players are equally adept at both football and hurling. In 1995 Éire Óg played their hurling in senior ranks and their football in the intermediate grade, but without success. Having had some success at juvenile level this year means that Éire Óg



ÉIRE ÓG INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONS 1994:

Back L to R: S. Hanly (selector), A. Crosse, L. Gleeson, M. McGrath, L. O'Dwyer, J. Kelly, B. Bourke, M. Ryan, M. Ryan, J. Quinn, D. Hughes, D. Kelly, V. Ryan (coach selector), T. O'Carroll (president). Front L to R: L. Mooney, J. Breen, L. Ryan, D. O'Dwyer, D. Horan, V. Ryan, K. Fox, M. Heffernan, P. Fox (selector/trainer), G. Griffin, L. Hughes, T. Heffernan.



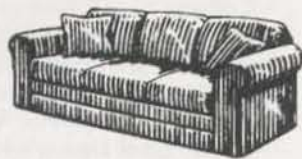
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Back L to R: Michael Ryan, Walter Corbett, Liam Mooney, Liam O'Dwyer, Anthony Crosse, John Quinn, Michael Heffernan, Sean Breen, Donnacha Horan, Pat Fox, Shane Hennessy, John Kelly, Tom Crosse.

Front L to R: Liam Ryan (S), Tim Heffernan, Tom Breen, Liam Gleeson, Martin Quinn, Vincent Ryan (S), Kevin Fox (captain), Noel Griffin, Jacko Breen, Michael McGrath, Denis O'Dwyer.

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HURLING RUNNERS-UP

	WINNERS	
Senior	Boherlahan-Dualla	1-13
Intermediate	Drom-Inch	3-13
U-21 A	Sarsfields	1-16
U-21 B	Upperchurch-Drombane	4-10
Minor A	Sarsfields	4-14
Minor B	Drom-Inch	2-9
Junior A	Sarsfields	2-14
Junior B	Clonakenny	3-6
Junior B Replay	Clonakenny	0-7
Junior A League	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	1-13
Cahill Cup	Holycross-Ballycahill	2-15

Loughmore-Castleiney	1-8
Upperchurch-Drombane	3-7
Holycross-Ballycahill	0-12
Moycarkey-Borris	1-9
Holycross-Ballycahill	1-5
Moyne Templetuohy	0-5
Loughmore-Castleiney	0-5
Gortnahoe-Glengoole	3-6
Gortnahoe Glengoole	0-4
Holycross-Ballycahill	1-7
Moycarkey-Borris	2-9

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FOOTBALL

Senior	Loughmore-Castleiney	1-11
Senior League	Loughmore-Castleiney	1-11
Intermediate	Moyne-Templetuohy	2-14
U-21 B	Upperchurch	0-12
U-21 A	Loughmore-Castleiney	3-7
Minor A	Kickhams/Rahealty	2-8
Minor A Replay	Kickhams/Rahealty	1-12
Minor B	Moycarkey-Borris	0-11
Junior A	Holycross-Ballycahill	0-6

St. Kevin's	2-7
St. Kevin's	1-6
Sarsfields	0-3
Moyne-Templetuohy	0-7
Sarsfields	2-7
Sarsfields	1-11
Sarsfields	0-10
Holycross-Ballycahill	1-6
Loughmore-Castleiney	0-5

Templemore	L. Connolly
Templemore	J. Kelly
Littleton	B. Lowth
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Ragg	T. Maher
Littleton	P. Cullen
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AWARDS

Club of the Year:
 Loughmore-Castleiney

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 John Kennedy, Loughmore-Castleiney

Footballer of the Year
 Pat McGrath, Loughmore-Castleiney

Player of the Past:
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Minor A-B Hurling – Supermac's, Thurles.



The Boherlahan-Dualla team which won the Mid Senior title after a lapse of forty-two years by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at Semple Stadium. **Back row** (l. to r.) – T. J. Dwyer, Aidan Flanagan, Thomas Quirke, Brendan Ferncombe, James Tarrant, Alan Wade, Pio Delaney, Seamus Murphy, Albert Maher, Michael Murphy (captain), Mark McLoughlin, Michael O'Dwyer, John Wardick, Ger Flanagan, Barry Crosse, Sean Corbett. **Front row** – Dave Delaney, Philip O'Dwyer, David Ryan, Seamus Hickey, Liam Maher, Gary McLoughlin, Philly Ryan, Tommy O'Dwyer, Conor Gleeson, J. J. McGrath, Michael Ferncombe, Kevin O'Donnell, Eamonn Maher.



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Officers of the Mid-Tipperary G.A.A. Board photographed after the Board's Annual Convention in Sarsfields Social Centre. Seated (l.-r.): Noel Murphy, Assistant Secretary; John O'Donovan, Treasurer; Seán Mockler, Chairman; Bob Stakelum, President; Matty Connolly, Secretary. Standing: Jim Max, Thurles Sportsfield rep.; John McLoughney, Co. Board Junior Rep.; Michael Bourke, Co. Board Junior Rep.; Jimmy Meighan, Vice-chairman; Pat Cullen, Co. Board Trustee; Conor Ryan, Oifigeach na Gaelige; Timmy Grace, Gate Checker; John Ryan, County Development Officer.



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Chairman of the Mid G.A.A. Board, Seán Mockler (left) presenting the Mid Tipperary 'Player of the Past' award to John Coffey, Boherlahan, at a Mid Board function in the Park Avenue House. Also included on right is Matty Connolly, Secretary, Mid G.A.A. Board.



Presentation to Treasurer – Chairman of the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Seán Mockler (second from left), making a presentation to Dick Maher, who completed his term as Mid Board Treasurer at the Board's Annual Convention. Also included in photograph are Noel Murphy, Mid Board Assistant Secretary (left) and Matty Connolly, Mid Board Secretary (right).



◁ The Moyne-Templeuohy panel which won the Mid Tipperary intermediate football title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at Littleton. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Tom Everard (selector), Mick Clarke, Seamus Maher, Brian Delahunty, Pdraig Costigan, Liam Sweeney, Tom Guilfoyle, Michael Taylor, Enda Everard, Pierce Everard, Micilín Troy, Patsy Hennebery (selector), Jackie Walshe (selector). **Front row** – Pat Blake, Theo Lloyd, Noel Daly, Timmy Bergin (captain), P. J. Sweeney, Phil Bowe, Diarmuid Everard, Seán Everard, William Maher, Pat Hartigan.

▷ The Gortnahoe-Glengoole team which won the Vale Oil Mid Tipperary J.H. League title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill at Littleton. **Back row** (l.-r.) – Darren Coady, Jimmy Meighan, Alan Bartley, John Phelan, Donal Webster, Seán McGonigle, Tony Watson, Michael Cleary, Eamon Egan, John Stokes, P. J. Gleeson, Denis Heffernan. **Front row** (l. to r.) – George Stapleton, Ronan Stanley, Philip Dooley, Micheál Egan, Ger Hogan, Kevin Laffan, John Kenny, John Teehan, Pat Hickey, Niall Stanley (captain), Pat Guilfoyle.



◁ The Drom-Inch panel which won the county minor 'B' title by defeating Cahir in the county final at Golden. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Matt McGrath (selector), Pdraig Butler, Michael Ryan, Michael Cahill, Thomas Maher, Seamus Cahill, Jonathan O'Connor, Eddie Kinnane, Noel Kenehan, Billy Long, Eamon Kiely, Conor Holland, Matty Ryan, John Kiely, Seamus Butler, Matt Ryan (selector). **Front row** – Martin Butler (coach), Fergal McLoughlin, Liam Hoare, Paul Ryan, Paul Stapleton, Michael Brett, Frank McGrath (captain), Damien Young, Robert Hennessy, Michael Cantwell, Kieran McGrath, Brian Boyle, Liam Kennedy.

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The Kickhams-Rahealty panel which won the Thurles Credit Union Minor Football A title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields in the final (replay) at Littleton, after extra time.



Mid Champions 1995 – The Moycarkey-Borris team which won the Thurles Credit Union Minor 'B' football title at Boherlahan by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill in the final. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Colm McGarry, Michael O'Regan, Danny Meaney, Seán Fogarty, Austin Cooney, David Minchin, Michael Shortall, Nick Hogan, Robert Clancy, Donal Donnelly, Robert Doran, Tom Kelly, Michael McGinty. **Front row** – Danny Graham, Peter O'Dwyer, Kevin Shortall, Derek Leahy, Ken Ryan, Noel Butler, T. J. Ryan (capt.), James Cashin, Raymond Ryan, Tim Ryan.



The Holycross-Ballycahill team which regained the Cahill Cup (Mid S.H. League) by defeating Moycarkey-Borris at Holycross. **Back row** (l. to r.) – David Burke, Paul Maher, Philip Ryan, Declan Quinlan, Michael Ferncombe, William Ryan, Tony Lanigan, Donal Ryan. **Front row** – P. J. Lanigan, Declan Ryan, Timmy Gleeson, Tom Dwyer (captain), Rory Dwan, Richard Doyle, Tossie Fogarty.



Loughmore-Castleiney Mid S.F. Champions. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Tommy Ormonde, Pat McGrath, Declan Laffan, Noel Kennedy, David Kennedy, Tim Cullen, Joe Ryan, Michael O'Connell, Philip Kennedy, Tom McGrath, Paul Ormonde. **Front row** (l. to r.) – Noel Cahill, Dominic Brennan, Michael Ormonde, Ned Ryan, Mick McGrath (K) (captain), Seamie Bohan, Eamonn Brennan, Michael McGrath, John Kennedy, Noel Morris.



The Clonakenny panel which won the Mid Junior Hurling 'B' title by defeating Gortnahe-Glengoole in a replay at The Ragg. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Pat Shelly, Aidan Bourke, Seamus Nolan, Leo Crampton, Pat Cantwell (captain), Brendan Bourke, Michael Murray, Joe Bourke, Pat Holland, Dick Stapleton, Billy Maher. **Front row** – Colm Murray, Eamonn Cunningham, Mark Dwyer, Eamonn Stapleton, Michael Smith, John Cunningham, Bobby Martin, John Fogarty, Tomás Matthews.



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Champions again! The Loughmore-Castleiney team which regained the Mid Under-21 Football 'A' title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at The Ragg. **Back row** (l. to r.) - Wayne Webster (captain), Noel Morris, Tommy Ormond, Tom Maher, Donal Bolger, Oliver Ryan, Tom Foy, Dominic Brennan, Damien Cullen, Anthony Keane, Michael Brennan, Johnny Bourke, David Kennedy. **Front row** - Micheál Webster, Alvy Stapleton, Kieran Webster, Joe Danagher, Paul Ormond, Noel Cahill, John Gleeson, Jimmy McGrath, Brian Webster, Declan Laffan.

▷
Mid Champions - The Upperchurch-Drombane team which won the Mid Under-21 Football 'B' title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy in the final at Templemore. **Back row** (l. to r.) - Dan Griffin, John Keane, James Gould, David Brennan, Tony Bourke, Seamus Griffin, Seamus Kennedy, Michael Carey, Tomás Keane. **Front row** - Seamus Ryan, Donal Leamy, Brian Phelan, Neil Ryan, John Ryan (captain), Pat Leamy, Seán Purcell, Stephen Gleeson, Tim Ryan, Shane Quinlan.



◁
The Upperchurch-Drombane panel which won the Hibernian Insurance Mid Tipp Under-21 'B' Hurling Final at Holycross. **Back row** (l. to r.) - Timmy Ryan, James Gould, T. J. Carey, John Keane, Seamus Griffin, Brian Phelan, Tony Burke, Seamus Kennedy, Neil Ryan, Tim Ryan, David Brennan, Dan Griffin. **Front row** - Shane Quinlan, John Ryan (P), Seán Purcell, Seamus Ryan, Donal Leamy, Stephen Gleeson, Pat Leamy (captain), Michael Carey, Ollie McLoughlin.

▷
First Winners! - The Drom-Inch panel which won the first County Intermediate League by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane in the final (replay) at Holycross. **Back row** (l. to r.) - Dessie Hennessy, Mark Jordan, Martin Everard, Lorcan Looby, John Hassett, Joe Ryan, Phil O'Halloran, P. J. Brett, Seamus Kennedy, Seamus Hassett, Pat Looby, Mervyn Hicks. **Kneeling** - Joe Tynan (coach), Bernard Looby, John Gleeson, Tommy Kennedy, Seán Hayes, Eamonn Long, Joe Cahill (capt.), Mar Shanahan, Jimmy Darcy, John Sheridan, Michael Kiely, Adrian Dempsey. **In front** - Michelle O'Halloran.



◁
The Holycross-Ballycahill team which won the Mid Tipperary Junior Football 'A' title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in wet and windy conditions in The Ragg. **Back row** (l. to r.) - Michael Lee, William Butler, Brendan Bannon, Jim Ryan (B), Phil Dwyer, Michael Ferncombe (captain), Declan Quinlan. **Front row** - Tony Lanigan, Seamus Ryan, Gerry Fennessy, Tomás Fogarty, Paul Slattery, Phillip Ryan, Richard Doyle, Jim Ryan.

WRTC GAA EDUCATION AWARDS

WRTC during its 25 years of existence has excelled in the academic, cultural and sporting life of Waterford and the South East region in general.

In the past 10 years its GAA Club has dominated Third Level competitions. In many areas it has been the role model for other colleges. Indeed, in 1987 the WRTC GAA club was the first club in the country to employ a full-time Development Officer in the person of Colm Bonnar. GAA followers are well aware of what an important initiative this was for the development of coaching in the game of hurling. This scheme has proved to be the model used by GAA in employing full-time coach/organisers throughout the country, resulting in the present employment of over 50 people. The latest initiative by the WRTC club is a natural progression of that policy begun in 1987.

The WRTC GAA Education Awards Scheme which were launched on Tuesday 17th of October in the College will probably be remembered as another important development in the history of the GAA. For the first time promising young GAA players have been nominated by their county boards to pursue studies in the National Diploma in Recreation and Leisure Management in WRTC. This course is one of the most popular and successful in Third Level Education. It has an add on one year course leading to a BA in Recreation and Leisure. It is an ideal educational opportunity for those who wish to pursue a career in GAA Management / Administration or Coaching. The course is unique in that it allows students to include Gaelic games as part of their studies.

The College club in association with Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford county boards have made a major effort over the past months in bring-



Tipperary's Brendan McKeogh and Tom Stuart-Trainor dispute possession during the minor Football All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park.

ing the scheme to fruition. This year six awards were given, three in hurling and three in football. A large contingent of prominent GAA personalities including President Mr. Jack Boothman, attended the launch. This development has already generated much interest in many other counties outside the South East region. It is

only fitting that the GAA which has been the backbone of rural Ireland and youth activities should now once again be at the forefront in providing career opportunities for its young players.

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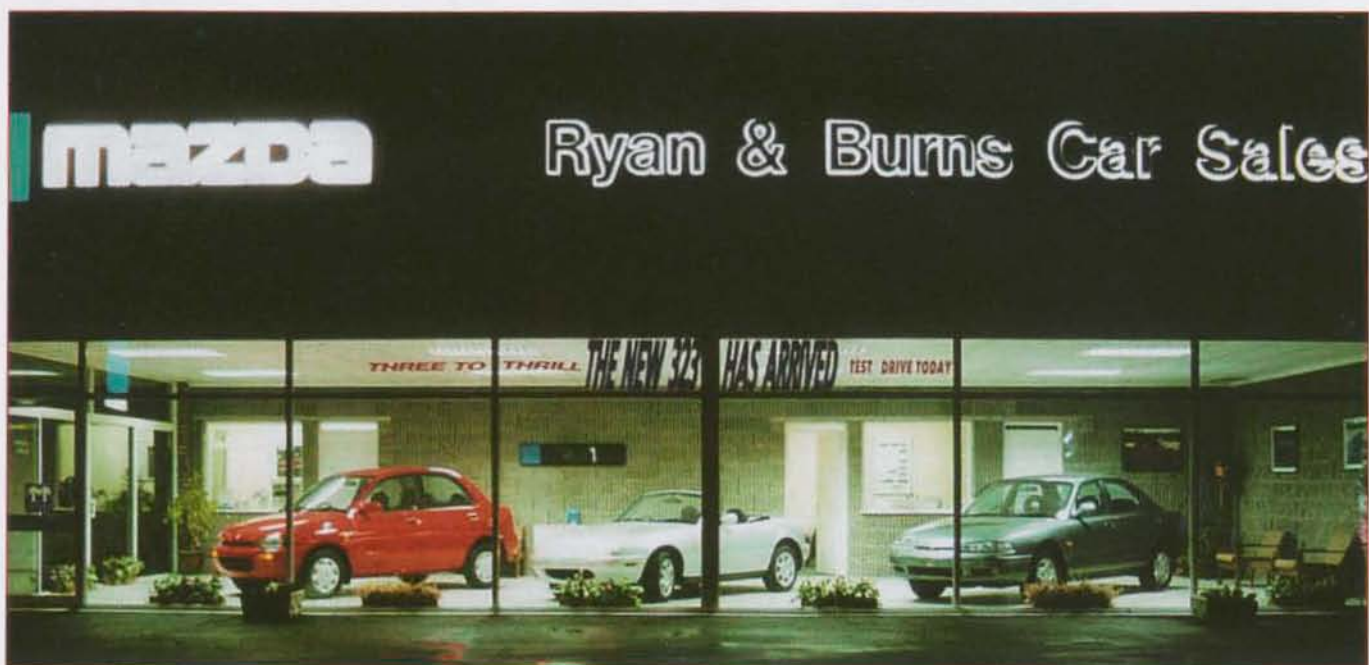


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Photograph shows Seán Mocker, chairman of the County Football Board (second from left) presenting Thurles Sarsfields delegates with the trophy as winners of the 1994 County Football Winter League (Div. 2) at the County Football Board Annual Convention in Hayes' Hotel. Included in photograph are (l.-r.): Larry O'Connor, Seán Mocker, Conor O'Dwyer and Pat O'Shea.



THURLES SARSFIELDS – Mid-Tipperary Under-21 Hurling Champions and County Finalists

Back row (l.-r.): Dara Dwyer, Colin Coppinger, Raymond O'Riordan, Niall Hanrahan, Sean Ryan, Ger O'Grady, Liam O'Dwyer, Tommy Kennedy, Brian O'Grady, Johnny Enright, Peter Broderick, Mark Wade, Matthew O'Dowd, Pat Murray. Front row (l.-r.): Damien Moore, Damien Harris, Gary Mernagh, Matty Ryan, Damien Daly, Eddie Enright (captain), Lar Mackey, David O'Riordan, Declan Keher, Ollie Geoghegan, Noel Dundon.



COUNTY CHAMPIONS... The Thurles Sarsfields panel which regained the county Junior Hurling 'A' title by defeating Kilruane MacDonagh's at Nenagh. Back row (l.-r.): Denis Maher, Declan Keher, Trevor Cooke, Andy Rossiter, Tony O'Mara, Seamus Maher, Tony Coman, Jim Moloney, John Purcell (captain), Peter Broderick, Jim Woodlock, Maurice McCormack, Rory Purcell, Noel Dundon, Pat McCormack, Michael Maher. Front row: Pat Treacy, Padraic Dundon, Sean Mullaney, Martin McElgunn, Jim Corbett, Jack Griffin, Michael Hanrahan, David O'Riordan, John Kennedy, Mark Wade, Lar Mackey, Raymond O'Riordan, Colin Coppinger.



THURLES SARSFIELDS – Mid-Tipperary Minor Hurling 'A' Champions and County Finalists

Back row (l.-r.): David Molumby, John Bowe, Jason Kavanagh, Colin Coppinger, Mark Wade, Ollie Skehan, Ger O'Grady, Johnny Enright (capt.), Raymond Molumby, Ronan Spain, Michael Callanan. Front row: David Butler, Niall O'Riordan, Damien Daly, Lar Mackey, Tommy Collins, Gary Coppinger, David O'Riordan, Brian O'Grady, Ollie Geoghegan.

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South Board Roll of Honour 1995

AIB S.H.C. FINAL:

at Kilsheelan – Mullinahone 5-11; Carrick Davins 0-10 (W. Barrett).

S.F.C. FINAL:

at Ardfinnan – Moyle Rovers 2-12; Commercials 1-7 (B. White).

HEARNS HOTEL I.H.C. FINAL:

at Clogheen – Cahir 1-14; Ballybacon-Grange 1-13 (T. Roche).

I.F.C. FINAL:

at Clonmel – St. Patrick's 0-8; Fr. Sheehy's 0-5 (F. O'Leary).

JOHN QUIRKE JEWELLERS J.H.C.A. FINAL:

at Clonmel – Newcastle 1-14; Carrick Swans 3-8 (T. J. Corby).

at Clonmel – Newcastle 2-9; Carrick Swans 0-11 (J. McCarthy).

J.F.C. "A" FINAL:

at Clonmel – Clonmel Óg 2-6; Ballylooby Óg 0-12 (T. Lonergan).

at Ardfinnan – Clonmel Óg 1-9; Ballylooby 0-9.

J.H.C.B. FINAL:

at Monroe – Cahir 0-10; Carrick Davins 1-7 (M. McCormack).

at Clonmel – Cahir 1-16; Carrick Davins 1-6 (M. McCormack).

J.F.C.B. FINAL:

at Clonmel – Cahir 1-4; Kilsheelan 1-4.

at Clonmel – Cahir 1-6; Kilsheelan 1-5.

U-21 H. A. FINAL:

at Clonmel – Ballybacon-Grange 4-6; Ballingarry 2-12 (S. Roche).

at Clonmel – Ballybacon-Grange 1-23; Ballingarry 0-15 (S. Roche).

U-21 F. A. FINAL:

at Clonmel – Ardfinnan 2-18; Fethard 4-5 (T. J. Corby).

U-21 H. B. FINAL:

at Clonmel – Fr. Sheehy's 0-11; Ballyneale 0-6 (C. Boland).

U-21 F. B. FINAL:

at Clonmel – Cahir 0-10; Killenaule 3-1 (F. O'Leary).

at Clonmel – Cahir 1-13; Killenaule 1-3 (F. O'Leary).

M.H.C. A. FINAL:

at Monroe – Ballingarry Gaels 5-19; Ballybacon-Grange 0-7 (P. J. Hassett).

M.F.C.A. FINAL:

at Kilsheelan – Cahir 1-12; Ardfinnan 2-5 (S. Roche).

M.H.C. B. FINAL:

at Monroe – Cahir 0-11; Fethard 1-4 (J. McCarthy).

M.F.C. B. FINAL:

at Ardfinnan – Killenaule 2-12; Ballyporeen 1-14 (C. Aylward).

CLONMEL OIL S.F.L. FINAL:

at Ardfinnan – Ballyporeen 2-8; Commercials 1-9 (J. McCarthy).

WALSH SHIELD S.H.L. FINAL:



Chairman of Sth. Tipperary G.A.A. Board, Seán Nugent (left) presents Mullinahone captain, John Leahy, with the John Quirke Jewellers "Man of the Match" award after the senior hurling final at Kilsheelan, in which Mullinahone defeated Carrick Davins.

Highlights of Year

CAHIR have won an unprecedented five titles and are still due to play Kilsheelan in the final of that Championship. They are undoubtedly Club of the year in the Division.

Moyle Rovers win in the S.F.C. and their subsequent first ever County S.F.C. title success was another marvellous achievement as was their progress to the Munster Club Final.

Mullinahone regained the S.H.C. crown and their County quarter final performance against Éire Óg Nenagh gave new hope to South Tipp hurling.

Ballingarry Gaels second in a row success in the Div. and County M.H.C.A. proved another outstanding achievement.

All in all it was a marvellous year in the Division with a high standard of play.

Gate receipts reached an all time high and the Board is deeply grateful to one and all for their wonderful co-operation and support.

NATIONALIST AWARD WINNERS

Hurling Hall of Fame: Liam Connolly (Coolmoyne & Fethard).

Hurler of Year: Don Lyons (Ballingarry).

Footballer of Year: Anthony Wall (Commercials).

Young Hurler of Year: Michael Ivors (Ballingarry Gaels).

Young Footballer of Year: Bernard Walsh (Commercials).

Note: These Awards presented in 1995 refer to the 1994 playing season.

Nomination for the 1995 Awards will be made in early 1996.



The Mullinahone panel which won the South Tipperary senior hurling title by defeating Carrick Davins in the final at Kilsheelan.



South Referees and Board officers at South Board annual social – Front row (l. to r.): Michael O'Meara, Secretary; John Harrington, Sean Fogarty, Co. Chairman; Willie Barrett, Joe Keane, Brian White, Michael McCormack. Middle row: Donal McCarthy, vice-chairman; Jimmy Keating, vice-chairman; Tommy Barrett, Co. Secretary; Sean Nugent, South Board Chairman; Stephen McCormack; Mossy Hyland; P. J. Hassett; John Marrissey. Back row: Mossy Walsh, Maurice Kennedy; Tommy Loneragan; Christy Aylward; Charlie Boland; Jimmy McCarthy; Seamus Roche.

Awards at Annual Social



Player of the Year and of the past at South Board Annual Social – Front row (l. to r.) Bernard Walsh, Young Footballer; Anthony Wall, Footballer of Year; Jim Connolly, Hurler of the Past; Don Lyons, Hurler of Year; Michael Ivors, Young Hurler. Back Row: Michael O'Meara, South Board Secretary; Mossy Walsh, treasurer; Jimmy Keating, vice-chairman; Seán Nugent, chairman; Sean Fogarty, Co. Chairman; Tom Corr, Editor, Nationalist (sponsors); Donal McCarthy, vice-chairman.

Action from South Final



Mullinahone's Brian O'Meara (left) heads for goal as a Carrick Davins player closes in during the South Tipperary senior hurling final between the sides at Kilsheelan.

North Tipperary Results 1995

	Winner		Runner-up		Venue	Referee
S.H.C.	Toomevara	0-18	Borrisoleigh	1-12	Nenagh	G. Hayes
S.H.L.	Nenagh	1-16	Toomevara	2-07	Cloughjordan	M. Cahill
I.H.C.	Borrisokane	1-15	Silvermines	0-18	Nenagh	T. F. Stapleton
				(draw)		
Replay	Borrisokane	5-16	Silvermines	0-10	Nenagh	T.F.Stapleton
J.H.C. 'A'	Kilruane	1-08	Nenagh	1-07	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
J.H.C. 'B'	Toomevara	2-09	Silvermines	1-05	Nenagh	G. Ryan
J.H.L. 'A'	Toomevara	0-14	Roscrea	1-03	Moneygall	G. Hayes
J.H.L. 'B'	Borrisokane	2-06	Toomevara	0-06	Moneygall	L. Hogan
U-21 H. 'A'	Toomevara	2-24	Moneygall	1-03	Nenagh	M. Ahearne
U-21 H. 'B'	Borrisoleigh	3-12	Burgess	2-04	Nenagh	S. Hogan
M.H.C. 'A'	Toomevara	3-16	Borrisoleigh	1-05	Nenagh	M. Darcy
M.H.C. 'B'	Ballina	3-09	Templederry	0-08	Nenagh	M. Griffin
S.F.C.	Nenagh	1-07	Borrisokane	1-07	Kilcoleman	G. Hayes
				(draw)		
I.F.C.	Newport	2-09	Inane Rovers	1-08	Nenagh	V. McKenna
J.F.C. 'A'	Borrisoleigh	1-05	Portroe	1-05	Kilcoleman	M. Darcy
				(draw)		
Replay	Portroe	2-10	Borrisoleigh	2-07	Kilcoleman	M. Darcy
J.F.C. 'B'	Ballinahinch	2-08	Templederry	0-06	Kilcoleman	J. Kissane
U-21 F. 'A'	Erin's Hope	4-06	Nenagh	2-06	Cloughjordan	G. Hayes
U-21 F. 'B'	Borrisoleigh	2-06	Kildangan	1-08	Nenagh	J. Kissane
M.F.C. 'A'	Newport	3-02	Ballina	1-04	Dolla	J. Kissane
M.F.C. 'B'	Inane Rovers	5-18	Burgess	1-03	Moneygall	T. Gleeson



Kilruane McDonaghs North 'A' Junior Champions: Back row (l. to r.): Damian Lawlor, Conor Williams, Kevin O'Brien, Jack Darcy (captain), Ger Maher, Jim Williams, Enda Hogan, John Conroy, Paul Mulcahy, Michael Hodgins, Dan Darcy, Paddy Spain, Paul Madden, Tom Killackey and Joe Whelan. Front: Finbarr McLoughney, Ruan Casey, Neil England, Ritchie Darcy, Eamonn Gaynor, Philip Quinlan, Dermot Troy, Gilbert Williams, Edward Troy, Liam Gleeson, Pat Whyte, Dinny Cahill and Declan Darcy. Missing from photo: John Hogan.



Ballina/North Minor 'B' Champions: Back row (l. to r.) Aaron Devane, Anthony Mills (captain), Kevin Stritch, Kieran O'Dea, Mark King, Declan McKeogh, Robert King, Brendan McKeogh and Mark Sheehy. Front row: Eamonn Cawley, Alan McKeogh, Fran Hogan, James O'Brien, Paul Coleman, Mark Riordan and Ronan Ryan.



Enjoying the North senior hurling final between Toomevara and Borris-Iliagh at Nenagh were (l. to r.) John Joe McKeogh, chairman North Board; Michael O'Brien, secretary North Board and Bishop William Walsh, Bishop of Killaloe.



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The Inane Rovers (Roscrea) panel which won the county Minor football 'B' title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.) Michael Shanahan, Liam England, Tony Douglas, Ger Houlihan, Alan Lynch, Damien Cunningham, Daryl Martin, Kevin Kinane, Eoin Maher, Tomás Carey, William Shanahan, Ken Barry, Stephen Shanahan (captain). Front row: Stephen Hogan, Niall Crofton, Niall Coakley, Brian Franks, John Carroll, Trevor Fletcher (with mascot Cian Maher), Paul Tynan, Michael Maher, Brendan Doran, Aidan Moloney, John Douglas, Enda Fitzgerald.



Borrisokane Intermediate team – North champions. Back row (l. to r.) Sean Gardiner, Liam Heenan, Joey Cleary, Vincent McKenna, Paul Corcoran, Martin Toohy, Vivian Dooley, Niall Slevin. Front: Adrian Hogan, Pdraig Hogan, Paul Dooley, Martin Dooley, Liam Heenan, Paul Darcy, Keith Slevin, Ned Fogarty (masseur).



Portroe Junior Football Champions 1995. Back row (l. to r.) Paul Quinn, Alan Slattery, Liam Sheedy, Ger Power, Maurice Riordan, John Sheedy, Noel O'Halloran, Mike Gleeson, Denis Hogan, Mike McKeogh. Front row: Pdraig Quinn, Connie Ryan, Barry O'Driscoll, Mackey McKenna, Pat Power, Paddy Connors, Denis Quinn, John Hogan (capt.), Joe Sexton. Absent from photo: John Moloney.



Borrisoleigh U-21 North + County 'B' champions: Back row (l. to r.) Fr. James O'Donnell (selector), Pat Stakelum (selector), John Cummins, Trevor Groome, Peadar Fahy, Sean Maher, Aidan Coen, Rory Kinnane. Middle row: Fergal Loughnane, John Keane, Robert Stakelum, Adrian Ryan, Angelo Walsh, Philip Maher, Sean Prior, John Vahey, Michael Ryan. Front: Damien Ryan, Declan Maher, Thomas Ryan, Denis Kelly, Seamus Maher, Mark Rabitte (with mascot Shauna Rabitte), Philip Rabitte, Henry Groome, Mark Stapleton.



Ballinahinch – North Tipp Junior (B) Football winners 1995: Back: Pat Carroll, Sean Ryan, Sean Gleeson, Michael Harrington, Bill Lynch, Brendan Healy, Paddy Harrington, David Fahy, Joe Fitzgerald, Martin Kennedy, Ger O'Sullivan, Seamus Kennedy. Front: Eamon Gleeson, Michael O'Connor, Thomas Kelly, Cathal Bourke, Philip Kelly, Dermot Healy, T. J. Crowe, Des Kelly, John Ryan.

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To Tipperary hurling people Killarney in 1987 and Richard Stakelum's famous speech and song stand out. On an October Sunday in 1995 a special moment in the lives of Nenagh people was added when Conor O'Donovan lifted the Dan Breen Cup after a marvellous county final performance by our team.

The build up to the county senior hurling final commenced two weeks previously when Robbie Tomlinson's last minute goal meant we had qualified for the county final for the second time in 3 years. We waited just over an hour to find out our opponents. Boherlahan shocked the holders, Toomevara. Nenagh v Boherlahan county final '95.

For two weeks Nenagh was abuzz with county final fever. One by one the flags appeared. Pearse Street, Mitchell Street, Keynon Street, all over the town they hung from shops and houses. The Monday night before the final was official press night for the media and sponsors. How was the team going in training? Any injuries? Everybody was interested in the welfare of the team. As the day of the match approached, nerves were beginning to fray. The team themselves seemed unmoved. Most of the media interviews were concentrated on Michael Cleary and Conor O'Donovan.

The Big Day finally arrived. Pa Joe and his fellow selectors, 'Minnie' Heffernan and Billy Flannery had the team out for a few pucks in McDonagh Park before departing for Thurles. Denis Finnerty who had been injured for the semi-final and Declan O'Meara who suffered a severe eye injury during the All-Ireland under 21 semi-final against Antrim were among those pucking around. Nobody wanted to miss the Big Day.

The road to Thurles was lined with Nenagh flags and banners as we left the town. The most memorable included, 'Conor's dish of the day - a Dan Breen take-away', 'Honk if you support Eire Og' said the largest sign.

The team arrived at Thurles halfway through the minor game. Three quarters of an hour later Conor O'Donovan led us out on to the field.

The game itself started slowly for Nenagh.



Photograph taken after the county senior hurling final shows (left to right) - Gerry Ring secretary West Board; Pakie Donovan, father of Conor O'Donovan and Conor O'Donovan, captain of Nenagh Eire Og.

An early goal for Boherlahan. John Kennedy outstanding all year, injured, we groaned. However, we were getting on top at half-forward. Michael Cleary's free taking as usual was magnificent. Eddie Tucker was outstanding and led the forwards well. Twelve points at half time. Four ahead. All our forwards had scored. We were looking good but still our supporters were nervous. Almost there.

The second half saw the forward line click into top gear. Kevin Tucker, fed by brother Eddie, slapped over 4 marvellous points. Michael Cleary's freetaking was of the highest order adding four more and then the final flourish.

First John Heffernan, 3 Munster senior medals as a defender, weaved his way through the Boherlahan defence and crashed the ball to the net. The Nenagh supporters erupted. Club chairman, Ger Gavin captured the mood as he danced a jig of joy on the sideline.

Robbie Thomlinson added the icing to the cake when, not for the first time in the campaign, he grabbed a last minute goal.

Referee's T. J. Corby's long whistle was the signal for a mass pitch invasion.

Handshakes, hugs and kisses abounded. Grown men cried. Nenagh hurling and reached the promised land.

It was some time before captain Conor O'Donovan reached county chairman, Sean Fogarty to receive the Dan Breen.

Conor's speech was of the epic variety. The Irish Permanent Building Society manager has been a truly great servant to both county and club and his rendering of "Meet me on the Road to Nenagh" was memorable to say the least.

Borrisoleigh on the road to Nenagh was engulfed by traffic from the match. A meal for the players and mentors due for 7 o'clock commenced at 9.45.

Around 11 o'clock the team boarded a float kindly provided by Tom Troy. The town of Nenagh was lined with young and old as the cup was paraded. The float finally came to rest in Bamba Square where Ger Gavin, club chairman, and Senator Michael O'Kennedy spoke to the crowds.

Celebrations and singing went on long into the night and the following days as Nenagh's name was added to the roll of honour as county hurling champions of the Premier county.



Noel Coffey (Nenagh Eire Og) handpasses the ball to a colleague under the watchful eyes of Michael Murphy (Boherlahan-Dualla) during the county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium.

COUNTY SCÓR OFFICERS



L-R: Joe O'Halloran, Chairman; Marie Hennessy, incoming Secretary; John Ryan, Treasurer; Kathleen King - outgoing Secretary; Seamus McGrath, Chairman Munster Council Scór.

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Toomevara - a title in every grade



The Toomevara team which won the North senior hurling title by defeating Borris-Ileigh in the final at Nenagh. Back row (l. to r.) Kevin Kennedy, Liam Flaherty, Tommy Dunne, Pat Meagher, Terry Dunne, Jody Grace, Pat King, Liam Nolan. Front row: Philip Shanahan, George Frend, Tony Delaney (captain), Michael Bevans, Michael O'Meara, Ken Dunne, Rory Brislane.

The highest ambition of many a club is to win a county senior title and progress to the All-Ireland Club championship.

Toomevara have won the county senior hurling championships of 1992, '93 and '94. Hopes were again high in 1995 that the senior team would progress along the same route to ultimate honours but expectations were dashed, though it did win the North senior hurling title.

However, it was one of the greatest years in the club's history, as the following lists of successes shows. North Tipperary championships in hurling were collected by the Under-12, Under-14 Urban-Rural and Rural, Under-16, Under-21, Junior B and Senior teams and the Junior A team won the North Tipp League. County titles were annexed by the Under-12, Under-14 Rural Junior 'B' and the Under-21 team. Thus a title was collected in every grade in which teams took part. Two teams were entered in the Under-21 grade and the 2nd team acquitted itself excellently before being beaten.

For the second time in the club's existence, the Under-12 hurlers have achieved a feat of winning five titles in a row - 1991-1995. The championship was run on a league basis and Toome beat Roscrea, Moneygall and Nenagh easily and drew with Burgess.

Toome and Burgess qualified for the final, a big occasion for the Burgess boys as this was their first time ever in an A final. Toome took an early lead as Burgess took a while to settle down. When they did they carried the game to the champions in a titanic contest. Play swung from end to end and, with but minutes remaining, Burgess scored a fine goal to take the lead.

The title looked to be theirs, but in an all-out final attack Toome were awarded a free thirty yards from the Burgess goal. Up stepped David Kennedy the captain, to take responsibility, and he slammed an unstoppable shot to the Burgess net to claim victory on a scoreline of 3-2 to 3-1. The Burgess team and supporters were deprived of a famous victory and they even had the sympathy of Toome sup-

porters in their hour of defeat. Toome went on to defeat Drom-Inch in the county semi-final and easily accounted for Killenaule in the county final by 4-6 to 1-2.

The Under-14 team won both Urban-Rural and Rural North championships. They qualified to meet Nenagh in the Urban-Rural final, both teams played brilliant hurling in a hectic encounter, to finish all-square and live to fight another day. The replay was equally thrilling and tense. Toome were on top in the first half, but Nenagh levelled the score midway through the second half and were playing like winners. Undaunted, Toome hit back near the end to score three unanswered points to snatch the spoils on a scoreline of 2-11 to 2-10.

Toome beat Killenaule in the semi-final but lost to Drom-Inch in the county final by 0-12 to 0-6.

As compensation for their defeat, Toome won the North Rural championship, beating Moneygall in the final by 5-12 to 1-6. They then defeated Knockavilla Kickhams in the county semi-final to set up a meeting with Moycarkey-Borris in the final. The game played at Borrisoleigh, opened at a sizzling pace, was tough and close and a huge crowd was enthralled by the closeness of the exchanges and the high level of skill displayed. It certainly was a thriller with Toome just prevailing on a score of 2-8 to 2-5.

Toome were Under-16 county champions so there was a great determination in the club to put two championships back to back. They qualified for the final against Kildangan who confidently set their sights on dethroning the champions. But Toome had improved immensely on their previous displays and weren't going to let the title slip from their grasp easily. A fine game it turned out to be with Toome looking likely winners until Kildangan equalised with a goal on the stroke of full time. In the replay, Kildangan failed to repeat their previous good form and Toome won easily. Their great rivals Durlas Óg were their opponents in the county semi-final. It took two and a half

hours to decide the issue with the Mid champions securing victory with the aid of a last minute goal to win by two points on a scoreline of 3-17 to 3-15. Both games were of a high standard with highly skilful hurling, pulsating exchanges and long passages of sustained effort played in a very sporting manner. Durlas Óg went on to become county champions.

Having been narrowly defeated in the county Minor final of 1994, expectations in the club were high that ultimate success would be achieved in 1995 as most of the previous year's team were still eligible. In the North championship they looked well on course to realise their goal, when they turned in a brilliant display to defeat Borrisoleigh by 3-16 to 1-5.

Hopes were high that they would beat Ballingarry Gaels in the county semi-final and thus avenge the defeat of 1994. Everything was going according to plan and after the interval Toome stretched their lead to seven points. They, then, seemed to relax and allowed the South champions back into contention, Ballingarry got the bit between their teeth and held out to win against a last ditch rally by Toome on a score of 6-9 to 5-11. It was a bitterly disappointing defeat to lose to Ballingarry a second time. The Toome lads have learned a lesson that complacency never wins matches.

Such is the number of young hurlers in the parish that the club decided to affiliate two Under-21 teams. The 'A' team has been impressive in its march to the county title. In all they have amassed a total of thirteen goals, one hundred and fourteen points to the oppositions total of seven goals, thirty-six points. They beat Thurles Sarsfields in the county final in a 2-12 to 1-9 scoreline.

Congratulations to Philip Shanahan, Tommy Dunne and Terry Dunne, who helped Tipperary to win the All-Ireland Under-21 championship.

Turning to the Junior grade, pride of place must go to our Junior 'B' team. They reached the North Tipp league final only to lose to Borrisokane. In the championship they improved with every game due to zealous preparation and dedication and

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Toomevara – County Junior 'B' champions: Back row (l. to r.) Bertie Sherlock (selector), Eoin Cuddihy, Martin Gleeson (capt.), Eamon Spillane, George Haverty, James Connolly, Bernard Hackett, John Ryan, Dinny Haverty, Jackie Meagher, Tom Troy (selector). Front row: James Mounsey, Kevin Cornally, Martin Cahalan, Pat Haverty, Liam Gleeson, Noel Kenneally, Willie Hackett, John Woods, Morgan Ryan and Bill Carroll.



Toomevara – Minor North champions: Back row (l. to r.) Damien O'Meara, Paddy O'Brien, Pdraig Hackett, Collwyn Martin, Noel Cummins, Owen Woods, David McGrath and Jack Meagher. Front: Denis Kelly (captain), Michael Bevans, Ray Hackett, Justin Cottrell, Ken Dunne, Martin Cahalan and Dermot Brislane.

reached the North final. Silvermines stood in their way in the final but the Toome men raised their competitiveness still higher and triumphed by seven points. They overcame the challenge of Cahir in the county semi-final. No stone was left unturned in the preparations for the county final against neighbours, Clonakenny who had come through a hectic, arduous campaign and whom Toome feared as doughty opponents.

The final was played in Moneygall on a fine, sunny, clear day in November. Hurling was fast, furious and exciting with both sides determined to wrest the laurels. Play moved from end to end and fortunes swayed to and fro. First, Toome had the upperhand but a great ten minute spell before half-time saw Clonakenny edge into a two point lead.

The early part of the second half saw Kevin Cornally crack home brilliant goals in the space of a minute to set Toome up for victory. Clonakenny laid siege to the Toome citadel in the final minutes but failed narrowly to break down a staunch, unyielding defence led by captain Martin Gleeson. The game ended in a Toomevara victory on a 4-4 to 3-4 scoreline.

The junior A team may not have won a championship but they certainly proved their worth by beating Roscrea in the league final. They prepared well for the championship and progress was smooth

until they came a cropper against Nenagh in the semi-final.

In the Senior league Toome were pitted against old rivals Nenagh in the final. This was a game in which Toome were lack lustre and seemed disinterested. This was due mostly to the sudden, shocking death of one of their great mentors, Frankie Ryan, who died shortly before the final. The Toome team did not seem to have the heart for battle, shocked by one who was so near to them, and offered poor resistance to Nenagh.

Moving to the championship, Toome had their hearts set on winning four county titles in a row. In the North final they overcame the Borrisoleigh challenge in a match full of passion and commitment, in which Toome always seemed likely victors. Two young players, Michael Bevans and Ken Dunne, played impressive parts in the victory.

Even though they won the North title, the team never seemed to play, in their matches, with the sparkle and sharpness of previous years and signs of tiredness appeared now and again. After beating Carrick Davins in the quarter final, they were drawn against Boherlahan, age old rivals of former days. Boherlahan hurled like champions into the wind in the first half and led by two points at half time. It must be said that Toome missed many scoring chances in the opening half and

they lacked the urgency of former years. At the final whistle the champions had fallen by two points. In the aftermath of defeat, they were not too disappointed, but a sense of relief was evident as if a great pressure, a heavy load had been lifted from them. They were gallant and gracious in defeat which they accepted with dignity.

All in all, it was a great year for Toomevara. Championship titles in any grade are not easily won. A mixture of dedication, determination, long preparation and hard work on the part of all players, mentors, selectors and club officials and members brought a total of thirteen trophies to the club sideboard. Off the playing fields, much good work has been done with improvements to the pitch and the building of two new magnificent dressing rooms.

The club is rightly proud of these achievements which have come only through groundwork and painstaking attention to detail. Many people have played their parts behind the scenes in back-up work. Special mention must be made of the work done by several ladies on the Lotto committee, who have raised a lot of much needed money to boost the club's income. The club also owes a deep debt of gratitude to their supporters, the people of the parish and many others for their unfailing support and encouragement.



Toomevara U-21 panel – North and County Champions: Back row (l. to r.) Dermot Brislane, Michael Harty, Ken Dunne, Jack Meagher, Terry Dunne, Tommy Dunne, James Mounsey, John Woods, Noel Kenneally, David McGrath, Collwyn Martin, Pdraig Hackett and Brian Duff. Front: Rory Mounsey, Noel Cummins, Philip Shanahan, Justin Cottrell, Ray Hackett, Kevin Cornally, Aidan Maxwell (capt.), Denis Kelly, Joseph O'Meara, Michael Bevans, Damien O'Meara and Paddy O'Brien.

Thomas MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan

JUST a little over two years ago, the Thomas MacDonagh Park Committee in Cloughjordan was reorganised as a sub-committee of Kilruane MacDonagh's G.A.A. Club.

Up to that time it had functioned as an autonomous body since its formation over thirty years before, when it was established to provide a suitable playing field for the parish.

Up to the Sixties Cloughjordan parish had no recognised hurling field, depending on farmers to supply the use of fields for training in different parts of the parish. The best known of these was "The Grove", a long narrow stretch of ground at the rear of the Main Street, which used be black with hurlers of all ages every summer's evening. Sliotars were not as plentiful then as they are now, and often a group of young hopefuls spent many a frustrating hour searching for a lost ball in the high grass and overgrown hedges. "The Grove" was too small for regular matches and as there was no field in the parish capable of holding inter-club games, all the club's matches were away fixtures.

A group of club members and keen followers aware of the need to provide a proper pitch and centre, came together and formed a committee which purchased and developed the present Park adjacent to the town.

This committee worked hard for many years to provide facilities for players and spectators and to create a pitch that was second to none.

However, as time went on and enthusiasm waned, due to many of the original members having passed on, such as the late Dan Farrell, a most dedicated treasurer for many years, there was little further development and a period of stagnation ensued.

Then, as we stated at the outset, a new committee was formed about two years ago. Encouraged by the then club chairman Tom Cleary, many club members and former players joined. Some of these were recently retired hurlers who played with Kilruane in the seventies and eighties and they brought with them the dedication and enthusiasm which they had displayed on the field during that fruitful era for the club.

Realising the need to keep abreast of developments and improvements at other venues in the county and of the urgency to provide fuller and better facilities for the youth of the parish, the new committee got down to business.

It acquired another suitable field adjacent to the park, giving direct access to it from the Main St., thereby speeding up the exit of traffic from the Park on match days. It serves as a car park and more importantly, it provides a suitable pitch for juveniles and



Official opening of new Stand (l. to r.): Fr. Burke, P.P., Canon Atkinson, Roche Williams, Bishop Willie Walsh, Jack Boothman, Len Gaynor, Michael Banaghan, Michael Lowry and Jim Ryan.

juniors, and for young people to have a casual puck about or kick about in the evenings or at weekends.

The next objective was the provision of a covered Stand in the Park for the comfort and convenience of spectators. Led by the officers of the Park committee, with Michael Cahill and Michael Banaghan, the long-serving secretary, to the fore, the members set about various fund raising activities, chief of which was a monster Sale of Work on the 23rd January, 1994, which was a great success financially. Fate or prayer had a hand in this success story; a little while previously a violent storm had knocked some trees which were donated to the committee for the timber sale, while the day itself was the only fine dry day for weeks before and for months afterwards in the wettest Winter and Spring for decades.

Plans for the Stand were drawn up and tenders sought for the erection of the steel-work structure and roofing. The successful tender was that of Joe Hannigan, a well-known Shannon Rovers hurler, of Dergside Engineering Co., who built the ninety yards long steel structure. A group of workers in the Fás Community Employment Scheme continued the work of building the walls, laying down the terracing and erecting the seating. When they had completed the Stand they continued the terracing to both ends. A very fine job of work indeed.

The official opening of the new Stand took place on 7th May, 1995, the day of the National League Final, with an evening game in which Tipperary defeated Galway in a senior hurling tournament. The occasion was marked by the first official visit of Bishop Willie Walsh, who blessed the Stand, and Mr. Jack Boothman, President of the G.A.A., who performed the official opening ceremony.

Work continues in the Park to bring all its amenities up to standard. At present a new scoreboard is being erected and further improvements are envisaged. However, for the future, the most ambitious aim of the

committee and one that will not be easy to fulfil, is the building of a Community Centre, which will have the twin purposes of an Assembly Hall for all types of social functions, and also a Sports Complex for indoor training and games. However, daunting this assignment may be, there is a great wave of enthusiasm among the members for it, and the present club chairman, Len Gaynor, will be in the forefront of the effort and will help to motivate the club and the whole parish to row in behind this project. Already the committee are organising a huge Sale of Work for the 28th January, 1996 and are hopeful of a very good start to the fund-raising campaign. They are very conscious of the generosity and goodwill of many sponsors and subscribers in the past.

Thomas MacDonagh Park is held in special esteem and affection by the people of Cloughjordan parish, mainly because of its historical associations.

During the Land League agitation, Michael O'Reilly, a publican in the town, owned this field. He was secretary of the local branch of the League and was jailed for his activities. Hundreds of supporters gathered in the town to protest, but were prohibited from holding a public meeting. Instead they marched to the field and tilled the seven acres in one day with spades as a mark of support and solidarity.

The Park is not much more than a stone's throw from the house occupied by Joseph and Mary MacDonagh and their family and was a regular place of recreation for Thomas and his brothers and sisters when they were growing up.

The very name of the Park uplifts and inspires; it stirs the memory and fires the imagination.

As one enters one may read MacDonagh's lines engraved on the wall plaque at the entrance gates:

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When the dawn is come".*

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Under Keeper's Smiling Shadow

- Football success for Newport-Ballinahinch -

The highest peak in the Silvermines Mountains is Keeper Hill. It forms a majestic backdrop to the neighbouring parishes of Newport and Ballinahinch, where the villages of Killoscully and Toor nestling in the foothills, gaze down the rolling landscape to the Shannon's meandering waters. It was to this region that the Michael Hogan cup, the symbol of supremacy in minor football in Co. Tipperary, was carried in triumph on the 24th of September 1995. It was a unique and historic triumph for an area predominantly hurling orientated, but which nonetheless has a strong football tradition. Indeed, Newport (without Ballinahinch) had reached the county minor football final in 1993, but they had to give best to a very talented Commercial's outfit.

The parishes were amalgamated for minor and under 21 grades back in the 70s (1971 - 80). They succeeded in winning a north minor football title in 1971 and contested a number of north under 21 football titles without success. In 1995 when Ballinahinch sought a resumption of 'friendly relations', Newport were only too happy to oblige in view of the fact that they would be participating in the 'A' division in minor hurling. The hurling championship did not bring the results which were anticipated - Toomevara, Erins Hope and Borrisoleigh being among the top flight minor teams in the county and the combination not having had adequate time to blend into a cohesive unit. They were more fortunate in the football. Having got through the north championship with minimal preparation, they had ample time to concentrate on the county prize which officials and players believed was within their grasp.

STRENGTHS

A team capable of winning a county title would need to show some obvious qualities. All the Newport and Ballinahinch players had garnered a lot of experience in the previous two years; the Newport contingent had all been members of the team which won the county under 16 (B) hurling title in 1992; the Ballinahinch lads had been part of the



Newport-Ballinahinch, minor football county champions 1995. Back row - Tom Clifford, James Ryan, Donncha Houlihan, John O'Toole, Paddy Ryan, Brian Coffey, William Lynch, David Fahy, Aidan O'Gorman, Cathal Bourke, Alan Creagh, John Caplis. Front - Michael Carroll, Ken O'Brien, Eoin Bonfield, Des Kelly, Ger O'Brien, David Hickey, Michael Coffey, Martin McLoughlin, Mark Lenihan.



Sean Mockler presents the minor football trophy to Newport captain, John O'Toole.

county junior hurling winning outfit in 1993; 5 of them had previously played in a county minor football final; Aidan O'Gorman played with Tipp minors in their successful campaign in 1995; Brian Coffey was a member of the county under 16 football team in 1994; Tom Clifford had the experience of playing International youth rugby. The team was not a physically strong team generally, but they were a very mobile group, prepared to work and run. They possessed an abundance of skill, although it soon became evident that they had a difficulty in scoring.

CAMPAIGN

Their championship campaign was short, consisting of only four games:

July 5th, at Ballina - Newport 3-4, Kildangan 1-7.

August 11th, at Dolla - Newport 3-2, Ballina 1-4.

August 26th, at The Ragg - Newport 2-8, Cahir 0-7.

September 24, at Cahir - Newport 0-8, Golden/Kilfeacle 0-6.

The opening game against Kildangan was probably the most open and fluid game they played. David Hickey's 2 goals and Brian Coffey's points, from frees were the deciding factors against a good Kildangan side. In the North final against neighbours Ballina, Newport dominated everywhere except on the scoreboard. Atrocious shooting made it an uphill battle and it was left to sub Martin McLoughlin to seal the issue with a goal and a point. The wind dominated the county semi-final, but again it was super-sub, McLoughlin who tilted the scales, chipping in with 2-2, to give a somewhat flattering victory in a game which seemed lost midway through the second half.

The county final was a dour struggle, with few frills but plenty of wholehearted endeavour. Four magnificent long range frees in the first half from Brian Coffey set up victory. But the defence had to withstand many nail-biting moments before victory was assured. Notable features were the industry of Eoin Bonfield who shot two valuable points, the work-rate of

David Fahy, the strong running of Ken O'Brien and the tenacity and determination of the backs as a unit.

THE FUTURE?

And so the summit was reached and the sweet smell of success savoured. John O'Toole received the trophy from Football Board chairman, Sean Mockler amid scenes of great jubilation. A quiet sense of satisfaction at a job well done was evident among players and mentors. What the future holds, who can tell? At least a new generation of players should form the nucleus of what it is hoped will be successful teams for Newport and Ballinahinch. No doubt some will be driven with the ambition to wear the county jersey, but for the moment let us savour the success of '95. Under the shadow of Keeper we are used to setting high goals to aim at. Let us hope that our minors will continue to set high standards and that Sliabh Ciamálta will once again have occasion to smile on their efforts.



Newport intermediate football team, North Tipperary champions 1995. Back - Kieran Buckley, Aidan O'Gorman, Tom Moylan, Ger Floyd, Peter Coleman, Pat Keating, Liam Jones, John O'Mahony. Front - Ken O'Brien, John McBride, D.J. O'Brien, Stephen McCormack, Ger Bradley, Dinny Ryan, Robert Ryan.

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BRENDAN CUMMINS

- Tipp's rising star

By: J.J. Kennedy.

Friday 13th. Rendezvous at The Castle Arms, Cahir. Outside a grey October evening; inside warm, spontaneous chat.

Brendan Cummins, gamekeeper for the county's hurlers and poacher for the footballer's, talks sport as eloquently as he plays. It's been a hectic few years for Ardfinnan's twenty-year-old who has shot to the top in both of his chosen sports in a matter of two years.

Conceited? No. Reticent? Definitely not. In fact he's an interviewer's dream as questions become unnecessary and one topic melts into another. The chat is free-flowing and uninhibited from one for whom sport has clearly become an abiding passion. He gives you his total, concentrated attention; The eyes are clear and focussed, fixing you with a slight tilt of the head. It's this sharp-eyed alertness that makes him such a dynamic player whether between the timbers for the hurlers or raiding from half forward for the footballer's.

FEARSOME COMMITMENT

A drink? Yes, orange please. Both a non-drinker and non-smoker he sees the two as incompatible with his lifestyle at the moment. Social life? Not really, although he does recall having a night out about six weeks ago. Amateur sport how are you!

His weekly schedule is fearsome, more like an endurance test for a foreign legionnaire than the pastime of a college student. Read it and sweat all you couch potatoes. Monday is free - hurrah! Tuesday means training with the hurlers in Thurles; Wednesday with the county footballers at Ardfinnan; Thursday back with the hurlers in Thurles; Friday again with the footballers . . . and club games (no night for training with the club) . . . and college games . . . and shinty recently in Scotland. And this is Mid October for God's sake!

But lest you still doubt the commitment, let's do a close-up on one day. Rise and shine at 6.45am approx. Catch a 7.30 bus to Waterford. Lectures start at 9.15 and continue during the day. Leave Waterford at 5.15pm. Home. Off to training. Home again and in bed by ten ready for more of the same the following day. No wonder he started shedding weight alarmingly at one stage and, under doctor's orders, had to ease off.



Brendan Cummins . . . in action for Tipperary.

PLAYERS ADMIRER

The talk comes round inevitably to other players and in particular those he admires most. Outside Tipp Brian Corcoran is the most revered. Within the county Noel Sheehy is the hero. "He's an absolute dream to play behind always encouraging you. Before the game he'd be saying to you that there's nobody getting a free shot at you today. He really epitomises everything the game requires, toughness, hurling and heart."

As if to emphasise the point he recalls this year's championship game with Waterford. It was his championship debut with Jody Grace out through a back injury. And it wasn't his greatest of games. In the second half a shot came in and with Paul Flynn distracting it dribbled past him. He takes up the story: "I remember letting in that goal and noticing the other Tipp players looking in at me as if to ask if the young fellow was cracking up. But Sheehy just came in to me and said don't worry about it, forget it and just puck it

out. That was great support and helped me to settle down again".

What about the row in that match, the one that cost Tipp Michael Ryan and Paul Delaney for the next game? You were right beside that action. "Yes, but I didn't see very much of it; I had my back to it. I saw Ryan alright but I was watching the guys coming in from outfield and I knew they were the biggest danger because our lads wouldn't see them coming. So I intercepted one of the Waterford forwards on his way to the action. I had to show cause but I didn't really get involved because I'd be killed in there".

The Limerick game brought disappointment for Tipp happier memories for Brendan on his own performance. "I knew after the Waterford game that the Limerick one was make or break for me. I could be forgiven one bad game but if I repeated it then I was in trouble. I then to play best under pressure and I felt that the Waterford game had gone so well for us that I simply lost concentration and I was

confident that I could correct it in the Limerick game. That day against Limerick was the one that really made me; it was the turning point in my senior hurling career."

U21 ALL-IRELAND

But it was the U21 grade that brought his biggest achievement to date with that All-Ireland win against Kilkenny. Followers of that campaign will easily recall Brendan's part. Against Limerick in the first round there was the diving first half save off a kicked shot. He talks it through: "The sun was in my eyes just above the Ennis Road terrace. I knew the forward was going to kick it but I saw it very late when it came below the sunline and I just managed to get it".

Then to that bizarre Munster final against Clare and a fine save at the Killinan end. "That shot deflected off Phil Shanahan and I was lucky to get it". Topping the lot came that superb stop at the start of the second half against Kilkenny – an absolute match-winner. "I had watched Kilkenny on video and I knew the play of their forwards. The important thing for me was to stand my ground and not turn my back. That way the forward had to make a split second decision to shoot and while many people afterwards thought that it just hit me I actually managed to get my hurley to it."

We're joined by Liam Enright, barman at the 'Arms' and Tipp county junior goalie replaced by Cummins in 1994. The chat is inevitably about hurling. Enright seeks opinion on Borrisokane, the side Cahir play in the county intermediate semi-final. Cummins too has an upcoming club engagement when his club Ballybacon/Grange face Ballingarry in the South U21 final replay. There's mutual well wishes and Enright returns to the bar.

It's back to the U21 win and there's praise for full back Paul Shelly, highly rated and valued by Brendan Cummins – and tipped to make a Tipp senior. "I had a perfect understanding with Paul; I always knew what he was going to do. We had this agreement going between us that if a high ball dropped in I'd go for it and Paul, being smaller, would drop back onto the goal line".

Shelly that day had the onerous task of shackling dangerman, Denis Byrne. The Tipp defence played aggressively. Brendan recalls a Kilkenny player afterwards saying that they had never been hit so hard. In the first half Shelly tackles Byrne heavily and is booked. Soon afterwards a ball drops between them and the full back smashes his hurley in the pull. "You've just signed your death warrant", says Byrne. "Wait 'till I get another hurley", returns Shelly.

Such banter between players is part of the game but can be telling as to how the trend is going. By then Tipp's U21s were well on their way to taming this particular 'Cat' attack. As the chat progresses other



Brendan Cummins photographed with J. J. Kennedy.

little insights emerge too. After the first half Kilkenny goal, which was a bad one for Tipp to concede, Cummins pucked-out the ball and then with play at the other end strolled out to stand beside Shelly. Again Brendan takes up the story: "We have a habit of talking to each other which helps to settle us down. We'd say something casual like 'Not a bad crowd here' and I could see Byrne looking sideways at us totally puzzled". It's all part of the psychology.

It's been a hectic few years for Brendan Cummins. It all began in '93 when he played county minor and U21. He hails from the same club as 'Babs' Keating – Ballybacon/Grange for hurling and Ardinnan for football – but while 'Babs' gave him his first taste of senior county hurling he was strictly speaking only on the fringes of the 'Babs' set-up. He was being gently blooded by 'Babs' who was a former team mate of Brendan's dad, John, who himself played senior football for Tipp for many years as well as for Munster. Brendan's senior debut was in Cappoquin in a tournament game against Waterford in November '93 where he made an impressive entrance.

On the merits of managers then he can't really offer much on the 'Babs' approach but is loud in his praise for both Fr. Tom Fogarty and Michael Doyle. He considers Fr. Tom to have been unlucky last year and rates him as good as any as well as being a major influence on his own career – he also played minor under Fr. Tom. On Michael Doyle he rates his handling of the U21s this year as 'perfect' and adds "You always knew where you stood with him. If you did something wrong he'd let you know and would expect you to correct it but he'd always show great confidence in you and never knock you".

FOOTBALL VERSUS HURLING

Football versus hurling? an inevitable question for such a dual player. It's also an

expected question and the answer is ready. "I like them both but if really pushed to make a choice I'd opt for hurling because of the greater buzz it has in this county. "His football debut was again in the Winter of '93 against Cavan and his most memorable game was in '95 against Kerry where he scored 0-8. He's also played county minor and U21 football.

But while giving hurling the split decision he's keen to give football the credit it deserves in his career. "I owe a lot to the footballers. When I started playing with them I was doing poorly but Seamus McCarthy showed great faith in me and stuck by me. That experience of playing with the footballers helped me greatly when it came to playing with the hurlers and the bigger crowd."

And lest the footballers worry that they may lose this fine talent his longer term ambition is to retain his place on both teams giving them equal commitment. Will that be a problem? "I'm lucky in that I play in goal for the hurlers. I don't think I could survive playing outfield for both teams."

At Waterford RTC Brendan Cummins studies a diploma in Quality Assurance. It facilitates his sports life in that he doesn't have to stay overnight in Waterford something that would be impossible with a degree course. Secondary education was at St. Joseph's, a private school in Cahir. His father is full time in coaching, where Brendan helped out this Summer. Mum goes to the matches but keeps her head down and looks after the scrapbook. After a good performance by junior all papers will be purchased – otherwise discretion will be shown. Refreshingly Brendan admits to reading everything that's written about him and readily accepts that there's going to be criticism as well as praise – just another part of the game.

Achievements with his club have been modest, mostly South medals in underage grades. There was a county U16 hurling

'B' medal and a controversial U21 football when they were awarded the replay after Loughmore refused to play as fixed. There was defeat in the 1994 South senior football final by Commercials and this year Cahir beat them in Intermediate hurling. An interesting point: Brendan played county senior in both codes before playing senior with his club.

Looking ahead Brendan sees a strong contest between himself and Kevin O'Sullivan for the number one jersey in hurling – O'Sullivan beat him for the U21 job in 1994. Modestly he sees the thing fluctuating between them. O'Sullivan is a more orthodox player with right hand on top and a mighty puck-out as part of his arsenal. For his part Cummins combines

an eagle eye, a magnetic hand and precision reflexes: my own first recall of the Cummins magic was a diving, elongated save as a minor against Limerick in Thurles '93. In the crucial business of stopping Brendan surely holds pole position with O'Sullivan destined for stand-by in the immediate future at least – somewhat like his uncle in the shadow of John O'Donoghue in the sixties.

AWESOME

Two hours have passed and there's no break in the chat. The pub is beginning to fill up and it's time to go. Outside the busses off load their passengers, mostly students returning home for the weekend. Most will socialise and disco for the night.

Not Brendan Cummins. He's off home to Gortnalour in Ardfinnan for an early night. On Sunday he plays centre forward for the county footballers against Offaly in Tullamore. It's an awesome commitment.

Born May 11th 1975 Brendan Cummins stands at 6ft. one, weighs 12 stone and is an only child. Hurling goalie, football forward, sports fanatic – his dad confesses to merely glimpsing the hurley flitting in and out the door – the study is done elsewhere – he hopes! He holds a N.H.L. medal and a McGrath Cup in football. An All-Star nomination this year? Perhaps. Time is on his side for such accolades. For the present he's one of our brightest stars and, you know, sport apart, he's one helluva nice guy. Engrossing company.

SEMPLE STADIUM

Five Year Ticket Usage 1995

	Competition	Date	Teams	Admission
1	All-Ireland Club Semi Hurling	21/02/95	Birr v. Kilmallock	£4.00
2	All-Ireland Club Semi Football	27/02/95	Castlehaven v. Kilmacud	£4.00
3	All-Ireland M.H. Semi All-Ireland Junior Hurling Final	12/08/95 12/08/95	Galway v. Kilkenny Clare v. Kilkenny	£5.00
4	County S.H. Quarter-Finals	16/09/95	Boherlahan v. Kickhams Cashel K.C. v. Loughmore	£4.00
5	County M.H. 'A' Semi County S.H. 'B' Final	23/09/95 23/09/95	Ballingarry G. v. Toomevara Lorrha v. Moyne	£3.00
6	County S.H. Quarter-Final	24/09/95	Eire Óg (N) v. Mullinahone	£3.00
7	County S.H. Semi-Finals	01/10/95	Cashel K.C. v. Eire Óg (N) Boherlahan v. Toomevara	£4.00
8	County M.H. Final County S.H. Final	15/10/95 15/10/95	Ballingarry G v. T/Sarsfields Boherlahan v. Eire Óg (N)	£5.00
9	Mid S.H. Final	11/12/95	Boherlahan v. Loughmore	£3.00
10	Munster M.H. Final Munster S.H. Final	09/07/95 09/07/95	Cork v. Waterford Clare v. Limerick	£12.00
11	Munster U-21 H. Semi Munster J.H. Final	12/07/95 12/07/95	Tipperary v. Cork Clare v. Waterford	£5.00
12	Munster M.F. Semi	13/07/95	Tipperary v. Waterford	£3.00
13	Munster U-21 H. Final	26/07/95	Tipperary v. Clare	£4.00
14	Munster Club H. Semi	12/11/95	Eire Óg (N) v. Patrickswell	£4.00
TOTAL:				£63.00

Wonderful Value

At a time when there is much criticism about ticket prices, it is worth reflecting on the wonderful value offered by the £100 five year ticket for the new stand (Ardán Uí Riain) at Semple Stadium, Thurles. The annual cost to patrons, who supported this scheme, is only £20 and the summary of major games shows the excellent return which was provided in 1995.

Nollaig agus Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise duit

Remembering Bloody Sunday

Seamus Leahy

"The Lord Himself could have written the script for the entire few days' events," remarked County Board chairman, Seán Fogarty, as the Dublin and Tipp teams trooped off the field on the evening the plaque to the memory of the teams who played on Bloody Sunday 1920 was unveiled in Semple Stadium.

All-Ireland champions Dublin had just won in a thrilling finish from Tipp, All-Ireland 'B' champions, and if the outcome had never been quite in doubt until the final few minutes, the whirlwind finish was satisfying to those who had feared that the 'B' champions might be somewhat out of their depth against the mighty Dubs.

But what the chairman had in mind was as much the heavenly weather which has marked the events of the day as the outcome of the game. When she arrived in the morning at Grangemockler to attend the Mass and ceremonies at Mick Hogan's grave, Liz Howard had affirmed that she had never seen the Premier County look so beautiful. Sunshine had followed her all the way from Shannon's banks to near the extreme southerly end of the county and there was a crispness in the air which made us appreciate the sunshine all the more.

The original idea for marking the 75th anniversary of the Bloody Sunday shootings at Croke Park was that there should be a simple ceremony at Semple Stadium. This would involve the unveiling of a commemorative plaque and a Dublin-Tipp football game such as was played on that fatal day at Croke Park and which had been played on so many commemorative occasions since then. But the Board had not taken into account the enthusiasm of Mick Egan, whom it appointed chairman of a sub-committee to deal with the matter. The South Tipp Board became infected by Mick's enthusiasm, as did the Grangemockler and Mullinahone clubs. In no time at all there was a formidable programme of events.

South Tipperary County Council became part of that programme when at Clonmel's museum an exhibition covering the history of the GAA in the area was opened by Michael Maguire on the Thursday before the Semple Stadium event. In the hands of museum curator,



John O'Leary (left) receives the Mick Egan Cup from Mick Egan, chairman Commemoration committee, after Dublin's victory over Tipperary in the commemoration match at Semple Stadium.

Pat Holland, the exhibition became a labour of love and the display of trophies of Davins and Kielys, of Walls and Babs and Theo and others would raise the heart of anyone proud of Tipperary's record in sporting endeavour.

On the same evening at the same venue was launched Michael O'Meara's closely researched and elegantly presented *Bloody Sunday 1920-1995*. Where Michael got the time to edit the booklet is anyone's guess, since in the weeks before its publication he had been busy not alone conducting the ordinary day-to-day affairs of the South Board but attending to the additional chores entailed by the commemoration.

On the evening before the Tipp-Dublin game Peter Quinn, ex-President of the GAA, on behalf of the South Board, unveiled at Clonmel's GAA Centre a plaque bearing the names of the Tipp team of 75 years ago. It was an appropriate gesture on the part of the Board, since no less than 13 of the players on Bloody Sunday had been from South Tipp. Inside the Centre after the unveiling a crowd of a couple of hundred, including many relatives of those whose names were on the plaque outside - Hogans and Egans, Bretts, Ryans, Shelleys, Lanigans, Tobins, Powells, Barrets (led by County Secretary Tomás himself) and Nolans - let their hair down as Seán Quirke brought them to their feet with his own rousing kind of Irish music, and Ned Hanrahan of

Grangemockler pulled at their heartstrings with *Our Gael* from Slievenamon.

But it was Grangemockler on the following morning that really represented the heart of the commemoration. The relatives and others who had been revelling in Clonmel until the small hours flocked to 10 o'clock Mass in the church where Michael Hogan was baptised and received back in death, still clad in his Tipperary jersey. Inside the church, Fr. Mick Kennedy, invited back from Dungarvan by his ex-parishioners to concelebrate Mass, spoke with that mixture of love of *tír agus creideamh* so suited to the occasion. The choir from Carrick drew spontaneous applause and then the crowd streamed out to stand round the grave of Michael Hogan.

Never was there an event so blessed by heavenly weather conditions on a November morning and, as Michel O'Meara mounted the specially prepared rostrum beside the grave, one felt that here in this beautiful and blessed place was the real heart of the GAA and of the Ireland of dreams. Brilliant sunshine flooded the historic churchyard. Slievenamon looked on approvingly and ex-President Peter Quinn, touched by the emotion of the occasion, facing towards Slievenamon, placed Mick Hogan's sacrifice in the context of history and of the story of the GAA with words of burning eloquence.

Then Ned Hanrahan once again
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At the unveiling of the Bloody Sunday commemoration plaque at Semple Stadium were (l-r): Michael O'Meara, commemoration committee; Seán Mockler, commemoration committee; Peter Quinn, former President of the GAA; Mick Egan, chairman commemoration committee; Michael Lowry, Semple Stadium Committee; Seán Fogarty, chairman County Board; Fidelma Murphy, Grangemockler, who sang "Our Gael from Slievenamon" at the unveiling; Seamus Ó Riain, President County Board, former president of the GAA, who performed the unveiling; Tomás Ó Baróid, secretary County Board; Paddy Power, commemoration committee; Seamus Leahy, commemoration committee.

delivered *Our Gael from Slievenamon* in tones that must have reached the old mountain itself. Sunshine glinted on the banners of the clubs which had been represented on the original Bloody Sunday team and one noted, carrying the Mullinahone banner, John Leahy who would later in the day inspire Tipp in wresting two points from Waterford in the hurling game in Thurles.

Banna Cluain Meala, magnificent as always in their blue and gold uniforms, played *Slievenamon* and then the National Anthem sent us scurrying into the old schoolhouse next door to the churchyard. There, within the walls

where Mick Hogan had sat as a lad, the local club rounded off their wonderful part in the entire sequence of events by providing the attendance with tea and sandwiches before we hit the road for Thurles.

In Semple Stadium we reached that part of the commemoration which at one time had promised to be the only part but which now became the conclusion of a series of events. Under Árdán Uí Chuineáin, Seamus Ó Riain unveiled the impressive plaque which will ensure that in years to come those who enter the stadium from that side will be reminded of the sacrifices that were made in order

that the GAA might become the giant it is today. Young Fidelma Murphy lifted the crowd again with *Our Gael from Slievenamon* and then, for the last time, the men from the Bloody Sunday clubs lined up with their banners to lead the Tipp and Dublin teams round the field before John Moloney started the game.

In the distance, Slievenamon was still bathed in sunshine and the tricolour fluttered proudly as it did on that awful day 75 years ago when Croke Park echoed to the sound of gunfire, when players and spectators raced for shelter and a young Tipperary player lay dead on the field.



Photo of the Tipperary team taken before the game in Croke Park on "Bloody Sunday", 1920. Michael Hogan, Grangemockler, who was killed when British troops machine-gunned players and spectators, is fifth from the left in middle row. **Front Row** - J. Doran, T. Powell, E. O'Shea (capt.), J. Brett, Gus McCarthy. **Middle Row** - Jim Ryan, A. Carew (Co. Secretary), W. Barrett, J. Kickham, M. Hogan, J. McNamara, R. Lanigan, J. Shelly, F. Butler, W. Ryan, T. Ryan, M. Nolan, T. O'Connor, J. Egan, T. Ryan (Secretary, South Tipperary Board). **Back Row** - Supporters: Ed. Cuddihy, John Toohey, Ed. Dalton, T. Ennis, P. Kelly, Seán Ryan (former President of the G.A.A.), T. Carey.

WHITHER GAELIC FOOTBALL . . .

By: MICK O'CONNELL

*"He boots the leather neatly
And fields it very high"*

Two lines from a ballad composed in tribute to a local footballer, in the days of my youth. At that time, good catching and good kicking were the hallmarks of the qualified footballer.

Since then the game of Gaelic football has developed or been allowed to develop into such a mish-mash of

solo-running, hand-passing, charging in possession and the attendant pawing.

The ballad-composer of today would have some difficulty in describing the play of the present footballer in two such lines. What has happened in those intervening years?

Before going any further I would like to emphasise that



Mick O'Connell at 58 years still shows great determination as he gathers the ball in the Kerry Intermediate County Final at Tralee in early November 1995. (Photo: Don MacMonagle)



Mick O'Connell (Valentia Island) at 58 years shakes hands with Anthony Morris (Spa, Killarney), 40 years younger, who marked him in the Kerry Intermediate County Final at Tralee in early November 1995. (Photo: Don MacMonagle)

I'm not going to extol the virtues of the play and players of the distant past by comparison with what is there today. In fact, the seeds of the malaise were sown away back, because then as now, there has always been an acceptance of the foul.

In my time associated with the game it has gone from bad to worse. I myself scored 1-8, all free-kicks, in a championship game in the 'fifties and remember in the early 'sixties the place kickers in an inter-provincial game scored 13 pts and 12 pts for their respective teams, all again from placed balls. The statistics are there galore to prove that fouling was an ever-present feature of the game.

As a result of fouling (i.e. lack of respect or ignorance of the rules) Gaelic lacked fluidity of movement and all-out action. Over the years the Association has tried various ventures via the Rules Revision Committees to rectify the situation. All to no avail, I think.

The hand pass was introduced, dropped again,

re-introduced again in the 70s, hand passed scores permitted, then not permitted. Only last year, a one hand pass rule was introduced and six months later that was changed. It seemed to me that the legislators tried changes in the rules in the hope that they might do something for the game. They lacked conviction. Do the thing convinced that it's the correct decision and stick with it.

I often winced at some of the statements emanating from those legislators, in particular, the mention of "grey areas". There should be no such "areas" in any game and anyone who says so is not fit to govern.

There was no need whatsoever to consider revision until first the rules as they existed were properly executed. What was especially needed was a re-definition/clarification of the rules to get rid of the ignorance that was crippling it. First and foremost, in any such re-definition it should be emphasised that Gaelic was intended to be a code

where the ball was delivered/ transmitted and that running in possession of the ball is not compatible with such a game. First to be tackled in that regard are two of the practices that cause and have caused a lot of damage, the **solo-run** and **charging** in possession.

The **solo-run** started off as a novelty by a very occasional player in the 'forties and before long it was rampant. It is the single greatest source of fouling and counter-fouling in the game. Despite what some say, I see no exceptional skill in touching a ball from toe to hand – unless a fellow has a bad dose of rheumatism he could do it quite easily. The solo-run is invariably the fore-runner to charging.

Charging is the deliberate/ intentional use of force by the player in possession against his opponent, in order to gain advantage. This is a rule that is flouted right, left and centre. Charging and the reactionary fouling and dragging are the shabbiest features of gaelic – but unfortunately almost common place. The

man in possession must release/ deliver the ball when confronted by an opponent unless he manages to wrongfoot him with skilful use of the ball. For this reason only, I would relent and allow **one** and one only tap of the ball on the toe.

Anybody looking at a gaelic match or any discerning sports follower must be puzzled as to what legitimate use of the hands is permitted. Nudging, pushing, jersey pulling, all kinds of obstructive play are common-place. Apart from catching, blocking down and work on the ball, to deliberately put hands on the opponent is a foul. Of course, that aspect nor other rules of play are never referred to in the management/training/coaching so much heard of nowadays.

My concept of the game and its playing would require a lot of self-discipline from players. Far from being a refined touch-me-not game, there would be far more manly honest physical contact in contest for the 50/50 or 55/45 ball.

Some time ago, at a forum, where many in authority were present, I suggested that a video be made clearly demonstrating how the game should be played. This aimed specifically at the youth because what they are exposed to regularly live and on television is anything but the correct thing. There was no reaction whatsoever. Perhaps from the Association's perspective the game is flourishing, it is widely played throughout Ireland, attendances at matches are as good or better than ever and, generally, there is good interest.

In my time, I have always noticed a lack of conviction as to what game, what finished product, was to be called Gaelic football. Original thought was absent and the only ideas seemed to be borrowed from other codes. Christy Ring once described it as a bastardised "ould game". If the latter day rumours of considering the Australian type "mark" legitimising the tackle (i.e. the pull down), two referees are serious, I think that there is a lot of re-bastardisation ahead.

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County Bord na nÓg Results 1995

	Hurling	Football
U-12	Toomevara 4-6 Killenaule 1-2	Moyne/Templetuohy 3-10 Burgess 3-3
U-14 (R)	Toomevara 2-8 Moycarkey 2-5	Fethard 1-14 Galtee Rovers 2-3
U-14 U/R	Drom Inch 0-13 Toomevara 0-6	Fethard 4-10 Moycarkey 1-2
U-16 (A)	Durlas Óg 2-11 Mullinahone 1-9	Ardfinnan 0-14 Arravale Rovers 2-6
U-16 (B)	Borrisileigh 2-4 Gortnahoe/Glengoole 0-4	Borrisileigh 0-11 Mullinahone 0-8
Féile na nGael	Drom-Inch 2-8 Knockaville 0-1	Knockaville Kickhams 3-2 Moycarkey 1-5
Féile na nÓg		
Féile Skills	Darragh O'Donnell - Cashel	
Poc Fada	Padraig McDonnell - Burgess	
Peadar Cummins' Final	South 2-8 North 2-5	
Losers' Final	Mid 3-10 West 1-8	
U-16 Garda Cup	North 1-15 South 0-17	South 4-10 North 2-11
U-16 Nenagh Co-op.		
1st Round	Tipperary 3-11 Waterford 1-9	
2nd Round	Tipperary 4-18 Wexford 0-9	
3rd Round	Tipperary 1-24 Cork 3-16	
4th Round	Tipperary 4-18 Kilkenny 0-9	
Semi-finals	Tipperary 1-9 Clare 0-7	
	Cork 0-11 Galway 1-9	
Final	Tipperary 0-15 Galway 1-9	
Tony Forristal Tournament:		
1st Round	Tipperary 1-12 Kilkenny 0-2	
2nd Round	Tipperary 2-7 Limerick 2-3	
3rd Round	Tipperary 9-9 Wexford 0-4	
Final	Tipperary 6-13 Clare 1-4	
Man of the Match:	Donal Shelly (Ballingarry) Tipperary.	

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County Board na nÓg Review 1995

AT the outset of this review let me express a sincere thanks to the very many people throughout the county who, through their hard work and enthusiasm, ensure that our Gaelic games are played and enjoyed by thousands of youngsters the length and breadth of the county.

Nineteen-ninety-five was once again a very successful year for Bord na nÓg with all our championships completed by the first week-end in October.

As in previous years the top names in hurling were Toomevara, Durlas Óg, Drom-Inch with the traditional football clubs in Fethard and Ardfinnan making their presence felt in the football competi-

tion. New clubs to the fore saw Borrisileigh victorious in the U-16 (B) hurling and football with Moyne-Templetuohy giving an exhibition at u-12 level.

There were some tremendous games played but I think few would compare with the u-12 football semi-finals. Both games were played together - Holycross saw Burgess v. Galtee Rovers and Moyne/Templetuohy v. Cahir in action. What an excellent evening's enjoyment, and after two terrific games all four teams had lived to fight another day. The replays saw Moyne/Templetuohy and Burgess qualify for the county final, while once again the large crowd were to witness an excellent game of football. The standard

and commitment shown in all games was certainly worth going a long way to see and if only players could hold that skill into their adult playing years, Tipperary would be tops in football. There were great scenes of excitement when, after a mighty game, Moyne/Templetuohy emerged victorious.

In the u-12 hurling competition Killenaule overcame Galtee Rovers with Toomevara proving too strong for Drom-Inch. In the final the skill and craft of Toomevara proved too much for a very eager Killenaule outfit. In the u-14 urban rural football competition, Mid winners Moycarkey/Borris defeated the North champions, Roscrea, with championship favourites Fethard being made to battle all



Dúrlas Óg under-16 panel – Mid and county 'A' hurling champions following their victory over Mullinahone in the county final at Cashel. Back row (l-r): Wayne McLeish, Franz Mockler, James Barrett, Tom Kennedy, Ger O'Grady (Capt.), Ollie Skehan, Michael Butler, Ronan Spain, Liam Dorney, Stephen Mason, Noel Skehan, Ray Molumby. Front row - James O'Riordan, T.J. Maher, Thomas Harold, Lar Mackey, Kevin Jordan, Niall O'Riordan, Frank Molloy, Gary Coppinger, Tommy Collins, Brian O'Loughlin, Barry McLoughlin.



The South Tipperary team which won the Peadar Cummins Tournament (inter-divisional under-14 hurling) by defeating Mid (semi-final) and North (final) teams at Borrisoleigh. Back row (l-r): James Kelly (selector), Billy Mackey (selector), Eoin Kelly, Ciaran Fox, Michael Drohan, Tommy Fitzgerald, Damien Gleeson, Kevin Dempsey, Eanna Flynn, Paul Curran, Mark O'Dwyer, Damien Kennedy, Jim Hennessy (selector), Tony Hogan (selector). Front row: Cathal Houlihan, David Cahill, Eddie McGrath, Richard Norton, T.J. Wall, Donal Shelly (Capt.), Brian Duignan, Niall O'Dwyer, Alan Earley, Damien Lonergan, Tommy O'Donoghue, Brendan O'Brien, Joe O'Donoghue (selector).



The Tipperary under-16 football team which took part in the Óg Peil na Mumhan competition in University College, Limerick. Front row (l-r): John O'Donnell, Darragh Moore, Colm White, Aidan O'Mahony, Fergal Kelly, Colm McMenamin, Michael Carroll, Donncha Fahy, Paul Tobin, Andrew Lacey. Back row: Michael Lanigan (selector), William Maher, Declan Fanning, Cathal O'Shea, Peter Leonard, Dean Blake, Trevor Morrissey, James Sweetman, Brendan Hickey, John Ferncombe, Tom Peters (selector), James O'Donnell (coach). Absent from photograph: Paul Lonergan and Frank Roche.

the way against a very good Knockavilla Kickhams team. In the final played in Cashel, Fethard proved too strong for Moycarkey-Borris.

In the u-14 rural football competition Galtee Rovers defeated Newport and Moyne-Templetuohy, fresh from their u-12 victory, were not able to match U/R winners, Fethard, in the final. Fethard took the double and qualified for the Turas na nÓg

trip to Croke Park on All-Ireland final day, with a good victory over Galtee Rovers.

In the u-14 Urban/Rural hurling competition Féile na nGael All-Ireland winners, Drom-Inch, proved too good for Knockavilla Kickhams, and Toomevara overcame the South champions. In the final. Drom-Inch had a seven point advantage over Toomevara to crown an excellent year for that club.

In the u-14 rural competition, Moycarkey-Borris came into the reckoning after a good Mid final victory over Drom-Inch and a semi-final victory over near neighbours, Ballingarry. In the second semi-final, Toomevara had to pull out all the stops to defeat West champions, Kickhams. In a repeat of the u-12 final of '93, Toomevara gained their revenge with a 3-point victory over Mid champions



The Toomevara under-14 hurling team which won the county rural title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final at Borrisoleigh. Back row (l-r): Geoffrey Kelly, Michael Devaney, Thomas Slattery, Aidan Slattery, Dermot Ryan, Kevin Hackett, Conor Slattery, Eoin Brislane (Capt.), Brendan Boland, Alan McCormack, Kevin Cummins. Front row - Alan Sweeney, Damien Bentley, Kevin Sherlock, Bill Duff, Michael Hassett, Brian Hassett, William O'Meara, Killian O'Neill, John O'Brien, David Kennedy.



County Champions - The Borris-leigh panel which won the County under-16 'B' hurling title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoole in an exciting final at Holycross. Back row (l-r): John Joe Maher (selector), Darragh Rabbitte, Damien Fahey, Paudie Bourke, Pierce Ryan, John Keane, David Butler, Philip Maher, Seán Ryan, Owen Stapleton, Vincent Stapleton, Tom Ryan, Noel Tierney (selector). Front row - Philip Rabitte (selector, with Shauna Rabbitte), Joe Howard, Martin Maher, John Paul Ryan, Seán O'Sullivan, Rory Kinane, Declan Maher (Capt.), Kevin Keane, Kevin Walshe, Jim Ryan, Patrick Tynan, Shane Tynan.



The Fethard panel which won the county under-14 urban-rural 'A' football title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in the final, at Cashel.

Moycarkey-Borris.

In the u-16 football competition there were some top class games with Arravale Rovers overcoming Mid champions, Holycross and qualifying to meet Ardfinnan, who were successful over Éire Óg, Nenagh in the final played in New Inn. Ardfinnan proved too good for Arravale in an excellent game of football. In the 'B' competition Borrisoleigh overcame neighbours Drom-Inch while Mullinahone proved too good for a disap-

pinting Rosegreen team. In the final, Borrisoleigh edged out Mullinahone to set up the first leg of their historic double.

In the u-16 (A) hurling, Durlas Óg - after a replay - overcame Toomevara and Mullinahone were successful against Golden-Kilfeacle. The final, played in Cashel, was an excellent game of hurling with Durlas Óg pulling away in the last few minutes for a very good victory.

In the 'B' competition Borrisoleigh overcame Arravale Rovers with last year's

beaten finalists, Gortnahoe/Glengoole overcoming Clonmel Óg, who were getting their first taste of semi-final fare. In the final a fine Borrisoleigh team proved too good for Gortnahoe/Glengoole, who were tasting defeat at the penultimate stage for the second year running.

In the Garda Cup competitions both defending champions, South and North, retained their titles in football and hurling, respectively.

The Peadar Cummins tournament, host-



Photograph shows some of the boys who attended the Coaching Course organised by Holycross-Ballycahill GAA and Camogie Clubs, in Holycross.

ed by the Borrisoleigh Club, was an outstanding success with South Tipp defeating North Tipp in the winners final and the losers' section being won by Mid Tipperary.

Féile na nGael was once again hosted by Bord na nÓg Luimní and we had worthy representatives in the Drom-Inch Club who emerged joint victors of the famed

Christy Ring trophy with Sixmilebridge of Clare. Our sincere congratulations to the boys and mentors from Drom-Inch who did both their club and county proud.

Peile na nÓg u-14 football was hosted this year by Mayo and our representatives were the Knockavilla Kickhams club who more than held their own with many of the country's better known football clubs.

Féile skills winner was Darragh O'Donnell from the Cashel King Cormack's club. Póc Fada winner was Pdraig McDonnell from Burgess.

On the inter-county scene, Tipperary u-14 hurlers once again took part in the Tony Forristal tournament in Waterford and after a string of impressive victories on Saturday over Kilkenny, Limerick and



Officers of Co. Bord na nÓg photographed with Senior Board officers after Bord na nÓg's annual convention. Seated (l-r): Paddy Nagle, treasurer Co. Bord na nÓg; Connie Grace, elected chairman County Bord na nÓg; Seán Fogarty, chairman County Senior Board; Tommy Barrett, secretary County Senior Board. Standing: James Gleeson, County Bord na nÓg rep. to Senior Board; Richard Sheehan, PRO County Bord na nÓg; Tommy Kelly, secretary, County Bord na nÓg.

Wexford, faced Clare in the final on Sunday. In this game Tipperary proved too strong and ran out easy victors to gain their sixth victory in this prestigious competition. Our thanks to the host club, Ballygunner, for all their kindness and help over the week-end.

The following was the Tipperary panel: Damien Young (Drom-Inch), Kevin Dempsey (St. Mary's), Kevin Mulryan (J.K. Brackens), Stephen Mason (Durlas Óg), Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Eoin Brislane (Toomevara), Fergal McLoughlin (Drom-Inch), Shane Maher (Burgess), Rd. Horgan (Knockavilla Kickhams), Kevin Cummins (Toomevara), Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone), Donal Shelly (Ballingarry), Joe Keane (Fethard), Eamon Ryan (Seán Treacy's). Subs: Damien Gleeson (Killenaule), Darren Gleeson (Portroe), P.J. McCormack (Killenaule), Murty Ryan (Éire Óg Nenagh), Patrick Cosgrove (Ballina).

Team Coach: Vincent McKenna.

Selectors: Tom Gleeson, Seán McLoughlin, Nicholas Lonergan, James Hennessy. Team coach was Vincent McKenna.

The u-14 footballers of the county took part in the Power Cup and Shield hosted by Waterford Bord na nÓg. While playing very well, our boys failed to make the decider.

The following was the u-14 football panel: Tom Fitzgerald (Killenaule), John Walsh (Clonmel Óg), Karl Stroms (Cashel), Mark English (Fr. Sheehy's), Tadhg Duggan (Arravale Rovers), Philip Ryan (J.K. Brackens), Cian Maher (Fethard), Shane Maher (Burgess), Joe Keane (Fethard), Nicky Smith (Clonmel Óg), Donal Shelly (Ballingarry), Kenneth O'Donnell (Fethard), Colm O'Brien (Burgess),



Attending the County Bord na nÓg Convention in the Anner Hotel, Thurles, were (l-r): J. C. Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane); Denis Hogan, a former County Board na nÓg officer, and Liam McGrath, who stepped down from the position of PRO after 28 years at the Convention.

Maurice Fehilly (Fr. Sheehy's), Mark Prendergast (Clonmel Óg), Aidan Dundon (Durlas Óg), Aidan Ivors (J.K. Brackens), Paul Moloney (Cashel), Ger Mullaney (J.K. Brackens), Ger Casey (Fr. Sheehy's), Patrick Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Oisín Ryan (Cashel), Daniel Moloney (Cahir), Patrick Fitzgerald (Fr. Sheehy's), Dan Maher (Roscrea).

Selectors: Jimmy O'Donnell (Coach), Dominic Everard, Christy Aylward, Tom Kirwan.

The u-16 footballers once again took part in the u-16 football tournament sponsored by Bord na nÓg Luimní which is held annually on the first Saturday of November. Their first game was against Cork County, in which they were defeated on the score 2-12 to 1-7. In the Shield

semi-final they had a comprehensive victory over Waterford, which sets them up to meet Kerry North in the decider, where they will try to emulate last year's shield victory.

The u-16 football selectors were Ml. Lonergan, Jimmy O'Donnell, Jim Moynihan and Martin Healy, who deserve our wholehearted thanks for their excellent work.

Results: O'Donovan Cup - Cork County 2-12, Tipperary 1-7. Woodlands Hotel Shield - Tipperary 4-17, Waterford 1-9.

The following was the Tipperary panel: Colm McMenamin (Commercials), Andrew Lacey (Arravale Rovers), Aidan O'Mahoney (Ardfinnan), Declan Fanning (Killenaule), Darragh Moore (Arravale



Kickhams U-14 hurling and football team '95 - Knockavilla-Donaskeigh. Front row (l-r): Darren Nolan, Noel O'Brien, John Keane, Richard Horgan, William Keane, Damian McGrath, Derek Breen, Fergal O'Brien, Joseph Kennedy, David Morgan. Back row (l-r): William Ryan, Conor Ryan, John Paul Hewitt, Paul Shanahan, Philip Ryan, Alan Morgan, Seán Ryan, Daniel Breen, Raymond Barry, Paul Breen, Alan Hayes. Inset: Garrett Ryan.

Roll of Honour: Co. Champions - Peil na nÓg. West Champions - (1) Peil na nÓg, (2) Féile na nGael, (3) Rural hurling and football A, (4) Urban-Rural hurling and football A.

Selectors of the team: Seanie O'Brien, Conor Ryan and Seán Breen.

Kickhams u-14's made a clean sweep of all the titles in the A grade in the West Division in 1995 and represented the County in Peil na nÓg '95 in Co. Mayo. A wonderful team! A wonderful year!



Pictured at the launch of the 1995 Nenagh Co-op. sponsored under-16 inter-county hurling tournament at the Anner Hotel, Thurles, were (l-r): Tommy Kelly, secretary Co. Bord na nÓg; Connie Grace, chairman Co. Bord na nÓg; Martin Linnane, Nenagh Co-op.; Tom Joyce, Nenagh Co-op., and Pat O'Connor, Nenagh Co-op.



Contestants and officials at the County Final of the U-14 Poc Fada final competition (l-r) - Colm Everard (Moyne-Templetuohy), Padraig McDonnell (Burgess) - winner; Brendan O'Brien (Solohead) and Stephen Flannery (Cahir), with County Bord na nÓg chairman, Connie Grace, and secretary Tommy Kelly.

Rovers), Colm White (Ardfinnan), Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow), Peter Leonard (Aherlow), James Sweetman (Carrick Swan), Paul Tobin (Arravale Rovers), William Maher (Ballingarry), John O'Donnell (Arravale Rovers), John Ferncombe (Holycross), Donncha Fahey (Commercials), Fergal Kelly (Kildangan), Tom Fitzgerald (Killenaule), Enda Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Declan Maher (Borrisoleigh), Phil Maher (Borrisoleigh), Eddie O'Brien (Mullinahone), Michael McNamara (Nenagh), Paul Coleman (Ballina), Paul Lonergan (Ardfinnan), Paul Kelly (Mullinahone).

For the eighth year running, Bord na nÓg, together with our sponsors, Nenagh Co-op. Creamery, organised the annual u-16 Nenagh Co-op. hurling tournament. This year we had nine teams taking part with Cork making their appearance for the first time. In the league section Tipperary had excellent victories over Waterford, Wexford, Cork and Kilkenny to qualify for a semi-final spot against Clare, last year's runners-up. In the second semi-final newcomers Cork faced Galway. Both those games were played in Kilmallock, with

played at Nenagh on 18th November. Tipp. beat Galway in the final.

The following was the Tipperary panel: Fergal Horgan (Knockaville), T.J. Maher (Durlas Óg, Capt.), Enda Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Paul Lonergan (Ballybacon), Andrew Lacey (Arravale Rovers), Wm. Maher (Ballingarry), Paul Stapleton (Drom-Inch), Rd. Flannery (Éire Óg, Nenagh), John Fogarty (Holycross), Tony Douglas (Roscrea), Peter Carroll (Burgess), Owen Morrissey (Knockavilla), Donncha Fahey (St. Mary's), Declan Maher (Borrisoleigh), Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara), Paul Kelly (Mullinahone), Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow), John Ferncombe (Holycross), Enda Nolan (Kildangan), Paul Ryan (Templetuohy), Garry Coppinger (Durlas Óg), Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch), Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea), Ml. McNamara (Éire Óg, Nenagh), Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry).

Our sincere thanks to our four selectors and coach: Phil Lowry (coach), Jimmy Morrissey, Martin Treacy, Vincent McKenna, Denis Ryan.

Our thanks also to those people who helped out with the various county

panels, especially those people who transported the various players to the many training sessions and who also supported them on match days. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Bord na nÓg would like to offer their sincere congratulations to the county minor footballers on their Munster final victory; also the u-21 hurlers who were successful in the All-Ireland final.

It is very gratifying to note that nearly all those players competed at Bord na nÓg level.

Finally, on behalf of County Bord na nÓg let express our thanks to Club and Divisional officers, referees and their officials, field committees, sponsors and the very many helpers throughout the county who work so hard behind the scenes to promote our games.

A special thanks to the County Senior Board and its officers for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

Also to all our young players throughout the county, thanks for the many, many entertaining games and we look forward to seeing you all in 1996.

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WEST TIPPERARY BORD NA NÓG '95

GRADE

U-16 A Hurling
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 U-16 C Hurling
 U-14 U.R. Hurling
 U-14 R. Hurling
 U-14 B Hurling
 U-14 C Hurling
 U-12 A Hurling
 U-12 B Hurling
 U-12 C Hurling
 U-16 A Football
 U-16 B Football
 REPLAY
 U-16 C Football
 U-14 U. R. F.
 REPLAY
 U-14 R. Football
 U-14 B Football
 U-14 C Football
 U-14 Shield F.
 U-12 A Football
 U-12 B Football
 U-12 C Football
 U-12 Shield F.
 U-14 Féile na nGael (Hurling)
 U-14 Peil na nÓg (Football)
 U-15 Garda Cup (Hurling)
 U-13 Garda Cup (Football)
 U-14 Skills (Hurling)
 U-14 Poc Fada
 U-11 Blitz (Football)

WINNER

Golden-K. 4-16
 Arravale Rvs. 8-10
 Éire Óg 5-8
 Kickhams 2-11
 Kickams 4-8
 Cashel K. C. 4-5
 Solohead 6-5
 Galtee Rvs. 3-2
 Emly 4-2
 Arravale Rvs. 4-2
 Arravale Rvs. 3-13
 Rosegreen 3-11 (20)
 Rosegreen 4-12
 Solohead 2-5
 Kickams 1-3 (0-6)
 Kickams 1-11
 Kickams 4-4
 Éire Óg 3-7
 Sean Treacy's 4-5
 Lattin-C. 3-8
 Galtee Rvs. 3-9
 Cashel K.C. 3-6
 Solohead 4-9
 Arravale Rvs. 3-7
 Kickams 3-10
 Kickams 2-4
 Cashel K.C. 2-5
 Galtee Rvs. 4-8
 Darragh O'Donnell
 Brendan O'Brien
 Rosegreen 5-6

RUNNER-UP

Kickhams 2-6
 Sean Treacy's 2-4
 Solohead 2-5
 Galtee Rvs. 0-2
 Galtee Rvs. 0-1
 Éire Óg 3-3
 Arravale Rvs. 1-2
 Cappawhite 2-3
 Solohead 0-1
 Sean Treacy's 3-4
 Galtee Rvs. 2-4
 Aherlow 2-14 (20)
 Aherlow 0-7
 Éire Óg 1-5
 Galtee Rvs. 1-3 (0-6)
 Galtee Rvs. 2-6
 Galtee Rvs. 2-2
 Solohead 2-5
 Rosegreen 0-3
 Golden-K. 0-1
 Rosegreen 3-1
 Clonoulty-R. 1-2
 Rockwell Rvs. 2-2
 Golden-K. 0-3
 Cashel K. C. 0-1
 Galtee Rvs. 1-5
 Kickams 1-4
 Arravale Rvs. 0-3
 (Cashel K. C.)
 (Solohead)
 Galtee Rvs. 5-3

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 Cappawhite
 Leahy Park
 Lisvernane
 Golden
 Golden
 S. T. Park



Members of victorious Doon C.B.S. All-Ireland Colleges B team from West Tipperary. L/R: Francis Carr, Sean Treacy's, Eugene O'Neill, Cappawhite; Dr. Clifford; Paul Keane, capt. Éire Óg/Annacarty; Justin Cranley, Kickams; Sean Ryan, Cappawhite.



West Tipperary Bord na nÓg officers at sponsorship launch. L/R: Nicholas Lonergan, treasurer; Denis Ryan, Chairman; James O'Donoghue, secretary; Jim O'Donoghue, president; Joe O'Dwyer, P.R.O.; Lar O'Keefe, vice-chairman.

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 U-12 A Hurling
 U-12 B Hurling & U-12 C Hurling
 U-16 B Football
 U-16 C Football
 U-14 Urban-Rural Football
 U-14 Rural Football
 U-14 B Football
 U-14 C Football
 U-12 A Football, U-12 B Football & U-12 Shield
 U-12 C Football
 U-14 Feile na nGael (Hurling) &
 U-14 Peil na nÓg (Football)
 U-11 Football Blitz



GOLDEN/K. – WEST U-16 H. C. A. WINNERS 1995

John Ryan (sl.), Florence O'Brien, Anthony Ryan, Richard Walsh, Thomas Ryan, Ml. Carr, Mark Bungary, Kevin McCarthy, Seamus Carr, Aidan O'Sullivan, James Tierney, P.J. Callan (sl.), John Colohan, Donnacha Carr, Gerard Fogarty, Danny Hallissey, Aiden Fogarty, Shane Stapleton, Damien Fogarty, Robert Kennedy, Ml. Sherlock, Pat Stapleton (sl.).



ROSEGREEN – U-16 B WEST CHAMPIONS

Back row L to R: Brian Webster, Michael Sheehan, Joss Tobin, Paddy Graham, David Walsh, Cathal Ryan, Paul Brabston, John Paul Butler, Jamie Burke, Paul Egan, Eamon Sherlock (coach).
 Front L to R: David Delahunty, Mark Lonergan, Brian Maher, John Hennessey, Denis Golden (capt.), Jason Purcell, Sean Gayson, David Shelly, Bobby Hodges.



SOLOHEAD – U-14 HURLING WEST CHAMPIONS

Back (l/r): Barry Hartnett, David O'Brien, Seamus Ryan, Brendan O'Brien, Jonathan Cosgrove, Shane Flavin, Alan Riordain, Danny O'Dwyer, David Ryan (R).
 Front (l/r): Colm Riordain, Joseph O'Doherty, Pat O'Brien, Carol Riordain, Philip O'Doherty, Jerry Dee, Darren Ryan (S).



GALTEE RVS. – U-12 FCA WINNERS

Back L/R: Declan Peters, E. O'Connell, C. O'Connell, D. Morrissey, D. O'Brien, K. Byron, D. Byron, B. Murphy, S. O'Holloran, W. O'Neill, A. Bowles.
 Front L/R: J. Scanlon, Kevin Bergin, T. Lonergan, M. Hayes, A. Morrissey, A. Crowe, M. O'Connell, Kieran Bergin, C. Higgins, M. O'Brien, C. Collins.
 Mentors L/R M. Grace, P. O'Brien, J. Peters.



ARRAVAL ROVERS – West U-12 'B' Football Champions 1995

Back row: Eric Higgins, Jason Quirke, Daithí O'Connor (Capt.), James O'Brien, Liam Stapleton, Liam Vaughan, Bob Cullen, Vincent Ryan, John Donnelly, David Whelan, Kenneth Hayes, John Russell. Front row: Jason Donnelly, Steven Greene, David Whelan, Roger O'Connor, Luke Edmonds, Wayne Rogers, Bernard O'Callaghan, John O'Brien, Christy Sutton, Paul Donovan, Greg O'Brien, Robert Egan. (Missing from photograph: Mark Roche).



ARRAVAL ROVERS – U-12 'C' Hurling West Champions 1995

Back row: Colin Price, Wayne Rogers, Kenneth Hayes, Bob Cullen, Liam Vaughan, James O'Brien, Shane Ryan, Paul White, Christy Sutton. Front row: Martin O'Halloran, David Coleman, Roger O'Connor, Neil Ryan, John O'Brien, Richard Donovan, Bernard O'Callaghan (capt.), Daithí O'Connor, Paul Donovan, Eric Higgins, Thomas Gleeson, Ivor Ryan, David Whelan, Adrian Fitzgerald, Mark Roche, Robert Egan, Thomas Carew. Trainers: Richard Lohan, James Hogan.



ARRAVAL ROVERS – West U-16 Football 'A' Winners and Co. Final Runners-Up 1995

Back row (l.-r.): Ger Stapleton, Brian Mahony, Dara Moore, Colin Ryan, Michael McEvoy, Paul Tobin, Richard Swords, Andy Lacey, Gary Hogan, Karole Crowe, John Flannery, Tadhg Duggan. Front row (l.-r.): John Conroy, John Carew, Colm Morrissey, John O'Donnell, Paul Lowry, Patrick Duggan, Kevin O'Halloran, Thomas Cronin, Barry Clifford, Mark Hanley, Ted McGrath, Ivan Flynn. Mascots: Cormac Moore, Ria Kelly. (Absent from photo: Declan Madden).



EIRE ÓG – West Under-16 Hurling 'B' Winners 1995

Kevin Fox (manager), Martin Keane, John Bourke, Damien Leahy, Philip McLoughlin, Patrick McGrath, Timothy Ryan, Bryan Ryan, P. J. McGrath (mentor), Damian O'Brien, Nigel Quinn, Patrick Horan, Jamie Hanly, Garrett O'Brien, Michael Ryan, Francis Shanahan, Wesley Ryan, Matthew Bradshaw, Stephen Quinn, Eugene Carew, Conor O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer, Richard Leahy, Patrick Ryan, Philip McGrath, Ronan O'Brien, Patrick Aherne, Thomas Quinn, Vinny Ryan (mentor).

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FOOTBALL RESULTS:

GRADE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	REFEREE	VENUE
U-12 A	Moyne/Templetuohy 4-5	J.K. Brackens 1-1	P.J. Hewitt	Holycross
U-12 B	Boherlahan/Dualla 1-3	Loughmore/Castleiney 1-2	Rody Lowry	-
U-12 C	Upperchurch/Drombane 1-1	Clonakenny 0-2	Pat Cullen	Templemore
U-14 U/R A	Moycarkey/Borris 6-10	Moyne/Templetuohy 3-4	Pat Cullen	The Ragg
U-14 U/R B	Boherlahan/Dualla 2-6	Gortnahoe/Glengoole 1-5	John Crawford	Littleton
U-14 U/R C	Upperchurch/Drombane 2-8	Clonakenny 2-7	P.J. Hewitt	Ballycahill
U-14 R	Moyne/Templetuohy 1-7	Moycarkey/Borris 0-6	Martin Treacy	Ballycahill
Peil na nÓg	Moycarkey/Borris 2-11	Moyne/Templetuohy 1-8	Brinsley Lowth	Páirc na nÓg
U-16 A	Holycross/Ballycahill 2-4	Dúrlas Óg 0-8	Brinsley Lowth	Boherlahan
U-16 B	Drom-Inch 5-10	Moyne/Templetuohy 1-7	John Kelly	Holycross
U-16 C	Upperchurch/Drombane 1-8	Clonakenny 0-9	Denis Curtis	Ballycahill

HURLING RESULTS:

GRADE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	REFEREE	VENUE
U-12 A	Drom/Inch 2-6	Holycross/Ballycahill 1-2	P.J. Leahy	Semple Stadium
U-12 B	Moyne/Templetuohy 1-5	Boherlahan/Dualla 2-2	Ml. Greene	Semple Stadium
REPLAY	Boherlahan/Dualla 1-5	Moyne/Templetuohy 2-1	Ml. Greene	Holycross
U-12 C	Upperchurch/Drombane 2-6	Clonakenny 2-4	Jimmy Sweeney	-
U-14 U/R A	Drom/Inch 1-3	Moycarkey/Borris 0-3	Rody Lowry	Templemore
U-14 U/R B	Gortnahoe/Glengoole 1-5	Holycross/Ballycahill 1-2	John Crawford	Littleton
U-14 U/R C	Clonakenny 3-8	Moycarkey/Borris (B) 4-1	P.J. Leahy	Moyne
U-14 R. H	Moycarkey/Borris <i>beat</i>	Drom/Inch	Brinsley Lowth	Boherlahan
Féile na nGael	Drom/Inch 2-8	Dúrlas Óg 1-9	P.J. Leahy	Páirc na nÓg
U-16 H A	Dúrlas Óg 3-10	Holycross/Ballycahill 2-7	Brinsley Lowth	The Ragg
U-16 H B	Gortnahoe/Glengoole 4-6	Moyne/Templetuohy 1-7	John Crawford	Littleton
U-16 H C	Clonakenny 2-7	Upperchurch/Drombane 1-5	Pat Lynch	Ballycahill

The role of Bord na nÓg at all levels is to actively promote and develop gaelic games among our juvenile players. 1995 proved to be another successful year with keen competition and some excellent hurling and football being played generally. The sportsmanship was good but the number of players sent off is worrying.

The main objectives of the Bord was to provide more games especially at under-12 and under-16 levels, to improve the skill levels and standards of discipline and to begin the non-competitive development of players under-16.

Early in 1995 the Bord held a special meeting to set these proposals in motion. At that meeting it was decided to make changes in the structures of our championships at under-12 and under-16 levels which proved very successful. All our teams had more games and a longer championship campaign. In all the Bord organised approximately 135 football games and 130 hurling games.

It was also decided at the meeting that a number of under-10 one-day blitz's should be organised. The blitz's were held in Semple Stadium, Moyne, Moycarkey and Drom. A number of clubs held foundation courses which proved very beneficial to those who attended.

The divisions under-14 and under-16 teams, though not suc-

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Co. Bord na nÓg reps:	Joe Moran (Moycarkey/Borris) Dominic Everard (Moyne/Templetuohy)

cessful, acquitted themselves well. A number of players from the division made the county under-14 and under-16 teams. A number of county titles came to the division.

Drom/Inch had another great year winning the County Féile under-14 final and sharing the All-Ireland Féile with Sixmilebridge of Clare. They also won the urban/rural under-14 county title.

Dúrlas Óg won the u-16 county title in hurling while Moyne/Templetuohy are county under-12 football champions.

The mid Bord na nÓg with great support from its clubs and officers had a very successful year in 1995. The following is an account of the individual club's achievements in 1995.



The Gortnahoe-Glengoole under-14 hurling panel which won the Mid Tipperary title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill in the final at Littleton. Back row (l to r): Eoin Ryan, P.J. Campion, Paul Phelan, Eoin Teehan, Gearoid Maher, John Guilfoyle, Francis McCormack, Andrew Lawlor, James Phelan, Michael Guilfoyle, Paul Horan, Philip Hogan, Barry Egan, P.J. McCormack. Front row: William Cahill, Joseph Hogan, William Hogan, Jim Ryan, P.J. Stokes, Kieran Fennelly, Darren O'Donoghue, Niall Dunne, Daniel Bourke, Trevor Webster, Pdraig Guilfoyle.



Gortnahoe-Glengoole under-16 hurling panel – winners of the mid B title and county final runners-up. Back row (l to r): Eugene Fitzgerald, Darren Kenny, Nigel Kelly, Mark Ryan, Sean Clancy, Thomas Cooney, Liam Cleary, Darren O'Brien, Michael Dooley, P. J. McCormack, Michael Cleary, Pat Wall. Front row: Johnny Guilfoyle, Keith Corbett, Denis Bird (captain), Pakie Lawlor, Leo Walsh, Leonard Stanley, John Ryan, Nicholas Stokes, Pat Campion.



The Drom-Inch panel which won the mid Tipperary under-12 hurling A final by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill in the final in Semple Stadium. Back row: Vincent O'Connor, selector; Tommy Butler, selector; Austin Broderick, selector and Pakie Boyle, manager. Middle row: Michael Kennedy, Paul Collins, Daniel Long, Michael Long, Joe Egan, Keith Nolan, Joe Halloran, Michael Costello (captain), John Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Darren Kennedy, Michael Sheridan, Micheál Butler. Front row: Jerome Ryan, Kevin Butler, Nicholas Ryan, Greg Broderick, Declan Ryan, Matthew Maher, Trevor Hasset, Eamonn Ryan, Thomas Everard, David Ryan, Kieran Young.

GORTNAHOE/GLENGOOLE

The highlights of the year for the club were the winning of mid under-14 and under-16 section B titles in hurling. The under-14 team won their crown after a hard fought game with Holycross-Ballycahill. The under-16 B final between Gortnahoe-Glengoole and Moyne-Templetuohy was a very exciting affair with play swinging from end to end. A late surge by Gortnahoe-Glengoole saw them take the trophy.

In the county semi-final they defeated Clonmel Óg to qualify for a county final meeting with Borrisoleigh.

In the final they came up before a very strong and skilful team with the North Champions winners after a very close game. Liam Cleary was a member of the mid under-16 hurling team while P.J. McCormack was a member of the county under-14 team.

DROM-INCH

This is a club who have made great strides in recent years and continue to grow from strength to strength. 1995 was an exceptional year for them. The under-12 team won the mid title with a fine win over Holycross-Ballycahill, only to be beaten by Toomevara in the county semi-final.

The club's under-14 team had a terrific year. Their year began with a victory in the County Féile na nGael final and went on to represent Tipperary in the All-Ireland Féile, which this year was held in Limerick. Under very warm conditions the Drom-Inch lads played some excellent hurling to reach the All-Ireland final against Clare champions Sixmilebridge. After a hectic game which swung from end to end the game ended in a draw, thus sharing the championship with Sixmilebridge.

This team also won the mid under-14 urban/rural hurling title and qualified for the county final by defeating Knockavilla-Kickams in the semi-final. Toomevara were their opponents in the final. While Toomevara were slight favourites, Drom-Inch were worthy winners after a great hour's hurling.

The club's under-16 team were mid winners in section B football. However, Borrisoleigh defeated them in the county semi-final. The Club had a number of players on the mid and county under-14 panels and Paul Stapleton and Seamus Butler on the county under-16 panel. A club with a bright future.

BOHERLAHAN-DUALLA

The club has a long and proud tradition in gaelic games. The juveniles of the parish are now keeping that tradition going.

1995 was another very successful year for the club, winning three mid titles. The under-12 team completed a double by winning the section B hurling and football titles. Their under-14s won the under-14 Urban-Rural section B football title. The success of the senior team is reflected in their juveniles with the numbers of young boys playing gaelic games increasing all the time.

HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

This is another club with long association with our native games. This year the clubs under-16 footballers won the mid title but lost out narrowly to Arravale Rovers in the county semi-final. The under-12 and 14 hurlers lost their respective mid finals. The under-16 hurlers were defeated in the mid final by the eventual county champions Dúrlas Óg. John Ferncombe and John Fogarty are members of this year's county under-16 hurling team, and John Ferncombe and Ml. Hayes are on the county under-16 football panel. The club once again organised a summer camp with over 100 participants. A league for under-11s and under-13s was also organised.

LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

1995 was not the most successful year for the club. However, the club entered teams in all competitions and while not successful in terms of winning titles, all their teams played well and acquitted themselves honourably.

The under-12 footballers reached the final of section B only to be narrowly defeated by Boherlahan-Dualla. Loughmore-Castleiney have a very dedicated and committed juvenile committee. They have organised the running of a number of leagues throughout the year and took part and assisted, in hurling and football blitzes. It is obvious that the club is sparing no effort to bring Loughmore-Castleiney back to the top at juvenile level once more.

MOYNE-TEMPLETUOHY

The club won the under-12 football title in 1994 only to be beaten in the county semi-final, so it was no surprise that they would make a huge effort to go the whole way in 1995. Having retained their mid title, it took a second effort to see off Cahir in the County semi-final. Their county final opponents Burgess also took two games to defeat Galtee Rovers in their semi-final.

In the county final Moyne-Templetuohy shook off the strong challenge of Burgess to win the title amid scenes of great excitement. Their under-14s won the rural football mid crown. The club's under-16s were defeated in both hurling and football section B finals. Moyne-Templetuohy are a very vibrant club and have organised a number of leagues and tournaments in 1995.



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel which completed a Mid under-12 double by beating Moyne-Templetuohy in the replay of the hurling final, the team had already won the under-12 football title, beating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final. Back row (l to r): Brian Creed, David Byrne, David Lowry, Joseph Ryan, James Hayes, Liam Devane, James McGrath, Padraic Hickey, Edmund Leamy, Paul Ryan, Jonathan Hayes, Brendan O'Connor. Front row: Derek Patterson, Darragh Hickey, Kevin Leamy, Martin Power (captain), Gary Crowe, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Murphy, Kevin Maher, Jack Maher, Michael Mulligan, William O'Dwyer, Alan Fitzpatrick.



Moyne-Templetuohy u-12 Mid and County football champions 1995. Back row: Niall Walsh, Ciaran Walsh, Darren Quinlan, Denis Maher, Damian Bergin, William Delahunty, Mark Russell, Martin Costigan, Patrick Leahy, Davit Kennedy, Martin Cantwell, Ken Quinlan. Front row: Kevin Quinlan, Eoin Dunne, Richie Ryan, Mark Kelly, Hugh Coughlan, John Hassett (capt.), Kevin Fogarty, Eddie Kelly, James Meade, John Butler. Missing from photo: Ronan Ely.



Moyne-Templetuohy under-14 mid rural football champions 1995. Back row: Paddy Clarke, Patrick Ryan, Martin Costigan, Pat Kennedy, Tommy Phelan, Shane Fogarty (capt.), Eamon Ryan, Ray Everard, Colm Everard, Declan Leahy, Claire Everard, Lorraine Phelan, Fiona Kelly, Claire Hassett. Front row: Davit Kennedy, Conor Costigan, Thomas Egan, Eddie Kelly, John Hassett, Mark Kelly, Kevin Fogarty, John Sweeney, Rickie Fogarty, Alan Leahy, Robert Ely, Maurice O'Sullivan, Declan Kelly, Gerry Maher. Missing from photo: Eleanor Stokes and Maria McCormack.



Officers of Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg photographed with members of the Mid Senior Board after the Bord na nÓg Annual Convention in the Anner Hotel. Seated (l to r): Sean Mockler, chairman Mid Senior Board; Martin Treacy, secretary Mid Bord na nÓg; Bill Corcoran, chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Frank O'Regan, treasurer Mid Bord na nÓg; Fr O'Rourke, president Mid Bord na nÓg. Standing: Paudie Butler, vice-chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Dominic Everard, Mid Bord na nÓg County Board rep.; Mattie Connolly, Senior Board Secretary; Joe Moran, Mid Bord na nÓg PRO and County Board rep.

J.K. BRACKENS

Although not successful in terms of winning titles, the club nevertheless had a very rewarding year. Their most successful team was their under-12 football team which reached the mid-final. Although beaten by eventual county champions Moyne-Templetuohy they played some very good football and surely their turn will soon come to win titles. This year the club has endeavoured to provide almost all year round activities for their juveniles. They have organised a number of leagues and blitzes and surely the club will not be long returning to winning mid and county finals.

CLONAKENNY

The juvenile club of Clonakenny has made great strides in the last few years. With a small band of players to pick from, the club entered teams in B and C competitions. The spirit and co-operation of players augurs well for the future of the club.

This year they contested six mid finals, losing four to Upperchurch-Drombane and defeating them in one final.

The club's first success came in under-14 hurling when they defeated Moycarkey-Borris B in section C final. Their under-16s overcame an earlier defeat by Upperchurch-Drombane to beat them in the final by 2-7 to 1-5.

The under-12 and 14 teams were managed by Peter Byrne, Eamon Greed and Leo Crampton, and the under-16 team by Martin Murray and John O'Hara. The successful captains were under-16 Martin Murray and under-14 Derek Ryan.



Clonakenny Under-14 C Mid Champions



Clonakenny Under-16 C Mid Champions

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

The club continued where they left off in 1994 by once again capturing a number of mid titles. The under-12 hurlers had a good year winning a number of games in the League section A, to qualify for the semi-final. Their opponents were Drom-Inch who defeated them narrowly after a terrific game.

The under-14 footballers won the mid final of Peil na nÓg by beating Moyne-Templetuohy. In the county semi-final they defeated Fethard after a very close and hard fought game. Knockavilla Kickams were their final opponents but failed narrowly to qualify for a trip to the all-Ireland finals of Peil na nÓg which this year were held in Joe Moran's home county of Mayo.

The under-14 hurlers were defeated by Drom-Inch in the urban/rural final. However, in the rural final Moycarkey-Borris turned the tables and beat Drom-Inch after a close game. In the county semi-final they beat Ballingarry after a replay but lost to Toomevara in the county final. Moyne-Templetuohy were their opponents in the final of the urban-rural football whom they defeated. Following an easy victory in the county semi-final, Fethard proved too good for them in the final.

In the rural football final Moyne-Templetuohy gained revenge by beating Moycarkey-Borris. The under-16 hurlers and footballers played well in all their games but failed to qualify for either final. The club organised an under-10 hurling blitz and also a number of leagues. The attention to juveniles over the past few years is now bearing fruit and it won't be long before we see Moycarkey-Borris back on top at senior level.

UPPERCHURCH-DROMBANE

The club took part in all competitions and had a very successful year. The under-12 team won the double by defeating Clonakenny in the hurling and football section C competitions.

Their under-14s won the urban/rural section C football crown while their under-16s completed a great year for the club by winning section C in football.

The club has a very vibrant and efficient scór committee and each year organises parish scór competitions. They are an example to other clubs in the county.



Moycarkey-Borris under-14 football team, winners of the Mid Urban-Rural title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at The Ragg.



Upperchurch-Drombane Mid Under-14 C Football Champions



The Upperchurch-Drombane team which won the Mid Tipperary under-12 hurling 'C' title at Templemore by defeating Clonakenny in the final.

Back row (l to r) - P.J. O'Loughlin, Eoin Carew, Colm Kennedy, James Gleeson, Donncha Ryan, Robert Grant, John Gleeson, Jody Brennan (captain), Michael Corcoran, Michael Gleeson, John Carey, David Carey, John Fogarty.

Front row - P.J. Clancy, Michael Ryan, Matt Ryan, Leonard Purcell, Noel Ryan, Pat Shortt, Michael Ryan (D), Colm Ryan, L.J. Ryan, John Ryan, Martin Bourke, Andy Kinane, Philip Bourke.

DÚRLAS ÓG

This club affiliated a total of 14 teams in this year's championships. This great nursery of under age hurling and football once again had another very successful year. While they did not win many titles, the club had a very busy year competing in all grades of the championship, as well as taking part in a number of tournaments and blitzes. The club also organised a number of leagues throughout the year.

The high point of the season was the winning of the county under-16 title after a very close and hard fought game with Mullinahone. Two members of that winning team, T. J. Maher and Gary Coppinger are members of this year's county under-16 team. They also supplied players for the mid and county under-14 panels and Sean McLoughlin as mid and county selector at under-14.



Chairman of Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg, Bill Corcoran (centre) photographed with Frank Morris (left) and Tom Joyce at the Bord's Annual Convention in Thurles. Frank and Tom were recipients of great praise from officers and delegates for their contribution to Mid Bord na nÓg affairs at the convention after retiring from the positions of treasurer and secretary respectively.



Participants in the Mid Tipperary Hurling Skills Competition (under-14) photographed after the finals in Páirc na nÓg (Thurles). (l to r) – Paul O'Brien, J. K. Brackens (joint second); Colm Ryan, Moycarkey-Borris (fourth); Barry McLoughlin, Dúrlas Óg (joint second) and Damien Young, Drom-Inch (first). At back is Bill Corcoran, Chairman Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg.

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COMPETITION	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	VENUE	REFEREE	DATE
U-12 Football (A)	Cahir	Commercials	Ardfinnan	Fran O'Leary	28/5/95
U-12 Football (B)	Ballyporeen	Moyle Rovers	Ardfinnan	Sean Quirke	28/5/95
U-12 Football (C)	St. Patrick's	Fr. Sheehy's	Monroe	Jimmy McCarthy	22/6/95
U-14 Football (R)	Fethard (A)	Ardfinnan	Clonmel	Jimmy McCarthy	*28/6/95
U-14 Football (U/R)	Fethard (A)	Ardfinnan	Kilsheelan	Nicky Coughlan	*14/6/95
U-14 Football (B)	Killenaule	Kilsheelan	Monroe	Christy Aylward	22/7/95
U-14 Football (C)	Fethard (B)	Ballylooby	Marlfield	Seamus Roche	24/7/95
U-16 Football (A)	Ardfinnan	Clonmel Óg	Clogheen	P. J. Hassett	*22/5/95
U-16 Football (B)	Mullinahone	Ballingarry	Cloneen	John Harrington	19/5/95
U-16 Football (C)	Kilsheelan	Davins	Marlfield	Maurice Kennedy	28/6/95
U-12 Hurling (A)	Killenaule	Cahir	Marlfield	John Morrissey	3/8/95
U-12 Hurling (B)	Ballylooby	Swan	Bye-Pass	Sean Quirke	19/8/95
U-12 Hurling (C)	St. Patrick's	Marlfield	Monroe	Jimmy McCarthy	23/8/95
U-14 Hurling (R)	Ballingarry	Mullinahone	Fethard	Stephen McCormack	18/8/95
U-14 Hurling (U/R)	Killenaule	Mullinahone	Cloneen	John Harrington	12/8/95
U-14 Hurling (B)	Newcastle	Fethard	Marlfield	Jimmy McCarthy	23/9/95
U-14 Hurling (C)	Kilsheelan	Fr. Sheehy's	Ardfinnan	Fran O'Leary	4/9/95
U-16 Hurling (A)	Mullinahone	Swan	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche	11/9/95
U-16 Hurling (B)	Clonmel Óg	Davins	Kilsheelan	Seamus Roche	4/9/95
U-16 Hurling (C)	Kilsheelan	St. Patrick's	Bye-Pass	Sean Quirke	27/8/95

*Denotes County Champions

Peil na nÓg.....	Fethard
Féile (Hurling).....	Killenaule
- 11 Hurling Special League.....	Davins
- Football Special League.....	
- Hurling Poc Fada.....	Stephen Flannery (Cahir)
- 14 Hurling Skills.....	David Shelly (Ballingarry)

Scór na nÓg	
Céilí Dancing.....	Newcastle
Solo Song.....	Marlfield
Inst. Music.....	Fr. Sheehy's
Novelty Act.....	Newcastle
Question Time.....	Fethard
Recitation.....	St. Patrick's
Ballad Group.....	Marlfield
Set Dancing.....	Newcastle

Scór na bPáistí	
Céilí Dancing.....	Grange
Solo Song.....	Grange
Inst. Music.....	Burncourt
Novelty Act.....	Newcastle
Question Time.....	Drangan
Recitation.....	Lisronagh
Ballad Group.....	Powerstown
Set Dancing.....	Grange



Carrick Davins - South Tipperary U-11 Hurling League Winners and Football League Finalists 1995. **Back** (l. to r.) - Paul Tobin Jr. (Secretary), Stephen Cronin, David O'Neill, Richard McGrath, Paul Cody, William Waters, Michael Ryan (capt.), Damian Butler, Dean Gates, Paddy Nagle (coach). **Front** (l. - r.) - Alan Waters, Alan Redmond, A.J. Cronin, Shane Butler, Shane Waters, Colin Smith, Gerard Robinson. Missing from photo: Lee Waters.



The Kilsheelan U-14 team which won the South (C) competition. **Back row** - Aidan Slattery (capt.), Jonathan Cahill, Michael Dempsey, Graham Loughman, Ross King, Adrian Walsh, Pierce Larkin, Trevor Cloona, James Ryan. **Front row** - John Walsh, Ken Ahearn, Patrick Ormond, Peter O'Connell, Glen Spillane, Edward Sweeney, Edmond Walsh, David Power, Brian Ahearn.



Ballingarry, Under-14 South Tipperary Rural Champions, 1995.



Kilsheelan U-16 team which won the South Tipperary Football (C) title. **Back** - Gary Fitzgibbon, Ross King, Jonathan Cahill, Liam Geoghegan, Daniel O'Meara, Brian Slattery, Willie Ryan, Trevor Cloona, Keith Robinson, Graham Loughman, Adrian Walsh, Edward Sweeney. **Front** - Vinny Strang, Aidan Slattery, James Hennessy, Edmond O'Reilly, Johnny Walsh, William Geoghegan, Aidan Walsh, Derrick Hanrahan.

Ardfinnan-U-16 Co. Champions



Ardfinnan U-16 Co. Football Champions – Back row: Fran O'Leary (manager), Pakie Ryan (selector), Philly Lonergan, Diarmuid Mahoney, Aidan Mahoney, Ken O'Shea, Barry Ryan, Colin White, Ger Meagher (selector), Paul Lonergan, Brian Coffey, Kieran Quirke, Diarmuid Boyle, David Brown, Noel Brown, Kevin Condon. Front row: Alan Gorman (captain - injured), Barry Mullane, Aidan Maun, Johnny Walsh, J. P. Hanrahan, Pa Norton, James Maher, Trevor O'Leary, Liam Ryan, Brendan Purcell. Missing: Jason Burke, David Hackett.

Despite the highly successful underage structure we've had in place in recent times, this year was the first time we were crowned champions.

Our championship road started in April with a first round win over Clonmel Commercials. This match was probably our finest performance considering it was our first. Victories over Cahir and Fethard put us in a very strong position.

During the year we had challenges against Galtee Rovers and Newcastle Minors, as well as John Mitchells (Tralee), Kilmacud Crokes (Dublin), Golden and Arravale Rovers who we were later to meet in a brilliant county final. Our only blemish during the campaign was a defeat in Ardfinnan against Clonmel Óg.

However, we qualified for a semi-final against Cahir to be played in Clogheen.

This was a repeat of the previous years South Final when Cahir came from behind to defeat us. So it was sweet revenge for us to defeat them and move into a final against Clonmel Óg. Clonmel Óg were no doubt very confident about meeting us in the final, but our lads gave a truly stout hearted performance to gain a fantastic victory.

We had maintained all along, that despite not giving our best performance we still scored 3-8 in our earlier defeat to them.

For the final our backs had to stick closer to their men and our centrefield get on top early and give our forwards the ball early. A goal for Ardfinnan gave us a tremendous boost in the first half. Again in

the second half we got an all-important goal in a game where point for point was exchanged. We were now in the county semi-final where we played Nenagh-Éire Óg in Holycross on July 17th on a rare night of heavy rain during our summer.

This match ended in a draw after things looked ominous for us with ten minutes to go. The replay was played in Littleton on Sunday, July 23rd, a day when our county minors beat Cork in the Munster football final. The second half saw us get on top and we were easy winners at the finish by nineteen points. On then to New Inn where we played a hotly fancied Arravale Rovers in the county final. This was one of our greatest nights in the clubs history. In a hard fought and closely contested game we came from behind and clinched victory on a scoreline of 0-14 to 2-6.

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Food for thought

DISCUSSION POINTS ASSEMBLED BY THE COUNTY GAMES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. What is the current style of hurling in Tipperary? The 50s and 60s had a distinct easily recognisable 'Tipperary Style'. Hurling in the county has clearly moved away from that style. But have we a definite policy as regards the type of game, county teams should be pursuing? Does it depend on the approach of the various team managers? Should there be a consensus on the kind of hurling teams representing the county should be attempting to play?
2. Are Club, Divisional, and County officers just mere administrators? Do the various units of the Association have a vision for the future of the G.A.A.? and are there leaders to plan the pursuits of this vision?
3. Divisional Boards were established at a time when travel and communication was much more difficult than today. Have divisional Boards now outlived their usefulness? Would a Central Fixtures Committee for the whole county ensure a more streamlined fixtures programme?
4. Would a separate season (5 months each) for hurling and football eliminate the dual player problem and also provide a meaningful alternative to other codes?
5. Is the price of hurleys beginning to make hurling too expensive? Will the G.A.A. have to introduce a greater subsidy system for the game to survive?
6. Are clubs making genuine efforts to seek new personnel? Are older members still making the vital decisions concerning the youth in the G.A.A.?
7. What kind of an image does the G.A.A. project of itself? Is P.R. at National, Club and County level communicating the message and the image that we desire?
8. Are referees' interpretations of the rules of a uniform standard throughout the county?
9. Do many of our clubs operate mainly through the efforts of one person?
10. Are many club players getting only about 2 months activities in the year? Are clubs making an effort to combat the fall-off of players? Are clubs merely interested in the good players?
11. Is conservatism, slowness to accept change, hesitancy to make improvements, holding back the progress of the G.A.A.?
12. What is success: Is it all about trophies on the sideboard or about providing continuous activity for a broad spectrum of people?
13. Would confining players to their own age group eliminate some of the fixtures chaos? Would small clubs be able to compete more equitably with 9 or 11 a-side.
14. Does finishing the championship early in the year (eg. under 21 and under 12) leave a void for other codes to fill?
15. Are some new competitions being introduced to suit officials and to cater for the elite and already overburdened players?
16. How relevant is County Board as a body? How active are the County Board members at club level?
17. Why does "Championship" dominate all G.A.A. thinking? Are leagues not a more appropriate method of providing ongoing activity?
18. Good under 16 - 18 players play up to 50 games per year. Weaker players might get 3 or 4. Which players are in the majority?
19. Are there 28 teams of senior hurling standard in the county? At the same time, only 2 or 3 intermediate teams compete in some Divisional championships.
20. Is fixtures making the main function of the Boards? Does games development and promotion receive the time on the agenda that it deserves?



April 1995 - Launch of FÁS Coaching Scheme (left to right) Tommy Barrett, Jimmy Collins, Sean Fogarty, Liam O'Brien, Mick O'Connell.

Ballingarry G.A.A. 1995

1995 was again a very successful year for our club. Together with St. Patrick's, Drangan we formed a combination known as Ballingarry Gaels to cater for minor hurling and football as was the case in 1994.

Having won the south and county minor hurling title in 1994 in such splendid fashion who could have thought that it would be possible to repeat the same in 1995 but this we did.

We started our campaign when we struggled to draw with Ballybacon/Grange in the first round league series. We improved steadily as we progressed through the South with victories over Swan, Mullinahone, Killenaule and St. Mary's to reach the South final against Ballybacon/Grange and ran out winners on the score of 5-18 to 0-7. After a great victory over Toomevara in the county semi-final we were back in the county final for the second year running and our

opponents turned out to be Thurles Sarsfields led by Johnnie Enright and highly rated by all reports. However we proved the better side and at full time we were champions again back to back on the score of 3-8 to 1-12. A great game to be involved in and a great game to win. To win a county final for any club is a great achievement but to win two back to back is something special.

All credit must be given to all concerned to the players any words of mine could not describe in any way the wonderful pride and honour they have brought to the parishes of Ballingarry and Drangan and South Tipperary. They are a credit to themselves, their parents, schools and their respected parishes, their total commitment, their determination the will to survive and above all the high level of discipline they display must be the envy of many and it says a lot for the character of this team long may it continue.



Ballingarry Gaels – County Minor Hurling 'A' Champions 1995. Back row (l. to r.) – Kevin O'Connell, Patrick Kennedy, Martin Ryan, Brian McCormack, William Maher, William Brewer, Brian Walton, Seán Brennan, William Cleere, Liam Croke, Seamus Kealy (captain), John Hayden, Damien Ivors. Front row – Tom O'Connor, John Paul Cashin, Patrick Hayes, Adrian Cleere, Marcus Morris, Nigel Cleere, Michael McGrath, Martin Goldsboro, Donal Shelly, Liam Cahill, Noel Brett, Gerard Ivors.



Ballingarry Gael player, Marcus Morris receiving the 'Man of the Match' award from Martin Maher, Manager ACCBank, Thurles, sponsors of the award after the county minor hurling 'A' final at Semple Stadium.



Chairman of the County GAA Board, Sean Fogarty (left) presents the cup to Michael Kealy, captain of the Ballingarry Gaels team which won the county minor hurling 'A' title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields in the final at Semple Stadium.

The coach, James Ivors and his co-selectors Colum Duggan, Ned Morris, Martin Maher and Paddy Ivors contributed a huge amount to the success of this team, they gave willingly of their time and were totally committed to the task on hand at all times whatever they encountered. Their success story is something to be proud of.

JUVENILE G.A.A.

Ballingarry Juvenile G.A.A. had another successful year. The winning of the under 14 rural hurling final in the South, the highlight of the year. The year started off with our under 16 footballers who played some delightful football all year. The South final was played at Anner Park in Cloneen, our opponents were Mullinahone. This game was tough all through until Mullinahone got completely on top with ten minutes to go. They eventually went on to run out easy winners.

Best for Ballingarry on the night, William Maher, Adrian Cleere, Sean Brennan.

Our under 12 footballers didn't reach any final but gave some great performances. It must be said that this team was very young and have potential for success in the future. On the hurling field our under 12 hurlers fared out better and reached the knock-out stages.

Under 16 hurling commenced after the exams. We got off to a poor start losing three matches in a row. This was due to suspensions and injury problems. We then won all our remaining games and in our final game beat Mullinahone by 12 points. Mullinahone went on to contest the county final losing to Thurles by four points. We missed out on the closing stages of the championship due to the fact we had on less point than the four top teams in our division. With a bit of luck this team could have taken county honours.

Our under 14 hurling team beat Mullinahone in the South final in Fethard.

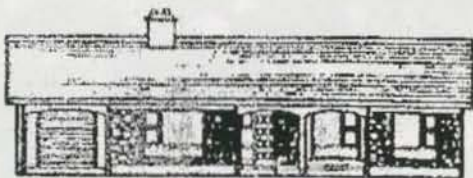
This was a shock result because we were beaten by Mullinahone in the league stages of the competition. The victory was ensured by dedication to training and tremendous will to win. This team deserves a lot of credit and were unlucky to lose to Moycarkey-Borris in the county semi-final after a replay. This team was excellently trained by Ted Brennan. Outstanding players all year were Sean Brennan, Donal Shelly, Dickie Norton, Brendan O'Brien who captained the team.

In 1995 the club represented by the following players. Under 14 hurling South team - B. O'Brien, D. Norton, Donal Shelly. Under 16 hurling - W. Maher, A. Cleere, Donal Shelley. Under 16 football - W. Maher. County teams - under 14 - Donal Shelley, under 16 - W. Maher, under 16 football - W. Maher.

Donal Shelley also received the Man of the Match award in the Tony Forristal Tournament in Waterford playing for the county under 14 team.

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Results of the North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Finals for 1995

By Liam Hogan (P.R.O.)

Date	Grade	Teams	Venue	Referee		
July 24	U-12 H.A.	Toomevara 3-2	Burgess 3-1	Nenagh	Liam Hogan	Shannon Rovers
July 30	U-12 H.B.	Ballina 3-5	Newport 0-1	Dolla	P. J. Cleary	Lorrha
July 14	U-12 H.C.	Silvermines 5-5	Ballinahinch 4-5	Templederry	Ger McKeogh	Ballina
July 19	U-14 H.A. (U-R)	Toomevara 0-8	Nenagh Éire Óg 1-5	Cloughjordan	Ml. Cahill	Kilruane
August 4	U-14 H.A. (Replay)	Toomevara 2-11	Nenagh Éire Óg 2-10	Cloughjordan	Ml. Cahill	Kilruane
July 31	U-14 H.A. (Replay)	Toomevara 5-12	Moneygall 1-6	Cloughjordan	Jimmy Conroy	Nenagh
July 28	U-14 H.B.	Burgess 5-7	Borris-Ileagh 1-3	Toomevara	Donal Shanahan	Toomevara
July 17	U-14 H.C.	Kildangan 3-4	Portroe 0-0	Nenagh	Des Kelly	Ballinahinch
Sept. 4	U-16 H.A.	Toomevara 0-8	Kildangan 0-8	Nenagh	Ger Hayes	Moneygall
Sept. 11	U-16 H.A. (Replay)	Toomevara 2-19	Kildangan 1-5	Borrisokane	Ger Hayes	Moneygall
Aug. 28	U-16 H.B.	Borris-Ileagh 4-9	Moneygall 2-4	Toomevara	Sean Hogan	Lorrha
Sept. 9	U-16 H.C.	Silvermines 1-9	Portroe 1-5	Kilcolman	Ger Ryan	Templederry

Inter-Divisional:

U-14 H.	Peadar Cummins	Semi-Final Final	North Tipp 8-12 South 2-8	West 0-0 North 2-5	In Borris-Ileagh In Borris-Ileagh
8/4/95					
U-16H. Hurling Munster C.'ship		North Tipp 0-11	East Clare 2-14	At Nenagh	
U-16 Hurling Garda Cup		Semi-Final	North Tipp 3-11	Mid Tipp 2-10	
July 20	Poc Fada Skills	Final Winner Winner	North Tipp 115 Padraig MacDonnell Padraig MacDonnell	South Tipp 0-17 Burgess Burgess	At Semple Stadium

Football Results:

April 27	U-12 Foot. A.	Burgess 3-3	Newport 0-3	Ballina	Tom Gleeson	Portroe
May 17	U-12 Foot. B.	Ballina 3-5	Kildangan 2-3	Kilcolman	Jim Kissane	Nenagh
June 13	U-12 Foot. C.	Lorrha 3-4	Borris-Ileagh 3-2	Nenagh	Jim Kissane	Nenagh
May 4	U-14 Foot. A.	Roscrea 2-7	Nenagh 0-5	Cloughjordan	Ml. McGrath	Kilruane MacD.
Sept. 2	U-14 Foot. B.	Ballina 1-8	Burgess 1-8	Portroe	Martin Darcy	Nenagh
Sept. 23	U-14 Foot. B. (replay)	Ballina 2-7	Burgess 3-3	Portroe	Martin Darcy	Nenagh
Oct. 7	U-14 Foot. C.	Silvermines 4-4	Ballinahinch 2-1	Kilcolman	Martin Darcy	Nenagh
July 2	U-16 Foot. A.	Nenagh 1-9	Kildangan 0-7	Toomevara	Tom Gleeson	Portroe
July 2	U-16 Foot. B.	Borris-Ileagh 2-5	Burgess 1-3	Toomevara	John McDonnell	Roscrea
Sept. 11	U-16 Foot. C.	Shannon Rvs. 1-10	Moneygall 1-7	Borrisokane	Tommy Ryan	Kildangan

Inter-Divisional:

May 8	U-16 Foot. Garda Cup	Semi-Final	Nth. 3-11; West 3-8	Templemore
May 24	Garda cup	Final	Nth. 2-9 South 4-11	Ballycahill

Garda Cup (hurling). The North Tipperary U-16 hurling panel that defeated South Tipperary in the U-16 Garda Cup Final at Semple Stadium.

1. Michael McNamara (Nenagh); 2. Peter Carroll (Burgess); 3. Enda Fitzgerald (Roscrea); 4. James O'Meara (Toomevara); 5. Stephen O'Meara (Toomevara); 6. Tony Dughal (Roscrea); 7. Richie Flannery (Nenagh); 8. Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara); 9. Declan Maher (Borris-Ileagh); 10. Andrew Ryan (Toomevara); 11. John Keane (Borris-Ileagh); 12. Paul Ryan (Templederry); 13. Garret Howard (Burgess); 14. Trevor Fletcher, Roscrea; 15. Fergal MacDonnell (Burgess). *Subs:* Brian Hogan (Burgess); Michael Ryan (Kildangan); Dan Hackett (Kildangan); Cormac Galvin (Nenagh); John Slatte (Kildangan); Tadgh Slevin (Borrisokane/Knockshewona); Ken Hall (Toomevara); Alan McKeogh (Ballina); Philip Maher (Borris-Ileagh); Barry Dunne (Toomevara); Michael Connors (Kildangan); Enda Nolan (Kildangan); Jim McDonnell (Roscrea); Kevin McDonnell (Burgess); Paul Coleman (Ballina); Noel Tomlinson (Nenagh); Brian Duggan (Burgess); Brian Lawlor (Kildangan).

Peadar Cummins U-14 Hurling. The North Tipperary U-14 Hurling Inter-Divisional team that lost to South Tipperary in the final of the u-14 Peadar Cummins Hurling Tournament in Borris-Ileagh.

1. Darren Gleeson (Portroe); 2. Padraig MacDonnell (Burgess); 3. Damien Ryan (Nenagh); 4. Stephen Ryan (Nenagh); 5. Daragh Spooner (Roscrea); 6. Shane Maher (Burgess); 7. Eoin Larkin (Borris/Knockshewona); 8. Barry Moran (Lorrha); 9. Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch); 10. Enda Ryan (Kilruane); 11. Kevin Cummins (Toomevara); 12. Eoin Brislane (Toomevara); 13. Murty Ryan (Nenagh); 14. Rickie Burke (Lorrha); 15. Martin Maher (Borris-Ileagh). *Subs:* Alan Franks (Roscrea); Shane Mannion (Lorrha); Brian Quinn (Nenagh); Adrian Kelly (Ballinahinch); John Collins (Kildangan); Patrick Cosgrave (Ballina); Paul Sherlock (Silvermines); Billy McCormack (Moneygall). *Mentors:* Tom Gleeson (Portroe); Paschal Moran (Lorrha); P. J. Hogan (Burgess).

Garda Cup U-16 Football: The North Tipp. team and replacements that reached the Garda Cup Football Final against South Tipp.

1. Aidan Herlihy (Nenagh Éire Óg); 2. Leonard Ryan (Nenagh); 3. Tomás Maher (do.); 4. Kevin Garvey (Roscrea); 5. Fergal Kelly (Kildangan); 6. Tony Douglas (Roscrea); 7. Brian Lawlor (Kildangan); 8. Michael Ryan (Kildangan); 9. Enda Fitzgerald (Roscrea); 10. Jim McDonnell (Roscrea); 11. Fergal MacDonnell (Burgess); 12. Tommy Connors (Kildangan); 13. Paul Coleman (Ballina); 14. Eamon Murtagh (Nenagh); 15. Edward Kennedy (Nenagh). *Subs:* Paul Kirwan (Kildangan); Alan Lynch (Roscrea); Damien Cunningham (Roscrea); Dan Hackett (Kildangan); Aaron Devane (Ballina); Michael Connors (Kildangan); Brendan Doran (Roscrea); Stephen Hogan (Roscrea).



Burgess U-12 Panel North Football A champions and hurling A finalists. Back row: (l. to r.) Thomas Fogarty, Noel Kennedy, Patrick Hogan, Jonathan Ryan, Eoin Duggan, Fearghal Ryan, Martin Fogarty, David Maher, Damien O'Brien, Eoin Hogan, Patrick Tucker, Tony Scroope and Noel Gleeson. Front Row: Senan McDonnell, John Barry, Leo Quigley, Cathal McGrath, Jonathan Maher, John McGrath, Mick Dunne, Robert Cremin, Ger Fogarty, Conor Mulcahy, Noel McDonnell, Sean Darcy and Conor Quigley.



Lorrha U-12 Football - Section C North Tipp 1995 Champions (Back row: (l. to r.) Derek Walshe, Eoin Hough, Noel Needham, Michael Cleary, T. J. Slevin, Donal Kennedy, Adrian Naylor, Niall Brophy, Jonas Hein, James Dunne, Patrick Bourke, Richard Needham, Raymond Clancy, John Hoctor, Colin Bourke, Tadgh Nevin. Second row: Jack Maher, Mark Houlihan, Emmett Power, Jamey Rosney, William Dean, Ronan O'Meara (capt.), Brian Dolan, Sean Cleary (mascot), Eoin Mannion, Kevin Coughlan, Kevin Liffey, Eoin Donoghue, Pdraig Mannion, Kevin Hough. Front row: Brendan Slevin, Mikey Slevin, P. Gormally, Tony Hogan, Colm Duggan. Top row: Tom Kennedy (selector), Paschal Moran, Juvenile chairman, John Cleary (coach)



All eyes on the ball!



Toomevara U-16 panel: North Tipp 'A' hurling champions: Back row (l. to r.) Barry Dunne, Kevin Cummins, Marty Ryan, Andrew Ryan, Ken Hall (captain), Thomas Hassett, Michael Kelly, Brian McGrath, James O'Meara, Paul McGrath, Anthony O'Neill, Brian Hackett and Tony Delaney. Front: Stephen O'Meara, Andrew Ryan, Patrick McGrath, Thomas Ryan, Paddy O'Brien, Benny Dunne, Eoin Brislane, Ronan Tynan, Thomas O'Meara and Alan Coffey.



The Ballina U-14 Football panel - North 'B' champions: Back row: (l. to r.) Gerard Gleeson, Cormac Kelly, Pdraig Ryan, John Ryan, Anthony Hurley, Paudie Sheedy, Noel Moroney, Pat Cosgrave, Michael Moloney, Sean McKeogh, David Collins. Front: Roddy Kennedy, Cathal Gleeson, Willie Heeson, Patrick Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Wayne Callahane, Donal McKeogh, Eamonn O'Sullivan, David Hickey, Shane Ryan, Seamus Larkin. Absent from photo: Jonathan Hogan.



Roscrea U-14 - North Urban-Rural Football Champions: (Back row: (l. to r.) Ross Redmond, Anthony Nash, Liam Killackey, Jamie Cummins, Maurice Nash, Brian Fitzgerald and Paul Brussels. Front: Gerard Fitzgerald, Brian Brooks, Aaron Ryan, Ruairi O'Connor, Dan Maher (captain), Alan Franks, Jim McDonnell and Oliver Douglas.



Silvermines U-14 Panel - North 'C' Football Champions: (Back row: (l. to r.) Joan O'Brien (sec.), Liam Keogh (selector), Dan Ryan (selector), Alan Cunneen, P. J. Grace, Dan Steed, William Forde, Pdraig Hanly, Niall Horan, Vincent Forde, Daryl O'Brien, Michael Horan (selector), Patsy Bonnar (coach). Middle Row: William Powell, Darragh Clifford, Ronan Gleeson, Paul Sherlock (capt.), Brian Duignan, Alan Ryan, Michael Clifford, Cathal Gleeson, Damien Egan, Martin Ryan. Front row: William Collins, Michael McCarthy, Ger Grace, Jim Egan, William Keogh, Seamus Ryan.



Toomevara U-12 panel: North and County hurling champions: Back row (l. to r.) Michael Cleary, Enda Hackett, Declan Bentley, David Madden, Conor Maxwell, David Young, Niall McGrath, Enda Slattery, Robert O'Neill, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Michael Hassett, Joseph McCormack, David Kennedy (capt.), Paddy Kelly and Ronan O'Neill. Front row; Eddie O'Meara, Andrew McCarthy, James McGrath, John Delaney, Gerard Cuddy, Sean Hogan, William Ryan, Shane Tynan, Michael O'Brien, Sean Delaney, Francis Devaney, John Boland and John O'Meara. Absent: Alan Kenneally



Silvermines U-12 panel – North 'C' champions (Back row: (l. to r.) Donal O'Brien, William Powell, James McGrath, Cathal Gleeson, Patrick Collins, Martin Ryan, Damien Egan, Aidan Hudner, Alan Shanahan, Denis Ryan, Eoin Sheehan. Front: Kevin Ryan, Sean McDonnell, Thomas Gleeson, Eoin Quirke, Brendan Sheehy, Niall Kelly, James Bourke, Sean Forde, Kevin Cunneen, John Gleeson, Orla McDonagh, Aileen Forde, Mark Dunne.



Silvermines U-16 panel and mentors – North 'C' hurling champions: (Back row: (l. to r.) Dan Ryan, John McCarthy, Martin Mulqueen, Ronan Gleeson, Sean Quirke, Brendan Timmons, Cian Ryan, Mark Dunlea, Eamonn Molqueen, Seamus Forde, Mark Bourke, Pat Hannon, Anthony Ryan, Tom Kelly, Pat Sheehan. Middle row: Martin Ryan, Conor Hannon, Brian Duignan, Timmy Kelly (capt.), William McCarthy, Paul Sherlock, Enda Bourke, Derek Cunnean, Gerard Kennedy, Thomas Sheary, Daryl O'Brien. Front row: Padraig Hanly, Ger Grace, Alan Ryan, Michael McCarthy, Eoin O'Sullivan, Jim Egan, Darragh Clifford and Aidan Murphy.



Nenagh Éire Óg U-16 football panel – North champions (Back row: (l. to r.) P. Smyth, (trainer), Cathal Middleton, John Paul Hogan, Richie Flannery, Leonard Ryan, Barry Smyth, Aidan Hurley, Eamonn Murtagh, Thomas Maher. Middle row: Kevin O'Meara, Ronan Bailey, David Delaney, Trevor Moloney, Alan Madden, Enda Kissane, Paul Shore, Noel Tomlinson, Michael Hassett, Keith Daly, Kenneth Jones. Front: Martin Ryan, Graham Mitchel, Donal Shanahan, Michael McNamara, Eddie Kennedy.



North Tipperary U-16 panel – Garda Cup (inter divisional) winners: Back row (l. to r.) Michael Ryan, Tony Douglas, John Keane, Peter Carroll, Richie Flannery, Michael McNamara, Paddy O'Brien (capt.) Paul Ryan, Alan McKeogh, Brian Hogan, Phil Maher, Cormac Galvin, Brian Lawlor, Kevin McDonnell, Brian Duggan, Enda Nolan, Michael Connors. Front: Tadhg Slevin, Gary Howard, Declan Maher, Trevor Fletcher, Andrew Ryan, Fergal McDonnell, Stephen O'Meara, James O'Meara, Enda Fitzgerald, Barry Dunne, Ken Hall, Jim McDonnell, Paul Coleman, Dan Hackett, John Slattery.



Burgess U-14 panel North 'B' champions: Back row (l. to r.) Damien O'Brien, James Brophy, Alan Seymour, Pdraig McDonnell, Patrick Ryan, Colm O'Brien, Shane Maher, Jason Seymour, Sheena Howard, Martin Fogarty, Gerard Hogan and Kevin McGrath. Front row: Eoghan O'Donoghue, Frankie Hogan, Tony Scroope, Cathal Hanrahan, Michael Fogarty (capt.) David Quinlan, Thomas Hogan, Donal Hogan, David Maher, Eoin Hogan, Thomas McGrath, Niall McGrath, Patrick Tucker.



Kildangan U-14 hurling champions: Front row (l. to r.) Donal Kennedy, Noel McGrath, M. Slattery, B. Fox, D. Slattery (capt.), P. Casey, L. Kelly, D. Hayes, S. Gleeson. Back row: Gerry Foley (selector), M. Keogh, E. Cleary, M. Nolan, T. Clarke, J. Long, E. Kerwin, G. Corcoran, G. Quinn, P. Hogan, E. Fahy (manager). Inset: J. Collins, L. White, L. Slattery.



Borrisoleigh U-16 panel – North and County 'B' hurling and football champions: Back row (l. to r.) Rory Kinnane (mentor), Stephen Cummins, John Keane, Philip Maher, Darragh Rabbite, Sean Ryan, Barry Walshe, Liam Cummins, David Butler and Dan Ryan (mentor). Middle row: John Paul Ryan, Eoin Stapleton, Damtien Fahy, Sean O'Sullivan, Rory Kinnane, Thomas Ryan (captain), Declan Maher, Martin Maher and Kevin Keane. Front: Joseph Howard, Cathal O'Shea, Shane Tynan, Ailbe Cummins, Joseph O'Regan, Gerard Martin, Kevin Walsh and John Kelly.



North Tipperary U-14 panel which reached the Peadar Cummins (Inter-divisional) tournament final: Back row: Shane Maher, Barry Moran, Richie Bourke, Dermot Gleeson, Enda Ryan, Eoin Brislane, Alan Franks and Murty Ryan. Middle row: Paschal Moran (selector), P. J. Hogan (selector), John Collins, Darren Gleeson, Paul Sherlock, Shane Mannion, Stephen Ryan, Kevin Cummins and Tom Gleeson (selector). Front row: Eoin Larkin, Adrian Kelly, Brian Quinn, Pdraig McDonnell, Darragh Spooner, Damien Ryan, Martin Maher, Patrick Cosgrave, Billy McCormack.



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GAA DEVELOPMENTS 1995

By John Ryan, GAA Developments Officer

When we look back on the year 1995 many memories spring to life, the wet Spring, the continuous rainfall, the rain soaked pitches and the flooding. The swans swimming majestically on Holycross playing field in February for the second year in a row.

The local club, not ones to shrink from a challenge decided on action, who will ever forget the day the diver went down in eight feet of water in Loughán to plug the hole with sandbags, with Fr. McGrath on stand by in case anything went wrong.

The crack was mighty. Even John Doyle was on hand to say alleluia when the job was done. Next it was the water pump, pumping 37,000 gallons an hour night and day. In nearby Semple Stadium concern was being expressed at the constant demand on the playing surface, to accommodate all who wanted to train there. This in turn focussed Tipperary county Board to seek a property close to Semple Stadium that could be developed for training and games. A task force was given a job to do, fields were looked at, people were met and by mid-July possession was granted to the newly acquired property

known locally as Smee's field.

Since then levels were taken, tests were carried out and tenders were sought for the development of this 12.6 acre field.

On Sept. 18th, Jim Ormond from Loughmore, a very experienced contractor started work on the landscaping of the new field.

Work continued until October 20th and in that time top soil was piled and thousands of tons of sub-soil were levelled. Also an area of rock encountered was broken and this has completely filled the quarry on the right of the field. It is planned to have two full size pitches on the site when completed, and to ensure this, a further half acre was purchased to square off the inner half of the field. Since then the E.S.B. has re-routed two power lines that were crossing overhead, plans have been drawn and submitted to allow perimeter walls, entrances, and eventually dressing rooms to be erected as finance allows in the years ahead. It is hoped to resume levelling and seeding as soon as weather permits in 1996. In years to come this new purchase will have huge benefits towards the training of county teams - hurling and football, challenge



At the opening of the Rockwell Rovers field in New Inn, L/R: Walter O'Donnell, chairman Rockwell Rovers makes a presentation to Jack Boothman, President of the GAA, who opened the field. Also included is Sean Fogarty, chairman of County Board.

matches and college games.

COUNTY GROUNDS

You would often hear it said that clubs who embark on big developments find it hard to concentrate on their players and teams sufficiently, and this is far from true. We need only look at our county hurling champions Eire óg, Nenagh who can justifiably feel proud of their new stand which has given a whole new status to one of Tipperary's county grounds.

The inspiring leadership given by chairman Ger Garvin and fellow officers Jimmy Minogue and Jimmy Morris deserve every praise for what has been achieved in recent years.

CLUB DEVELOPMENTS

Killadangan club, under Paddy Kelly's able chairmanship have just completed their fine dressing rooms and shower complex, while up in Lorrha Tony Coen's drive and enthusiasm has been a real factor in extending dressing rooms, providing a beautiful juvenile pitch and also covered accommodation on their well laid out grounds.

Toomevara's reign as County Champions might have come to an end but one has to admire their further progress by way of extra dressing rooms, new entrance, dug outs, etc. that would be well worth a visit. This has all been achieved under the outstanding leadership of chairman Fr. Michael Casey. Down to Clonmel and you could only stand and admire what Clonmel Óg has achieved in the short few years since their formation. Their playing facilities have now been really enhanced by the erection of a fine building complex incorporating dressing rooms, showers, huge meeting room and kitchen area. The dedication and effort of officers and committee of this club would make an outstanding role model anywhere.

In nearby Marfield, chairman Michael Mullane and his dedicated committee made a huge impact in 1995 by providing a new entrance, juvenile pitch, and seating in their beautiful grounds, while further south, Ballyporeen picked the right Summer to do a total landscaping of their field which will add immensely to the player facilities of this energetic club.

The above are but a small sample of developments of GAA units in 1995.



County Chairman, Sean Fogarty (centre) performs the official opening of the Gortnahoe-Glengooile GAA Club's new stand and grounds. Included in photograph are (l to r) - Fr J.J. O'Rourke (Club President); Jimmy Meighan (Club Chairman); Sean Fogarty (County Chairman); John Canon Lambé AP (Club President) and Marguerite Meighan.



Photographed at the official opening of the Sean Treacy's club grounds at Kilcommon were (l to r) - Eamonn Stapleton, Sean Treacy's club secretary; Fr. Dan Woods, Sean Treacy's Hon. President; Michael Ryan, Sean Treacy's club chairman; Sean Fogarty, County GAA Board chairman who was also the recipient of a presentation from the club; Liz Howard, County GAA Board PRO; Seamus King, West GAA Board chairman; Fr Christy O'Dwyer, Sean Treacy's club president, who also officially blessed the grounds and Fr J. Foley, Sean Treacy's club Hon. President.

Tubberadora Centenary Commemoration 1995

By: P. Ó RIAIN

*"Despite all strife and jealousy those heroes had to stand
Invincible, unscathed, unconquered through the land
And for three years in succession they let the world know
They were All-Ireland champions, where the beautiful springs do flow."*

Tubberadora, or Tiobrad Ortha – the pilgrims' well, a little townland of just a square mile and situated between Boherlahan and Holycross was a name known through the centuries to the many pilgrims who made their way to Holycross.

Just one hundred years ago in 1895 the name Tubberadora once again hit the national headlines and this time because of the hurling feats of the young men of the area who captured the All-Ireland hurling crown in that year and then went on to repeat the success in 1896 and again in 1898.

THE DEARLY DAYS OF THE G.A.A.

This particular area and its surrounding townlands was steeped in the hurling tradition long before the foundation of the G.A.A. in 1884 and I can recall the old people of my youth recounting the stories of the great games that took place between the men of Ballytarsna, Suir View, Ardmayle and Tubberadora.

Of, too, had I heard it said that Kickham's inspiration for the hurling game so vividly described in his famous novel *Knocknagow* came from the fiercely contested games between the rival teams at either side of the river Suir.



TUBBERADORA



This memorial was erected by the Boherlahan-Dualla G.A.A. Club to commemorate the Tubberadora hurling team which won the 1895, 1896, and 1898 All-Ireland hurling finals. Tom Leahy, The Mill, formed the Tubberadora team from the wealth of young talent that gathered regularly in this field for hurling practice. Tubberadora was the source of Tipperary hurling tradition, founded on that which has been the cornerstone of the success of Gaelic games, a fusion of the special local pride of a rural area and the sporting endeavour of its people. Winning three national titles in four years and being unbeaten in championship contests in that period, Tubberadora was one of the greatest teams in hurling history. The All-Ireland medal winners were:

Mikey Maher (capt.) '95,'96,'98

Ned Brennan '95,'96,'98

Phil Byrne '95,'96,'98

Tim Condon '96,'98

John Connolly '95,'96,'98

Will Devane '95,'96,'98

Paddy Doherty '96

Watty Dunne '98

Jim Flanagan '95,'96

Thady Flanagan '95,'96

Jim Gleeson '95

Will Kerwick '95

Jack Maher (F) '95,'96,'98

Jack Maher (N) '98

John Maher '95

Ned Maher '95,'96,'98

Peter Maher '95

Fergus Moriarty '95

Dick O'Keeffe '98

Jim O'Keeffe '98

Paddy Riordan '95

E.D. Ryan '96,'98

John Ryan '98

Tommy Ryan '96,'98

Phil Scanlan '96

Mike Wall '96

Denis Walsh '95,'96,'98

Johnny Walsh '95,'96,'98

After all, Kickham did spend much of his youth just over the road in Mocklershill. Little wonder then that a Boherlahan team contested the 1888 final only to be defeated by their next-door neighbours from Clonoulty.

The following years saw a serious decline in the progress of the G.A.A. due mainly to the Land Struggle and the Parnell split and statistics show that though a thousand G.A.A. clubs had affiliated nationwide in 1888 the number had been reduced to half that number by 1890 and had dropped to as little as 220 by 1891. Fortunately this decline soon changed and by 1893 and 1894 it began to show again unmistakable signs of revival.

THE RISE OF TUBBERADORA

Then in 1895 Tom Leahy, "The Mill", Tubberadora, seeing the wealth of young hurling talent that gathered each evening in Walsh's Kiln field decided to enter for the county championships of that year. The other competing teams included Ballytarsna and Suir View just across the river.

Suir View beat Ballytarsna and then overcame Knockgraffon to qualify for the county final. Meanwhile, Tubberadora defeated Racecourse and the previous year's county champions, Drombane, and thus qualified to face Suir View in the County final which was played at Cashel on September 29th 1895.

The game, watched by about 6,000 spectators, was the first in the county to take up an entry charge – 2d. per adult and though it ended all square at full time, Tubberadora pulled away in extra time to win 3-9 to 2-7.

The teams were –

Tubberadora: Mikey Maher (capt.), Matty Kelly, John Walsh, Denis Walsh, Thady Flanagan, James Flanagan, Tommy Ryan, J. Connolly, Ned Maher, John Maher, Bill Tyrell, Ned Brennan, Jack McGrath, Will Devane, John Maher (F), Tom Dwyer, Jim Nolan. Subs: J. Horan, Ned Kearney, Patsy Armstrong.

Suir View: Jack Fogarty (capt.), Danny and Patsy Morrissey, Con., Pat, Peter Maher, Con, Will, Pat O'Dwyer, Phil Fogarty, James and Tim Heaney, Phil Byrne, Tom and Pat Ryan, Simon Moloney and Ned Penefather.

It will be noted that teams then consisted of seventeen players, having been reduced from twenty-one in 1892.

Tubberadora then went on to represent Tipperary and because of a new rule passed in 1892 they could pick from other clubs in the county. Therefore, when they lined out against Limerick in the Munster final at Kilmallock on February 23, 1896, they had selected three players from Drombane, two from

Suir View and one from Ballytarsna.

Having won at Kilmallock, they then lined out against Tullaroan, Kilkenny, for the All-Ireland final on March 15th, 1896, a game which they won decisively by 6-8 to 1-0. This game, played at Jones's Road, now Croke Park, was the first All-Ireland on this now famous arena and, fitting though it is that this the centenary year should see the first great step in the development of the venue as a "new age" arena, it is well not to forget the men who first trod his hallowed ground when the place was but a simple playing field on the city's periphery.

The victorious teams was: Michael Maher (capt.), Denis Walsh, John Walsh, Ned Maher, Jim Flanagan, Thady Flanagan, John Connolly, John Maher (Field), Ned Brennan, John Maher, Will Devane (Tubberadora), Paddy Riordan, Jim Gleeson, Fergus Moriarty (Drombane), Peter Maher and Phil Byrne (Clonoulty), Jim Kerwick (Ballytarsna).

Tubberadora repeated the success of 1895 in the following year and then decided to call it a day. They were, however, prevailed upon to return once again in 1898, again taking county and All-Ireland crowns but this was to be their "swan song", though a number of players continued to play with the Jockey in 1899 and Borris in 1900, thus adding to an already huge collection of All-Ireland hurling medals.

Powerful, sweeping hurlers who had brought the art of training for skill and stamina to a point which would do justice to many modern teams they retired undefeated with "no more worlds" to conquer.

Anyway, a livelihood had to be earned on the land and it was time to stop walking miles to catch trains that took an eternity to reach their destination, time to end paying out expenses of their many journeys from their own resources, time to let someone else have a shot at the honours.

CENTENARY HONOURS

Earlier this year (1995) the Boherlahan-Dualla club decided to commemorate in a fitting way the Tubberadora successes which began in 1895 and a sub-committee under Seamus Leahy, grandson of Tom Leahy, The Mill, was appointed to see the project through. The other members were John Maher, P. J. Maher, John Devane, Philip Ryan, Michael Maher and Billy Maher. By mid-summer work was under way in the construction of a memorial plaque on a site donated by Andy O'Dwyer in Kitty's field at Tubberadora cross where Kitty Leahy, a scion of the famed Tubberadora family carried on a little retail business supplying the needs and luxuries of the

people of the neighbourhood.

This field, too, was for many years a hurling mecca for the youth of the locality and many a future hurling star such as little Jimmy Maher – the goalie – or Sonny Maher or from beyond the parish boundary such as John Doyle or Mikey Maher, Glenbane, were to get their first taste of competitive hurling on this same field.

Much of the work was voluntarily given as many willing hands helped during the summer evenings to clear the site and collect the rocks from the fences, walls and gaps in the fields around Tubberadora where the hurling heroes went about their daily chores a hundred years ago. The stone wall surrounds a beautiful limestone plaque bearing the names – twenty eight in all – of the players who took part in the finals of 1895-1896 and 1898.

On Sunday, August 27th 1995, the memorial was unveiled by Seamus Ó Riain, a former President of the G.A.A. and blessed by the Boherlahan Dualla Club President, V. Rev. James Feehan. Present also were V. Rev. D. Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Patron of the G.A.A., the former Archbishop and Patron, V. Rev. Thomas Morris; V. Rev. M. Russell, retired Bishop of Waterford and a former Chairman of Mid Tipp. G.A.A.; Mons. Michael Condon, Mons. C. Lee, Mr. Pat Fanning, Waterford, past G.A.A. President; Sean Fogarty, Co. Chairman and Co. Board officers; divisional officers and members; relatives of the old Tubberadora players and a huge crowd of friends and supporters of the club.

To mark the occasion in fitting fashion, the Tullaroan senior and juvenile teams travelled to play the local teams as Tullaroan were the opponents in the All-Ireland of a hundred years ago and a fitting celebration with the help of the parish ladies was held in the local parochial hall.

So, as future generations pass by Kitty's field they will be forever reminded of the gallant band of men who brought home so many All-Ireland medals to the golden square mile where, in the words of a well-known Irish author, "The young men played 'pitch and toss' with All-Ireland medals". After all weren't twenty eight All-Ireland senior medals brought home to five houses all within a half mile stretch of road in Tubberadora?

"Then cheer, boys, cheer for those young heroes

*With victory smiling on their way
And the ladies to compare with their
voices rent the air*

*When they met to greet the
Tubberadora team.*

COUNTY SCÓR

THE 94/95 Scór season in the county was successful especially Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPaisti, we had great crowds at the semi-finals and finals, we had a wonderful crowd in Holycross at final of Scór Sinsear but organisers in the four divisions find it hard to motivate clubs to compete in Scór Sinsear, so we shall have to devise ways to revitalize Scór Sinsiar as it is the clubs who are the grass roots.

In Scór na nÓg, Liam Brennan – solo song; Roscrea – Music; Clonoulty – question time; Upperchurch – ballad group; Borrisoleigh – set dancing went to Munster Final and the ballad group and set dancing group went to Athlone for the All-Ireland, but ballad group were unlucky that evening, while their neighbouring parish Borrisoleigh attained All-Ireland honours. Congratulations to a very committed group with great organisers.

In senior Scór Mary Ryan – song; Eileen Heffernan – recitation; Nuachleas – J. K. Brackens; question time – Moyne and set went to Munster where despite good performances, only Newcastle set progressed to All-Ireland in Athlone in April where unfortunately although they gave a polished performance

County results 1994-95.			
Rince Foirne	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPaisti
Solo Song	Upperchurch/Drombane	Portroe	Gortnahoe/Glengoole
	Liam Brennan	Mary Ryan	Orla Glasheen
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/Castleiney	Upperchurch	Lattin/Cullen
Nuachleas	Roscrea	Upperchurch	Ballina
Question Time	Templederry	J. K. Brackens	Newcastle
Recitation	Clonoulty/Rossmore	Moyne/TTuohy	Clonoulty/Rossmore
	Brid McGrath	Eileen Heffernan	Evelyn Egan
Ballad Group	Cappawhite	Cappawhite	Silvermines
Set Dancing	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch
	Borrisoleigh	Newcastle	Gortnahoe/Glengoole

were unlucky on the night.

Seamus McGrath, Newcastle, is now chairman of Munster Scór Committee. It was with regret we saw our sincere and dedicated secretary Kathleen King, Lorrha, resign due to personal commitments. Kathleen felt she was unable to give the whole hearted attention required to Scór. We welcome Marie Morrissey, Clonoulty as our new county secretary and wish her luck in the coming years.

Elected officers of Coiste Scór:
Thiobraid Arann:

Cathaoirleach: Joe O'Halloran; Leas-Cathaoirleach: Jim Keane; Runaí: Marie Morrissey; Cisteoir: Joan Ryan; P.R.O.: Nora Troy; Delegate to Munster: Joan Ryan.



Upperchurch/Drombane Ceol Uirlise Group – Co. Champions Scór na Sinsear 1995. Jim Ryan, Mary Ryan, Ann-Marie Leamy.



Upperchurch/Drombane Ballad Group – Co. Champions Scór na bPaisti. Left to right: Anne Ryan, Deirdre O'Brien, Elizabeth Harrington, Ciara Ryan, Claire Quinn.



Sarah Fogarty, Templederry – winning County Final Recitation.



Upperchurch-Drombane Ballad Group – Co. Champions, Munster Champions Scór na nÓg. Left to right: J. Ryan, Joan Marie Ryan, Avril Harrington, Nora Harrington, Mary Ryan, John Quinn, Norma Harrington.



Mary Ryan, Upperchurch/Drombane – Co. winner of Solo Song - Scór 1995.

Mid Tipperary Scór 1994-95

We had a good 1994-95 season in the division, while we would like more clubs to be involved, we appreciate the efforts of the clubs that participated in the three grades.

We had good audiences who were treated to some great entertainment in all competitions. We thank the host clubs for their time and hospitality on competition nights.

In Scór na nÓg Liam Brennan, Loughmore Solo Song and the Upperchurch / Drombane Ballad Group went to the Munster Final, while Liam was unlucky the Ballad Group went to Athlone where they were barely edged out of All-Ireland honours, they are very young, so they can only improve with age, so we wish them the best of luck in 1995-96.

In Scór Sinsear, Mary Ryan, Upperchurch Solo Song; Eileen

Heffernan, Cappawhite, Recitation; J. K. Brackens, Novelty Act and Moyne/ Templetuohy, Question Time, got through to the Munster Final in Killarney, although they gave good performances, were unlucky on the night.

Elected officers for Mid-Tipperary Scór for current season:

Results hereunder:			
	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPaistí
Rince Foirne	Upperchurch/Drombane	J. K. Brackens	Gortnahoe/Glengoole
Solo Singing	Liam Brennan	Mary Ryan	Claire Quinn
	Loughmore/Castleiney	Upperchurch	Upperchurch
Ceol Uirlise	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch	Boherlahan/Dualla
Nuachleas	Moyne/Templetuohy	J. K. Brackens	Boherlahan/Dualla
Question Time	Moycarkey/Borris	Moyne/Templetuohy	Boherlahan/Dualla
Recitation	James Ryan	P. J. Leahy	Ciara Ryan
	Holycross/Ballycahill	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch/Drombane
Ballad Group	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moyne	Upperchurch/Drombane
Set Dancing	Upperchurch/Drombane	Moycarkey/Borris	Gortnahoe/Glengoole.



Senior Scór North and Co. Champions in Figure Dancing. Back row (l. to r.): Anne Meaney, Mary Ryan, Evelyn Meaney and Caroline Egan. Front: Philo Meaney, Margaret Sheedy, Caroline Meaney and Jackie Kennedy.



North Tipp winners and County runners-up - Novelty Act - Scór na bPaistí 1995 - Templederry. (Left to right) John Fogarty, Tara Kennedy, Tom McLoughney, Sarah Foley, Patrick Ryan, Orla Kelly, Eugene Foley and Caitriona Madden.



Scór na bPaistí - North champions - Portroe Dancers - Back row (l. to r.) Carol Creamer, organiser; Elaine Hogan, Anne Conroy, organiser, Diane Hogan and Geraldine Conroy, organiser. Middle row: Patricia O'Halloran, Karen O'Brien (capt.), Róisín Malone and Laura Maher. Front row; Dawn Ryan, Jennifer O'Halloran.



Templederry - North and County winners 1995 - Scór na nÓg - Novelty Act (l. to r. sitting) Edel Kennedy, Sharon McLoughney, Sarah Fogarty. Middle row: John Kennedy, Daniel Madden. Back row: Aisling Kennedy, Bill Fogarty, Teresa Madden.

G.A.A. Publications

by Seamus J. King

AFTER the famine of the past few years there's a respectable meal of new publications to write about this year. They include a history of a famous townland, an impressive account of a famous club and an account of how the hurling famine ended in Tipperary.

But first to that townland, the golden square mile that is Tubberadora. 1995 was the centenary of the first of three All-Irelands won by a famous band of men and, as well as building an impressive monument in stone to their revered memories, a booklet of 48 pages was produced to flush out their names and give them faces and histories.

The booklet was researched and written by John G. Maher and is complementary to two other G.A.A. publications from the parish, *The Tubberadora-Boherlahan Hurling Story*, told in 1973 by Philip Ryan and John Maher in 1987. John Maher, in *Tubberadora: The Golden Square Mile*, concentrates on Tubberadora, telling what happened and giving us interesting information on the men who made it happen.

Among other things we learn that Ned Brennan died in a shooting accident in 1912 at the age of 38. Tim Condon and Mike Wall died in 1918, the latter in far-away Australia, whence he emigrated in 1906 and where he continued to hurl. Another of the famous band, Jack of the Fields, died in California. We are also told of their descendants. Peter Maher's great-grandson, for instance, Davy Hogan, is on the current Tipperary senior football team and another great grandson, John Hackett, was a member of the 1984 Tipperary minor football team which won Munster honours.

The booklet is a fascinating read and is a giveaway at £2. As well as telling us about the players it gives a brief account of the games played by Tubberadora. There is a picture of the 1898 side and a map of the place with the houses of the players marked.

ARRAVALE ROVERS

Tom O'Donoghue has been working on the history of the club for a number of years and it eventually saw the light of day in July, when it was launched with due pomp and circumstance by Marcus de



Seán Fogarty, Chairman of the County Tipperary GAA Board (centre), receiving a copy of his book, *"The Tipp Revival"*, from author Seamus Leahy. On left is Tomás Ó Baróid, Secretary of the County GAA Board.

Burca in the Royal Hotel, Tipperary. A very impressive publication, the book stretches to 564 pages in A4 size pages.

The first part of the book will be of enormous interest to everyone wanting to know more about the state of football in the county in the early days of the Association. There were no less than three teams from Tipperary Town, Bohercrowe, Arravale Rovers and Roseanna.

Bohercrowe won the county championship in 1888 but there was no Munster or All-Ireland championship because of the American Invasion. Bohercrowe and Roseanna met in the first round of the county championship the following year with Bohercrowe successful and they went on to capture the All-Ireland title with a comprehensive victory over Maryboro in the final. The Spittle was the home base of the Roseannas and the rivalry between them and Bohercrowe can be gleaned from a ballad to celebrate the All-Ireland victory, two lines of which ran as follows:

*And coming up the Spittle/With neither
dread nor fear.*

If Bohercrowe were successful in 1889, it was to be Arravale Rovers turn in 1895 when they beat Navan O'Mahonys in the final. The game was played on March 15, 1896, and it was part of a double fixture, the second half of which was the Tubberadora/Tullaroan hurling final. It was the one and only time the two finals were played on the same day and the first time for finals to be played at Jones's Road. There is another interesting point about both finals. Jim Riordan played for Arravale Rovers in the final and his brother Paddy played with Tubberadora. Both were originally from Drombane and they

have the rare, if not unique, distinction of winning senior All-Ireland medals on the same day in different games.

Paddy Riordan has a further distinction of being credited with Tubberadora's total score of 6-8. His achievement was confirmed in the weekly paper, *Sport*, in 1914, by Frank Dineen, who had been President of the G.A.A. in 1896.

But back to Arravale Rovers. The town of Tipperary was alive with political tension in the late eighties. New Tipperary was born and in July 1890 the three famous clubs of Bohercrowe, Arravale Rovers and Roseanna agreed to be united under the banner of the New Tipperary Club. However, this unity was not to last long. The Parnell Split was to cause this fragile unity to be well and truly riven.

The book traces the fortunes of the various clubs that came into existence. For the benefit of the reader I thought the author might have included an appendix with the names of all the clubs that existed in the town over the years. And, while on the question of additions, a roll of honour of the clubs' achievements would have been very helpful. Finally, a list of all the players from the town who had won All-Irelands in hurling and football would be most useful.

These few deficiencies should not detract from a very fine achievement. Of great interest are the exciting contests between Tipperary Club and Bray Emmets in 1904/5. The achievements of the club in later years are presented in detail. The selection of photographs adds to the value of the book and the numerous team line-outs will make it an important work of reference. Tom O'Donoghue has laboured long and assiduously to complete this

book and deserves the gratitude not only of the people of Tipperary Town but of the county as well.

THE TIPP REVIVAL

Tipperary's hurling famine came to an end in 1987 with the capture of a Munster senior hurling final for the first time in 16 years. Since then the county has had a reasonable amount of success including five Munster finals, two All-Irelands and two National Leagues. The success of the county is more dramatically reflected in the number of All-Stars it received. Between 1972-86 the county had 11 All-Stars. Between 1987 and 1994 the number has been twenty-six.

Seamus Leahy has written an important book on these years. It is reviewed separately in this Yearbook. It is sufficient for me to mention that the book is not only an

account of the revival but it seeks to put it in perspective. Chapter 2 traces the dominant position the county held in the hurling world up to 1971 and follows this up with a chapter on the famine years. It goes on to talk about the arrival of Babs and his efforts to put Tipperary back in its rightful place. The book writes about the players who made it possible, the successes and the failures. The final two chapters include an interview with Babs on these years and his part in it and the final chapter is entitled: 'Whither hurling, whither Tipperary?' The book is a very good read with plenty of insights, reflections and flashbacks to previous periods of Tipperary hurling and is to be highly recommended.

The year 1995 is the 75th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and there is an account

of the commemorative events surrounding the anniversary elsewhere in this publication. In connection with it, south division secretary, Michael O'Meara, put together a very impressive and comprehensive commemorative booklet, which was launched at the opening of an exhibition on Bloody Sunday in the County Museum in Clonmel.

Comprising about 80 pages, the booklet tells the story of Bloody Sunday from the books and documents published about the event. It also contains a selection of photographs, some of them never before published. It includes an account of previous commemorations, pen pictures of the players, a piece on the Hogan family and a selection of ballads relating to the period. The publication is a credit to Michael O'Meara and his helpers.



Launch of "Bloody Sunday" book by Michael O'Meara in the County Museum, Clonmel - (l.-r.): Tommy Barrett (Co. Secretary), Sean Fogarty (Co. Chairman), Seán Nugent (South Chairman), Michael O'Meara (Author), Michael Maguire (Chairman, South Tipp. Co. Council).

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'THE TIPP REVIVAL'

By Seamus Leahy – (Reviewed by J. J. Kennedy)

In the preface to his book, "The Tipp Revival", Seamus Leahy immediately sets down the markers against which his work must be read and judged:

"There are no startling revelations in these pages. There are no keyhole reports of boardroom or of dressing-room intrigues. It is told from the point of view of one who believes that hurling is the greatest field-game in the world and that its well-being in Tipperary is of special interest to those who worry about its survival".

So from the off the reader is under no illusion as to the tone of this latest addition to a growing G.A.A. library. There are going to be no sensational disclosures, no peep-hole insights, no headline-grabbing exclusives, no sales-promoting gimmicks. That would not be Seamus Leahy's style as we know the man from years of contributing to the "Tipperary Yearbook" and quite correctly he makes no pitch at that which he has never been.

ATTRACTIVELY WRITTEN

So what has the book if not attention-grabbing controversy? Well for one thing it is an attractively written work liberally spiced with personal anecdote and quotation. This is the sauce that sweetens the narrative as the reader is guided through Tipperary's return to glory. The book spans the Babs era of '86 to '94 although it resists the temptation to make the manager the focus. Instead a finely-researched work catalogues the games and relives the excitement in a very readable way. The subject matter has its own inherent glamour and this is

faithfully recounted by the author.

It is above all an accurate and honest depiction of this era in Tipperary hurling told by one who clearly has a passion for the subject. The emphasis is on accuracy and comprehensiveness as the story is traced game by game. The author isn't the first to write on this period – Raymond Smith immediately comes to mind – but he is the first to give a fully comprehensive account of the story of Tipp's revival even at the risk of excessive detail about games.

Starting with that unforgettable day in Killarney on July 19th, 1987, the author retraces his steps before advancing. There's a chapter devoted to a brief history of hurling and then the Tipp famine of '71 to '87 to set the backdrop to the post-famine drama. Then the story is narrated chronologically.

Of course even one averse to controversy can't ignore its existence in the interests of historical accuracy and Seamus Leahy mentions rancour where it occurs. Whether it was the 'donkey' remark of 1990 or the Galway affair of '89, all are included. But there's not attempt to dwell on or highlight or make noises about any of them; they are simply included as historical fact without comment by the author. In the pen of another these might be the focus but not here.

True to his promise in the preface, this is a book of celebration. Seamus Leahy was bred to the G.A.A., his family tradition needing no elaboration here, and like the



Nicholas English in action against Limerick this year.

rest of Tipperary's hurling folk he felt intensely the pain of the famine years. It was an intolerable absence from prominence but of course paradoxically it adds to the glamour of the revival.

SUPERSTAR

While the book is mostly a faithful recounting of the return to glory, some chapters have another agenda. The cover features Nicky English in full flight ahead of a blurred Jim Cashman and English is given special treatment as "the outstanding hurler of the team". His career is profiled in detail from the gable end of his Cullen home to six All-Star awards and a medical profile possibly unprecedented among Tipperary hurlers. For Babs, "You would have to go back to Jimmy Doyle for another Tipp forward quite like him".

A chapter headed "Superstar" ends with this eulogy on English: "As long as the golden days when Tipperary's famine was ended – and the golden days that followed – are discussed, tens of thousands of hurling followers will cherish their own recollections of moments when a young fellow who had learned to hurl against the wall of a house in the village of Cullen brought crowds to their feet with an artistry that, for those

of us who regard hurling as an art form, seemed to belong somewhere between heaven and earth".

The central personality in the Tipp revival was Babs Keating and there's an in-depth interview with the manager instead of a profile. A chapter on the "Money Game" seems relevant also in an era where Keating's reign was characterised by lavish fundraising and feting of the team. And the future of hurling, not just in Tipp but countrywide, takes up a final chapter. Then an informative statistics section at the end tells, among other things, that in Tipp's championship campaigns of '87 to '94 Nicky English marginally outscored Pat Fox: the respective tallies were 12-94 (130 points) against 11-87 (120 points).

As a complete account of the Tipp revival, Seamus Leahy's book has no equal, and now that it's in print I doubt if another will be commissioned. Among its merits is the personal touch, the author as eyewitness skillfully telling the story. For hurling folk, and especially Tipperary hurling folk, it's an obvious candidate for a Christmas present. Gill and Macmillan are the publishers and it will set you back a mere £8.99.

Good value.

The Arravale Rovers Story

Review by Marcus De Búrca

I have been asked by the editor of this Yearbook to do something I am averse to doing; but with his printing deadline only days away I have little choice but to comply, if somewhat reluctantly. I am expected to discuss *The Arravale Rovers History* by Tom O'Donoghue (Tipperary town, 1995) £20, and (wait for it!) to personalise it, that is to say, to refer to my family's association with that fine old club. The record shows that some time in 1885, with two other local men in Tipperary town, John Bourke, the local press man – the media representative in our current jargon? – founded a Gaelic football club that is now in its 111th year and still going strong. Like many others in the early GAA – among them, I insist, Maurice Davin and Micheal Cusack – Bourke's first love was field and track athletics, then in the grip of the local gentry. Already at the age of 22 he had participated with moderate success in pre-GAA sports meetings in his native area.

Tom O'Donoghue has faithfully recorded Bourke's role in Tipperary's first two All Ireland football titles – in 1889 and 1895. In the latter year Bourke became secretary of the revived Tipperary County Board, as the deep divisions caused by the Parnell Split were papered over, and later in that decade he had achieved sufficient status in the GAA at national level to be one of those chosen to try to keep the Association alive when it was again in danger of extinction. He is, however, conspicuously absent from all reports of Tipperary's third All Ireland football victory in 1900, having returned to athletics (now as an administrator) when the GAA set up an Athletics Council to try to ensure that athletics were not forgotten as its two field games grew in popularity.

For most of the decade 1895-1905 Bourke was on the Central Council as its athletics nominee, earning the nickname of "Bourke the Handicapper" – amongst others now mercifully forgotten with the passing of an older generation. Family folklore asserts that he never recovered



Arravale Rovers former officers at book launch. L/R:

James O'Donoghue, Dinny McGrath, Jimmy Byrnes, Hugh Kennedy, Dick Meagher, Jimmy O'Connell, Johnny Gaynor, Sean Toomey, Richard O'Connor.

from the death in 1905 at 18 of his eldest surviving son Tommy, who, having missed an excursion train home from a game, "slept out" in a damp field and contracted pneumonia. Constant travel and over-enthusiastic participation in the social side of Gaelic games took their toll. By 1910 or so Bourke's name disappears from GAA records at even local level, and in 1918 he died in the Great Flu when only 55.

Meanwhile, a younger generation of the Bourke family had joined Arravale Rovers, so that (as Tom O'Donoghue discovered to my surprise) my late father at the ripe old age of 19 was elected honorary secretary of the club in 1912. However, Patrick Bourke cannot have lasted long in his father's club, for about this time he won a county council scholarship from Tipperary CBS (in the old "Monastery" school up in "The Hills") to UCC, where he won a Fitzgibbon Cup medal. During World War I days he turned up in Meath as a teacher, serving for five years as chairman of the Meath 'County Board, playing for that county in both hurling and football, later becoming an inter-county referee and Meath's delegate to the Leinster Council. Doubtless having learned the hard way how to care for his health, he survived to 82, dying in the middle of a family game of "45" in 1975.

To a third generation of Bourkes (now, since the 1920s, known as de Búrca) fell

the task in 1980 of compiling the first history of the GAA since 1915. Either this, or the fact that I had allowed Tom O'Donoghue in the 1980s to pick my brains, led to an invitation to be the guest speaker in Tipperary town on a July evening in 1995 at the launch of this magnificent 564 page book. It was a function I would not have missed in any event, largely a family affair with only two "outsiders" presented – the chairman of the county board and the chairman to the West Board. For me, and for others who had journeyed from afar, it was both a night of celebration and an opportunity to meet old friends, including a couple of survivors of the Rovers side that had won the county championship 54 years earlier in 1941 in Golden. Sadly missing were those of earlier generations like Tom Rogers, Jimmy Wyse and, Jack and Paddy McGrath, the last-mentioned having passed away only months before in his mid-90s.

Present at last July's function, if not perhaps conspicuously so, were representatives from local rugby and soccer clubs, a welcome sign of the times in the new GAA now well into its second century. But this was not Rovers' first brush with rugby, for early in the century, in the days of the great Quane brothers, there was a brief period (not too well documented!) when the Gaelic footballers of Tipperary town saw nothing wrong in switching to the oval ball to keep fit during the winter months. John Quane, the last male survivor of this family, was in Thurles as a New York delegate at the golden jubilee congress held in that town in 1934, as the pictorial record proves.

Tom O'Donoghue's carefully researched book, it should be stressed, covers (as its sub-title claims), the whole story of Gaelic games in Tipperary town, and to this extent is a valuable contribution to the social history of this former garrison town in the past century. And, like the Bourkes, Tom belongs to a family now in its third generation with associations with Arravale Rovers.



Captains of West championships S. H. teams with author Tom O'Donoghue. L/R:

Pete O'Dwyer (captain), Tom O'Donoghue, Fr. Christy O'Dwyer (captain)

Tipperary Primary Schools



CAHIR – U-11's "A" National School County Champions – Back row (l. to r.): Pakie O'Dwyer, Jason Grant, Patrick McCarthy, John Power, Padraig Whelan, Daniel Maguire (captain), Christopher Kendrick, Eamon Barrett, Kevin Maguire, Stephen Keating, Anthony Burke. Front row (l. to r.): John M. Ryan, Gary Burke, Adam Van Der Wal, John Devereaux, Kevin O'Gorman, Peter St. John, John Cantwell, John P. Ryan, Christopher Wills.

1995 was again a very successful year for Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste Thiobraid Árann. We were glad to welcome back some schools which had dropped out over the years while at the same time we welcomed a number of new schools into our competitions.

A number of schools had to drop out of our competitions due to lack of numbers or lack of personnel to take charge and these are two problems we will have to face in the coming years. We would like to most sincerely thank the County Board and the Munster Council for their financial support over the year and without which a lot of good work could not be done. To all teachers, referees and clubs who helped us out over the years we say a very big "thank you" and we look forward to your support in 1996.

LIATHRÓID LAIMHE:

The finals were held in the Horse and Jockey handball club and the following were the winners:

Boys Singles: Kevin Kennedy (Ballina N.S.). Boys Doubles: Eoin Quirke and Shane Egan (Lissenhall N.S.); Girls Doubles: Ann Moloney and Yvonne Ryan (Lissenhall N.S.)

In the Regional Finals, held in Dolla Handball Club, the following won their way through to Croke Park:

Boys Singles: Kevin Kennedy (Tipperary) beat Sean Falvey (Kerry) 21-8; 21-8. Boys Doubles: Eoin Quirke and Shane Egan (Tipperary) beat Adrian Kelly and Jason Morris (Clare) 21-15; 21-19.

I.N.T.O./G.A.A. SKILLS COMPETITIONS

IOMÁNAÍOCHT:

This year's final was unique in that all five finalists, Killenaule N.S., Upperchurch N.S., Gortnahoe N.S., Ballyporeen N.S. and Clonoulty/ Ballagh N.S. were reaching the final for the first time and so a new name would be written on the trophy. After a very exciting round-robin competition Clonoulty/Ballagh and Upperchurch finished equal on points, but Upperchurch were declared the winners as they had scored more over the games than Ballagh/Clonoulty. Upperchurch N.S. went on to represent us in Tralee in the regional finals and some of their players appeared in Croke Park this year.



CAHIR – U-13's "A" National School County Champions – Back row (l. to r.): Brendan Horan (teacher), Pakie O'Dwyer, Michael Hyde, Brendan Hyland, James O'Connor, Liam Cantwell, Gavin Berry, Stephen Grant. Middle row (l. to r.): David Lonergan, Damien Lonergan (captain), Noel O'Gorman, Brian Enright, Damien McCarthy, Robert Costigan, Mark Darcy, Mark O'Dwyer. Front row (l. to r.): Thomas Foley, James McGrath, Paddy O'Flaherty, Daniel Maguire, James Darcy, Padraig Whelan, Anthony Fitzgerald, Gary Burke.

Upperchurch N.S.: Kieran O'Toole, Michael Gleeson, Michael Corcoran, Eoin Shortt, Joe Brennan, Willie O'Dwyer, Pat Shortt, John Carey, Liam Leamy, Eoin Ryan and James Gleeson.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT:

Inch G.A.A. field was the venue for this final. Ballylooby N.S., Rosegreen N.S., Portroe N.S. and Templemore G.N.S. were the finalists and after a very exciting round of games again a new name, Rosegreen N.S. was put on the trophy. As with Upperchurch, Rosegreen N.S. went on to Tralee to represent Tipperary and again some of the girls in Croke Park.

Rosegreen N.S.: Katie Lyne, Niamh O'Brien, Katie O'Connor, Phil Fogarty, Denise Doyle, Anne Marie Egan, Claire Marie Fogarty, Jennifer Frewen, Sarah O'Connor and Caroline Moore.

PEIL (BUACHAILLI):

New Inn G.A.A. hosted the final of the boys skills competition in which Inch N.S., Cappawhite N.S., Fethard B.N.S., Ardfinnan N.S. and Cahir B.N.S. took part. Having already won the under 13A and under 11A competition in football Cahir B.N.S. crowned a great year by also winning this one. They won all four games and so went on to represent Tipperary in Waterford for the regional final and then in Croke Park.

Cahir B.N.S.: Brian Enright, Noel O'Gorman, Paddy O'Flaherty, Gavin Berry, Damien McCarthy, Padraig Whelan, Daniel Maguire, Pakie O'Dwyer, James Darcy and Thomas Foley.

PEIL (CAILÍNÍ):

One of the fastest growing games is girls football and the standard displayed in this final was a credit to all schools. Two of the schools, Dunkerrin N.S. and Cappawhite N.S., were appearing in their first final and the skill they displayed was a joy to watch. They were joined by Lisvernane N.S. and Clogheen N.S. in what was a great day for girls football. Lisvernane N.S. just held off the challenge of the other three to go forward to Waterford and Croke Park.

Lisvernane N.S.: Siobhan Hayes, Mairead McGrath, Elaine Donovan, Celina MacHenry, Edel Hanly, Aoife O'Sullivan, Bridget O'Neill, Martina Peters, Eileen O'Donnell, Martina Brennan and Louise Grogan.

Championships (Southern Section):

Roinn A:	Thurles C.B.S. 2-13	Cahir B.N.S. 0-2
Roinn B:	Ballylooby N.S. 2-8	Killenaule N.S. 2-0
Roinn C:	Templetoohy N.S. 2-4	Inch N.S. 2-0
Roinn D:	Lismackin N.S. 3-7	Loughmore N.S. 2-4
Roinn E:	Ballinure N.S. 2-8	Ballagh N.S. 1-5

COUNTY FINALS:

Roinn A:

Nenagh C.B.S. 6-2; Thurles C.B.S. 1-6
 This Roinn A final was considered to be the best final seen in Thurles for a long time. Both teams were evenly matched except that Thurles C.B.S. could not find



Cumann na mBunscoil: Upperchurch N.S. - Co. Champions 7-a-side - Back row: John Carey, Liam Leamy, James Gleeson, Michael Corcoran, Jody Brennan, Michael Gleeson. Front row: Willie O'Dwyer, Eoin Ryan, Eoin Shortt, Pat Shortt, Ciarán O'Toole.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Killenaule National School hurling team.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Inch National School football team who took part in the INTO/GAA skills.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: St. Patrick's National School (Fethard) football team.

an answer to the brilliant Brian Darcy of Nenagh. Brian scored a total of 5-1 for Nenagh and was by far the best player on the pitch.

Nenagh C.B.S.: Kevin Flannery, David Coady, David Ryan, Eoin O'Donoghue, Patrick Grace, Trevor Connolly, John Brennan, John Paul King, Martin Ryan, Gerard Mitchell, James McGrath, Tony Scroope, Brian Darcy, Daithi Mac-Dhuibhinn and Gary Burke.

Subs: Kieran Morrissey, Conor Quigley, Stephen Starr, Donal Hennessy, Denis Ryan and John Treacy.

Thurles C.B.S.: James Kennedy, Eamonn Tuohy, Paul Dwyer, William Ryan, Matty Butler, Peter Murphy, Tom Hayes, M. J. O'Sullivan, Liam Hickey, David Judge, Eoin Costelloe, Tony Ruth, Michael Costelloe, John Lillis and Eamonn Gleeson.

Subs: Damien Cleary, Peter Frampton, John Roynane, Philip Hayes, Richard Kennedy, Michael Sheehan, Seamus Kennedy, Frank Conroy, Barry Dwyer, Ken Hickey and Padraig Duggan.

Referee: T. J. Corby.

Roinn B:

Ballylooby N.S. 4-3; Cloughjordan N.S. 2-0

Newly promoted Ballylooby N.S. not only won this final but won it at the first attempt. The first half was very even with Ballylooby just ahead at the break. They had wind advantage in the second half which they used to score some marvellous points and secure victory.

Ballylooby N.S.: Alan McCormack, Michael Doyle, Paudie Slattery, Thomas Burke, Derek Whelan, Jamie Myles, Patrick Slattery, Anthony O'Connor, Bryan Fitzgerald, Brian Kennedy, David Fox, John F. Whelan, Brian Beary, Colm Flynn and Raymond Fitzgerald.

Subs: Noel Moloney, Seamus Dwyer, Michael Murphy, James Murphy and Emmet Lonergan.

Cloughjordan N.S.: Willie Darcy, Colm Williams, Paddy Ryan, Patrick Daly, Noel Killackey, Kenneth Ryan, Fergal England, Aidan O'Brien, Gary Hoare, John Deane, Seamus Williams, Peter Deane, Darren Killackey, Pat Williams and Michael White.

Subs: Hannah Costelloe, Damien Cahill, Diarmuid Cahill, Cormac Williams, Paul Killackey, Tommy Hogan and Rory Killackey.

Referee: Christy Aylward.

Roinn C:

Templetuohy N.S. 7-5; Ballinahinch N.S. 1-2

In what has been a good year for the children from Templetuohy this fine win over Ballinahinch was the crowning glory. All through the game they held the upper-hand and try as they might Ballinahinch could not break down a very solid defence.

Templetuohy N.S.: Edward Kelly, Maurice O'Sullivan, David Kennedy, Kevin Fogarty, Ricky Fogarty, William Delahunty, John Sweeney, Declan Kelly,

Mark Russell, Hugh Coughlan, John Hassett and Mark Kelly.

Subs: Jimmy Bourke, Tommy Phelan, Jeremy Ryan, Tomás Hassett, Denis Maher and Denis Kiely.

Ballinahinch N.S.: Michael Gleeson, Corina Sheehy, Michael Fitzgerald, Shane Fitzgerald, Eoin O'Sullivan, Alan Kelly, Matthew Kennedy, Ger Griffin, Pat Jones,

Matthew Fahy, Padraig Berkery, Shane McGrath, John Doheny, Michael Lynch and Adrian Gleeson.

Subs: Stephen Ryan, Stephen Lyons, Michael Ryan, Edward Chadwick, Sean Sheehy, Michael O'Brien, Frances Bourke, Michael Bourke, John Foley and Aidan Gleeson.

Referee: T. J. Corby.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Clonoulty National School hurling team.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Gortnahoe National School hurling team.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Ardinnan National School football team who took part in the INTO/GAA Skills.



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Ballyporeen National School hurling team.

CAMÓGAÍOCHT:

Ballylooby N.S. 3-5; Rosegreen N.S. 1-0

When these two teams met in the league Rosegreen N.S. had a narrow win over Ballylooby N.S. and so a very close contest was expected. As it transpired this is what we got as despite the scoreline this was a game of very high quality and it was only in the last five minutes that Ballylooby N.S. really pulled away and made the victory safe.

Ballylooby N.S.: Karen Barry, Catherine Whelan, Anne-Marie Murphy, Brenda Coffey, Mary Burke, Marie Dowling, Denise Fitzgerald, Sinead Fitzgerald, Orla Fahy, Anne-Marie Wilkinson, Rachel Walsh and Mairead Morrissey.

Subs: Emma Coffey, Roisín Dwyer, Karen Roche, Mary-Ellen Flynn and Siobhan Fahy.

Rosegreen N.S.: Katie Lyne, Cecily Devitt, Victoria Blundell, Helen Quirke, Niamh O'Brien, Philomena Fogarty, Katie O'Connor, Anne-Marie Egan, Jennifer Frewen, Sarah O'Connor, Claire-Marie Fogarty, Caroline Moore, Jane Lanigan, Denise Egan, Danielle Fogarty, Helena Doyle, Marie Moloney and Elizabeth Slattery.

Referee: John Morrissey.

Roinn D:

Ballinree N.S. 2-6; Lismackin N.S. 1-1

Returning after a lapse of a number of years Lismackin N.S. did their school proud by winning their division and putting on a sterling performance in the county final. Ballinree N.S. from the famed Toomevara parish, were always in control of the game

Ballinree N.S.: James McGrath, Thomas McCarthy, Conor Slattery, John Boland, David Kennedy, Brendan Mounsey, Michael Hassett, Sally Mounsey, Kevin Mounsey, Alan Kenneally and Louise Duff.

Sub: Marie McCarthy.

Lismackin N.S.: Patrick Costigan, Liam Costigan, Andrew Crampton, Joe Shelly, Walter Byrne, Martin Joe Murray, David Crampton, Damien Coonan, David Killoran, Eoin Quinlan, Siobhan Matthews, Michael Murray, Michael Costigan, Mark Ryan, Gerard Smith, Caroline Creed and Niall Matthews.

Referee: Michael Maunsell.

Roinn E:

Boher N.S. 3-6 Ballinure N.S. 1-0

Boher N.S. were aiming to retain their title while Ballinure N.S. were appearing for the first time. On the day the occasion got to some of the Ballinure players while Boher played with grim determination and were intent on keeping their title. On the day they were the better team and deserved their second county title.

Boher N.S.: James McKeogh, Patrick Kennedy, Pat Cosgrave, Rody Kennedy, Domhnall McKeogh, Sean McKeogh, Jerry O'Brien, Thomas Collins, Kevin Ryan, Eoin Kennedy, Brian McKeogh, Seoirse



INTO/GAA SKILLS COMPETITION: Cappawhite National School Football.



National Schools Hurling Finals (B winners): Ballylooby N.S. team winners of Div. B after beating Cloughjordan N.S. in the final played at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): James Murphy, Emmet Lonergan, Noel Moloney, Thomas Burke, Colin Flynn, John Francis Whelan, Michael Doyle, Brian Fitzgerald, Anthony O'Connor, Brian Beary, Seamus Dwyer. Front row (l. to r.): Michael Murphy, David Fox, Brian Kennedy, Alan McCormack, Jamie Myles, Paudie Slattery, Patrick Slattery, Derek Whelan, Raymond Fitzgerald. Missing from picture is David Byron. Also in picture is Donal MacCarthaigh (coach).



The Killenaule N.S. team that beat Ballyporeen in the 1994 U-11 'B' football final: Back row: Michael O'Connor, Thomas Blake, Pádraig O'Connell, John Hayes, Annette Hanly, Keith Kennedy, Johnny Grace, Michael Farrell, Jonathan Gleeson, Richard Maher, Aidan Walsh, Brendan Bergin. Front row: Deryn Ryan, Stephen Brennan, Edward Fanning, Jer Kennedy, Paul Doherty, Áine O'Dwyer, Adrian Ryan, Jonathan Gleeson, Mark Murphy, Adrian Lawrence.



The Killenaule N.S. U-13 team defeated by Ballylooby in the 1995 Roinn 'B' hurling shield final: Back row: Donal O'Connor (trainer), Paul Cooke, Johnny Grace, Joseph Ceaser, Philip Webster, Patrick Delaney, Patrick Kerwick, Adam Kelly, Jimmy Hayes, Aidan Walsh, Martin Shelly. Front row: Robert Webster, Kristian Kelly, Ciaran O'Dwyer, Jonathan Gleeson, Michael Farrell, Keith Kennedy, Donal Cashin, Thomas Delaney, Andrew Hanly, Adrian Ryan.

Hickey, Michael Kennedy, Paul Hannon, Duncan Molloy, Kevin Cosgrave, Michael O'Sullivan, Daniel Frawley, Martin McKeogh, Seamus Kennedy, Hughie Molloy and Liam Ryan.

Ballinure N.S.: Nicholas Hannigan, John Cleary, Noel O'Grady, Denis Hanley, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Stephen Healy, Liam Grant, Alan O'Grady, Gavin Morrissey, Stephen Hanley, Brian Hanrahan, Peter Lahart, Mark Ahearne, Jonathan Berry, Niall Berry and David O'Gorman.

Referee: Michael Maunsell.

Faoi 11A:

Thurles C.B.S. 8-2 Cahir B.N.S. 0-1

In this under-11A final Thurles C.B.S. were well on top all through the game and Cahir B.N.S. had no answer to their fast flowing hurling.

Thurles C.B.S.: Paddy McCormack, Lee Shanahan, Jim Mackey, Richard Fanning, T. J. Gleeson, Sean O'Dwyer, Lorcan Bourke, Shane McKenna, Wayne Culley, Shane Ryan, Eamonn Ryan, Paul Danaher, Philip Young, Eamonn Ryan and Colm McGrath.

Subs: Stephen Coppinger, Brendan O'Sullivan, Jerry O'Dwyer, David Kennedy, Richard Ryan, Mark Walsh, Ian O'Dwyer, Patrick Dunne and Patrick Ryan.

Cahir B.N.S.: Gary Burke, Kevin O'Gorman, Pakie O'Dwyer, Jason Grant, John Ryan, Pdraig Whelan, John Cantwell, Eamonn Barrett, Daniel Maguire, Patrick McCarthy, David McLoughlin, John Devereaux, Tommy Meehan, Stephen Keating and Adam Van der Wal.

Subs: Anthony Bourke, Christopher Wills, Eoin O'Donnell and Edward Clohessey.

PEIL:

Roinn A:

Cahir B.N.S. 5-4 St. Oliver's N.S. 0-5

This final was played in Ardfinnan and despite the score it was a very closely fought game. Cahir were the victors and this in no small way was due to their mid-field pairing of Damien Lonergan and Damien McCarthy. Both these boys were outstanding and in the main were responsible for keeping St. Oliver's score at a minimum. Brian Enright in goal was also a hero for Cahir.

Cahir B.N.S.: Brian Enright, Pakie O'Dwyer, Noel O'Gorman, Gavin Berry, Paddy O'Flaherty, Robert Costigan, James Darcy, Damien Lonergan, Damien McCarthy, Pdraig Whelan, Mark O'Dwyer, Thomas Foley, Gary Burke, Daniel Maguire and James McGrath.

Subs: David Lonergan, Liam Cantwell, Anthony Fitzgerald, Stephen Grant and Mark Darcy.

St. Oliver's N.S.: Emmet Ryan, Kenneth Sweetman, David Beckett, Darren Flynn, Adrian Quinn, Derek Norris, Brendan Flynn, David Ryan, T. J. Wall, Mark



National Schools Hurling Finals: Thurles C.B.S. winners of the under-11 section after beating Cahir N.S. in the final.



National Schools Hurling Finals: Nenagh CBS who were winners in the 'A' final played against Thurles CBS at Semple Stadium. Also included is coach Brother Doherty.



National Schools Hurling Finals: Boher N.S. winners of the 'E' section after beating Ballinure N.S. in the final.



National Schools Hurling Finals: Ballylooby N.S. camogie team - winners of camogie final. Also included is Mr. Donal McCarthy, school principal. Back row (l. to r.): Siobhan Fahey, Mary Burke, Emma Coffey, Brenda Coffey, Marie Dowling, Denise Fitzgerald, Orla Fahey, Katherine Whelan, Mairead Morrissey. Front row (l. to r.): Mary Ellen Flynn, Roisín Dwyer, Karen Kehoe, Anne Marie Murphy, Rachel Walsh, Karen Barry, Sinead Fitzgerald, Anne Marie Wilkinson. Missing from picture is Elizabeth English.

O'Neill, Ian Cleary, Robert Kennedy, Derek Keane, Cathal Coffey and Paul Cagney.

Subs: David Pyke, James Carroll, Paul Doyle, Alan O'Dwyer, Gerard Sheehan and Declan Dowling.

Referee: John Moloney.

Roinn B:

In this final Cashel B.N.S. had a fine win over a very determined Templemore B.N.S.

Cashel B.N.S.: Darren Redmond, Martin Hickey, Giancarla Rea, Tommy O'Sullivan, Daniel Carrie, Daniel Slattery, Mark Ryan, Edward Tierney, Philip Taylor, Ross Doyle, Brian O'Grady, P. J. Mooney, Owen Lonergan, Edmond Malmes, Roger O'Dwyer, Jonathan Fitzgerald, Thomas McRory, Philip Doherty, John Paul Peters, Nicholas Maher, David Cully, Alan Campion, Michael McGrath, John Tobin, John Quirke, Shane McCarthy, William Hoban, Fintan Doyle and James Moloney.

Templemore B.N.S.: Frank Maher, David Fennell, Billy Prout, Niall Hackett, Michael Leahy, Peter Burke, Eoghan O'Doherty, David McLoughlin, Kevin Ivors, Daniel Maher, Gary Revins, David Owens, Patrick Delahunty, Eoghan O'Shea, Declan Bolger, Pdraig Keeley, James Farrelly, Brian Phelan, Alan Kavanagh, Ian Doyle, Stephen Fennell, Kevin Larkin, Philip Kinnane and Liam Doyle.

Roinn C:

Bansha N.S. won this title.

Roinn D:

Templetuohy N.S. 5-11 Lisvernane N.S. 0-2

Roinn E:

Ballagh N.S. 4-9

Ballinure N.S. 0-4

A very wet and windy New Inn was the venue for this final. All through the league Ballagh N.S. had shown themselves to be a class side and in the final did not let their side down. Ballinure N.S. tried hard but were not able for a more skilful Ballagh side.

Ballagh N.S.: Marie Devane, Moira Ryan, Owen Lacey, David Crosse, Philip O'Connor, Seamus Hickey, Pdraic Heffernan, Brian Slattery, John Devane, Noel O'Brien, David Kennedy, James Manton, Patrick Ryan, Thomas Lyng, Liam Devane and Martin O'Brien.

Ballinure N.S.: Noel O'Grady, John Barry, Nicholas Hannigan, Eamon O'Sullivan, Denis Hanley, Liam Greaney, Brian Hanrahan, Niall Barry, Gavin Morrissey, Colman Smith, Marcus Harney, John Cleary, Eamon Kennedy, Peter Lahart, Mark Hanly, David O'Gorman, Robert Kennedy, Kari Kinnas, Una Heaney, Daphne Cleary and Pamela Bulfin.

Referee: Phil Lowry.

Lisvernane N.S. 7-11 Clogheen N.S. 5-3

This was our first ever girls football final and after a very exciting game Lisvernane became the proud holders of the trophy. The game was decided in the first minutes



National Schools Hurling Finals: Templetuohy N.S. who played Ballinahinch in the 'C' final at Semple Stadium last weekend. Also included is coach Mattie Ryan.



National Schools Hurling Finals: Ballinahinch N.S. who played Templetuohy N.S. in the 'C' final at Semple Stadium. Also included is coach John Ryan.

of the second half when Lisvernane scored three goals without reply. Clogheen were fighting an uphill battle from then on.

Lisvernane N.S.: Margaret McGrath, Brid O'Neill, Louise Grogan, Helen O'Donnell, Siobhan Hayes, Aoife O'Sullivan, Martina Brennan, Edel Hanly, Martina Peters, and Celine McEniry.

Subs: Eilish Hennessy, Sharon Kiely and Orla Vallance.

Clogheen N.S.: Andrea Smith, Julie Keating, Eaavan Moran, Sheree Moroney, Michelle O'Gorman, Sheena O'Sullivan, Michelle Slattery, Aine Keating, Marion Kenneally and Carmel Condon.

Subs: Anne-Marie McGrath, Denise Flynn, Theresa Hally and Jennifer Slattery.

Referee: Paddy Lonergan.

Cahir B.N.S. 6-7 St. Mary's C.B.S. 1-1

This Roinn A under-11A final was played in Ardfinnan. Cahir were the defending champions and were not going to let go of their title easily. Cahir were very speedy and this proved their trump card in the end.

Cahir B.N.S.: Christopher Kendrick, Jason Grant, Eamonn Barrett, Patrick McCarthy, Kevin O'Gorman, Pdraig Whelan, John P. Ryan, Pakie O'Dwyer, Gary Burke, Stephen Keating, Daniel Maguire, John Cantwell, Peter St. John, Kevin Maguire and John Devereaux.

Subs: Adam Van der Wal, John M. Ryan, John Power, Christopher Wills and Anthony Burke.

St. Mary's C.B.S.: Shane Crehane, Philip Butler, Thomas O'Mahoney, Cathal O'Brien, Brendan Ryan, Thomas

Champney, Brian O'Flaherty, John Harney, Raymond O'Sullivan, Seamus Fitzgerald, Jason Gartland, Liam Morrissey, Mark Olney, Colin Boyle, Terry O'Shea, Niall Dennehy, Barry Gibbons, Declan Power, Sean Callanan, Damien Walsh and John Paul Mackey.

Referee: T. J. Corby.

Killenaule N.S. 6-0 Ballyporeen N.S. 3-3

Clonmel Óg field was the venue for this very exciting final. With three minutes to go Ballyporeen were ahead and on course for victory but three goals for Killenaule in the last minutes gave them victory.

Killenaule N.S.: Aine O'Dwyer, Jonathan O'Dwyer, Richard Meagher, Stephen Brennan, Annette Hanly, Johnny Grace, John Hayes, Michael Farrell, Keith Kennedy, Adrian Ryan, Jonathan Ceaser, Brendan Bergin, Mark Murphy, Aidan Walsh and Paul O'Doherty.

Subs: Tommy Blake, Adrian Lawrence, Edward Fanning, Pdraig O'Connell, Jer Kennedy, Darren Ryan and Michael O'Connor.

Ballyporeen N.S.: Cormac Ó Duinnin, David Russell, Paul Hyland, William Carey, Ciaran McGrath, Jonathan McDonnell, S. Molan, Daragh Lyons, Brendan Finn, Cathal Ó Duinnin, Michael John Meaney, Tony O'Donovan, David Hyland, James Kenneally and Peter Brophy.

Subs: J. Roche, Alan Hanlon, Aidan Stapleton, Declan Martin, Thomas Brislane and Patrick O'Brien.

Referee: T. J. Corby.

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North Tipperary Primary Schools

Since these competitions began in 1988 followers of under age hurling have been treated to many exciting games packed with skills and thrills with intense commitment from all the participants. The very first finals in Nenagh produced top class performances from Michael Bevans, Ballinree, Ken and Terry Dunne, Gurtagarry, Mark Keeshan, Dunkerrin, Brendan McKeogh, Boher and Justin Cottrell, Toomevara. Surely, many of the stars of this year. Competitions will go on to achieve many successes in the years to come.

A total of 36 schools took part in the hurling games and these were divided into five groups depending on size of school. In section A Nenagh emerged victorious over Toomevara in the final.

In section B Cloughjordan accounted



Cloughjordan N.S. Back row – Noel Killackey, Michael White, Patrick Daly, Kenneth Ryan, Gary Hoare, Seamus Williams, Willie Darcy, John Deane, Pat Williams, Peter Deane, Fergal England. Front row – Paul Killackey, Rory Killackey, Darren Killackey, Cormac Williams, Diarmuid Cahill, Colm Williams, Patrick Ryan, Damien Cahill.



Ballinahinch N.S., section C winners. Front row (left to right) – John Foley, Stephen Ryan, Pádraig Berkery, Micheál Gleeson, Michael O'Brien, Shane Fitzgerald, Seán Sheehy, Francis Bourke, Michael Fitzgerald, Gerard Griffin, Aidan Gleeson, Stephen Lyons, Michael Bourke. Back row (left to right) – Adrian Gleeson, Michael Lynch, Corinna Sheehy, Matthew Kennedy, Matthew Fahy, John Doheny, Eoin O'Sullivan, Shane McGrath, Edward Chadwick, Michael Ryan, Pat Jones, Alan Kelly.



Ballinclough National School (Roinn C football winners). Back row (left to right) – Pádraigh Clarke, Dan Steed, Eamon Fitzpatrick, William Powell, Michael Clifford, Brid Grace. Front row (left to right) – William Keogh, Orrie Quirke, David Kennedy, Seamus Ryan (capt.), Mark Walshe, Ann Marie Ryan, Carmel Ryan.



Youghalarra N.S. North Primary Schools (section B champions). Back row (left to right) – Mr Meagher (principal), Alan Seymour, Thomas Hogan, Colm Flood, Damien O'Brien (capt.), Kevin McGrath, Donal Hogan, David Quinlan, Patrick Tucker. Front – Kieran Brophy, Ger Fogarty, James Conway, Donal Egan, Noel McDonnell, Eoin Hogan, Robert Cremin, Francis Hogan.

for the holders Moneygall in the semi-final by the narrowest of margins and then went on to defeat Ballina in the final and became champions for the first time.

In section C Ballinahinch returned to the winners enclosure with a victory over Portroe in the final. Ballinree and Boher retained their titles in sections D and E when they accounted for Silvermines and Fantane respectively.

28 schools took part in the football competitions. Nenagh completed the double when they accounted for Roscrea in the A final. Youghalarra had an outstanding team in section B and defeated Ballina in the final. In section C Ballinacough gained their first ever success with a victory over Ardcooney while Boher continued their outstanding run of recent years with victory over Kilkeary in the D final.

A special word of thanks to the teachers in the various schools for their co-operation in running the competitions. The support of the many referees and park committees is also very much appreciated. Thanks also to Conor O'Donovan and the Irish Permanent Building Society for their support.



Bishop Harty N.S., Ballinree 1995, winners of the county final (Group D) of the Primary Schools hurling competition. Back row (left to right) – Enda Slattery, Michael Hassett, James McGrath, David Kennedy, Conor Slattery, Sally Morrissey, Gillian Gleeson, Brenda Mounsey. Front row (left to right) – Niall Connolly, Thomas McCarthy, John Boland, Kevin Mounsey (capt.), Alan Kenneally, Louise Duff, Marie McCarthy.



Nenagh C.B.S. Primary School panel – North (section A) Primary Schools hurling and football champions and county hurling champions. Back row (left to right) – Conor Quigley, Eoghan O'Donoghue, P.J. Grace, John Brennan, Daniel Hassett, Donnacha Ryan. Middle row – David Ryan, John Paul King, Martin Ryan, Kevin Flannery, Trevor Connolly, David Givens, Brother Doherty (trainer). Front row – Ciaran Morris, Tony Scroope, David Cody (capt.), Gary Mitchel, Brian Darcy and Gary Bourke.



Boher N.S., North and county (section E) Primary School champions. Back row (left to right) – Michael O'Sullivan, Sean McKeogh, Seoirse Hickey, Duncan Molloy, James McKeogh, Gerry O'Brien, Roddy Kennedy, Paul Hannon, Donal McKeogh, Pat Cosgrave (capt). Front row – Hughie Molloy, Kevin Cosgrave, Martin McKeogh, Brian McKeogh, Thomas Collins, Kevin Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Owen Kennedy, Daniel Frawley.



Martin and Terry Horan, Silvermines, won a Peugeot 205 in the Tipperary G.A.A. Members' Draw which was supplied by Slattery's Garage, Puckane.

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TIPPERARY'S SONS OF STEEL

Br. Joseph Perkins

AT TIMES we hear it said: "He is a man of steel". It means that he has the proper qualities when playing matches, that he will enter the fray with courage and not shirk when it comes to danger, hurt, or the "fifty-fifty ball".

The man of steel won't let his team down but will be willing to fight to the very end to seek victory or gain honour. All are not born courageous; some are timid and shy and may not have the appetite for the bloody contest. We should not ask or persuade these people to take part if they have not the heart for it.

Sometimes, it is difficult to field a team and some are 'persuaded' to don a jersey and take the field. In a county the size of Tipperary we should easily find twenty men who would be willing to die for the jersey on their back. I blame the selectors who select, pick, choose those who have not "hearts of steel". Often the skilful player is on a team because of skill, speed and stamina, and then are blamed by the 'hurlers on the ditch' because they are shy when "guts" and bravery are needed.

Surely we should be able to pick the correct talent, be able to see the "makings" of a great player and train them, fashion them into great workers and good players.

I remember when the Minors of 1980 or 1982 were playing and were not doing so well in the first twenty minutes and I intended to leave my place and "shout at them". Fr. Dick O'Keefe, who was sitting beside me, said: "Leave them alone; they'll come alright; they're good lads; I saw it in their faces this morning at Mass". He was right. In the next ten minutes the match was won and they went on to win, and win again, at Senior level, up to the present day.

We had the right sort, not all great hurlers, but for the most part - men of steel!

Once you have the right material you can manufacture the steel, by motivation, training, lectures, discipline, psychology and every other way used by a good coach or motivator - but you must have the right material! You can **then** build up their confidence, character, correctness and chivalry. Talent alone, skill alone, tactics alone won't win matches, but all combined with hearts of steel will win the day.

Clare, and Ger Loughnane, managed to find the correct mixture and built up a team willing to dare and to do, and to die for an All-Ireland. Lady Luck favours the



Munster Championship - first round - Tipperary v. Waterford. Tipp's George Frenn and Waterford's Paul Flynn.

brave and sets aside all the talk of Lady Earley of the past. They were motivated to win because Ger had built up willing hearts and hands and minds that would forget tradition, all the curses, failures, defeats of the past and set their faces on new horizons.

You can't get every team to make such sacrifices, to bend the will, raise the heart and suffer, but when you think you have a team of young men willing to make the effort, then you build, with concrete, stone and steel and you'll end with a monument more lasting than bronze.

This year I have seen young teams, and old, motivated to the last, with fifteen, yes eighteen lads, hurl with abandon and hearts of steel. I saw Boherlahan in the Mid Final, Mullinahone in the semi's, Ballingarry Gaels against the giants of Toom, young Moycarkey, Dúrlas Óg, Drom/Inch, the Church and Nenagh Éire Óg hurl their hearts out because they felt they had the hunger and steel to win and gain victory.

These were not great teams but they had the right attitude, the proper approach, the heart, the will, the courage and determination, the doggedness, the daring, the hunger, the thirst, the soul, the mental strength, the urgency to do or die for the honour of the little village agus for the sake of Knocknagow.

Building up a team is a slow process. You must get them young. If you heap too much material on the fire, all at once, it will quench. Too much talk, the day of a match, often defeats its purpose. Too much adrenalin comes to the surface and you sicken those listening, and weaken the nerve.

They say any man that can train a greyhound can train a team. Vincent O'Brien could see the "makings" of a great racehorse in a young colt. Michelangelo could see a great angel in a crude block of stone. Constant dripping wears the stone. We must be careful not to injure the masterpiece we want to produce.

Not everyone can be a trainer. You don't have to be a great player to get together a great team. I often meet top psychologists on a country road who could easily "size up" a team, or a man, in a few words.

Some never get a chance to use their true talents. Some, "like violets by a mossy stone", "are born to blush unseen". The steel in the man is often not seen. Give me twenty men of steel and I'll conquer all counties and they will be feared and respected like the Matchless Men of Tipperary of whom Thomas Davis wrote:

*Though Britain boasts her British hosts
About them all right little care we -
Give us, to guard our native coasts,
The Matchless Men of Tipperary.*

Tipperary Post-Primary G.A.A. (1994-95)

(Seán Ó Costagáin)

IT IS once again the time of year to recall the happenings on the fields of Tipperary at Post-Primary level. It was a difficult year due to the very unfavourable weather we experienced in the Spring but thankfully all our competitions were completed in time. The following are the results.

CORN MHIC GEARAILT (U-17) A HURLING

Semi-finals:

Nenagh C.B.S. 5-10, Borrisokane V.S. 2-10; Cashel Community School, 2-8, Thurles C.B.S. 0-1.

Final:

Nenagh C.B.S. 6-7, Cashel C.S. 0-7.

CORN AN CHRÓCAIGH (U-16) A HURLING

Semi-finals:

Thurles C.B.S. 4-7, Killenaule V.S. 2-5; Nenagh C.B.S. 5-11, Tipperary C.B.S. 3-5.

Final:

Thurles C.B.S. 2-9, Nenagh C.B.S. 0-4.

FITZGERALD SHIELD (U-17) B HURLING

Semi-finals:

Thurles V.S. 2-2, Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 0-2; Nenagh V.S. 4-11; Presentation, Ballingarry, 2-9.

Final:

Nenagh V.S. 5-7, Thurles V.S. 2-9.

CORN UÍ AONGUSA (U-16) B HURLING

Semi-finals:

Nenagh V.S. 5-9, Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 2-3; Rockwell College 3-10, St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, 2-8.

Final:

Rockwell College 2-8, Nenagh V.S. 0-7.

CORN MHIC GABHANN (U-18) A FOOTBALL

Semi-finals:

Clonmel C.B.S. 2-13, Tipperary C.B.S. 1-3; Our Lady's, Templemore, 3-17, Rockwell College 0-7.

Final:

Our Lady's Templemore, 1-17, Clonmel C.B.S. 1-11.



The Nenagh C.B.S. team which won the Fitzgerald Cup final by defeating Cashel Community School at Semple Stadium. **Back row** (l. to r.) – S. O'Brien, Peter Carroll, John Slattery, Michael Ryan, Colin Martin, Damien Bourke (captain), Hugh Flannery, Anthony Quinn, Mark Shinnors. **Front row** – Keelan Howard, Dermot Brislane, Pdraig Hackett, Brian Hogan, Seán Hogan, Kevin McDonnell, Paul Ryan.



Thurles C.B.S., Croke Cup Champions (1994-95). **Back row** (l. to r.) – Peter O'Donoghue (Hollycross-Ballycahill), John O'Dwyer (Sean Treacy's), Gerard O'Grady (Dúrlas Óg), John Walshe (Dúrlas Óg), Michael Butler (Dúrlas Óg), Brian Power (Fenians, Johnstown), Brendan Crawford (Moycarkey-Borris), Laurence Hickey (Boherlahan). **Middle row** – Micheál Hassett (Moycarkey-Borris), Evan Long (Dúrlas Óg), Frankie Roche (Dúrlas Óg), Ollie Skehan (Dúrlas Óg), Michael O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Tommy Collins (Dúrlas Óg), Ray Molumbey (capt.) (Dúrlas Óg). **Front row** – T.J. Maher (Dúrlas Óg), Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch), Darren O'Brien (Fenians, Johnstown), Lar Hickey (Dúrlas Óg), Thomas Kelly (Moycarkey-Borris), Gary Coppinger (Dúrlas Óg), Tomás Coman (Moycarkey-Borris).



Nenagh Vocational School, winners of the Canon Fitzgerald Shield in 1994/95. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Michael Delahunty (Portroe), John Gleeson (Burgess), Michael Ryan (capt.) (Templederry), Michael Connors (Kildangan), Stephen O'Meara (Toomevara), David Boland (Silvermines), Ken Hall (Toomevara), Andrew Ryan (Toomevara), Paul McGrath (Toomevara), Gerald Slattery (Kildangan). **Front row** (l. to r.) – Ger Ryan (Templederry), Leonard Ryan (Éire Óg), Colm McGrath (Kildangan), Noel Tomlinson (Éire Óg), John Slattery (Kildangan), Noel Slattery (Burgess), Michael Carmody (Burgess), Tommy Connors (Kildangan), Thomas Hassett (Toomevara). **Inset** – Enda Nolan (Kildangan), Kieran Hayes (Kildangan). Absent from photograph – Ger Kennedy, Eoin Connolly, Pat McGrath.

SCIATH MHC GABHANN (U-18) B FOOTBALL

Semi-finals:

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh beat Rockwell by four points; Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 4-8; Roscrea C.B.S. 1-5.

Final:

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, 0-9; Carrick-on-Suir V.S. 1-2.

CUSACK CUP (U15) A FOOTBALL

Semi-finals:

Clonmel C.B.S. beat Cashel C.S. Patrician, Fethard, beat Killenaule V.S.

Final: Clonmel High School 3-15; Patrician, Fethard, 0-4.

CUSACK SHIELD (U-15) B FOOTBALL

Semi-finals:

Cahir V.S. 3-4, Tipperary V.S. 2-4; Borrisokane V.S. beat St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh.

Final:

Borrisokane V.S. 5-7, Cahir V.S. 0-6.

U-14 A FOOTBALL

Winners:

Cashel C.S.

U-14 B FOOTBALL

Winners:

Clonmel C.B.S.

Apart from the domestic Post-Primary games, the schools from our county were very involved in provincial and national competitions. I want to record my appreciation to those schools who were successful at this level. In this context, a sincere well done to Killenaule V.S., Roscrea V.S., Roscrea C.B.S., Nenagh C.B.S., Abbey C.B.S. and St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh.

As we complete our school report for 1995 it disappoints me that the Irish Press Cup for All-Ireland Minor Hurling has once again eluded us. In order to put a seal of approval on the under-age hurling scene an All-Ireland title must be won in a county of our tradition on a fairly regular basis.

I feel myself, from my knowledge of the under-age scene in other counties and from my experience and involvement at Post-Primary level in this county for a number of years, a divided rather than a united approach to the attainment of that goal prevails.

In order to achieve success at Minor level, I believe the main "players", namely the clubs, Bórd na nÓg and the Post-Primary unit must be working together and supporting each other to that end. Unfortunately, my perception of the scene is that they are all working to different agendas, trying to enhance their own images and status with the ultimate aim of putting the county in primary position being ignored.

One of the best things to happen on the football scene was the success of our County Minor football team at provincial level and to them and their mentors I wish to offer my sincerest congratulations.

To conclude, I wish to say a sincere thanks to all who helped to make our competitions over the past year so enjoyable.



Rockwell College – 1995 Under-16 B Tipperary Post-Primary Schools Champions (Hennessy Cup) – **Back row** (l. to r.) – Patrick Shine, John Heffernan, John English, Danny Noonan, Eoin O'Keefe, David O'Gorman, Noel Howley, Colm Morrissey, Donagh O'Donnell (coach). **Middle row** (l. to r.) – Michael O'Connor, John Prendergast, David Casey, Noel O'Dwyer, Ronan O'Brien, Adrian O'Sullivan, James Swords, John Haddnett, Cathal Hennessy, Brian Murphy, Jack Mulcahy. **Front row** (l. to r.) – John Paul Jullian, Garreth Ryan, Darren Murphy, Shane Stapleton, Paddy Phelan (capt.), Patrick Sullivan, Ciaran O'Brien, John Silke, Patrick Morrissey, Gerry Purcell. Missing from photograph: Stephen Mason, Jamie Coffey, John Paul Peters.



Our Lady's, Templemore, (U-18) 1 Football Champions 1994/95. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Willie Butler (trainer), Fergal Meagher (Brackens), Darren Owens (do.), Conor Corcoran (do.), Alan Kilroy (Brackens), Mark Boyle (do.), John Gleeson (Loughmore), Dr. Jim O'Shea (Headmaster), Ken Dunne (Toomevara), David Finnerty (Brackens), Adrian Moynihan (Brackens), John Finnerty (do.), Michael Webster (Loughmore), Michael Reilly (Brackens), John Costigan (trainer). **Front row** – (l. to r.) – Brendan Gavin (Templetuohy), Damien McBride (Brackens), Darra O'Neill (do.), David Bourke (do.), Alvy Stapleton (Loughmore), P. J. Sweeney (capt.) (Templetuohy), Denis Kelly (Toomevara), Paul Ryan (Drom-Inch), Paul Ormond (Loughmore), Aidan Doyle (Brackens), Michael Brennan (Loughmore). Missing from photo: Joe Cusack (Brackens) and Brian Delahunty (Moyn-Templetuohy).



St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, (U-18) B Football Champions (Mac Gabhann Shield) 1994/95. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Mr. Crawley (teacher), Conor Richardson (Thurles Sarsfields), Michael O'Regan, Noel Maher (both Moycarkey-Borris), Noel Cummins (Toomevara), Michael Lowry (Holycross-Ballycahill), Liam Moore (Drom-Inch), Ronan Ryan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Páidí Ó Sé (Borrisoleigh), Timmy Darcy (Borrisoleigh), Mr. Ó Sé (Principal). **Front row** – John Harrington (U'church-Drombane), Michael Browne (Borrisoleigh), Gary Byrne (Holycross-Ballycahill), Oisín Walshe (Éire Óg, Nenagh), Sean Maher (capt.) (Borrisoleigh), Jackie Meagher (Toomevara), Frank McGrath (Drum-Inch), Eddie Kinnane (Drom-Inch), Seamus Kennedy (Templederry).



Clonmel High School – Cusack Cup Winners 1995. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Patrick Quinlan, Billy Kerton, John Shanahan, Peter Kelleher, Feargal Condon, Niall Dempsey, Emmet Malone, Edward Kennedy, Cormac O'Flynn, William O'Gorman, Brian Coffey, Ian O'Brien. **Middle row** (l. to r.) – Tom Conway (coach), David Harney, Alan Lyons, Michael Ryan, Neil Burke, Barry Ryan, Donagh Norris, David Hackett, Edmond O'Reilly, Tony Gleeson (coach). **Front row** (l. to r.) – Richard Landy, Brian Lonergan, Kieran O'Brien, Mark Casey, Ciaran Quirke, Martin Walshe, Mark Prendergast, Patrick Norton, John Ryan.



Borrisokane C.C., Cusack Shield Winners 1995. **Front row** – John McKenna, Thomas Clarke, Tadhg Slevin, Ger Morris, Eoin Larkin, Shane Grace (capt.), Alan Ryan, Brendan Costello, Alan Quinlan, John Reddan, Edmund Moran, Niall Farrell. **Back Row** – Tom Moriarty (Games Master), John McKenna, Martin Ryan, Brian Hogan, Anthony Gleeson, Ronan Guest, Darren Brown, Niall Cahalan, John Dwyer, Fergus Nevin, Jason Larkin, Mick O'Sullivan, Matthew Carr (Principal).



Cashel Community School, Co. (U-14) A Football Champions 1994/95. **Back row** (l. to r.) – James Cantwell (Cahir, Karl Stromes (Cashel), David Delahunty (Rosegreen), Derek Breen (Knockavilla), William Deane (do.), Sean Ryan (do.), Oisín Ryan (Cashel), Darren Nolan (Knockavilla). **Front row** – William Ryan (Knockavilla), John Paul Ferncombe (Boherlahan), Damien McGrath (Knockavilla), Richard Horgan (capt.) (Knockavilla), Paul Moloney (Cashel), John Keane (Knockavilla), Denis Leamy (Boherlahan).



Nenagh C.B.S., U-15 Pearse Cup Winners. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Brian McGrath, Timmy Hogan, Patrick Conroy, Kevin Kennedy, Martin Ryan, Paddy O'Meara, Darren Gleeson, Brian Fitzgibbon. **Middle row** (l. to r.) – Brother O'Connell (selector), David Slattery, John Scroope, Andrew Ryan, Brian Hogan, Brendan Timmons, Shane Maher, Brian Duggan, Patrick O'Meara and Mr. Paul Dolan (selector). **Front row** – Eoin Buckley, Michael McNamara, Enda Quinn, Reggie Hogan Colman Shouldice (capt.), Patrick Mulcahy, Pdraig McDonnell, Brendan Jones and Brian McGrath.



The Borrisokane Community College team which drew with Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) in the Munster V.S. hurling final at Semple Stadium. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Adrian Egan, Donal Hourigan, Stephen Ryan, Shane Morkan, Kevin O'Brien (capt.), Nial Slevin, Dermot Murphy, Donal Comerford. **Front row** – Marcus Slevin, Adrian Whelan, Michael O'Brien, Barry Ryan, Seamus McLoughney, Michael Kennedy, Brendan Ryan.



The Scoil Ruain (Killenaule) team which drew with Borrisokane Community College in the Munster Vocational Schools hurling final at Semple Stadium. **Back row** (l. to r.) – Eoin Hassett, Paul Kelly, John Cooke, P. J. Hayes, Niall O'Donoghue, Ger Hogan, Liam Cahill, Eamonn Delaney. **Front** – Darren Kelly, Eoin Carroll, P.J. Gazely, Dermot Hackett, Christopher Dunne (captain), Patrick Bolger, Nigel Cleere. ▷



T. J. Egan, Borrisokane Community College, joint chairman of the Tipperary Post-Primary Schools Committee (centre), being presented with a cheque for £8,000 by County Board chairman Sean Fogarty at a Post-Primary Schools Committee meeting in the Park Avenue House. Also included in photograph are (l. to r.) – Martin Slattery, Nenagh C.B.S., Post-Primary Schools Committee; John Costigan, Our Lady's, Templemore, Post-Primary Schools Committee, and Tomás Ó Baróid, Secretary, County Board G.A.A. The cheque represents the annual grant by the County Senior Board to the Post-Primary schools which will be distributed to schools throughout the county for the promotion of Gaelic games.



Abbey C.B.S. – Kinnane Cup Winners 1995

Back row (l. to r.) – Kevin Nolan (Oola), Pat Ryan (Éire Óg), Darra Moore (Arravale Rovers), John Kennedy (Solohead), Niall O'Shea (Galtee Rovers), Keith Landers (Galtee Rovers), Dan Riall (Oola), Denis Fraher (Pallas), Mr. Paddy Kennedy (Manager). Centre (l. to r.) – Philip Kiely (Aherlow), John Peters (Galtee Rovers), Niall Considine (Arravale Rovers), John O'Donnell (Arravale Rovers), Adrian Crosse (Kickhams), James Noonan (Aherlow), Johnny McGrath (Oola), Cathal O'Shea (Aherlow), Andrew Lacey (Arravale Rovers). Front (l. to r.) – Noel Stokes (Kilteely), David Browne (Galtee Rovers), Paul Kiely (Aherlow), Michael McEvoy (Arravale Rovers), Diarmuid Crosse (capt.) (Kickhams), Aidan Fogarty (Golden), Peter Leonard (Aherlow), Liam Quirke (Arravale Rovers).

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The Co. Convention was held at Thurles on Feb. 3rd with Rev. Fr. J.J. Meagher (Thurles) in the chair and Johnny Leahy (Boherlahan) as secretary. The four divisional chairmen were West - Sean O'Dwyer (Knockavilla); Mid - Rev. Fr. Philip Fogarty (Moycarkey-Borris); South - David Meagher (Ardfinnan) and North - Rev. Fr. E. Murphy (Nenagh).

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After a busy year on the playing fields the only trophy of note was won by the minor hurlers who claimed provincial honours. Paddy Kenny was the first captain to receive the TWA cup following the Munster final win over Cork.

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Tommy Doyle led the seniors to victory in the Monaghan Cup at Mitchum Stadium, London. Tipperary beat Galway by 4-7 to 1-13.

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Willie O'Donnell of Golden referred the Munster Junior and Senior hurling finals.

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Ger Cornally led Thurles Sarsfields to their third successive county final victory.

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Lorrha took Co. J. H. honours beating Moycarkey on a 4-4 to 2-3 scoreline.

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Galtee Rovers beat Ballyneale 3-7 to 1-4 in the Co. J. F. final.

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Co. M. H. honours went to the mid selection. There was no M. F. championship.

DIVISIONAL S. H. WINNERS:

North - Toomevara 6-7, Roscrea 2-4 25/8/1946 at Nenagh
 West - Kickhams 5-3, Éire Óg 4-2 20/10/1946 at Golden
 Mid - Thurles Sarsfields 2-7, Moyné 1-3 8/9/1946 at Templemore
 South - Carrick Swan 7-7, Ballylooby 1-2 8/9/1946 at Clonmel

CO. SEMI-FINALS:

Carrick Swan 3-7, Toomevara 2-7 27/10/1946 at Thurles
 Thurles Sarsfields 7-6, Kickhams 1-4 3/11/1946 at Cashel

CO. FINAL:

Thurles Sarsfields 4-5, Carrick Swan 0-3 17/11/1946 at Clonmel

DIVISIONAL S.F. WINNERS:

South - Clonmel Commercials 0-7, Mullinahone 0-4 8/12/1946 at Clonmel
 Mid - Castleiney-Loughmore 1-4, Templemore 0-6 25/8/1946 at Thurles
 North - No championship
 West - No championship

CO. FINAL

Castleiney-Loughmore 3-8, Clonmel Commercials 2-6 13/4/1947 at Boherlahan



A High School (Clonmel) 1920 Football Team: (Only a few have been identified. If you know any of them contact Liam O'Donnchu 0504-44106). Back row, 1 to r: 1st. Thomas Phelan; 4th Jack Bracken. Second row, 1 to r: 1st. Michael Moloughney; 3rd. Willie McGrath. Third row, 1 to r: 2nd. Mick O'Shea; Front row, 1 to r: 1st. Matty (Pat) Bracken.

DIVISIONAL WINNERS:

North - J. H. Roscrea, M. H. Roscrea
 South - J. H. Clerihan, M. H. Liam Lynch's, J. F. Ballyneale, M. F. Kilsheelan
 Mid - J. H. Moycarkey-Borris, J. F. Holycross-Ballycahill
 West - J. F. Galtee Rovers-St. Pecaun's, M. H. Kickhams, J. H. Galtee Rovers

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THE INTER COUNTY SCENE: FOOTBALL

S. F. MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL

Waterford 2-4, Tipperary 1-5 9/6/1946 at Dungarvan
 Jim Williams, W. Cahill, J. Connors, E. Scott, P. Larkin, M. Condon, T. Cahill, M. Cahill, S. Minogue, S. Cleary, M. Casey, P. Croghan, W. Treacy, M. O'Brien, J. Hickey.

J. F. 1ST ROUND

Kerry 5-12, Tipperary 3-3 25/6/1946 at Listowel
 F. Condon, J. Ryan, J. Connors, E. Scott, M. Caplice, T. Croke, C. O'Sullivan, M. Stapleton, M. Condon, T. Maher, J. Hickey, N. O'Dea, P. Kavanagh, L. Quinn, W. Treacy.

M. F. SEMI-FINAL

Tipperary 2-1, Waterford 1-1 9/6/1946 at Dungarvan

FINAL

Kerry 4-17, Tipperary 0-2 21/7/1946 at Tralee
 E. Dillon, M. Moore, P. Dougan, J. Butler, L. Maher, D. Murphy, W. Steiglitz, J. Connor, J. O'Dea, M. Leahy, R. McGrath, P. Flynn, T. Butler, J. Ryan, J. Kavanagh.

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Four Tipperary footballers were selected by Munster who won the Railway Cup series with victories over Connacht by 1-6 to 0-5 and Leinster 3-5 to 1-9. Jim Williams (goal) and Mick Cahill both played and Sean Cleary and R. Slater were in the victorious panel.

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THE INTER COUNTY SCENE: HURLING

S. H. MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL:

Limerick 3-5, Tipperary 2-2 16/6/1946 at Cork
 J. Maher, Jim Devitt, Ger Cornally, Flor Coffey, M. Maher, T. Purcell, T. Doyle, M. Murphy, M. Ryan, Mutt Ryan, H. Gouldsborso, E. Gleeson, J. Dwyer, A. Brennan, J. Coffey.

J. H. 1ST RD.:

Tipperary 3-8, Kerry 2-4 26/5/1946 at Listowel

SEMI-FINAL:

Limerick 3-10, Tipperary 1-4
 P. O'Brien, F. McGrath, M. Cody, J. Wilkinson, T. Ryan, P. Stakelum, W. Hickey, H. Hogan, J. Ryan, T. Foran, J. Whelan, M. Tobin, M. Brophy, M. Meagher, P. Dwyer.

M. H. SEMI-FINAL:

Tipperary 9-7, Limerick 3-4 16/6/1946 at Cork Ath. Gds.

FINAL:

Tipperary 5-6, Galway 0-1

ALL IRELAND FINAL:

Dublin 1-6, Tipperary 0-7 At Croke Park
 W. O'Brien (Nenagh); John Doyle (Holycross); J. Nolan (Nenagh); H. Shelly (Nenagh); C. Dalton (Bansha); J. Ryan (Roscrea), B. McGrath (Nenagh); J. O'Grady (Thurles C.B.S.); Phil Shanahan (Toomevara); M. Ryan (Nenagh); M. Shaughnessy (Nenagh); P. Kenny (Thurles C.B.S.); T. O'Meara (Roscrea); M. Maher (Boherlahan); W. Steiglitz (Thurles C.B.S.); D. McNulty sub for C. Dalton (injured).

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Munster defeated Connacht in the Railway Cup hurling final by 3-12 to 4-8 and the following Tipperary players were included on the winning panel: J. Maher, G. Cornally, J. Devitt, T. Doyle, T. Purcell, M. Ryan, F. Coffey.

Seán O'Driscoll

More on Tipperary's first All-Ireland and Semple Stadium

By Willie Gaynor

John D. Hickey spent his boyhood in Thurles, and stated that he "knew well" some members of the Thurles team, winners of the first hurling All-Ireland, 1887. He later became a reporter on Gaelic games for the "Irish Independent" and wrote the following for that newspaper:

"I was astounded to learn that the Cathedral Town (Thurles) set out to become a football power on the foundation of the G.A.A., but fate, in the form of a horse, stepped in to alter plans and cause a switch to hurling, a change that Tipperary will be thankful for forever.

"Not long after Cusack's Thurles meeting, Loughmore, ever a football stronghold in the county, and Thurles met in a football match at Templemore. Keeping order at the game astride a horse was the late J. K. Bracken, one of the seven who attended the first meeting in Hayes's Hotel, Thurles, and father of Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information in the British National Government during the last war.

"Well, near the end of the match when Thurles were pressing hard and a winning goal seemed imminent. Marshal Bracken charged in on the field to clear off some spectators and the ball, on its way to what appeared a certain goal, hit his horse, was deflected, and Loughmore cleared to finish victors.

"Never did a more frustrated team return home. To followers it was obvious that Thurles had had enough of football".

John D. Hickey also wrote that Jim Maher "Long" Dinny's brother "tells a good story of the 1987 Munster semi-final against Clare at Limerick. At that period a deposit had to be paid on all excursion trains, and naturally enough, it was forfeit if the train did not travel.

"The day before the match, when in at Thurles market "Long" Dinny Maher met one of the men who had put up the money, and on enquiring the reason for his apparent distress, was told that Clare had wired that they would be unable to field a team and that the deposit would be lost.

"Knowing how often and how deeply the two men in question had dipped into their own pockets to finance the travelling of teams, Dinny advised silence, the train travelled, and so did the followers, who did not feel the least aggrieved that there was no match".

Dinny Maher stated in the "Tipperary Star" that "as Clare did not travel, the game was refixed for Nenagh. Our selection to meet Clare was; Six men from Borris, one from The Ragg and fourteen from Thurles".

The score in Nenagh was Tipperary (Thurles) 1-8, to Clare (Smith O'Brien's) 4 points. Incidentally, the two men who used

to pay the deposits on G.A.A. excursion trains from Thurles were Hugh Ryan and Andrew Callanan.

The All-Ireland semi-final between Thurles and Tullaroan (Kilkenny) was played at Urlingford. The Tullaroan captain objected to some of the Thurles hurlers on the grounds that they belonged to the parish of Two-Mile-Borris. "Their places were however, readily filled up by some hurlers from the town who had gone out to witness the match". Dinny Maher also wrote that "we had to play nineteen from Thurles and two from Borris who were legal, namely John Mockler and Tom Stapleton". Tipperary won the game by 4 goals, 6 points and one forfeit point to nil.

Dinny Maher's famous son John told me that early on the morning of this match – it was played in October – his father had ploughed out potatoes, and that the horse that brought his father and his friends to Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, had been used that morning for ploughing. John also told me that he himself had seen the match that had been presented to the referee of the first hurling All-Ireland.

The All-Ireland final against Meelick (Galway) was played on Easter Sunday, 1888. The first account of the game is taken from the "Midland Tribune", 1888, under the heading "Thurles v Meelick".

The match arranged to take place between these "crack" teams (in order to decide the All-Ireland Championship for 1887) was played in Birr on Sunday, and created not a little stir in the town and locality. The beautiful weather that prevailed, combined with the great reputation of the teams, induced large numbers of people from the adjoining districts to visit our town on Sunday to witness the performances of the Tipps and the Galwegians. A special train, bearing the Thurles men and a large contingent of visitors, arrived in Birr at one o'clock. They were warmly received by a large number of people who had assembled at the railway to welcome them. The Meelick men had arrived earlier in the day on cars, and were also very cordially received on entering the town. The field selected in which to play the match was the same as that in which the contests for the King's County Championship (second ties) took place on the preceding Sunday – namely, Mr. John Farrell's field at Moorpark, generously placed by him at the disposal of the combatants. The arrangements for the contest were really excellent, and reflect much credit on the members of the local committee, who worked indefatigably during the greater portion of last week to have everything in readiness for the match. At about half past two o'clock the combatants arrived on the scene, attired in beautiful and appropriate costumes. The Meelick men wore

green jerseys, with white stripes, while the gallant Tipps appeared in green jerseys, with stars, artistically worked, in the centre. The men of both teams presented a splendid appearance and as regards symmetry, physique, etc., could not possibly be excelled in any other country.

"At three o'clock the ball was thrown up by the referee, when a splendid contest was at once entered upon. The Meelicks put forth much vigor, and for a time it seemed as if they were likely to defeat their opponents. After a while, however, the Thurles men went to work with much determination, and, after a contest in which they exhibited much skill in the use of the caman, succeeded in scoring a point. Time having been called, the game was renewed with increased energy and some wonderful feats in manly prowess were exhibited on both sides. The playing of Messrs Ryan and Stapleton (Thurles), and Larkin and Cosgrave (Meelick) were much admired. One of the Tipperarymen (Leahy), by means of a dexterous left-hander, sent the ball flying from the middle of the field under the tape, thus scoring a goal for Thurles. When the prescribed hour had elapsed, Thurles were declared to have won by one goal one point (one forfeit point) to nil.

Several gentlemen, including Messrs William Cunningham, A. J. Hernon, J. Farrell, J. Cannon, L. Bowe, acted as stewards throughout the day, and rendered effective service in keeping the vast concourse of spectators from advancing beyond that portion of the arena set aside for non-combatants.

"Mr. P. White acted as referee, and his decisions gave the utmost satisfaction.

"One of the Thurles men, at the beginning of the match, received a severe fall, and his face having come into contact with his hurl, he received such injuries as compelled him to retire from the field. This meant the loss of a man to Thurles, which the Galwegians gallantly counterbalanced by sending one of their team out of the field to care for the wounded man.

"Both teams played with twenty men". The second account of the game is taken from "Jim Stapleton of Thurles Town by Carbery".

Galway and Tipperary had reached the final, which was fixed for Birr, on Easter Sunday 1888.

Teams at that time consisted of 21 men per side and they were as a rule big, stalwart men, fast and fearless. There were goalposts flanked by point-posts – a goal outscored any number of points. When a defending player put a ball over his own line a forfeit point was awarded instead of the present-day free puck from 70 yards.

Jim Stapleton tells me that there was a big crowd on the Birr field that day. The field

was 200 yards by 100 yards and a friendly regiment of Scottish Highlanders, stationed in Birr at the time, volunteered to keep order and control the sidelines, for there were no railings then. Good order prevailed throughout; the field was level and not too greasy. Jim Stapleton says the ball was of good size and not so hard as the present; neither was it too heavy. The ball then used was of red leather with a worsted thread centre over a cork core.

These stalwart teams were well matched as the final scores indicated. The men played in their stocking feet without boots. All the Tipperarymen except Jim Stapleton wore long pants. Jim Stapleton, at a vital stage of the game, helped to bring the ball down the field in a central rush of crowded men. The Tipperary captain saw his chance of a score and passed the ball out to Tommy Healy of Coolcroo, father of the well-known cross-country runners – the Heals of Coolcroo.

Tommy was a fast runner and a sure, stylish striker – something of the type of Phil Cahill of Holycross in modern times. Healy caught the ball as it came towards him and drove it hard and low through the gap of the goal. That great score gave the first All-Ireland Championship to Jim Stapleton and his Tipperary men.

Galway had given Tipperary their hardest match of the Championship. The men of Meelick and Killimore had a non-playing captain (usual at that time) in Captain Lynam of Mellick, who had served with the American Army and directed hurling operations from the sideline. Capt. Lynam was later elected Parnellite M.P. for East Galway.

The teams dressed at the Cunningham Hotel and marched to and from the grounds in military formation, led by Captain Lynam. This was the fore runner of many All-Ireland Championships and many Tipperary victories.

"Vintage Carbery", P. D. Mehigan, Beaver Row Press, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.

The twenty-one players who won Tipperary's first hurling All-Ireland, 1887 were: Jim Stapleton (captain), Cathedral Street and Bohernamona, Thurles; Ned Murphy, Cathedral Street, Mill Road and other addresses in Thurles; Martin McNamara, Garryvicleheen, Garryvicleheen, Abbey Road, Thurles; Tom Burke, Bohernamona and Rossestown (not Cassestown), Thurles; Matty Maher ("Little"), Killinan Cross, Thurles; Matty Maher's first cousins, the brothers Tom and Andy Maher, also from Killinan Cross; Jer Dwyer, Brocka, Rossmore and Cassestown, Thurles; Tommy Carroll, Moyneard, Moyne; Jack Dunne, Urard, Gortnahoe; Pat Leahy, Fennor, Gortnahoe; Mick Carroll, Rosmult, Drombane; John Leamy, Roskeen, Drombane; Ned Lambe, Hammond's Lot, Drombane. The following were from the parish of Two-Mile-Borris: Ned Bowe, Leigh; John Mockler, New Hill; Tommy Healy, Coolcroo; Tom Stapleton, Ballydavid, Littleton; Tim Dwyer, Ballyvinane, Littleton; Ger Ryan and his neighbour Danny Ryan, Ballybeg, Littleton.

Hurlers who played for Thurles in earlier

games but did not take part in the All-Ireland final were; Dinny Maher ("Long") and his brother Ned, Killinan; Dinny Maher ("Red") and his brother Jack, Killinan; Matty Maher ("Mason"), Killinan and Seskin, Thurles; Con Callanan, Ardbawn, Thurles; Pat Ryan, Mullunbrack, Thurles; Jim Sullivan, a famous cricket player, Thurles; Dick Butler, Thurles; J. Doran, Thurles; Dan Davern, Ballycahill; Con Ryan, Stephen Purcell, Ned Flanagan and Jack Bannon also played in some of the matches.

Eleven members of the "famed Maher clan of Killinan" – all related – were hurlers and nicknames were used to identify some of them. Con Callanan, Ardbawn, was also a relation, and his nephew John Joe Callanan, captain of Tipperary, All-Ireland champions in 1930, bought Ned Murphy's public house in Cathedral Street. Tim Dwyer, Ballyvinane and the athlete of the same name were different people.

Jim Maher also told John D. Hickey that he went to Dublin when he was a young man and played with Grocers. He also said that he had seen almost all the early hurling and football All-Ireland finals, but that he believed that the best football match he had seen was the 1895 final in which Arravale Rovers (Tipperary) defeated Navan Pierce O'Mahony's (Meath) selection at Jones's Road. One account of that particular match stated that "this game made the reputation of Tipperary's Willie Ryan". Arravale Rovers experienced little difficulty in winning the Munster championship that year as Cork had withdrawn from the G.A.A. because of the controversial All-Ireland final the previous year in Thurles. Many years later a "Tipperary Star" correspondent stated that he was "one of the stewards at an All-Ireland football final between Cork and Dublin played in Ballycurrane", but we are not given the name of the owner of the field where the game was played.

Jim Maher returned from Dublin to Thurles and bought property in Liberty Square and Parnell Street. Part of his property acted as an early G.A.A. museum. His son Michéal kept up the hurling tradition by playing senior hurling for Thurles Sarsfields, Co. Tipperary and Munster.

On April 5, 1910, Jim Maher was one of the four people who met in the Small Round Room in the Confraternity Hall, Thurles. The other three were Canon M. K. Ryan, Thurles; Denis O'Keefe, West Gate and Denis McCarthy, Liberty Square. The meeting was held to discuss "the purchase of the Show Grounds for the benefit of the town (Thurles)". Some time later a working committee was elected and Jim Maher, Denis O'Keefe and Denis McCarthy were among those elected. Others elected were: Hugh Ryan, a native of Clonoulty and Tom Semple, a native of Drombane and some of the townspeople became shareholders.

In 1971 Denis O'Keefe's daughter wrote from Dublin to the "Tipperary Star". In her letter she stated that her father and Jim Maher were involved in the purchase of Thurles Sportsfield. "They supplied all equipment – railings, stands, etc., jerseys, hurling sticks, balls, medals, cups, etc., and

even paid expenses for the players when they played "away" matches. All this and more out of their own pockets".

The field in question had a few names before it was called Semple Stadium, Sportsfield, Show Grounds and Daly Park were some of the names used. Early in the last century, it was called the Mutton Field, and around the same time the building that was to expand into Hayes's Hotel, where the G.A.A. was founded, was called the Star and Garter Inn. Mr. William Daly, J.P., D.L., the landlord of Daly Park, died in December, 1910, at Dunsandle, Co. Galway, and was buried in Kilconnell.

Many years later, according to the "Tipperary Star", when the Thurles Sportsfield committee refused "to rent the use of the Sportsfield for the holding of the Thurles Agricultural Show", the meeting was told by Mr. Butler that "the landlord handed over the Sportsfield as a sort of public park", and that "the late Canon M. K. Ryan said the day he was leaving Thurles that he hoped to see the field eventually vested in the Urban Council". Mr. Butler also said that "he remembered flapper race meetings and coursing fixtures being held there, and whenever there was a big match on every type could bring in horses and asses there. The only people to be kept out were the Thurles Show Society, who were working for the public good". Mr. Slattery "pointed out that it was the idea of the landlord of the field that it should be devoted to the general welfare of the town and that that was also the idea of the shareholders". The "Tipperary Star" reporter at the meeting wrote: "The last thing Mr. Semple said that that nobody but Gaels would be allowed into the field".

During the 1950s it was decided to bring a casket of soil by relays of athletes from Thurles Sportsfield to Casement Park, Belfast. Some famous hurlers marched with the casket from the field to Hayes's Hotel. At that time the Ban was still being enforced, and at least one illegal player donned the colours of Thurles Sarsfields and took part in the march.

Tom Semple's son Jimmy was then a member of the local athletic club, and members of this club had asked him to run the first mile of the journey to Belfast as "his father was a famous hurler". Jimmy and a North of Ireland athlete brought the casket of soil from Hayes's Hotel to Drish Bridge. A local photographer took a picture of Jimmy and other athletes at the start of the run.

Semple Stadium now bears the name of his father. Killinan Terrace is a reminder of the past played by the men from Killinan in the early days of the G.A.A. in Thurles. Ardán Ó Riain commemorates the work done by Canon M. K. Ryan.

I wish to thank the following for supplying me with the addresses of the Tipperary (Thurles) team, winners of the first hurling All-Ireland in 1887: William Corbett, Drombane; T. K. Dwyer, Turfulla; Jack Carew, Leugh; Denis Callanan, Castle Avenue; Con and Eddie Maher, The Furze, Thurles. I am grateful to the staff of the County Library, Thurles, for their help.

Tipperary Handball '95

Tipperary handballers again had a very successful '95 season with major success in the "blue and gold shirt"

Munster 40/20

The Munster Council changed the format of the Provincial 40/20 championship, running it off over a number of weekends.

Tipperary won eight titles, Tony and Pat Flaherty (Youghalarra) had a hard fought win over B. O'Neill and N. O'Toole (Cork), 13-21, 21-11, 21-3 in the intermediate doubles final but in the All-Ireland semi-final, Tony and Pat lost out to eventual champions S. Madden and J. McAllister (Antrim), 21-5, 21-15 in Belfast.

Sean Tobin and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) won the Masters (B) doubles title with wins over Cork (2), Limerick, and then C. Hurley and S. Ahern (Cork) in the final. But in the All-Ireland semi-final in Conna, Sean and Billy lost out to D. Sheridan and M. Brady (Cavan), 21-6, 21-13.

Michael "Bisie" Hogan (Nenagh) won his 1st Munster title when he beat Patsy Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir) 21-7, 10-21, 21-19 in an all Tipperary final in the Diamond Masters (B) singles final. In the play-off to see who would be represented in the All-Ireland Diamond Masters singles semi-final, "Bisie" lost out to H. Hyde (Cork).

Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) retained his senior single title with wins over J. Herlihy (Cork) in the semi-final and David Moloney (Cashel) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Eddie had a good win over P. Crothers (Antrim) in Belfast. In an epic All-Ireland final in Nenagh, Eddie surrendered his title to Peter McAuley (Louth) 21-18, 14-21, 21-19 in a nail-biting final.

David Moloney and Noel Murphy (Cashel) marked their 1st year in Senior 40/20 ranks, winning the senior doubles title with a hard fought win over J. Donlon and N. Breen (Clare) 21-19, 12-21, 21-16 in Clarecastle. In the All-Ireland semi-final, David and Noel played below their best when losing out to P. Crothers and J. McGarry (Antrim) 21-12, 21-17.

Noel Ryan (Clonmel) won the intermediate singles title with a 21-18, 21-12 win over N. O'Toole (Cork) in the final.

In the All-Ireland semi-final, Noel turned in a good performance, being unlucky to lose to C. Curren (Tyrone) 14-21, 21-13, 21-8.

Sean Tobin (Ballyporeen) won the Masters (B) singles title with wins over Cork, Limerick and then a good win over fellow Tipp player John Ryan Moore (Horse & Jockey) 21-10, 21-13 in Silvermines in the final. In the All-Ireland

semi-final, Sean travelled to Scotstown, Co. Monaghan but was out of luck, being well beaten by D. Sheridan (Cavan) 21-8, 21-1.



Munster 40/20 Senior Doubles Champions '95. Noel Murphy and David Moloney (Cashel).



Sean Tobin and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen), Munster 40/20 Masters (B) singles and doubles champions '95.



Munster 40/20 Over-60 Singles Final '95. Michael "Bisie" Hogan (Nenagh) winner and Paddy Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir).



Noel Ryan (Clonmel) Munster 40/20 and 60/30 intermediate singles winner '95.

O'Dwyer wins junior 40/20

Josie O'Dwyer (Cashel) won two All-Ireland titles in '95, beating R. Breen (Wexford) 21-19 and 21-2 to lift the junior singles titles.

His second All-Ireland was won in partnership with Noel Murphy (Cashel) in the Intermediate doubles final.

Carrick-on-Suir boys win All-Ireland

In the month of April, Derrick Tobin and David Butler (Carrick-on-Suir), won the 1st All-Ireland title for their club when they won the u-15 40/20 doubles title.

Derrick and David turned in a superb performance in the final in Roscommon, where they had an exciting 15-6, 8-15, 15-6 win over R. McGrath and D. Boland (Wexford).



All-Ireland 40/20 u-15 doubles champions David Butler and Derrick Tobin (Carrick-on-Suir).



Tony and Pat Flaherty (Youghalarra) Munster 40/20 Intermediate Doubles winners '95.



Munster 40/20 senior singles champion '95 Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen)

Juvenile girls - 60/30

In the month of September, Cashel juvenile girls won nine Munster 60/30 titles. Paula Butler had a comfortable win over Clare 15-3, 15-7 in the u-12 singles final. Jackie Kennedy and J. Cooper easily won the u-12 doubles with a 15-4, 15-5 win over Clare.

June Ryan and Donna Corbett were far too strong for Clare in the u-13 doubles final. Sandra Ryan won the u-17 singles title with a win over Limerick but in the All-Ireland final, Sandra was most unlucky to lose to Roscommon 13-15, 15-11, 15-9 in an exciting final in Cashel.

E. Coleman and C. Hickey won the u-17 doubles title with a win over Limerick but in the All-Ireland final, they were well beaten 15-2, 15-3 by Dublin.

Carol Moloney easily won the u-19 singles title over Limerick but in the All-Ireland final Carol, after a good start lost out to Kildare 12-21, 21-13, 21-8.



All-Ireland u-16 singles bronze 60/30 1995: Elaine Moloney



u-12/u-13 1995 Munster title holders. Joanne Cooper (u-12D); Donna Corbett (u-13D); Paula Butler (u-12S); June Ryan (u-13D), Jackie Kennedy (u-12D).



1995 Silver 60/30 All-Ireland finalists. From right: Sandra Ryan (u-17S); Ellen Coleman (u-17D); Carmel Hickey (u-17D)

Ryan does the double

Jim Ryan (Silvermines) won two All-Ireland 60/30 titles in September, when he won the Silver Masters (B) singles and doubles title.

Jim won the doubles title first, when he teamed up with Connie Colins (Ballina). They beat Pat Lacey and Tom Rossiter (Wexford) 15-21, 21-19, 21-10 in the final to retain the title won by John Ferncombe and Mick McGrath in '94.

u-12 and u-13 team win All-Ireland

The Tipperary u-12 and u-13 team lifted the All-Ireland 40/20 team title in brilliant fashion in May.

In the Munster championship, the Tipperary team of Eoin Quirke (Silvermines), Kevin Kennedy, Shane Hickey, Noel Moroney, David Hickey (Ballina) and Brian Darcy (Nenagh), and sub. Dan Egan (Silvermines) had easy wins over Limerick in the semi-final and Cork in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Dan Egan replaced Eoin Quirke and they kept up their winning ways with a brilliant 90-41 aces win over Tyrone and then in the final, they were far too good for Wexford, beating them 90-55 aces. The team was superbly managed by Pat Gleeson (Ballina) who did great work for the team.



All-Ireland u-12 and u-13 40/20 team winners. Back row: D. Hickey, P. Gleeson (team manager, Ballina). N. Moroney, M. Darcy (Nenagh), B. Darcy. Front row: D. Egan, S. Hickey, K. Kennedy. Missing from photo E. Quirke (Mines).



Munster 40/20 u-12 and u-13 team winners. L-R: E. Quirke, B. Darcy, S. Hickey, N. Moroney, K. Kennedy, D. Hickey and D. Egan.

U-12 and U-13 team do the double

Tipperary u-12 and u-13 team won the All-Ireland 60/30 team title to make it a double after winning the 40/20 title earlier in the year.

In the All-Ireland final in Crinkle, Co. Offaly the Tipp team turned in a superb performance to beat a very strong Kilkenny side 90-66 aces.

The team was again brilliantly managed by Pat Gleeson (Ballina). The team was David Hickey, Paul Grace, Kevin Kennedy, Shane Hickey, Noel Moroney (Ballina), Brian Darcy (Nenagh) and sub William Gleeson (Ballina).



All-Ireland 60/30 championship u-12 and u-13 team winners.
L-R: P. Grace, B. Darcy, K. Kennedy, N. Moroney, S. Hickey, W. Gleeson, D. Hickey.



Munster 40/20 and 60/30 u-13 double winners Noel Moroney and David Hickey (Ballina)

Ryan wins singles

Jim Ryan (Silvermines) won his 2nd All-Ireland title within 2 weeks of his doubles win, in the month of September.

In the All-Ireland singles final, Jim recorded a fine win over John Kenny (Mayo) 21-4, 21-10 in Crinkle and retained the title which Mick McGrath (Horse & Jockey) won in '94.



All-Ireland 60/30 Silver Masters (B) singles final. John Kenny (Mayo), runner-up and Jim Ryan (Silvermines), winner.

Juvenile 40/20 news

Tipperary won four Munster 40/20 titles with some impressive performances.

Shane Hickey and Kevin Kennedy (Ballina) won the u-12 doubles title with a close win over Limerick in the semi-final and then in the final Shane and Kevin had a great 15-12, 15-7 win over N. Fleming and S. Buckley (Cork).

Brian Darcy (Nenagh), looked an impressive youngster with a great u-13 singles title win with a good win over Limerick and then a superb 15-13, 10-15, 15-4 win over B. Fleming (Cork) in the final.

David Hickey and Noel Moroney (Ballina) had no equals in the u-13 doubles with an easy win over Limerick in the semi-final and then a 15-4, 15-3 runaway win over J. Lucey and S. Buckley (Cork) in the final.



Munster 40/20 and 60/30 u-13 singles champion Brian Darcy (Nenagh).



Munster 40/20 and 60/30 u-12 doubles champion Shane Hickey and Kevin Kennedy (Ballina).

u-14 and u-15 team lose in All-Ireland

The Tipperary u-14 and u-15 team put up a brave show before losing in the All-Ireland 40/20 team championship.

In the Munster championship, the Tipperary team of Adrian Kelly (Ballinahinch), Michael McNamara, Shane Spillane (Nenagh), Jim Egan (Silvermines), David Collins, Daniel O'Riordain (Ballina) and Kevin Dempsey (Clonmel) overcame Cork 90 aces to 39 aces in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a good win over Antrim but in the final, they were unlucky to lose to Kilkenny.

A special mention for Eamonn Spillane (Nenagh) who was a fine team manager.

Novice All-Ireland for Tipperary

Tipperary have dominated the novice 6-/30 doubles grade in the 90's, being in all finals winning 4 and losing 2.

This year was no different with experienced campaigners Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) and Kevin Croke (Horse & Jockey) winning the title with a "Haudin act" in the All-Ireland final in Ballina in September. Pat and Kevin came back from the dead to beat Christy and John Joe Joyce (Westmeath) 21-20, 21-20.

Cashel girls - win three All-Ireland 60/30

Cashel girls won 3 All-Ireland 60/30 juvenile girl's titles in the month of September. The finals were again, successfully held in Cashel with the Harding sisters involved in all three wins.

Mary Harding and Alison White were Tipp's first win in the highly competitive u-14 grade when they beat Roscommon 15-9, 15-2 in the All-Ireland final.

Patricia Harding and Michelle Coleman won the All-Ireland u-15 doubles title with a good win over Roscommon 9-15, 15-9, 15-8 in the final.

Donna Harding and Carol Moloney teamed up for the first time and in the All-Ireland final they had a great win over Kildare 21-15, 21-18 in the u-19 doubles final.



1995 60/30 All-Ireland u-14 doubles. L-R: Alison White, Mary Harding.



All-Ireland u-19 60/30 doubles champions '95. L-R: Carol Moloney and Donna Harding (Cashel).



1995 u-15 60/30 All-Ireland doubles. L-R: Michelle Coleman, Patricia Harding.

Tipperary Delegates at Annual Congress



Annual Congress - Tipperary delegates - Back row (l.-r.): Donal McCarthy, Eddie Lonergan, Mick Egan, Donal Shanahan, Mick Maguire, Noel Morris, Matty Connolly. Front row (l.-r.): Tom O'Donnell, Joan O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, Sean Fogarty, Tommy Barrett, Jerry Ring.

Ryan - Corbett lift Senior title

Noel Ryan (Clonmel) and Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) won the All-Ireland senior handball doubles title.

In the All-Ireland final in the Garda Depot, Dublin, Noel and Eddie turned in a vintage performance to beat T. Sheridan and E. Jensen (Meath) 21-17, 10-21, 21-12, and regain the title which was last won by Tipperary in 1990 by Noel Ryan and Billy McCarthy.

Masters (A) - All-Ireland win

In September, Billy Mullins (Clonmel) and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) won the All-Ireland 60/30 Masters (A) doubles title.

In the All-Ireland final, the Tipperary lads were very much the underdogs against the '94 champions Billy Mullins and Paddy Hope (Offaly) but won 21-6 and 21-16 to lift Tipperary's first Masters (A) doubles title.



National Irish Bank Handballer of the year. Eddie Corbett, Ballyporeen

Carol wins U.S.A. trip



"Moloney U.S.A. bound"

Carol Moloney (Cashel) being congratulated by Maureen O'Donoghue, Chairperson Cashel Ladies Handball club, after winning the trip to the U.S.A.

IN October Carol Moloney (Cashel) won the U-19 girl's singles trials for a trip to the U.S.A. to the U.S.H.A. 40/20 Juvenile Championships at Christmas.

Carol has been one of the leading lady handballers in Cashel handball, over the last number of years and it is her first trip on international duty.

Carol played two matches to win the trip. In the semi-final, in Croke Park, Carol was in total control to beat Aedamar Lennon (Kildare). In the final, in Leixlip, Carol played superbly, displaying her handball abilities to beat Patricia Judge (Mayo) to earn her place on the Irish team.

This is the 2nd year in-a-row that Tipperary and Cashel have won the girls u-19 singles with Carol's clubmate Jackie Keating winning the trials last year.

Carol will travel with the Irish team to Orlando, Florida, over the Christmas period for the championships.

KENNEDY WINS SCHOOLS



National Schools' Champion Kevin Kennedy, Ballina.

KEVIN KENNEDY (Ballina) has been in brilliant form this year being one of Ballina's best young players. Kevin represented Ballina National School in the Schools' 40/20 competition and won the County and Munster in superb fashion and then went on to Croke Park to lift the Schools' title.

Ballina - Success in Community Games

BALLINA were the toast of Tipperary in August when they won the National u-13 team Community Games boys' title.

They ran-away with the Munster title and then travelled to Mosney as class contenders. The team of David and Shane Hickey, Noel Moroney, Kevin Kennedy, Paul Grace and Enda McKeogh beat Roscommon in the semi-final and then in the final, they totally out-classed the Meath side to win easily and lift the title.

Pat Gleeson was again a superb team manager who had the team in brilliant form.

Cashel girl's teams of u-13 and u-15 reached the National Community Games semis with good wins in the Munster competition.

The u-13 team of Paula Butler, June Ryan, Jacqueline Kennedy, Donna Corbett, Ellen Coleman and Joanna Cooper won bronze in Mosney. The u-15 team of Patricia and Mary Harding, Michelle Coleman, Sandra Ryan and Alison White also won bronze in Mosney.

The team manager was the active Steven Moloney.



Cashel - Community Games

Cashel, who took bronze at the National Community Games Finals at Mosney. Team: U-13 Back row: Maureen O'Donoghue, Chairperson Tipperary Community Games, P. Butler, J. Kennedy, J. Cooper. Front row: J. Ryan, D. Corbett, E. Coleman.



Community Games

Cashel, who took bronze at the National Community Games Finals at Mosney. Team: U-15 Back row: Maureen O'Donoghue, Chairperson Tipperary Community Games, M. Coleman, M. Harding. Front row: S. Ryan, P. Harding, A. White.



Ballina - All Ireland Community Games winners Back row: P. Grace, K. Kennedy, S. Hickey, E. McKeogh. Front row: D. Hickey, P. Gleeson. Team Manager. N. Moroney.

Munster 60/30



Munster 60/30 Masters (A) singles winner '95
Billy Mullins (Clonmel)



Munster 60/30 Golden Masters (A) doubles winners: T. "Junior" Slattery (Clonmel), Danny Butler (Horse & Jockey).



Sean Doyle and Pakie Mullins (Clonmel).
Munster 60/30 Silver Masters (A) doubles and singles winners '95.

Cashel duo win All-Ireland

The Cashel duo of Noel Murphy and Josie O'Dwyer won the All-Ireland 60/30 intermediate in the month of September.

In the final, Noel and Josie had a titanic struggle with John Brennan and John Downey (Kilkenny) before winning 21-14, 11-21, 21-14 to win Tipperary's first All-Ireland intermediate doubles title.

Tipperary won 12 Munster 60/30 adult and then going on in just 5 to win All-Ireland title.

Pat Ryan (Ballyporeen) won the Munster 60/30 novice singles title with wins over Limerick, Cork and N. Raymond (Kerry) in the final. But in the All-Ireland semi-final, Pat was most unlucky to lose to C. O'Hare (Antrim) 21-12, 11-21, 21-19 in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan.

Noel Ryan (Clonmel) had a good win over Noel Murphy (Cashel) to win the Munster 60/30 intermediate singles title but in the All-Ireland semi-final, Noel was unlucky to receive a nasty eye injury in his semi-final clash with Jimmy McKeon (Cavan) and lost out 21-14, 21-9 in a game Noel could have won if things went right.

Billy Mullins (Clonmel) met Mickey Walsh (Roscommon) in the All-Ireland 60/30 Masters (A) singles final as Billy represented Munster in this grade and in the final. Billy began well but Walsh finished the better to win 19-21, 21-11, 21-11.

Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) represented Munster in the Silver Masters (A) singles grade and in his All-Ireland final. Pakie lost out to Paddy Reilly (Kilkenny) 21-17, 8-21, 21-14 in Clonmel.

Pakie Mullins and Sean Doyle (Clonmel) were Munster representatives in the Silver Masters (A) doubles and in their All-Ireland final in Talbot's Inch they put up a brave show before losing 21-15, 6-21, 21-8 to Paddy Reilly and Seamus Reade (Kilkenny).

Thomas "Junior" Slattery (Clonmel) and Danny Butler (Horse & Jockey) represented Munster in the Golden Masters (A) doubles and in the All-Ireland final in Garryhill, they lost out to Martin and Seamus Buggy (Wexford) 21-16, 21-8.

Pat Gleeson (Lahorna) and Mick Fitzpatrick (Ballina) had a great win over Pat O'Brien and Joe Collins (Cork) 21-4, 4-21, 21-7 in the Munster 60/30 Golden Masters (B) doubles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they had a one-sided win over Monaghan 21-7, 21-3. In the All-Ireland final, Pat and Mick lost out to Paddy Farren and Declan Quigley (Dublin) 21-14, 11-21, 21-9 in Talbot's Inch.

Memorable night as Nenagh opens

In the month of January, Nenagh Handball Club officially opened their superb 40/20 court.

Before a packed attendance, the court was officially opened by Tony Hayes (former Chairman of the Munster Council).

Then the club had a handball tournament organised with some great handball played with some notable shocks.

JUVENILE GIRLS



Grainne Shanahan (Silvermines) and Carol Moloney (Cashel). All-Ireland 40/20 u-19 doubles finalists '95.

Tipperary juvenile 40/20 girls won seven titles in the Munster final in the month of April.

J. Kennedy and J. Cooper (Cashel) had an easy 15-2, 15-4 win over Clare in the u-12 doubles final.

Mary Harding (Cashel) won the u-14 singles title with a close win over Clare 15-14, 15-11 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Mary lost out to Wexford 8-15, 15-4, 15-2.

Alison White and Michelle Coleman (Cashel) beat Clare 15-13, 15-12 in the u-14 doubles final. But in the All-Ireland semi-final Alison and Michelle were well-beaten 15-1, 15-2 by Kildare in Leixlip.

Sandra Ryan and Patricia Harding (Cashel) overcame Clare 15-9, 15-2 to win the u-15 doubles title and in the All-Ireland semi-final, Sandra and Patricia easy beat Meath 15-1, 15-6. In the All-Ireland final in Croke Park, Sandra and Patricia were unlucky to lose to Roscommon 15-4, 15-7.

Sarah Crockett and Donna Harding (Cashel) won the u-16 doubles title with a 15-7, 10-15, 15-2 win over Clare. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Sarah and Donna lost out to a strong Dublin pair 15-3, 15-3.

Carol Moloney (Cashel) easily won the u-19 singles title with a 21-1, 21-2 win over Clare but in the All-Ireland semi-final, Carol never played to her best losing out to Kildare 21-6, 21-12.

Carol Moloney and Grainne Shanahan (Silvermines) ran away with the u-19 doubles title with a 21-4, 21-6 win over Clare in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Carol and Grainne had an exciting 21-16, 21-18 win over Kildare. In a great All-Ireland final in Croke part, they went under 21-14, 16-21, 21-10 to Antrim.

Munster 60/30 - 7 Juvenile titles

In September, Tipperary 60/30 juvenile boys won 7 Munster 60/30 titles. Shane Hickey and Kevin Kennedy (Ballina) added the u-12 60/30 doubles title to the 40/20 title they won earlier in the year with a good win over Limerick in the semi-final and then beat P. Augland and S. O'Brien (Cork) in the final.

Brian Darcy (Nenagh) looked a class act in the u-13 singles grade and also did the double winning both 40/20 and 60/30 singles, and in the 60/30 Brian had a superb win over Limerick in the semi-final and then in the final beat B. Fleming (Cork).

David Hickey and Noel Moroney (Ballina) are now one of the most formidable pair, winning both Munster u-13 doubles titles this year. In the 60/30, they were a mile ahead of any other pair and in the final, they easily beat S. Buckley and J. Lucey (Cork). Mick McNamara (Nenagh) won the Munster u-15 singles title with a comfortable win over E. Buckley (Cork) in the final and then in the All-Ireland semi-final Mick beat G. Sheenan (Cavan), but in the All-Ireland final in Ballina Mick lost out to C. Browne (Meath).

Derrick Tobin and David Butler (Carrick-on-Suir) won the Munster 60/30 u-15 doubles title with a hard fought win

over Cork but in the All-Ireland semi-final in Ballina, they lost out to Cavan.

John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey) did very well winning the Munster 60/30 u-16 singles title with a great win over D. Healy (Cork) and in the All-Ireland semi-final, John beat B. Reilly (Cavan) but in the All-Ireland final, John went under to the impressive E. Kennedy (Dublin).

Paul Coleman and Keith Moroney (Ballina) played well to beat A. O'Dwyer and D. O'Leary (Cork) in the Munster u-16 doubles final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they lost out to a strong Cavan pair of P. Brady and P. Kiernan.



All-Ireland 60/30 u-15 singles finalist Michael McNamara (Nenagh) receiving his medal from Con Moore (Kilkenny), president elect.



Munster 60/30 u-16 doubles winners Paul Coleman and Keith Moroney (Ballina).



All-Ireland 60/30 u-16 singles final Eoin Kennedy (Dublin), winner and John Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey) runner-up.



Ladies Handballer of the year '95 Jackie Keating (Cashel) pictured with sister Tina at the awards function.



Sports Star '94 Eddie Corbett (Ballyporeen) receiving his Sidona award from Mr. Brendan McGuinness, Showering, Clonmel.

COUNTY 60/30 JUVENILE WINNERS '95

U-10 Singles	G. Coonan (Ballina)
U-10 Doubles	N. Collins and A. Kennedy (Ballina)
U-11 S	E. McKeogh (Ballina)
U-11 D	M. J. Meaney and D. Lyons (Ballyporeen)
U-12 S	P. Grace (Ballina)
U-12 D	S. Hickey and K. Kennedy (Ballina)
U-13 S	B. Darcy (Nenagh)
U-13 D	D. Hickey and N. Moroney (Ballina)
U-14 S	D. Collins (Ballina)
U-14 D	
U-15 S	M. McNamara (Nenagh)
U-15 D	D. Tobin and D. Butler (Carrick-on-Suir)
U-16 S	J. Ferncombe (Horse & Jockey)
U-16 D	P. Coleman and K. Moroney (Ballina)
U-17 S	M. Carroll (Ballinahinch)
U-17 D	

COUNTY 40/20 JUVENILE WINNERS '95

U-10 Singles	G. Coonan (Ballina)
U-10 Doubles	N. Collins and A. Kennedy (Ballina)
U-11 S	E. McKeogh (Ballina)
U-11 D	M. J. Meaney and D. Lyons (Ballyporeen)
U-12 S	D. O'Brien (Silvermines)
U-12 D	S. Hickey and K. Kennedy (Ballina)
U-13 S	B. Darcy (Nenagh)
U-13 D	D. Hickey and N. Moroney (Ballina)
U-14 S	K. Dempsey (Clonmel)
U-14 D	G. Moloney and M. Power (Cashel)
U-15 S	M. McNamara (Nenagh)
U-15 D	D. Tobin and D. Butler (Carrick-on-Suir)
U-16 S	M. Carmody (Youghalarra)
U-16 D	P. Coleman and K. Moroney (Ballina)
U-17 S	K. Tommons (Silvermines)
U-17 D	D. Cagney and W. Cleary (Cashel)

A shock result in 1888

THE result that shocked Gaeldom in 1888 was the defeat of Moycarkey by previously unrated Knockgraffon. In those early days of the G.A.A., because of great personalities like Tom O'Grady of Archerstown and big Tom Flanagan and the dashing style of play by the team, Moycarkey were regarded – despite the Thurles victory of 1887 – as Ireland's top hurling team.

They had won the admiration of both the local and national press and were the major crowd-pullers to G.A.A. games. In the 1888 championship they played Knockgraffon in the Cashel Racecourse on the Ardmayle Road on March 18th. The *Cashel Sentinel*, who were staunch supporters of the G.A.A. and great admirers of Moycarkey, gave a most interesting report of the game which ran as follows:

"Large crowds of people flocked into our little city from early morn to witness the hurling contest, and one ignorant of what was to take place would be forcibly reminded that something unusual was afoot from the overflowing congregations which attended all the Masses and the numerous knots of country folk who blocked all the thoroughfares. Indeed, so popular have become the old national games that we believe that there was not a single individual for miles around who could possibly attend but made his way to the old course. The fair daughters of Tipperary also took advantage of the calm beauty of the day and appeared arrayed in all the latest and most orthodox styles and fashions forming an attractive feature of the dense crowd of spectators.

Tom O'Grady, the veteran captain of the renowned Moycarkey team, was the first to appear in uniform on the enclosure. He was quickly followed by the other members of the club, all fine strapping fellows, fleet as mountain deer and veterans in the use of the camán. Then came Tom Cleary at the head of the boys of Knockgraffon, and right well they looked in their handsome costumes of white and green as they ranged themselves in front of their opponents.

The goal posts were ranged north and south, a slight wind blowing south and a pretty steep incline continuous towards the north goal. Moycarkey won the toss and elected to play with the wind, at the same time avoiding the incline.

When the ball left the referee's hand it was at once taken into Knockgraffon territory where it remained for some time, but no score was gained as the leather avoided the posts and no amount of persuasion no matter how strong could propel it to enter between them and it eventually rolled leisurely past the over line some yards from the posts.

The Knockgraffon cúlbáire then sent it flying into neutral ground where there was some splendid play, but it, for the greater part of the first half-time, seemed to lie in Knockgraffon territory and only once by the powerful exertion of the brothers Fitzgerald ably assisted by Fennessy was it brought into Moycarkey territory. At the end of the first half-time Moycarkey had one point to its credit to nil for Knockgraffon.

In the second half, Moycarkey had to face the wind and incline and it is no exaggeration to say that since the inception of the G.A.A. no more or exciting half hour's hurling has ever been witnessed in any athletic arena. Again and again did Moycarkey succeed in forcing the leather up the incline only to be driven back and carried by Knockgraffon to the former's fortifications.

Two brilliant charges by Knockgraffon and the boys from the ancient moate succeeded in placing a goal and a point to their credit. Then Moycarkey, who had meanwhile succeeded in scoring a second point, put forth all their energy to make a goal and in this attempt their gallant captain, Tom O'Grady, more than once stopped the ball going through Knockgraffon points posts and turned it towards the goal, but there stood Tom Cleary, cool and collected, a match for the renowned veteran who led the Moycarkey team.

When time was called the score stood: Knockgraffon 1 goal - 1 point; Moycarkey two points.

Rev. Fr. Ryan, C.C., New Inn, acted as field umpire for Knockgraffon; Major Kelly Regaile performing a like duty for Moycarkey".

In conclusion, the report said that the result was a surprise to everyone. It raised Knockgraffon from a position of mediocrity to a place among the crack teams of the Association, and it earned Tom Cleary a reputation as a cúlbáire second to none in our gallant county.

The report opened with a paragraph applauding the two teams for their discipline and good behaviour and reminded its readers of the deplorable faction fights that had occurred at race meetings in Cashel, indeed, faction fights were not uncommon up to the late '90s in Cashel, and in one of the last fights a Rossmore man named Ryan was killed.

The later Martin Maher of Ballinree recalled for me on many an occasion the shock and surprise felt at the defeat of Moycarkey. Some Moycarkey followers, he claimed, were so shocked that they did not return home for a couple of days after the game. He was most disappointed as a young fellow to see what he believed to be Ireland's best hurlers humbled by an unrated team.

Martin attributed the defeat to the absence of Flanagan and Stack who had switched to the new Boherlahan hurling team which had already played some challenge games. Flanagan's sky pucks, in Maher's words, travelled the length of the field and they were missed in Cashel.

Knockgraffon failed to Boherlahan who in turn were beaten by Clonoulty in the county final of 1888. Knockgraffon, much to Tom O'Grady's disappointment, would not again, under any circumstances, be tempted to play Moycarkey. They were paired in at least three tournaments during '88 and on each occasion Knockgraffon refused to play.

For many years it remained one of the major topics of conversation among Tipperary Gaels, and even to this day it is a treasured piece of folklore around the ancient Moate of Knockgraffon.

(Taken from programme for official opening of Rockwell Rovers' field).

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COUNTY FINALS - HURLING

Senior:	
Nenagh Éire Óg	2-25
Boherlahan Dualla	2-8
Inter:	
Golden Kilfeacle	2-12
Cahir	0-4
<i>(Replay) (Draw 1-10 each)</i>	
Junior 'A'	
Thurles Sarsfields	1-11
Kilruane McDonaghs	1-6
Junior 'B'	
Toomevara	4-4
Clonakenny	3-4
Under-21 'A'	
Toomevara	2-12
Thurles Sarsfields	1-9
Under-21 'B'	
Borrisoleigh	3-14
Upperchurch-Drombane	2-11
Minor 'A'	
Ballingarry Gaels	3-8
Thurles Sarsfields	1-12
Minor 'B'	
Drom-Inch	1-9
Cahir	1-6
Under-16 'A'	
Dúrlas Óg	2-11
Mullinahone	1-9
Under-16 'B'	
Borrisoleigh	2-5
Gortnahoe Glengoose	0-4
Under-14 Urban/Rural	
Drom-Inch	0-13
Toomevara	0-7
Under-14 Rural	
Toomevara	2-8
Moycarkey Borris	2-5
Under-12	
Toomevara	4-6
Killenaule	1-2

COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

Senior	
Moyle Rovers	3-12
Clonmel Commercial	0-12
Inter	
Aherlow	4-8
St. Patrick's	1-2
Junior 'A'	
Holycross B v. Portroe	
Junior 'B' -	
Under-21 'A'	
Aherlow	0-9
Ardinnan	0-6
Under-21 'B'	
Golden Kilfeacle	1-11
Cahir	0-7
Minor 'A'	
Newport-Ballinahinch	0-8
Golden/Kilfeacle	0-6
Minor 'B'	
Inane Rovers	2-12
Moycarkey Borris	1-5
Under-16 'A'	
Ardinnan	0-14
Arravale Rovers	2-6
Under-16 'B'	
Borrisoleigh	0-11
Mullinahone	0-8
Under-14 Urban Rural	
Fethard	4-10
Moycarkey-Borris	1-2
Under-14 Rural	
Fethard	1-14
Galtee Rovers	2-4
Under-12	
Moyne Templetohy	3-10
Burgess	3-3

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Hurling	
At Páirc Uí Chaoimh 21/5/95	
Tipperary	4-23
Waterford	1-11
At Páirc Uí Chaoimh 18/6/95	
Limerick	0-16
Tipperary	0-15
Junior Hurling	

At Páirc Uí Chaoimh 21/5/95	
Waterford	1-11
Tipperary	1-10
Under-21 Hurling	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds 27/6/95	
Tipperary	2-17
Limerick	2-3
At Semple Stadium 12/7/95	
Tipperary	2-19
Cork	2-9
At Semple Stadium 26/7/95. (Munster Final)	
Tipperary	1-17
Clare	0-14
At Navan 12/8/95	
Tipperary	4-12
Antrim	1-8
At Semple Stadium 10/9/95 (All-Ireland Final)	
Tipperary	1-14
Kilkenny	1-10
Minor Hurling	
At Fermoy 28/6/95	
Waterford	3-12
Tipperary	2-14
Under-16 Hurling	
At Fermoy 1/4/95 (Munster Championship)	
West Tipp.	2-9
Carbery (Cork)	2-7
At Cappawhite 8/4/95	
Avondhu (Cork)	0-20
West Tipp.	1-4
At Portlaw 8/4/95	
East Waterford	1-8
South Tipp.	2-2
At Doon 8/4/95	
Est Limerick bt. Mid Tipperary	
At Nenagh 8/4/95	
East Clare	2-14
North Tipp.	0-11
Master's Over-14 Hurling	
At Nowlan Park 10/6/95	
Kilkenny	1-10
Tipperary	0-9
At Rathdowney 10/7/95	
Tipperary	4-16
Laos	2-7
At The Ragg 24/7/95	
Tipperary	1-15
Galway	2-7
At The Ragg 5/8/95 (Semi-final)	
Tipperary	4-15
London	0-5
At Limerick 19/8/95 (All-Ireland Final)	
Kilkenny	2-12
Tipperary	1-7
Senior Football	
At Tralee 25/6/95	
Kerry	7-12
Tipperary	1-13
Junior Football	
At Tralee 25/6/95	
Kerry	3-13
Tipperary	3-7
Under-21 Football	
At Clonmel 12/4/95	
Tipperary	0-12
Cork	0-9
At Dungarvan 19/4/95	
Waterford	0-10
Tipperary	0-5
Minor Football	
At Semple Stadium 13/7/95	
Tipperary	0-9
Waterford	1-6
At Dungarvan 16/7/95	
Tipperary	1-9
Waterford	0-8
At Killarney 23/7/95	
Tipperary	2-6
Cork	0-10
At Croke Park 20/8/95	
Westmeath	1-14
Tipperary	0-10

INTER-COUNTY GAMES

Church and General NHL 1994/95 (Div. 1)	
At Páirc Uí Rinn 26/2/95	
Cork	1-12
Tipperary	1-7

At Cusack Park, Ennis 12/3/95	
Clare	2-9
Tipperary	0-10
At Roscrea 26/3/95	
Tipperary	2-13
Laos	0-5
Church and General NHL 1995/96 (Div. 1)	
At Birr 8/10/95	
Offaly	1-14
Tipperary	0-11
At Tipperary Town 22/10/95	
Tipperary	3-10
Kerry	1-7
At Ballinasloe 5/11/95	
Tipperary	2-8
Galway	0-12
At Semple Stadium 19/11/95	
Tipperary	2-17
Waterford	2-11
Church and General NFL 1994/95 (Div. 3)	
At Pearse Park, Longford 19/2/95	
Longford	0-9
Tipperary	0-8
At Semple Stadium 12/3/93	
Antrim	1-12
Tipperary	0-11
At New Ross 19/3/95	
Wexford	2-8
Tipperary	3-4
Church and General NFL 1995/96 (Div. 4)	
At Tullamore 15/10/95	
Offaly	3-14
Tipperary	1-7
At Carlow 12/11/95	
Carlow	2-11
Tipperary	1-11
At Semple Stadium 26/11/95	
Wicklow	1-14
Tipperary	1-8
All-Ireland 'B' Senior Football Championship	
At New Ross 22/7/95	
Tipperary	2-12
Wexford	1-7
At Ardinnan 13/8/95 (Semi-final)	
Tipperary	0-16
Waterford	0-12
At Birr 27/8/95 (Final)	
Tipperary	2-12
Longford	2-5

OTHER RESULTS

Munster Club Championship	
Hurling	
At Semple Stadium 12/11/95 (Draw)	
Nenagh Éire Óg	1-14
Patrickswell (Limerick)	0-17
At Limerick 18/11/95 (Replay)	
Nenagh Éire Óg	3-11
Patrickswell	1-12
At Limerick 26/11/95 (Final)	
Sixmile Bridge (Clare)	2-18
Nenagh Éire Óg	1-7
Football	
At Walsh Park 22/10/95	
Moyle Rovers	1-13
Rathgormack (Waterford)	1-8
At Ardinnan 5/1 95	
Moyle Rovers	1-9
Doonbeg (Clare)	0-8
At Páirc Uí Rinn 19/11/95 (Final)	
Laune Rangers (Kerry)	3-19
Moyle Rovers	2-4
Inter-Provincial - Iarnród Éireann Cup	
Hurling	
At Limerick Gaelic Grounds 5/2/95 (a.e.t.)	
Munster	2-25
Leinster	5-12
At Croke Park 2/4/95 (Final)	
Munster	0-13
Ulster	1-9
Football	
At Newbridge 5/2/95 (Semi-final)	
Leinster	3-14
Munster	1-9
Munster J.H. Club Tournament Final	
At Bruff 7/5/95	
Carrigrohilly (Cork)	1-10
Ballinahinch (Tipp)	2-4

All-Ireland 'Elevens' Hurling Final

At Carlow 6/5/95	
Cashel K.C.	1-8
Camross (Laois)	1-5
Dowley Cup All-Ireland Agric. Colleges Hurling Final	
Curteen Agr. College	2-12
Mountbellew Agr. College	1-8
Tipperary Inter Firms J.H. Final	
At Kilcolman 17/7/95	
Carry Bros. (Nenagh)	3-8
Revenue Comms. (Nenagh)	1-8
Co. Tipperary Thurles Co-Op. S.H. 'B' Final	
At Semple Stadium 23/9/95 (Draw)	
Moyne T.	2-8
Loroha	2-8
At Moneygall 7/10/95 (Replay)	
Moyne T.	1-13
Loroha	1-8

INTER-COUNTY CHALLENGES

Hurling

At Roscrea 14/1/95	
Tipperary	0-8
Dublin	0-4
At Semple Stadium 12/2/95	
Tipperary	1-14
Limerick	0-10
At New Inn 19/3/95	
Tipperary	1-8
Cork	1-3
At Gortnaohoe 16/4/95	
Tipperary	0-19
Kilkenny	1-10
At Bruff 23/4/95	
Limerick	3-11
Tipperary	0-13
At Kilcolman 30/4/95	
Tipperary	2-19
Limerick	1-17
At Cloughjordan 7/5/95	
Tipperary	4-19
Galway	1-13
At Ballina 30/9/95	
Clare	2-9
Tipperary	1-8

Football

At Semple Stadium 12/2/95	
Derry	0-14
Tipperary	2-7
At Semple Stadium 19/11/95	
Dublin	1-12
Tipperary	1-10

COLLEGES HURLING

Munster S.H. 'B' Semi-final

Doon C.B.S.	1-15
Cashel Com. School	0-7

Fitzgerald Cup Final

Nenagh CBS	6-7
Cashel Com. School	0-7

Dr. Rodgers Cup Final

St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh	2-14
St. Augustine's Dungarvan	2-7

Pearse Cup Final

Nenagh CBS	3-4
Our Lady's Templemore	1-2

Bro. Rice Cup Final

Roscrea CBS	3-15
Doon CBS	2-4

Hennessy Cup Final

Rockwell College	1-12
Nenagh V.S.	0-11

Dr. Harty Cup 1995/96

Doon CBS	4-10
Our Lady's Templemore	3-5

Nenagh CBS	2-15
Lismore CBS	3-7

Rathluirc CBS	2-8
Thurles CBS	3-4

Nenagh CBS	1-14
Middleton CBS	2-11

(Draw)

COLLEGES FOOTBALL

Mac Gabhann Cup U-18 Final

Our Lady's Templemore	1-17
Clonmel High School	1-11

Mac Gabhann Shield Final

St. Joseph's College, Borrisleigh	0-9
Carrick-on-Suir V.S.	1-2

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Munster Senior Final (H)	
Scoil Ruáin (Killenaule)	0-11
Borrisokane C.C.	1-8
(Draw)	
Scoil Ruáin	0-11
Borrisokane C.C.	0-6
(Replay)	

All-Ireland Senior Final (H)

St. Brigid's, Loughrea	4-15
Scoil Ruáin	0-6

Munster Junior Final (H)

Roscrea V.S.	4-12
St. Brogan's (Bandon)	3-10

All-Ireland Junior Semi-final (H)

Roscrea V.S.	4-18
St. Patrick's H.S. (Dungiven)	1-5

All-Ireland Junior Final (H)

Athenry V.S.	2-15
Roscrea V.S.	3-9

Inter-Co. Championship

At Fermoy 20/4/95	
Cork	2-16
Tipperary	2-9

Fitzgerald Shield Final (H)

Nenagh V.S.	5-7
Thurles V.S.	2-9

Munster Championship Senior Hurling

Borrisokane C.C.	4-7
Nenagh V.S.	3-5

Inter-County 'B' Championship Football

Tipperary	3-12
Clare	1-8

McGrath Cup Senior Football

At Cahir 23/4/95	
Tipperary	2-11
Limerick	0-10

At Tipperary Town 5/5/95 (Home Final)

Clare	5-17
Tipperary	0-5

Féile na nGael U-14 Hurling

Co. Semi-finals 20/5/95	
Drom-Inch	3-10
Toomevara	1-4

Co. Final 20/5/95

Knockavilla K. bt. Killenaule.	0-1
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All-Ireland Final Div. 1

25/6/95 (Joint Winners)	
Drom-Inch	1-7
Sixmilebrige (Clare)	1-7

Co. Primary Schools Hurling Finals

A. Nenagh CBS	6-2
Thurles CBS	1-6

B. Ballylooby N.S.	4-3
Cloughjordan N.S.	2-0

C. Templetoohy N.S.	7-5
Ballinahinch N.S.	1-2

D. Ballinree N.S.	2-6
Lismackin N.S.	1-1

E. Boher N.S.	3-6
Ballinure N.S.	1-0

Nenagh Co-Op. Under-16 Hurling Competition

At Waterford 7/10/95	
Tipperary	3-11
Waterford	1-9

At New Ross 21/10/95	
Tipperary	4-18
Wexford	0-9

At New Inn 28/10/95	
Tipperary	1-24
Cork	3-16

At Holycross 30/10/95	
Tipperary	4-18
Kilkenny	0-9

At Kilmallock 11/11/95 (Semi-final)	
Tipperary	1-9
Clare	0-7

At Nenagh 18/11/95 (Final)	
Tipperary	0-15
Galway	1-6

Jim Power Memorial U-14 Tournament (F)

Shield Final	
Waterford	1-9
Tipperary	1-7

Munster Under-16 Football Championship

At Limerick 4/11/95	
Cork County	2-12
Tipperary	1-7 (R.I.)

At Limerick 4/11/95 (Shield Semi-final)	
Tipperary	4-17
Waterford	1-9

Garda Cup Under-16 Hurling

North Tipperary	3-11
Mid Tipperary	2-10
South Tipperary bt. West Tipperary	

At Semple Stadium 30/7/95 (Final)	
North Tipp	1-15
South Tipp	0-17

Tony Forristal Under-14 Inter Co. Tournament

At Waterford 26/8/95	
Tipperary	1-12
Kilkenny	0-2
At Waterford 26/8/95	
Tipperary	2-7
Limerick	2-3
At Waterford 26/8/95	
Tipperary	9-9
Wexford	0-4
At Waterford 27/8/95 (Final)	
Tipperary	6-12
Clare	1-4

Community Games U-14 Hurling

Munster Semi-final	
Mullinahone	3-11
Sixmilebrige (Clare)	2-5

Munster Final	
Mullinahone	2-14
Kilmallock (Limerick)	2-4

All-Ireland Semi-final	
Mullinahone bt. Portumna (Galway)	

All-Ireland Final	
Tullagher (Kilkenny) bt. Mullinahone.	

Peadar Cummins Under-14 Hurling Tournament

At Borrisoleigh 15/7/95	
North Tipp	8-12
West Tipp.	0-0

At The Ragg 15/7/95	
South Tipp	0-13
Mid Tipp	1-3

At Borrisoleigh 15/7/95 (Final)	
South Tipp	2-8
North Tipp	2-5

Garda Cup Under-16 Football	
At Templemore 6/6/95	
North Tipp.	3-11
West Tipp.	3-8

6/5/95	
South Tipp. bt. Mid Tipp.	

At Ballycahill 24/5/95 (Final)	
South Tipp.	4-10
North Tipp.	2-11

CAMOGIE

National Senior League

At Golden 2/4/95	
Wexford	5-9
Tipperary	2-9

At Templeduffy 9/4/95	
Tipperary	1-7
Clare	1-2

At Ballinlough 30/4/95 (Final)	
Cork	4-11
Tipperary	3-7

Munster Senior Championship	
At Littleton 15/10/95 (Final)	
Cork	3-20
Tipperary	3-7

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship	
At Semple Stadium 30/7/95	
Tipperary	2-12
Galway	1-6

At Ballycran 13/8/95	
Tipperary	2-16
Down	3-8

At Toomevara 10/9/95 (Final)	
Clare	1-10
Tipperary	1-9

All-Ireland Junior League	
At Kilcolman 16/4/95	
Tipperary	4-7
Wexford	1-8

At Ballinlough 30/4/95	
Cork	3-8
Tipperary	2-2

At Clane 14/5/95	
Kildare	1-16
Tipperary	2-10

Munster Junior Championship	
At Tramore 20/5/95	
Tipperary	13-14
Waterford	1-1

At Kilcolman 25/6/95	
Tipperary	8-12
Clare	3-6

At Limerick 8/7/95 (Final)	
Limerick	3-18
Tipperary	4-6

Minor Championship	
At Ennis 9/4/95	
Tipperary	4-7
Clare	0-5

At Golden 17/4/95	
Tipperary	4-3
Limerick	1-5

At Semple Stadium 13/5/95	
Tipperary	1-9
Cork	1-6

At Semple Stadium 16/7/95 (All-Ireland semi-final)	
Galway	2-12

Tipperary	3-6
Munster U/18 Championship	
At Newmarket-on-Fergus 8/10/95	
Tipperary	4-13
Clare	1-2
At Littleton 15/10/95	
Cork	4-13
Tipperary	2-7
Co. Tipperary Finals	
Senior League	
Toomevara	3-12
Drom-Inch	1-2
Senior Championship	
Toomevara	5-10
Cashel	1-3
Inter-League	
Kilruane	4-7
Templemore	3-6
Inter Championship	
Burgess	3-11
Kilruane Mid	1-7
Junior League	
Shannon Rovers	1-11
Drom-Inch	0-4
Junior Championship	
Shannon Rovers	4-7
Templemore	2-4
Under-18 Championship	
Drom-Inch	4-4
Templemore	2-4
Under-18 Shield Final	
Burgess	2-1
St. Bernadettes	1-1
Under-16 'A' Championship	
Drom-Inch	3-10
Toomevara	3-3
Under-16 'B' Championship	
Templemore	0-6
Holycross B	1-3
(Draw)	
(Replay)	
Templemore	4-4
Holycross B	1-3
Under-16 'C' Championship	
Clonakenny	2-7
Lorriha	3-1
Under-14 Championship	
Drom-Inch	2-5
Templemore	0-1

Under-12 'A' Championship	
Templemore	1-3
Drom-Inch	1-0
Under-12 'B' Championship	
Cashel	2-2
Silvermines	0-0
Under-12 'C' Championship	
St. Cronan's	2-0
Portroe	0-0
Munster Club Senior Championship	
At Cork 3/9/95	
Toomevara	2-13
Glen Rovers (Cork)	0-16
At Toomevara 16/9/95	
Toomevara	4-7
Croagh Killfinny (Limerick)	4-5
At Toomevara 30/9/95 (Munster Final)	
Toomevara	4-13
Wolfe Tones (Clare)	0-14
At Craughwell 5/11/95 (a.e.t.)	
Toomevara	4-6
Davitts (Galway)	3-7
At Toomevara 19/11/95 (All-Ireland Final)	
Rathre (Wexford)	4-9
Toomevara	1-5
Inter Provincial	
Senior	
Munster	3-14
Ulster	2-10
(Final)	
Munster	4-13
Connacht	3-10
Junior	
Munster	3-10
Ulster	1-4
(Final)	
Connacht	1-9
Munster	0-10
Schools	
Munster Senior League Final	
St. Mary's Nenagh	2-6
St. Mary's Charleville	1-4
Munster Senior Championship Final	
St. Mary's Charleville	1-10
Our Lady's Templemore	2-3
All-Ireland Senior Voc. School Final	
St. Brigid's Loughrea	2-4
Borrisokane C.C.	0-5
Munster Under-16 Final	
Scoil Ruáin Killenaule	2-2
Scoil Mhic Shuibhne (Cork)	1-1

NOTICE

When compiling these results, my task is made possible by the excellent Public Relations Officers, representing the many teams, whose games are not covered extensively by the national media

It is particularly helpful when the following details are given in the match reports – competition, venue, date and final score.

Please maintain the high standard of co-operation which has been available to the Public Relations and Communications Committee in recent years.

A happy scene from bygone days!



A familiar scene from a Tipperary senior hurling training session at Thurles Sportsfield in August 1949. Left to right: Mick Blake, Ned Ryan, Tim Ryan, Tony Reddan and Tom Fanning.

County Hurling Final Results

1998-'94 Inclusive

(Winners before 1988 in "County G.A.A. History")

Year	Minor 'A'	Minor 'B'	U/21 A	U/21 B	Junior A	Junior B	Intermediate	Senior
1988	Cashel K.C. 2-11 Roscrea 3-6	Boherlahan Dualla 6-8 Éire Óg Annacarty 2-9	Thurles Sarsfields 2-4 Clonoulty-R'more 0-9 (Replay)	Mullinahone 1-9 Loughmore-C'iney 1-8 (Replay)	Holycross B'cahill 0-11 Cappawhite 2-4	None	Gortnahoe G'goole 2-8 Arravale Rovers 1-7	Loughmore C'iney 2-7 Borrisleigh 1-8 (Replay) (Draw L.C. 1.6 B.0.9)
1989	Cashel K.C. 3-10 Éire Óg Nenagh 2-6 (Replay)	Moneygall 3-7 J.K. Brackens 1-4	Mullinahone 3-7 Clonoulty R'more 2-8	Ballingarry 1-11 U'church-D'bane 1-5 (Replay)	Mullinahone 2-10 Lattin Cullen 1-11	None	Newport 1-14 Thurles Sarsfields 0-8	Clonoulty Rossmore 1-11 H'cross B'cahill 1-9
1990	Erin's Hope 2-9 H'cross/B'cahill 0-10	Burgess 1-7 Drom Inch 1-6	Toomevara 3-9 Ballingarry 0-6	Sean Treacys/Aherlow 2-13 JK Brackens 2-6	Moyne Templetuohy 2-8 Ballina 1-8	None	Portroe 2-12 Mullinahone 1-11	H'cross B'cahill 0-13 Cashel K.C. 0-10
1991	Éire Óg Nenagh 4-10 Knockavilla K 0-5	Boherlahan- Dualla 3-3 Aherlow 1-7	Cashel KC 0-12 Erin's Hope 0-7	Moneygall 3-10 Clonoulty-R'more 3-5	Cashel K.C. 2-4 Killea 1-6	None	Moneygall 3-9 Arravale Rovers 2-6	Cashel K.C. 2-8 Holycross B'cahill 1-5
1992	Nenagh Éire Óg 3-15 Thurles S'fields 2-5	Ballingarry 1-10 Rahealy 1-6	Moneygall 1-12 Cashel K.C. 1-7	Aherlow 2-9 Silvermines 2-8	Lattin Cullen 2-10 Ballinahinch 2-9	None	Kickhams 4-7 Burgess 0-10	Toomevara 0-12 Thurles S'fields 1-6 (Replay)
1993	Boherlahan Dualla 1-12 Knockavilla K. 2-6	Loughmore C'iney 1-10 Lorrha 2-2	Nenagh Éire Óg 3-14 Holycross B. 3-6	Kilruane McDonagh 1-5 JK Brackens 1-3 (Replay)	Knockshegowna 1-9 Moyle Rovers 0-8	Loughmore C'iney 1-9 Cashel K.C. 0-4	Burgess 0-11 U'church D'bane 0-7	Toomevara 1-14 Nenagh Éire Óg 1-13
1994	Ballingarry Gaels 1-11 Toomevara 1-7	Gortnahoe G'goole 3-16 Ballybacon Grange 0-6	Kickhams 2-7 Boherlahan 0-11	L'more C'iney 1-13 Golden Killeacle 1-7	Ballinahinch 1-10 Skehanarinka 1-8	Carrick Swans 0-7 Nenagh Éire Óg 0-6	Éire Óg Anacarty 0-9 Silvermines 1-5	Toomevara 3-11 Cashel K.C. 1-9

County Football Finals 1988-1994

Year	Senior	Intermediate	Junior	Under-21 A	Under 21 B	Minor A	Minor B
1988	Fethard 1-11 Commercials 1-10	Éire Óg Nenagh 2-4 Ballyporeen 0-9	Arravale Rovers 1-5 Shannon Rovers 1-4	Fethard 1-7 Templemore 1-2	Mullinahone 2-3 L'more/Castleiney 0-6	Arravale Rovers 0-11 Sarsfields 0-7	Aherlow 0-5 Newport 1-1
1989	Commercials 2-7 Fethard 0-9	Lattin-Cullen 0-10 Mullinahone 1-4	Sarsfields 1-3 Shannon Rovers 1-1	Slievenamon 1-9 Arravale Rovers 0-2	Cahir 1-5 U'church Drombane 0-2	Fethard 1-8 Cashel K.C. 0-7	Aherlow 1-8 St. Pat's Drangan 2-3
1990	Commercials 3-10 Loughmore-C'iney 1-5	Cappawhite 3-5 Grangemockler 0-6	Kiladangan 2-5 U'church D'bane 1-4	Cashel K.C. 0-8 Commercials 0-5	Ballyporeen 0-12 Aherlow 1-5	Éire Óg Nenagh 2-6 Commercials 1-5	B'lahan Dualla 2-4 Golden-K'leacle 1-5
1991	Fethard 1-12 Commercials 0-13	Grangemockler 1-17 Borrisokane 2-10	St. Patrick's Drangan 1-9 U'church Drombane 0-5	Éire Óg Nenagh 1-12 Aherlow 1-9	Kickhams 1-8 Boherlahan Dualla 1-3	Arravale Rovers 3-6 Éire Óg Nenagh 1-4	Rosegreen 3-7 Burgess 0-6
1992	Loughmore-Castleiney 1-9 Fethard 0-10	Ballyporeen 2-7 Aherlow 0-5	Kickhams 1-11 Inane Rovers 0-8	Aherlow 2-4 Nenagh Éire Óg 1-4	Ardlinnan 1-13 Lattin-Cullen 0-12	Commercials 1-9 Arravale Rovers 0-9	Kickhams 2-5 Cahir 0-9
1993	Fethard 0-13 L'more-Castleiney 1-4	J.K. Brackens 2-3 Newport 0-6	Éire Óg Annacarty 1-9 Commercials 1-8	Nenagh Éire Óg 1-7 Fethard 0-4	Killenaule 3-5 Killeacle 0-7	Commercials 4-8 Newport 1-5	Rahealy 2-15 Killeacle 3-7
1994	Commercials 0-10 L'more-Castleiney 1-6	Borrisokane 2-10 Kilsheelan 1-9	Killenaule 1-8 Borrisoleigh 0-10	Ardlinnan (awarded game) Loughmore-Castleiney	Moyle Rovers 1-10 Rahealy 0-11	Aherlow 3-12 J.K. Brackens 1-8	Moyle Rovers 2-8 Moyne/T'uohty 0-6

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Quim sonas agus siocháin na Nollag agus na hAthbhliana ort!

Coiste Camógaíochta Thiobraid Árann

By Marion Uí Greacháin

THE camogie year commenced on January 22nd, 1995, with our County Convention held in Sarsfields' Social Centre, Thurles, with the following clubs in attendance: Cashel, Silvermines, Toomevara, Thurles. St. Mary's/Clonmel, Holycross/Ballycahill, Knockavilla/Donaskeigh, Templemore, Ballinahinch/Killoscully, Drom/Inch, Borrisoleigh, St. Cronan's/Roscrea, Seán Treacy's, Suir Valley/Newcastle, Clonakenny, Bansha, Lorrha, St. Rita's/Fethard, St. Bernadette's/Roscrea, Portroe, Burgess, Drangan/Cloneen, Moycarkey/Borris, Gortnahoe/Glen-goole. This was one of the best attended Conventions with 24 clubs present out of a possible 28.

The following officers were elected:

Cathaoirleach: Eamonn De Brun; *Leas Cathaoirleach:* Liam Ó hÓgáin; *Rúnaí/PRO:* Marion Uí Greacháin; *Cisteoir/Cláráitheoir:* Brid Mic Philip.

Sub Committees: Finance Committee - Bernie O'Dowd, Patsy Carroll, Dickie Carroll, Dominique O'Meara, John O'Connor, Liam Hogan.

Development Committee: Liam Hogan, Martin Bourke, Bernie O'Dowd, John O'Connor.

Intermediate Selectors: John Kennedy (coach/selector), Biddy Phillips, Martin Kennedy.

Junior Selectors: Liam Hogan (coach/selector), Pádraig Mullins, Bernie O'Dowd.

U/18 Selectors: Pádraig Mullins (coach/selector), Patsy Carroll, Eamonn Browne.

U/16 Selectors: Conor Ryan (coach/selector), Marion Graham, Noel Hennessy.

Fixtures Committee: Sheila Delaney, Marion Graham, Sally Duggan, Conor Ryan, Julie O'Dwyer.

Congratulations to all the eventual winners and commiserations to the losers. Well done to all the teams who participated in the competitions.

Nineteen-ninety-five was a mixed year at Inter-county level. After our defeat by Kildare last year we had hoped that this year would see us climbing up to senior ranks. Sadly this did not happen and we suffered defeat at the hands of Clare in our own backyard by a mere point on September 10th. Unfortunately this team did not have the same success in the Senior League as they did last year and bowed out early in the competition.

The Junior team had a good run in the league, reaching the quarter-final stages,

COUNTY CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Competition	Winners	Runners-up
U/12 'A' Championship	Templemore	Drom/Inch
U/12 'B' Championship	Thurles	Knockavilla
U/12 'C' Championship	St. Cronan's/Roscrea	Silvermines
U/12 'A' League Blitz	Templemore	Drom/Inch
U/12 'B' League Blitz	Cashel	Silvermines
U/14 'A' Championship	Drom/Inch	Templemore
U/14 'B' Championship	Burgess	
U/14 'C' Championship	Lorrha	
U/14 'A' League Blitz	Toomevara	Burgess
U/14 'B' League Blitz	Templemore	Drangan
U/16 'A' Championship	Drom/Inch	Toomevara
U/16 'B' Championship	Templemore	Holycross
U/16 'C' Championship	Clonakenny	Lorrha
U/18 Championship	Drom/Inch	Templemore
U/18 Losers Group	Burgess	St. Bernadette's
Junior Championship	Shannon Rovers	Templemore
John Hogan Junior League	Kilruane McDonaghs	Drom/Inch
Intermediate Championship	Burgess	Kilruane
Jimmy Carroll Intermediate League	Kilruane McDonaghs	Templemore
Senior Championship	Toomevara	Cashel
Ann Fraser Senior League	Toomevara	Drom/Inch

but due to a large number of girls emigrating and preparing for examinations a very depleted team gave a great performance against Kildare but were narrowly defeated. In the championship they reached the Munster final by defeating Waterford and Clare but had to take a back seat in the final to a very strong and fit Limerick side who eventually became All-Ireland Champions.

Our U/18 team had an overwhelming victory over Clare in the first round of the Munster Championship but one week later were thrashed by a very strong Cork team in the Munster final.

At Minor level we didn't have the same success we had tasted for the past three years; however, we captured our fourth Munster title in a row but had to relinquish our hold on the All-Ireland trophy when we were defeated by Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final by 2-12 to 3-6.

Drom/Inch represented Tipperary in the Féile na nGael and reached Division 1 final but were beaten by Na Pearses from Galway. Also taking part in Féile na nGael because of a shortfall in clubs in Limerick were Burgess, Newport and Portroe. Burgess reached Division 4 final but failed

to triumph. Newport and Portroe had to bow out in the earlier stages. Siobhán Ryan, Holycross/Ballycahill, represented the County in the National Final of the Skills competition. However, she did not achieve honours but represented her club, as did all the teams, with pride and dignity.

In the Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland 7-a-side competition a number of clubs from Tipperary travelled to Dublin. However, Drom/Inch were the only ones to take honours after overturning an 11-point deficit, and finally captured Division 2 title by defeating Kilkenny from Louth by 8-5 to 6-4.

Portroe took the honours in Butlers-town, Waterford, tournament held in August.

This year our senior champions, Toomevara, gave us many delightful memories as we saw them cruise their way into a Munster club final against Wolfe Tones of Clare and take a title which hadn't been achieved by a Tipperary club since 1972. They had already defeated Glen Rovers of Cork and Croagh/Kilfinny, Limerick champions, in the previous rounds but a stiff test was put

to the Toome girls in the All-Ireland semi-final when Davitt's from Galway were the opponents. The game went to extra time in a terrific contest and Toomevara won out by two points for a famous victory.

And so to the final – the venue, Toomevara – opponents Rathnure from Wexford. By half-time the supporters knew that Toomevara had their work cut out for them, five points down is not a lot but with the opposition as skilful and strong as Rathnure it would be hard work catching up. However, things started to go wrong for Toomevara a few minutes into the second half. Two quick goals by Rathnure had put them on the right path for victory. Great credit is due to this gallant team; they tried time and time again to break the Rathnure defence but they stood firm.

Toomevara played their hearts out to the final whistle but in the end had to give way to a Rathnure side that were a class apart. While the difference on the scoreboard suggests it was a one-sided display, it certainly was not; the score of 4-9 to 1-5 does not do justice to this spectacular final.

Well done, Toomevara, you represented your Club, County and Province with pride and distinction.

THE COUNTY GROUNDS

In this aspect of our organisation the help we have received from our clubs leaves a lot to be desired. Time and time again we have appealed for help in cleaning up the surrounds of the pitch, but

unfortunately the clubs do not want to know. I have stated on a number of occasions that this pitch does not belong to the County Board Officers but to you, the clubs. We, the officers of the Board, have our hands full in the every-day running of the Board and we cannot give the time needed to keep the pitch and the surrounding area in the condition it should be without the help of the clubs.

Where is your pride? We all feel ashamed when we see young girls trodding across the road over the fence to go to the toilet. We appealed to clubs to give one big effort for the G.A.A. lottery for ten months, and the response was nothing short of a disgrace. Ten months' effort would have provided the necessary funds needed to erect proper dressing rooms, showers and the urgently needed toilet facilities. Instead, all we get is plenty of criticism about the lack of these facilities, but no concrete help.

Our sincere thanks to John Ryan, Holycross, who put days of hard work into the levelling of the carpark. John must feel very disheartened at the state of the place at the moment. All I can say is, 'Bear with us John we will get there eventually'.

Our thanks also to local man, Michael Dempsey, who gave of his time and machinery; it was appreciated. Thanks to the clubs who did help, but to those who didn't, 'Get your act together; at the end of the day you will all benefit'.

OUR SPONSORS THANK YOU

I wish to extend a sincere 'thank you' to

all who contributed to our appeal for sponsorship. A special word of thanks to Tom Egan, Horse & Jockey Inn, Dundrum House Hotel, John Browne Bar Ware, Clonmel, Tipperary Supporters' Club, Tipperary/Dublin Association, Tipperary/Kilkenny Association, Tipperary Bord na nÓg, Divisional Boards and the many hurling and camogie clubs who gave so generously. Many thanks to Tipperary County G.A.A. Board for the grant of £750 they provide us with each year; it is much appreciated.

GRATITUDE

Nineteen-ninety-five saw 28 clubs affiliate to the County. A special 'thank you' to all these clubs and your players, for without you our National game would be non-existent in Tipperary. To the parents of all players, I hope you are proud of your offspring for striving to flourish our National sport; thanks to you the parents who brought players to county trials, training and matches.

SYMPATHY

On behalf of the County Board, our deepest sympathy is extended to everybody who suffered bereavements during the year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam-nacha.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all who helped in any way during the year and wish you all a successful 1996 season.



TIPPERARY – U-18 MUNSTER FINALISTS

Back row (left to right) – Eamonn Browne (selector), Jacqueline O'Connor, Mary Looby, Marie White, Susan Kenneally, Cathriona Hennessy, Theresa Brophy, Elaine Fitzgerald, Patsy Carroll (selector). **Front row** (left to right) – Emily Hayden, Marie Harkin, Ciara Gaynor, Meadhbh Corcoran, Patricia Carroll.

Minors' Historic Four-in-a-row

by Noel Hennessey

TIPPERARY minor camogie team engraved its mark in 1995 by magnificently capturing its fourth Munster title in-a-row. In an emotional Semple Stadium, Tipperary camogie saluted its mighty warriors as the babies of camogie once again brought honour and glory to the Premier county.

A hard fought campaign had its birth in Cusack Park Ennis in the first round match against Clare. A nervous Tipperary team quickly settled and with a blistering first six minutes in which three green flags were raised, took control and in the end finished winners by the score of 4-7 to 0-5. The back room team of Conor Ryan, Marion Graham and Noel Hennessey could well be pleased with this new team. Fine performances by Catherine Cahill, Marie Harkin, Jacqueline O'Connor, Clare Maher, Elsie Moloney, Emily Hayden and Catriona Hennessey pointed to be great hopes for the future.

All roads led to Golden on Monday April 17, 1995 for the second round against Limerick. The true nature of this team began to emerge as a rain swept day called for strength and determination to overcome a strong and fancied Limerick side. Again fine performances by Deirdre O'Connor, Catherine Cahill, Clare Maher, Marie Harkin, Emily Hayden, Siobhan Ryan and ace forward Catriona Hennessey who at this time accounted for 6-8 of the Championship total of 8-10 led to a great victory by 4-3 to 1-5. This victory set the scene for a Munster Final show down against old rivals Cork.

Semple Stadium on Saturday, May 13, 1995 was the place to be. Nervous chatter, twitching of limbs, quick glances at watches fueled the anticipation of things to come. Spectators took their seats, mentors walked the sideline, players took their places as referee B. Ní Dhea started the epic tussle to history and indeed a tussle it was, with evenly matched teams contesting every ball, this game was to go to the wire. The game started in whirlwind fashion as a long delivery from Jacqueline O'Connor ended in the Cork net. Two minutes later Cork's Laura Kelleher replied with vengeance and raised the green flag for Cork. Jacqueline O'Connor again tilted the balance for Tipperary with a point. Cork replied with a point from Orla O'Shea and edged to the fore with a second point from Emma Greene. This was duly answered by Drom and Inch's Catriona Hennessey with two points. Cork replied with equal fashion and added a further two points to leave the half-time score 1-4 to Tipp's 1-3. On the resumption Cork put Tipperary hearts pounding by scoring two further points. Tipperary how-

ever took up the Gauntlet and in a short space of time Catriona Hennessey levelled the score from a great Marie Harkin clearance. In the 21st minute Catriona Hennessey put Tipp in front, a lead they were not to relinquish. Sub Helen Campion put the icing on the cake with two further points. The defiance of Tipp's defence and mid-field, the hunger of the forwards and the dead ball accuracy of Hennessey were to be the vital factors in Tipperary's historic victory.

Tipperary next encountered the All-Ireland Semi-Final, but the long Munster campaign, the eight weeks enforced break, and perhaps the over reliance on Catriona Hennessey for scores was to take its toll, and with a thrilling encounter with Galway on the score of Galway 2-12 to Tipperary's 3-6, Tipperary were to relinquish their hold on the Minor

Championship. However this Tipperary team of: Deirdre O'Connor, Catherine Cahill, Marie Harkin, Emily Hayden, Clare Maher, Catriona Tiernan, Elsie Moloney, Jacqueline O'Connor, Siobhan Ryan, Clare Horan, Helen Campion, Catriona Hennessey, Siobhan Maxwell, Denise Manton, Sinead Collins, Noelette O'Dwyer, Helen Frawley, Joanne Ryan, Pauline Kennedy, Sheena Howard, Siobhan Malone, Nesa O'Driscoll, Lena Woods and Natalie Ryan can hold their heads up high.

With players Emily Hayden, Catriona Hennessey, Denise Manton, Sheena Howard, Helen Campion to mention a few available for next year, things can only look good for Tipperary Minor Camogie and we await the '96 season with anticipation.



The Tipperary minor camogie team which retained the Munster championship title by defeating Cork in the final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l to r) - Claire Horan, Deirdre O'Connor, Jacqueline O'Connor (captain), Catherine Cahill, Elsie Moloney, Emily Hayden, Noelette O'Dwyer, Helen Frawley, Siobhan Maxwell, Joanne Ryan, Pauline Kennedy, Ciara Ormond, Sheena Howard. Front row - Catriona Tiernan, Helen Campion, Catriona Hennessey, Marie Harkin, Claire Maher, Denise Manton, Sinead Collins, Siobhan Malone, Siobhan Ryan, Nesa O'Driscoll, Lena Woods.



Smiles all around! - Tipperary minor camogie selectors photographed before the Munster final victory over Cork in Semple Stadium (l to r) - Conor Ryan (coach/selector), Marion Graham (selector) and Noel Hennessey (selector).

Toomevara Camogie Club 1995

by Deirdre Hughes

Seniors reach All-Ireland club final

The seniors began the year with an Ann Fraser victory over Drom/Inch on May 28th. They went on to win their fourth county senior title in a row defeating old rivals Cashel in the final.

Pitted against the mighty Glen Rovers in the first round of the Munster club championship, not many gave the Toomevara girls a chance. However, great self belief and a magnificent team performance saw them defeat the Glen by three points for a famous victory.

Then came a win over Limerick champions, Croagh/Kilfinny, and then Wolfe Tones from Shannon in the Munster final. Toomevara were Munster club champions for the first time ever.

So to Davitt's from Galway for the next hurdle and it was to take a mighty leap to overcome this stern challenge. On the day things went right for Toomevara and after extra time Toomevara qualified for their

first ever All-Ireland club final.

Rathnure, Wexford and Leinster champions were the opposition in the All-Ireland final. On a splendid day where pitch and facilities were superbly prepared, the Toome' girls did not shine to their true potential. Down by five points at half time, all was not lost. However, two fast goals in the second half was a huge blow to Toomevara and try as they did they could not make up the gap.

Well done to all the girls on reaching the final, it was a huge achievement in itself.

Although the spotlight was naturally on the senior team in 1995, nevertheless there were five other very busy teams performing throughout the year.

The under 12 team, under the guidance of Nora Dwan and Anne Bergin, were defeated in the championship. It was disappointing that they had only two games, however, they trained all summer and

played a successful blitz day in September.

The under 14 girls played three games in the championship, defeating Cashel but losing to Drom/Inch and Templemore. However the girls ended on a high note with a great win over Burgess in the under 14 'A' blitz final.

The under 16 team played Drom/Inch in a thrilling county final, honours were not to be their lot, but it was a fine achievement to reach the 'A' final with a relatively young team.

Moving to the under 18 and junior teams, which consisted of mostly the same players. The under 18s went down to Templemore, while the juniors were defeated by Shannon Rovers, both at semi-final stages. The junior team are complemented on their performances for their first year. They should do well in the future.



Toomevara under 14 team, county blitz winners (section A). Back row (left to right) – Rebecca Ryan, Mary O'Meara, Carmel Brislane, Aine Fitzpatrick, Anne O'Meara, Ailish Hassett, Mary Rose Ryan, Claire Hassett.

Front row (left to right) – Deirdre Hughes (coach), Theresa Maxwell, Deirdre Troy, Anna Woods, Trisha Ryan (capt.), Donna Maher, Aoibhan Fitzpatrick, Nora Dwan (chairperson).

WITH THE CAMOGIE CLUBS



Drom-Inch, under 14 All-Ireland Feile na nGael Division One runners-up, under 14 county champions. Front row (left to right) – A. McGrath, M. Costelloe, T. Maher, B. McGrath (capt.), S. O'Brien, S. Egan, G. McGrath. Back row – H. Sheridan, M. Ryan, K. Kinnane, D. Delaney, L. Stapleton, N. Harkin, A. Everard, D. Ryan.



Drom-Inch, 7-a-side, Division 2 champions. Front row (left to right) – Alice Darcy, Marie Harkin, Helen Kiely (capt.), Julie Delaney, Catriona Hennessy. Back row (left to right) – Martin Flynn (trainer), Sinead Ryan, Aileen Looby, Joanne Ryan, Mary Looby, Jacqueline O'Connor, John Harkin (coach).



Drom-Inch, under 18 county champions. Front row (left to right) – A. Darcy, S. O'Brien, C. Hennessy, N. Harkin, J. Delaney (capt.), J. Ryan, M. Harkin, M. Looby. Back row – J. O'Connor (selector), M. Doherty, B. McGrath, J. Ryan, J. O'Connor, S. Ryan, C. McGrath, J. Kinnane, C. Hoare, E. Ryan, J. Harkin (coach).



Drom-Inch, under 16 county champions, Pan-Celtic winners, Tralee, April 1995. Front row (left to right) – D. Ryan, L. Stapleton, D. Delaney, N. Harkin, J. O'Connor (capt), M. Harkin, S. O'Brien, T. Maher, A. Everard. Back row – M. Flynn (trainer), B. McGrath, C. Hennessy, J. Ryan, C. McGrath, J. Ryan, J. Kinnane, C. Hoare, J. Harkin (coach), J. O'Connor (selector).

Templemore – U-13 Bronze Medalists National Community Games Final 1995



Front row (l. to r.): Bridin Jones, Laura Bourke, Leona Bohan, Norma Maher, Elizabeth Jones, Aileen Brennan, Sarah Kennedy, Fiona Collins. Back row (l. to r.): Martin Bourke, Jim Brennan, Sarah Kennedy, Fiona Collins. Back row (l. to r.): Martin Bourke, Jim Brennan, Jemeel Devaney, Helen Collier, Laura Carton, Linda Grogan, Edel McDermot, Ailish Meagher, Michelle Purcell, Mairéad Bourke, Kathleen Maher.



**Borrisokane Community College
Junior Camogie Team**

Back row (l. to r.) – Bernie Brennan, Donna O'Meara, Claire Horan, Niamh Larkin, Caitriona Tiernan, Margaret Tierney, Jean Tierney, Nora Casey, Helen Tierney, Deirdre Quinlan, Una O'Rourke.

Front row (l. to r.) – Helen Brennan, Mairead Comerford, Debbie Carroll, Susan Williams (capt.), Louise Brennan, Mary O'Brien, Eileen Brennan, Aoife Heffernan.

Borrisokane Community College Senior Team

Back row (l. to r.) – Denis Kelly (coach), Catherine Burke, Donna O'Meara, Margaret Tierney, Michelle Larkin, Ellen Ryan, Claire Horan, Yvonne Williams, Antoinette Darcy, Samantha Reid, Louise Brennan, Colette Horan, Claire Walsh.

Front row (l. to r.) – Helen Brennan, Marie White, Ruth Moylan, Debbie Carroll, Julie White (capt.), Susan Williams, Joanne Turnerr, Niamh Larkin, Caitriona Tiernan, Una O'Rourke.



Templemore U-12 'A' League and Championship winners 1995: **Front row** (l. to r) Catherine Ryan, Sharon Sparrow, Sinéad Scully, Grace Fogarty, Serena Doran, Laura Carton (captain league), Fiona Connolly, Shirley Bergin, Noelle Bergin, Barbara Larkin. **Back row** (l. to r.): Clarissa Bohan, Karen Hardiman, Sarah Ryan, Siobhán Brennan, Martin Bourke, Claire Grogan, Bridin Jones (captain championship) Aileen Brennan, Patricia Ryan, Jim Brennan, Melissa Cummins, Maryln Purcell, Eimear Buckley, Ashling Brennan, Emma Kirwan.

Templemore U-16 'B' Champions 1995:

Front row (l. to r) Patricia O'Brien, Siobhán Bourke, Helen Collier, Niamh Connolly, Catherine Cahill (capt.), Jemeel Devaney, Elizabeth Jones, Norma Maher, Monica O'Reilly. **Second row** (l. to r.): Carol Stapleton, Joanne Carton, Marie Brennan, Michele Purcell, Sorcha Loughnane, Ciara Ormond, Linda Grogan, Majella Stapleton, Kieran Buckley, Veronica Bane. **At back** (l. to r.): Jim Brennan, Kathleen Maher, Mick Curley, Martin Bourke. *Missing from photograph: Edel McDermott.*



Burgess Co. Intermediate Champions – **Back row** (l. to r.): Liam Hogan (selector), Elaine Gleeson, Edel Hogan, Josephine McKeogh, Karen O'Donoghue, Marie Hogan (capt.), Brian McDonnell (selector), Niamh Bonar, Sinéad Nealon, Sinéad Collins, Helena Frawley, Nuala Nealon, Pdraig Meagher (selector). **Front row** (l. to r.): Cathriona Fogarty, Catherine Keating, Elaine O'Brien, Áine Hogan, Sheena Howard, Eimear McDonnell, Fiona Hanrahan, Mairéad Hogan, Theresa Brophy, Ciara Burns.



Liam Mannion, Lorrha, presenting the Liam Mannion Perpetual Shield for the newly introduced U-16 'C' Championship to the Co. Secretary Marion Graham.

Burgess U-14 'B' Co. Champions and Blitz county finalists

Back row (l. to r.) Frank McGrath (sponsor), Edel Hogan, Laura Brennan, Michelle Scrope, Sheena Howard, Michelle Scroope, Lorraine Gleeson, Oliver Slattery, Liam Hogan (selector). Front row (l. to r.) Brian McDonnell (selector), Marie Mulcahy, Amy Kissane, Louise Ryan, Sharon Meaney, Eimean McDonnell, Ailish Kennedy, Deirdre McDonnell, Deirdre Kyne, Padraig Meagher (selector).



Tipperary – All-Ireland Intermediate Finalists 1995

Back row (l.-r.): John Kennedy (coach), Siobhán Cusack, Meadhbh Stokes, Claire Madden, Nora Dwan, Noelle Kennedy, Coara Kennedy, Suzanne Kelly, Claire Horan, Catherine Tiernan, Biddy Philips (selector), Martin Kennedy (selector). Front row (l.-r.): Grace Ormond, Helen Grogan, Helen Kiely, Theresa Bourke, Catherine Bourke, Marie Ryan (capt.), Regina O'Meara, Kaiffe Moloney, Deirdre Hughes, Ailish Delaney, Darragh Browne (mascot).

Kilruane MacDonagh Camogie Club – Intermediate league winners 1995.

Front row (left to right) – Yvonne Williams, Ciara O'Brien, Debbie Carroll, Jane Quinlisk. Middle row (left to right) – Colette Cleary, Deirdre Reddan, Hazel Keogh, Susan Williams, Sinead Prout, Fionuala Gaynor, Una O'Rourke, Bridget Cleary. Back row (left to right) – Susan Kenneally, Colette Hogan, Bernie Brennan, Bernie Darcy Meagher, Alice Dean, Marie White, Ciara Gaynor, Caroline Foote, Deirdre Cleary, Paula Quinlan Hogan, Barry Hogan (mascot). Missing from photo – Maggie O'Meara



Shannon Rovers – Junior League and Championship Winners 1995. Back row (l to r): Jim Tiernan, Conor Ryan, Margaret Tierney, Mary O'Brien, Deirdre Quinlan, Catherine Bourke, Michelle Larkin, Antoinette Darcy, Helen Fox, Louise Brennan, Jean Tierney, Mairead Comerford, Helen Brennan, Nora Casey, Annette Cahalan, Bridie Brophy. Front row (l to r): Ann Brennan, Brid Morris, Niamh Larkin, Maura Cahalan, Claire Horan, Catherine Tiernan, Teresa Meara, Carol Brophy, Helen Tierney.

Jim Ahearne



Jim, affectionately known as 'Pop' was born in Killeigh, Co. Cork, and spent most of his life in Kilsheelan. Jim's great passion was the game of hurling, a noteworthy stylist himself in his day, he loved nothing better than to chat about all games. Jim used to relish the Cork/Tipp clashes, enjoyed the win, not so much when Cork beat Tipperary well, but rather when Cork just managed to pip them by a single point or so at the finish.

Jim first hurled for Kilsheelan, lived for a while in Ballyneale and won a South junior championship with Ballyneale and in 1953 won the county junior championship with the 13th Battalion. In total Jim was on four winning Chaplains' cups, a very prestigious army competition at the time.

Tipperary won the three-in-a-row from 1949-51 and on playing Cork, a real thorn in the Tipp defence was Cork's Josie Hartnett. Whenever Jim marked Josie in army competitions, Jim could always handle him. The highlight of Jim's army career was winning the all-army medals from 1953 to 1955 with the Southern Command.

His sudden departure comes as a major shock to everyone. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Michael Barry

CAPPAWHITE



Michael Barry was a member of the 1942 junior hurling team which won the club's first county title. His brothers, Willie and Pakie, were also members of this team. He also played on the team which won the 1948 county junior championship, and was

Friends we lost in 1995

captain of the Tipperary junior team for the 1949 Munster championship. Mickie also captained the Waterford senior hurling team in the 1945 Munster championship and he was responsible for the change in the Cappawhite colours from blue and white bands to the white and blue of Waterford

Liam Burke

BURGESS



On Friday, January 20th last, it was with great sadness and regret when we learned of the death of Liam Burke, St. John's Terrace, Nenagh and late of Five Alley, Carrigatoher.

Liam played with Duharra in the late forties. This Duharra team split forces after the 1949 championship, and similar to the beginning of the previous decade, the two sides of the parish entered separate teams in the 1950 season. Liam played for the Ballywilliam side and thereafter played for Burgess. This team reached the North junior final of that year, but were defeated by Kilruane McDonaghs by 5-4 to 6-3.

On the following year Liam collected his first North intermediate medal when Burgess defeated Lorrha in the final. His second intermediate medal came in 1953 when Burgess defeated Shannon Rovers in the final, after three games, but at this stage Newtown players were back in the team. In 1955, Liam played on the parish team that lost the North intermediate final to Toomevara but on the following season he played his usual roaming forward role when Burgess defeated Ballyskenach in the final.

After this game, Liam emigrated to England, and his services were immediately missed as Burgess lost to Kilruane McDonaghs in the junior/intermediate play-off, after a replay. Liam and his family returned to his native lands in 1970 and the Burkes resided at Grange, Nenagh. It wasn't long before Liam was back at hurling games, as he adored the games wonderful skill. Liam always kept a close interest on the performance of Burgess teams, and was particularly proud of the fact that his grand-son, Jonathan Ryan, was playing at juvenile ranks for Burgess. We cherish the memories of Liam, who was an extremely popular gentleman, and we tender our sympathy to his wife, Mary and family.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a anam.

William (Bill) Browne



With regret we learned of the death of Billy Browne, Gurtahoola Cross, Drombane.

A native of Rossmore, he played hurling with his native parish, Rossmore during the 1940s and 1950s before emigrating to England where he was domiciled for a number of years.

Billy's favourite position was wing-back where he played with distinction. On his return to Ireland, he always kept a keen interest in the fortunes of the club and was a regular follower of our gaelic games.

To his wife Jean and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia Trocaire ar a anam.

John Buckley,

CAPPAWHITE



A native of Moyvane, Co. Kerry, where he won a County Minor Football medal with North Kerry in 1949, John was treasurer of Cappawhite Recreation Centre Committee, which was responsible for developing the G.A.A. grounds, from its formation in 1974 until its management was transferred to the club in 1983. He served as club chairman in 1979 and 1980 and was secretary from 1988 to 1990. He was a selector of successful football teams which won the 1977 County Junior Championship, 1988 West Senior Championship and the 1990 County Intermediate Championship.

John was a keen follower of football, always took great pride in the many achievements of his native Co. Kerry, as well as being a loyal supporter of hurling in his adoptive Tipperary. His popularity could amply be seen in the huge turnout at the removal of his remains from his residence to the local church, where his local club formed a guard of honour and carried his coffin shoulder high, draped in the club colours to the local church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Marie and family.

Toddy Bulger



Toddy Bulger who died early in the year played hurling for various Nenagh teams for many years. He started out playing with the Red Rovers team and when they amalgamated with the Pound Street end of the town Toddy was selected to captain St. Mary's as they were then known. St. Mary's went on to capture the Co. Junior crown in 1947 with Toddy as captain. In later years Toddy took great pleasure in Nenagh's victories and on many occasions joined in the celebrations. As Johnny Deely inscribed on a photograph hanging in his home, Toddy Bulger is part of Nenagh's tradition.

James Cormack



On July 31st, Rosegreen club lost one of its longest serving officers, James Cormack, better known as "The Rabbit" – a happy-go-lucky man who gave a lifetime to the GAA.

James served well in Rosegreen club both as a player and administrator and was always willing to offer a bit of constructive criticism when he saw fit, but, more often, the important words of encouragement when things may not have gone too well.

At the time of his death he held the position of club president – a position he was very proud of and which he filled with efficiency and diligence.

The huge crowd which came to pay their last respects at the removal and funeral was a fitting tribute to the popularity and esteem in which he was held. His coffin was draped in the club colours and club members formed a guard of honour.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Ellen, his sons, daughters, family and friends.

Dinny Doorley BORRISOKANE

Dinny Doorley, of Borrisokane and Tipperary, died recently. The following is part of the oration given by Seamus Ó Riain, past President of the GAA, at his funeral.

"A dhaoine uaisle go leir,

"It is my special privilege to be asked to speak on behalf of all who have come here to honour the memory of our friend, Dinny Doorley, and to pay a tribute to the long and active life he lived in the service of his people. As we stand here by his last resting place many of us can recall his youthful years when he was full of life and energy and making an outstanding contribution to the life of his native place.

"Whether it was such varied activities as hurling, or drama, the Local Defence Force or the billiard club, card playing or fund raising for some worthy cause, he devoted his energy and talents to ensure success. With such commitment he naturally progressed to the position of leadership within the community and his rule was to lead by example.

"He showed this particularly on the hurling field when playing for the Uskane team that won the North Tipp Junior title in 1935, during a period of great achievements by Borrisokane hurlers.

"I got to know Dinny intimately when I came to Borrisokane in 1939 and we were team-mates on the Borrisokane senior team. But the following year I got to know him better when we were in direct opposition in the North Tipperary Intermediate final."



"Because of the Foot and Mouth disease in cattle, Tipperary were not allowed to play the Munster final until after the All-Ireland. But in the delayed Munster final at Limerick, in October, Dinny won his provincial medal when Tipp defeated All-Ireland champions, Cork, by 5-4 to 2-5.

"He won another North Intermediate medal in 1952 and when his active playing career was over he was chosen as chairman of his club and led them to Borrisokane's first juvenile title in 1953, the first minor title in 1957 and the first under-21 title in 1960. When he retired from the chair he was appointed honorary president of the club.

"Dinny Doorley will be remembered as a man who in his life, and in his own way, expressed the ideal of service to his community. This is a great consolation to his family in their grief. They will miss him. But they can cherish that memory.

"Our sympathy goes to his wife, Una; his daughters Anne and Jean; his sons, Seamus and Michael, and all his relatives.

"Go raibh ait ar leith aige i measc iomanaithe sna Flaithis go h-ard agus go dtuga Dia suaimhneas siorraí da anam."

Jack Dwan

(1912-95) Kilruane MacDonagh



Jack was a stalwart member of the Kilruane MacDonagh Club

all his life. This was only natural as his father had captained the old Lahorna De Wettes. Jack himself won North Tipperary senior hurling medals in 1940 and '44 and was renowned for his fearlessness and unyielding spirit.

A successful farmer, he found time to lead his club as chairman and also as selector on many teams. To his wife Nora and large family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Bill Duffy (LORRHA)



Well-known in G.A.A. circles as an ardent follower of his native Lorrha and of the county team, with whom his father, Tom, had won an All-Ireland in 1925, Bill Duffy was seldom missing from a competitive fixture no matter what the grade.

On the playing field he won a North Tipperary senior hurling medal in 1956 and, ten years later he was a selector on the team that took the honours in 1966. His association with hurling teams in the parish continued right up to the present day both as a mentor and supporter. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Andrew Fitzgerald



Over the past 18 months, Ballingarry G.A.A. have lost some of our former stars and officials. We would like to sympathise with all our members who suffered bereavements, especially the family of the late Andy Fitzgerald of Foyle and late of Ballingarry Village. Andy was one of our stars of the late forties and fifties. Also the family of the late Jimmy Hayden of Shangarry, another star of the same period.

Jimmy Hayden



They were both recipients of our club's recognition of 'Player of the Past' in recent years.

Martin Gleeson BURGESS



Martin Gleeson, Carrigal, Carrigstopher, got his call to heaven on Thursday, 14th September last, and the community were devastated at his sudden passing, as they did not get a chance to say good-bye.

If one were to give an example of a true gentleman, then look no further than Martin Gleeson, as his gentle manner and sincere and honest approval won him many friends. Indeed, if one met Martin, one was left with the feeling that he was the person he most especially wanted to meet. He was a great Gael and simply loved the clash of the ash.

Martin played junior hurling for the club, but he was noted for his administrative skills, in which he made a big contribution. This loyal clubman was very much to the forefront in the lean years, when funds were low and debts were high, and it was people like Martin who took the initiative to set up fund-raising ventures.

In recent years, he was given the honour of club president. The heavens opened at the 1993 County Intermediate Final when Burgess defeated Upperchurch-Drombane in the final. Martin treated this continuous rain as liquid sunshine, as his team's performance was great and the result was right.

He also followed the county's fortunes and was in Páirc Uí Chaoimh this year to support them in the championship. The huge crowd that attended the removal from Nenagh Hospital, the Requiem Mass at Ballywilliam Church and burial at

Burgess cemetery was in itself an indication of the esteem in which Martin and his family is held in the community and is surrounds. The G.A.A. formed a guard of honour on both days of the funeral.

Go ndeanna Dia trochaire ar a anam.

Martin 'Bowler' Gleeson



The death took place in October of Martin 'Bowler' Gleeson of Richmond, Nenagh. Martin Gleeson in his early life was a fine hurler who commenced hurling with Red Rovers, who came from the Summerhill/Turnpike area of the town.

In his later years Martin was a staunch supporter of the Nenagh club and along with his brother, Christy, was to be seen at most Éire Óg matches with his son-in-law, Martin Moroney, also maintaining the family connection to the club, winning a county minor medal in 1969.

Shane Gleeson BALLINA



On Monday, 7th of August, the parish of Ballina was in deep shock on hearing of the untimely death of Shane Gleeson, Drombane, Ballina, following a swimming accident.

Shane, despite his young age, had contributed greatly to Ballina and Ballina G.A.A. Club and made a deep impact on all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. This fact was borne out by the huge numbers who turned out for his funeral and burial on both days.

Shane and his younger brother, Brian, were ever present at training sessions. In 1990 Shane and Brian were members of the first

team from Ballina to bring a county football title to the parish, when he was corner back on the team which beat Galtee Rovers. In 1992 Shane was a member of the first U-21 team from the parish to win a North title.

Also in 1992, Shane was a member of another historic Ballina success when both he and Brian were corner backs on Ballina's first minor hurling title winning team. As one who played hurling and football with Shane, I can safely say on behalf of all those who knew him, his passing left a deep gap in the lives of many.

To his parents, Pat and Kathleen; his brothers, Brian and Cathal; his sisters, Michelle and Olive, and his many, many friends we extend our deepest sympathy. Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Timmy Grace



Timmy's untimely death earlier this year has created a great void in GAA circles, not only in his native Thurles and Tipperary, but much further afield - indeed at all the big match venues where his patience, good humour and courtesy were greatly appreciated by the thousands of supporters who passed through his stile over the years.

A G.A.A. man through and through, Timmy devoted the bulk of his spare time throughout his 57 years to the Association. He was an accomplished player with Sarsfields in his younger days and a long serving administrator with the club. He was also deeply involved in the affairs of the Mid Tipperary Board, serving as Treasurer a few short years ago, and in addition to all these commitments he was a stile-man, serving divisional, county, provisional and national bodies with exemplary integrity.

Although hospitalised many times, and not blessed with the best of health, Timmy's commitment to the G.A.A. never wavered and he would be found at his post in all weathers and at all times of the year.

Fittingly, G.A.A. people from many parts of the country came to Thurles to pay their final respects to a man whose gentlemanly ways, cheerful disposition won him the respect and esteem of all who crossed his path.

Gaelic games followers everywhere will join in a sincere expression of sympathy to his wife Margaret, daughter Alma, and all the bereaved.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dhilis.

Rev. John Greed P.P.



Over the years the contribution of the clergy to the G.A.A. has been invaluable and on June 6th last, in Templederry, we laid to rest the mortal remains of an excellent priest and tremendous follower and supporter of the game of hurling, either at local or inter-county level. I here refer to former P.P. of Templederry, Rev. John Greed.

Born in Gurteen, under the foot of the Devil Bit mountain, in 1912, he was educated at St. Cronan's National School, Clonakenny; St. Flannan's College, Ennis, and St. Patrick's Seminary, Carlow, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1938.

On his ordination he served in Cross, Killaloe, Mullagh and Newmarket-on-Fergus in Co. Clare, as well as Cloughjordan and Templederry in Co. Tipperary. His contribution to the construction of that excellent G.A.A. Community Centre in Templederry is widely acknowledged by the G.A.A. men in that parish.

Having been born into the heart of rural Ireland in pre-World War I years, the youth of that era spent most of their spare time playing hurling. It was into that environment that John Greed was born and his love of hurling was nurtured in the local playing field of Clonakenny in the company of his neighbours, the Treacys, Higgins, Codys, Mahers, Costigans and Nolans.

It was at St. Flannan's College that Fr. John Greed began to show his ability as a hurler of note and it was not surprising when he was selected on the Tipperary County minor hurling team in 1931, and he figured prominently in minor championship game v. Cork, in Charleville, that year. He was accompanied on that team by his brother, Canon Patrick Greed, Cardiff.

"I measc na naoimh go raibh a anam dilis."

(SÓC)

Tossie Hackett & Pat Cullinan



In 1995 Newcastle G.A.A. Club lost two of its most value players of the 60's and 70's in Tossie Hackett and Pat Cullinan. Tossie was a prominent member of the hurling team for over 15 years, winning South Championships in 1960 and 1971. He also figured on the senior combination team of St. Mary's and Newcastle, known as the Pierce McCant.

At the funeral, a guard of honour was formed by members of the club and the coffin was draped in the club colours. Pat was one of Newcastle's most skilful hurlers and won many honours with the Club as a player and selector.

With his wife and family he emigrated to England and was involved with the Caveany Club.

The funeral took place on Monday, 13th November, in Nuneaton Cemetery and the Newcastle Club was represented by its chairman, Seamus McGrath. The coffin was draped in the Newcastle colours.

To both families we extend our sympathy.

Ar dheis D'go raibh a anam.

Garrett Howard



On Friday, January 20th, a giant of the ash, Garrett Howard, passed away peacefully at Dannel Nursing Home, Borrisokane, after a long and distinguished life.

He was born in Fanningstown, Patrickswell, and started his hurling career with Croom, a town renowned for its poets and hurling, and when Garrett displayed his hurling skills, it was poetry in motion.

In 1921, he won an All-Ireland medal and county medal. He joined the Gardai at the inception of the Force and was stationed in Dublin where he won five county medals with Dublin Guards; two All-Irelands and one NHL medal

with Leinster. In 1924, Ireland's ancient athletic festival, known as the Tailteann Games, were revived. Garrett Howard and Rody Nealon were members of the Irish team and Garrett was a member again in 1928 and he also played shinty for Ireland in both these years.

Being a country man at heart, he requested a transfer to a rural area enriched with a hurling tradition, and Toomevara was selected as the chosen land. Garrett won a North and county medal with Toomevara in 1930 and in the same year Tipperary won the triple crown – senior, junior and minor All-Ireland titles, but he first declared for Tipperary in 1931.

In 1931 Garrett won a Thomond Feis with Tipperary and played on the team which was beaten by Cork in the Munster semi-final by 2-3 to 3-5 and received his second Railway Cup medal, but this time in the Munster jersey.

Another North and County medal was added to his collection and towards the end of the year he transferred to Portroe. He joined the Youghal team, as the Youghal club amalgamated with the Portroe club in the senior championship and Youghal did not enter a team in 1931.

Youghal lost to Kilbarron-Kildangan but Garrett was unable to play on the appointed day. He played on the Tipperary team which lost to Limerick by 3-5 to 5-4 in the Munster championship.

A Limerick deputation arrived at Portroe to encourage Garrett to play for a promising Limerick team and in 1933 was among the 157 players who declared for their native county, under the non-resident rule. With his native county he added four Munster championship, two All-Ireland and four NHL medals between 1933 and 1936 with the best Limerick team ever.

Youghal and Portroe entered teams in the 1933 championship. Portroe were surprisingly defeated by Ballina in the Murphy Cup, and Garrett was Portroe club secretary. As secretary he applied for a permit to hold a dance under GAA auspices at Portroe. The board granted permission and J. Barry (Newtown) was appointed to attend the dance on behalf of the board to see that the programme be carried out according to the rules of Irish dancing, and the old Irish waltz was not acceptable.

In August, 1933, Portroe lost by 3-2 to 4-4 to Templederry in the championship and Garrett did not achieve championship honours with Portroe.

He married Josie Barry of Newtown (niece of Frank McGrath) in 1936. That fact that he married a local girl to the area where he was working meant that a transfer was on the cards and after a brief spell in Dublin, the couple moved to Carrick-on-Suir, but at this stage

he was retired from the game, but was always available to lend a hand. He was promoted to Sergeant and moved to Feakle.

His daughters played camogie in Clare and the family moved to Carrigatoher in 1964. Burgess won their first junior hurling county title in 1964, and Garrett proved to be a shrewd adviser. His pep talks were legendary. He would always say that style and craft were essential but without heart and commitment a player would not reach their full potential. He encouraged ground hurling and loved the physical duels of battle. Above anything else, he was allergic to fussy referees. Garrett walked or cycled everywhere and was extremely independent. The family moved to Newtown in 1966.

He was involved in coaching the Naomh Pdraig (Burgess-Kildangan) u-21 team in 1970 and they defeated a very skilful Roscrea outfit in the North final and went on to win county honours. They repeated that feat in 1971 with Garrett contributing in an advisory role.

Garrett's son, Garry, captained the Burgess team which won the North intermediate title in 1976 and they went on to defeat Éire Óg (Annacarty) in the final. The county final was held in December at Semple Stadium and Garrett's reaction to Andreas MacDonmhaill's half-time spiff will often be recalled. Andreas was telling the lads that in order to achieve success, each player must grip the spirit of Matt The Thresher, and Garrett jumped up from a bench endorsing this type of attitude, as this pep talk was music in his ears.

Garrett Howard rightly got a wonderful send-off at his funeral and the Burgess juvenile and senior clubs and camogie club were involved on both days.

The journey to Youghalarra cemetery was amazing. As we passed the Howard's house, the sky had two shades of blue resembling the Dublin colours and the trees looked like a golden colour which accommodated the Tipperary colours.

As we arrived in the graveyard, heavy snow-white hailstones fell on the green grass and evergreen trees and soon the place was a sea of green, and white, reminiscent of the Canal End in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day last September.

This was Garrett's way of saying that although he gave committed service to Dublin and Tipperary, his roots were with his native Limerick.

The Howard family put the lovely flowers used in the offertory procession on Fr. John's grave and Seamus O Riain gave a magnificent oration at Garrett Howard's graveside.

The Burgess GAA Club extends its sincere sympathy to Kathleen, Pat, Jo, Liz, Ann and Garry;

daughter and son-in-laws, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

P.J. JONES

(1948-1995)

A feeling of shock, real sadness and deep regret enveloped the people of the countryside, extending from Templemore to Ballaghmore, to Borris-in-Ossory



and to Ballybrophy when news filtered through of the sudden passing of P.J. Jones to his eternal reward on Wednesday March 8th last, at the early age of 47. Earlier on that bleak March evening news began to circulate rapidly that P.J. had been taken seriously ill. Some short few hours later our worst fears were realised when we learned that P.J. had lost the fight.

A man of many interests and talents, his greatest love was the GAA and gaelic games, in particular hurling. That love stemmed from being born into a family where hurling was the daily topic of conversation. His father Frank was a keen GAA man, and he played for Laois for a number of years in the twenties and thirties. Noted for his stickwork, he was a stalwart, along with his brother Jimmy, in the Kilcotton club for a long number of years. As a young boy P.J. developed an interest and a love for gaelic games, and always deemed it an honour to wear his club jersey. While success at juvenile level, in terms of championships won may not have been what he would have liked it to be, his participation ensured that the gaelic spirit was kept alive in the parish he so dearly loved.

Having played in all grades at juvenile level, he graduated to the minor and U21 teams. He's first championship success came in 1972, when playing at centre field he played no small part in Borris-in-Ossory's county senior hurling final victory. The following year, Borris-in-Ossory were again back in the senior final, but they had to give way to a stronger Camross team. The rest of the seventies were lean years as far as championship success was concerned, but 1982 was to be another great year for P.J. as Kilcotton captured the county Junior title after a long number of years. Having to step up to intermediate level in 1983, they acquitted themselves well and reached the county final, but

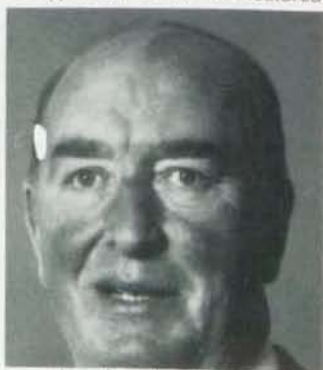
were defeated. However, in 1984 they made amends in winning the intermediate championship. P.J.'s hurling ability did not go unnoticed by the county selectors, as he played junior and senior with Laois for a number of years. His brothers Eamon and Christy also wore the blue and white with distinction, and Christy had the honour of representing his club and county at inter-provincial level when he was selected for Leinster in Railway Cup hurling. P.J. also played club football, but had no county championship success, and incidentally the last time a county football title came to Borris-in-Ossory was in 1918 and Bill Ryan, figured prominently on that team.

He was a frequent visitor to the GAA pitch in Templemore, and whether it was a training session or a hurling, football, camogie or ladies football game, he loved to see them involved and was always willing to help out in whatever capacity he was called on. During the time of the construction of the stand and seating at Pairc Sileain he was very generous in his financial support, and he freely gave of his time and energy to ensure that the project came to a successful conclusion. His car was always available for transport to games as was his truck in time of need and for the juvenile GAA float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He loved the juvenile GAA and camogie outings and irrespective of work pressure he always made himself available to come of these trips.

To his wife Bridget, sons Diarmuid, Eanna and Eamon, daughters Maria, Elizabeth, Bridin and Patricia, we extend our deepest sympathy, and pray that God will comfort and console them in their great loss.

Dave Kenneally

It is just over thirty years ago since Dave first came to the parish from his native Ballyporeen, where he featured



prominently in the playing of both hurling and football. Dave arrived as forrester to the area and first resided in Kilsheelan.

Dave immediately became involved in club affairs where the juvenile section had a special place in his heart. Many of the present senior panel hold very fond memories of Dave as he

taught and helped them develop the skills of both codes.

Dave was a great advocate of the playing of local leagues and was ultimately responsible for bringing so much happiness to so many over the years. Certainly if it were not for Dave tirelessly bringing the boys and girls from Kilcash and surrounding areas to the sportsfield in Kilsheelan, the GAA club would have been so much the poorer. He took great delight when his own boys commenced playing, which then saw him serve for many years as Juvenile club chairman.

As the large crowds gathered to pay their last respects I am sure a contented smile lay on Dave's face. The sun shone down brilliantly on Kilcash, showing off the valley below.

Whenever tickets were distributed by the club, invariably Dave and Mary's names were on the list. They always loved to go to minor, under 21, as well as senior, games together.

Post-match analysis was something Dave would indulge in with a fellow Gael.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Dave's wife Mary, and to both her sons.

Dick Keating



A Tribute

The late Dick Keating was one of the greatest players ever to wear our famous Maroon Jersey and also the famed blue and gold of Tipperary. He was part of the greatest ever Ardfinnan teams of the late fifties and early sixties. This was the era when Ardfinnan football swept all before them.

Dick Keating was honoured as Sports Star of the week when representing Tipperary against no less a team than Kerry in the Munster Championship of 1960. The club was represented at the funeral in Dublin by chairman Tom O'Mahoney and other club members and the coffin was draped with the Ardfinnan flag. Dick Keating's Legendary feats for club and county will live on. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Gerard Meagher
P.R.O. Ardfinnan GAA.

Kieran Kennedy

LORRHA

The weekend, 30th of October, was a bad weekend in the Parish of Lorrha, with the passing of Kieran Kennedy at the very young age of 23 years.

Kieran was a member of the Lorrha Club. Having played on all under-age teams, Kieran was beginning to make his presence felt on the senior team.

The Kennedy name is synonymous with the Lorrha Club. His uncles Michael, Pdraig and Joseph were members of the teams in the '60's, '70's and '80's. Kieran bore his illness with remarkable courage. We will all miss Kieran in Lorrha but no-one will miss him more than Maura and Tom, his brothers and sisters and his very special friend, Jackie.

Pat Keyes



Pat's death occurred at his home early on Monday, 23rd October, and came as a shattering blow to a family trying to come to terms with the death of their brother, John, some months ago.

Like his late brothers John and Denis, Pat had been a prominent member of Kilsheelan GAA Club through his lifetime. He was a member of the club committee for many years and was a member of the panel who won the county senior football title in 1972, and he featured on the winning junior and intermediate sides of 1980 and 1981.

Pat Keyes loved hurling, it was his great hobby in life. He learned his love of the game in the little school in Killurney and in the fields on the slopes of Slievenamon where he played with his brothers and neighbours.

He developed his own skill and craft over his years in the game and manned the corner-back position for his club with great success in many an exciting contest. He was a popular member of the ESB staff in Clonmel where he gave exemplary service over a long number of years. Pat was a dedicated family man, his commitment to his family was total and his loss to his wife Mary, daughter Brid and son P.J., brother Davy and his sisters is incalculable.

We tender to them our sincere sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a ainm.

John Keyes



The news of the death of John Keyes, which took place on 30th March, was greeted with shock and disbelief throughout GAA circles in South Tipperary. The shock was more especially felt in his native parish of Kilsheelan where he had given a lifetime of loyal service both as a player and a team mentor of Kilsheelan GAA Club.

John was born in Killurney in 1940 and attended Killurney NS. He was strongly influenced by the hurling revival which started in his own area of Killurney in the middle fifties and together with his brother Denis (RIP), Pat and Davy, became staunch members of Kilsheelan GAA Club and the backbone of club hurling sides of the sixties and seventies.

On retirement from the game in the early seventies, John became a team selector and held this position for close on twenty years. His knowledge of hurling, his eye for a hurler and his shrewdness in team selection were notable factors in his years as team mentor, but above all his great concern for the feelings of each and every player regardless of his standard will be the abiding memory of his service to Kilsheelan hurling teams.

John Keyes did not just confine himself to selecting teams when he retired from the game himself, he became interested in the art of hurley repair. He studied his craft intensely over a period and became a master of the art. Hurleys entrusted to him for repair were treated with loving care and were returned as new. Many of the top hurlers in the county availed of the wonderful service provided by John.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Seán Ó Nuinseag

Willie Landy

G.A.A. supporters throughout the division were saddened a few months back at the untimely demise of Willie Landy. A lifelong supporter of the Association, he was vice-chairman of Carrick Davins and had served an important role in cultivating and encouraging the playing of Gaelic Football in what was a predominantly hurling area.

His success can be seen in the

club winning a county Minor B championship and several South Junior and Intermediate titles.



A native of Grangemockler, Willie's love for the game was nurtured in the shadow of Slievenamon and his allegiance to his home club was unquestioned until even Willie could not resist the call of Eros and, having married Peggy, made his home in Carrick and so began his long association with the Davins.

That he always maintained his contact with his birthplace can be witnessed by a magnificent gathering from far and near at his final obsequies as friends from all walks of life paid their respects.

To his wife Peggy and all his family we offer our condolences.

Go dtugadh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

J. J. Larkin

LORRHA & DORRHA



The end of 1994 saw Lorrha G.A.A. lose probably one of its greatest Gaels - J.J., as he was known to most of his friends. A man who wore the blue of Lorrha on many occasions, he won divisional Junior hurling and football medals.

Wherever the Blues were playing, J.J. was there, from juveniles to seniors, hurling, football and camogie. If you wanted to see him that was the place to go. A man whose knowledge of the game was often asked for, such was his enthusiasm. A keen card player, he also liked the odd flutter.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Michael Leonard

SKEHEENARINKY

It was with sadness and deep regret that we learned of the unexpected death of Michael Leonard on November 22nd last year. Mikie, as he was popularly

known, was a highly respected member of the local farming community.



His easy manner and disposition won him many friends around Skeheenarinky and the surrounding areas. From his early days he developed a love and interest in Gaelic games. A great follower of Tipperary, but more especially the local teams. As a player he served the club well in the late 50's and 60's. His popularity was much in evidence by the large attendance at his funeral.

As was fitting, his coffin was draped in the club colours and the cortege was met on arrival at Balyporeen Church by a guard of honour of former team-mates, and also as his remains were laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery.

To his sisters, relatives and friends we extend sincere sympathy.

Go ndéann Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Jack McKenna

Jack McKenna, late of Birr and Hazelfort, Ballingarry, died in early December, 1994. Jack was an uncle of Borrosokane Chairman, Paul McKenna.

Jack McKenna had a long and distinguished hurling career spanning three decades, from the mid 1920's through the 1930's finishing his days with Cnoc Sidhe Gowna in the mid 1940's. Jack was a centrefield player of renown.

The highlights of his playing career include winning a North Tipp senior medal in 1933, the one and only time Borrosokane won a North senior championship. The same year Borris were unlucky to lose the county final. Along with his brother Paul, who played full-back, they wore the Tipperary jersey from 1930 until 1935. Both Jack and Paul won an All-Ireland medal in 1930 and toured America with the Tipp team in 1931.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

John McGrath NEWPORT

The untimely death of John McGrath occurred during the Festival Weekend in Newport. John was the energetic and hard-working chairman of the organising committee and was taking part in a veterans' rugby match when called to his eternal reward.

He captained the Newport

Junior 'B' hurling team that won the North Tipp championship in 1983, having already picked up a Junior title with his native Portroe two decades earlier.



He also lined out with the Newport Senior team in the seventies and was a committed and determined player, renowned for his wholehearted endeavour.

The huge attendance at his funeral indicated more eloquently than words the standing of John McGrath and his family in the community. The G.A.A. and Rugby Clubs combined to form the guard of honour that accompanied the cortege to the church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; sons and daughter, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

Beannacht Dé leis agus solas síorrai dá anam.

Seamus Maher



There was widespread grief in our area when we learned of the unexpected death of Seamus Maher at his home in Ardfinnan. Seamus was a native of Shanrahan, Clogheen, and was a founder member of Fr. Sheehy GAA Club. He gave a life-long service to the GAA as a skilful hurler and footballer and played intermediate hurling and football for Tipperary.

His passing in March at an early age cut short his career as an administrator. He was secretary of Fr. Sheehy G.A.A. Club for many years and took a great interest in all G.A.A. activities. He was an efficient and impartial referee for many years.

At the time of his death he was an under-21 county football selector.

A member of the 1960 Burncourt-Clogheen team that won the county junior championship, Seamus was a valued member of all hurling and football until his retirement following the

club's win in the County Intermediate football championship of 1984.

May his gentle soul rest in peace. Ní bheidh a leithéad arís anam.

Michael Maher



Our community was deeply shocked when we heard of the sudden death of Michael Maher, Shanrahan. Although in poor health for some time, his untimely passing was a great shock to us all. He bore his suffering with a fortitude and serenity which won the admiration of all who came in contact with him.

Michael took a great interest in GAA affairs, especially in his beloved Fr. Sheehy's GAA Club. he was involved in playing hurling, football and handball for his club for many years and was a member of the Burncourt-Clogheen junior football team that won the county championship in 1960.

With his brothers Seamus, who predeceased him earlier this year, and Paddy, backboneed Fr Sheehy's GAA teams for many years. A clever and skilful forward in both codes, he rarely ended a match without leaving his impact where it counted most - on the scoreboard.

When his playing days came to an end he served the club as a selector in hurling and football and was engaged with juvenile training for some years.

May he rest in peace.

Nora (Nonie) Morris



The Nenagh Club was stunned in July to learn of the death of Nora (Nonie) Morris. A staunch GAA supporter with GAA connections on both sides of the family, Nonie was to be seen at matches from under-age to adult level.

Her uncle, Jimmy Butler Coffey was a member of the 1937 Tipperary All-Ireland winning side and he, with his brothers Jack and Mick, gave great service to Newport and Tipperary. Her brothers Connie and Eddie both gave great service to the Burgess side.

On the other side of the family, Nonie's husband, Jimmy, is the present treasurer of Nenagh, with her brother-in-law Noel a former county chairman and present Central Council delegate.

Nonie took a particular delight in her family participation in GAA games and always travelled to watch sons Martin, Con, Seamus or Ger whenever they took part. Right to the end, Nonie was an avid follower of Éire Óg and indeed on the weekend of her death was preparing to watch her grandson in action in the North Tipp U-14 championship.

Nonie always had a smile and a kind word for young and old and will be sadly missed by all Éire Óg supporters.

Peter Nolan

It was with great sadness and deep shock that the parish of



Templederry learned of the sudden and tragic death of Peter Nolan.

Peter had a great love and deep passion for the game of hurling. Although small in stature, he more than made up for this with skill, speed and sheer courage. He reived his primary education at Killeen NS He attended Nenagh Vocational School for his secondary education. At Nenagh VS, Peter was an all-rounder, being totally involved in the educational, sporting and cultural life of the school.

Peter's sporting prowess came quickly to the notice of all and he subsequently represented Nenagh VS in all grades of both hurling and football. He played a pivotal role in the school's two North Tipperary senior hurling victories. Peter played on the County Tipp Senior Vocational School hurling team for two years, quite an achievement for one so young.

Peter also represented the Templederry club with distinction from his earliest days as a juvenile. He played at all levels of juvenile hurling and was a key member of the team that won the 1993 North Tipperary U/16 C hurling championship. He was a

member of the North Tipp U/16 team that won the Garda Cup and the Munster U/16 hurling championship in 1993.

He made his debut with the Templederry Intermediate team in 1994 and so effective was he that he was awarded the club's Player of the Year title. It was richly deserved and a great achievement for a 16-year-old.

The current year saw continued success for Peter in his hurling pursuits. He was a member of the Tipperary minor hurling panel. He was a member of the Tipperary minor hurling panel. He was also a vital player on the Templederry team that reached the North Tipperary Minor B championship final. Indeed his inspirational performance in the semi-final against Burgess, little more than a week before his death, will serve as a testimony to his unique hurling skills.

Peter served as Assistant Secretary of the Templederry club this year, following in the footsteps of his parents Eamonn and Ella who have given and continue to give great service to the club.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Peter's parents, Eamonn and Ella, his sisters Evelyn and Joanne and all his relatives and friends. In the sadness of his death, we hope that they can take some comfort from the joy his short life brought to them and all who knew him.

Brother Noonan (1913-1995)



The death of Brother Noonan in October saw the departure of a man who had a long association with Cashel. A native of Newcastlewest he spent two periods of his life in the town as a primary teacher between 1962 and 1973 and in retirement from 1986 to 1990.

On his arrival in Cashel in 1962 he started preparing children for scholarships during after school hours. When these disappeared with the introduction of free education in 1967 he turned his attention to running school leagues in hurling and football.

His efforts paid enormous dividends and translated into spectacular success for Cashel King Cormac juvenile teams, culminating with a great minor double in 1974. Many of these underage players, coached by Br. Noonan, such as John and Tommy Grogan, Pa Fitzelle, Tony Slattery and

others, made names for themselves at senior and inter-county level later.

On the occasion of his death it is important to recall Brother Noonan's major contribution to the development of Gaelic games in the town. His contribution was part of a great and generous service by the Christian Brothers to the promotion of things Irish and the emphasising of our culture and games.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

Denis O'Brien NEWPORT



The unexpected death, during the year, of Denis O'Brien came as a shock to the parish of Newport. Dinny, as he was affectionately called, was a former secretary of the G.A.A. club and also served as selector on hurling and football teams down the years. His brothers, Jimmy, John, Joe and Terry lined out with both hurling and football teams for many years and his sister Patricia was a stalwart member of the local camogie team. An accident in childhood, resulting in the loss of an eye, deprived him of taking an active part in games but he threw himself wholeheartedly into the administration of the club.

He represented the club in solo singing in the early years of Scór and he was a fine traditional ballad singer. Past and present members formed a guard of honour at his funeral and the coffin was draped in the club colours. We extend our deepest sympathy to his sister, brothers, nephews and nieces.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Mick O'Brien BAWN

Mick Brien who died in April last was a joint president of the Nenagh club.

A very popular figure, Mick was the chief fund raiser for the club through the County Board draw and the weekly Lotto. When the club first needed to raise money to build the Sports Complex in McDonagh Park, Mick led the way in the fund raising drive. He took particular pleasure in his achievement of becoming "Lord Mayor of Nenagh" which resulted in much funds for the club.

Mick's great trait was the time he had for all people especially the young. The esteem in which he was held could be gathered from the amount of young people



who marched alongside his coffin.

Mick was well known to all the card players of North Tipperary. He never missed an Éire Óg game whether championship or challenge and often would arrive over an hour before the game was due to commence.

Peter O'Brien BALLINGARRY



Loyal supporter and vice-president of the club up to his death on the 23rd Dec., 1993.

Fr. P. J. O'Connor

Fr. P. J. O'Connor was curate for almost fourteen years in Kilbarron/Terryglass, before being transferred over two years ago to Cahercalla, where he was laid to rest on Wednesday, July 21.



Memories of Fr. P. J. abound. Memories of a small white haired man who with boundless energy dashed from one end of the parish to the other. he carried out many functions, but perhaps the endless

amount of money he reaped through timber auctions will remain in the memories of most of us.

At least one auction per year was the norm. Both our churches and halls benefitted from the auctions. In the end, at his suggestion a fine handball alley was built adjacent to our sportsfield in Grawn. This was opened in October 1992. These auctions were a great parish morale boost. It was at this time Fr. P. J. would be at his best in arranging, begging and cajoling his parishioners, his flock far and wide to visit those who were in hospital. He was available to help many farmers in need, a repetition of the duties he carried out earlier in Gambia in his missionary days.

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MISSIONARY WORK

Fr. P. J. went to Nigeria in 1950 where he was to remain for twenty years. Towards the end of his term there he was imprisoned for ten days. At the time there was a civil war in progress.

Following his release he returned to Ireland when he was enticed to go to Gambia, and being from a farming background he was asked to start a post primary course in agriculture for students and drop outs.

Because of ill health he returned to Ireland and with the permission of his superiors, Bishop Michael Harty, R.I.P. requested him to go to Terryglass for nine months. Well, months went into years and some fourteen years later Fr. P. J. was still a curate there only to be transferred to Cahercalla in Co. Clare.

Fr. P. J. never forgot the people of Terryglass and Kilbarron. He revisited the parish on a number of occasions. Indeed on one such occasion he made a return visit in order to be present at a very important meeting for the Ballyfinboy River Committee. True, he never forgot the people of Terryglass and Kilbarron.

Ar dheis De gur raibh a anam.

Fr. John Hogan

Fr. John Hogan was laid to rest on the 28th August 1995 and with his passing the people of Terryglass and Kilbarron lost a dear friend, mentor and pastor.

He was born 78 years ago in Newtown in the townland of Greggane. His early schooling was at Youghalarra N.S., before



going on to St. Flannan's College, Ennis and from there he went to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. After ordination he was appointed to the teaching staff in St. Flannan's College. He spent 27 fruitful years there, teaching Irish and imparting his great love of the language. From 1958 to 1968 he was Vice-President of the College.

In 1969 he was appointed C.C. of Dunkerrin and in 1972 he was appointed Parish Priest of Terryglass and Kilbarron. He was to spend the rest of his life there, staying on as A.P. after his retirement in 1993.

When people reminisce about Fr. John, be it fellow priests, fellow teachers, former students or his parishioners, common themes are his kindness, gentle demeanour and his love of people especially children. He had a great knowledge of the flora and fauna of the local area and his brilliant intellect was ably demonstrated with the publication of his books of poetry in the Irish language, i.e. Nua-Fhill and Dioscáin.

But like many brilliant people he was also a very simple person, you felt at ease in his company, reassured by his wisdom and advice.

When the parish was notified of Fr. John's impending arrival in 1972, it would have been standard practice to check out the new man's hurling credentials, after all he was coming to a parish steeped in a love of the game.

Well Fr. John passed this test with flying colours. Having enjoyed many Harty Cup campaigns in St. Flannan's and a number of years with Moneygall our club Shannon Rovers had the benefit of his selectorial skills for a number of very successful years in the early seventies. He was both shrewd and cool, two very necessary attributes in any selector but above all his sincerity ensured the unanimous respect of the players. In all his years in the parish he rarely missed a match especially a juvenile match. His presence in the training field was always welcome, never intruding, simply there to help and advise. I was personally grateful for his advice during my term as secretary of the club and indeed as chairman of the North Board.

Ba mhór an tógaint croí dom an t-alt molta seo ar an Athair Séan a scríobh thar ceann an chumainn. Ba mhór an cion agus an meas a bhí ag gach éinne air. Is mór an chailliúint é do mhuintir an pharóiste. Tá tachathoir dílis cailte ag Fánaíthe na Sionainne. Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

Déanann an Cumann comhbhrón le Clann Uí Ógain agus leaba i measc na nGael go raibh aige. J.T.

Seamie O'Dwyer



It was with deep regret and profound sorrow that we learned of the death of Seamie O'Dwyer, Foilaclug, Hollyford, on August 19th last.

Seamie had a life-long interest in all G.A.A. activities but his greatest loyalties lay with his parish and his club. As a player he had a long and illustrious career and wore the number three jersey with pride and dignity.

Having won a West minor hurling title with Hollyford/Glengarr in the thirties and a junior title with St. Ailbe's in 1947, Seamie was to the forefront in the decision to combine the parishes of Hollyford, Kilcommon and Rearcross to form the Seán Treacy's club in 1962. With Seamie at full-back the newly formed club captured West junior hurling honours in 1962 and 1963.

He also had success when appointed a team selector for a number of years, the highlight being his involvement with the team of 1967 that captured the county junior title.

To the moment of his departure from this life, his interest in all grades from juvenile to senior ranks never faded. It was a fitting tribute to Seamie that his coffin was draped in the blue and gold and guard of honour was formed by past and present members of the club that he loved.

To his wife Delia, his family and his brothers we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

Patrick O'Meara LORRHA

Born 1932 - died 1994. Coming from a parish like Lorrha he grew up with a hurley in his hand. Having played with Lorrha through the years he was on the team that brought senior honours to the parish in 1956 by winning the North title.



A man who loved adventure and nature he spent a number of years in America but would always make one and maybe two visits home every year. A man who could converse with anyone about anything, his death after such a short illness left us the worse off.

May he rest in peace.

Jamsie O'Donoghue

The sudden, shocking and totally unexpected nature of Jamsie O'Donoghue's death in November stunned the parish of Cashel and Rosegreen and a much wider area beyond. The fact that he hadn't yet reached the age of twenty-five made his death appear so unfair and the hand of fate so cruel.

In a short life he had achieved much. He won juvenile titles in hurling with Cashel King Cormac's, minor and under-21 titles in hurling, an under-21 title in football and a county senior medal and Munster medal in hurling. He also represented Tipperary in hurling.

He was still in the middle of his playing career with many potential achievements beckoning in the future. He was very ambitious to improve, to achieve more, to realise his fullest potential.

He was a likeable young man from a popular family, the middle of a family of seven. His contribution to Cashel King Cormac's was recognised and appreciated when his remains were shouldered from the funeral parlour through the streets of the town to the Church and again to St. Cormac's cemetery after the funeral Mass. The huge numbers of mourners from the town and beyond were a fitting tribute to his memory.

Brian O'Reilly KILRUANE MacDONAGH'S

Brian hailed from St. Meath but when his work brought him to Kilruane he immediately threw in his lot with the local club.

After his marriage to Teresa he settled in Ardcroney and raised his talented family. His prowess at football was instrumental in bringing a Co. senior championship to Kilruane MacDonagh's in 1975.

He played at corner back and was as solid as the mighty Jack Quinn himself. Quiet by nature he was obliging to all, especially the MacDonagh club. His sudden passing leaves us all the poorer.

To Teresa and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

P. J. O'Sullivan



In a distinguished playing career Paddy Joe played county minor football in 1930 and won a county senior football medal with Kilsheelan in the same year.

He also played on the county junior football team in 1931 and won his second county senior football medal in 1933.

He took over the role of club secretary from the late Bill Purcell in 1932 and became a county senior football selector in 1934.

He was a member of the county selection committee again in 1935 when Tipperary footballers won the Munster title and just failed narrowly to Cavan in controversial circumstances in the All-Ireland semi-final. Paddy Joe held the secretaryship of the Kilsheelan club until 1939 and during this period played a prominent role in refereeing in the county with his services being much sought after.

He was a member of the South Appeals Committee and a county board representative plus contributing an article to "The Nationalist" under the nom de plume "Green Isle" on senior football affairs in the division.

When he went to teach in Clonea-Power in 1939 he continued his interest in G.A.A. affairs in

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County Waterford. He became chairman of the East Waterford Board for a period and in 1959 was a county selector for Waterford when they won Munster and All-Ireland hurling honours. He had the unique distinction of being a county selector for Tipperary football and for Waterford hurling.

In more recent times he continued to take a deep interest in the affairs of the Kilsheelan club and he remained a loyal and interested follower up to his death.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire orthu.

Alan Price



ON Thursday, 27th April, 1995, the village of Golden and the surrounding areas mourned the sad death of 19-year-old Alan Price of Pearse Park, who died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Clonmel following a tragic accident which occurred some days previously.

News of Alan's death shocked and numbed the local community. The circumstances of his death were made all the more poignant by the fact that shortly before the accident happened he had played in goal on the Golden/Kilfeacle team which defeated Lattin/Cullen in the West Under-21 'B' football final.

Alan completed school the previous summer and was a past-pupil of the Vocational School, Cashel. He had also worked part-time at Rima Pharmaceuticals in Cashel. He was interested in a wide range of sports including Gaelic games, soccer and racquetball.

Alan played in goal on all football teams right through the various age groups and was a valued member of the Golden-Kilfeacle G.A.A. Club. He was a quite and unassuming person and did whatever he was asked to do without any bother or fuss.

Alan is sadly missed by his parents, Mary and Paddy; sister, Helen; brother, Paul; grandparents and other relatives and friends to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Paddy Rohan



EARLY in the year the death took place of Paddy Rohan, Pound Street. At 20 years of age Paddy Rohan arrived in Nenagh to work in the family public house in Silver Street.

His interest in a young lady who later was to become his wife meant making friends in the Summerhill area of the town and he commenced hurling with the Red Rovers team which came from that area.

During the 1940s Paddy was treasurer of the club for many years and with hard times falling on the country due to the Second World War Paddy often had to help out the club financially in order to tide things over.

In his later years Paddy remained a leading follower of G.A.A. games and followed Fire Óg and Tipperary. He took particular pleasure in watching son-in-law Jack Dunlea playing for Tipperary. Paddy loved to see the Nenagh teams win and was at his happiest when the cup frequented his premises and he was surrounded by his family and friends.

Timmy Ryan



FORMER Limerick hurling great, Timmy Ryan died at his home in Killoscully on January 28th last. A native of Ahane, Co. Limerick, where he started his hurling, the late Timmy Ryan lived in Co. Tipperary since 1941, where he carried on farming and owned the local licensed premises in the village of Killoscully.

Timmy was born in 1909 and started his senior career with Limerick in 1930. He was one of the great midfielders of that era

and indeed many would say he has few peers in the modern camp.

As part of the Limerick team which took the hurling world by storm in the Thirties, Timmy claimed three All-Ireland senior hurling championship medals and had the distinction of having captained the team in 1934, when they beat Dublin in a replay by 5-2 to 2-6.

His other All-Irelands were won in 1936 and 1940 and he was on the losing side in 1933 and 1935. During that period he was the winner of five N.H.L. medals and five Railway Cup medals and was the first Limerick man to captain a winning provincial side. He also shared in most of Ahane's greatest triumphs, winning 13 county senior titles.

Though failing health prevented Timmy from attending games in recent years, he kept constantly in touch with happenings. There was usually a steady stream of callers to his home, where hurling was top of the agenda.

The esteem in which Timmy was held was reflected in the huge turn-out at the removal of the remains and burial. Gaels from all over the country, particularly Munster, gathered to pay their last respects to a man who was not just a great hurler in his time, but also a gentleman.

To his wife, Nonie; sons, John and Jimmy, and daughter, Margaret, we extend our sympathy.

Jimmy Ryan (B)



ON the 23rd January, 1995, we learned with deep regret and sorrow of the death of Jimmy Ryan (B) in Northampton and a native of Glenough, Rossmore.

Before emigrating to Northampton, Jimmy played hurling for Rossmore during the period 1936-1940. A very skilful player, he played at midfield and wing forward.

During his years in exile Jimmy always kept in touch with home and read the *Tipperary Star* regularly.

We offer our profound and sincere sympathy to his wife Bridie and family.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Frankie Ryan



THE untimely passing of Frankie Ryan, Toomevara, on Friday, 26th May, sent shock waves throughout the county and stunned many people into disbelief.

When people recovered from their first sense of shock, they slowly realised the truth, that a pillar of the parish was gone. They realised their great loss, that he would not be around anymore, that a man they had taken for granted for so many years was taken from them, a man who had done so much for them, for the parish, a man who had enriched their lives in so many ways was here no more.

Frankie had many interests and hobbies in life, but he had a very special love for hurling. His love for the parish teams, for the Green and Gold, was deep rooted, was unlimited, was passionate. He lived for the game of hurling, in fact you could say that hurling consumed him. When the parish teams were successful he felt a great inner satisfaction, when they failed it grieved him.

From his early boyhood he made an immense contribution to the hurling life in Toomevara. On the field he won a North Tipperary juvenile title in 1955, a minor title in 1956, a junior title in 1958, senior titles in 1960, '61 and '62, a County senior title in that never-to-be-forgotten day in Templemore in 1960. He won a county senior football medal in 1961 and an Oireachtas medal with Tipperary in 1963.

His efforts off the field were equally impressive, he was a selector with many of the club's teams including the under-16, minor, intermediate and senior, all of which won County titles.

As a player he was the terror, the tormentor, the bane of many a corner-back and goalkeeper by his quicksilver type of corner-forward play. He was highly respected by his many opponents and made many lasting friendships with them.

In later years who can ever forget the sight of him as he stalked the sideline urging, cajoling, driving his charges onto greater effort in pursuit of victory, fists clenched in concentration and determina-

tion, and his sheer boyish delight when victory was achieved.

No more will we witness those rousing pep-talks before a game or at half-time, which were delivered with passion and sincerity, as he tried to motivate so many teams down through the years. His loss is great to us all, but the legacy of his leadership, his loyalty and hard work will prevail in his beloved Toome for many generations to come.

He made many friends, mainly through his sincerity, his earnestness, his rich sense of humour. He was a good husband, a proud father and he will be very sadly missed. Our loss is great but his loss to his family is immense. To his wife, Mary, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Jim Sheary

THE town of Nenagh was shocked by the sudden death of Jim Sheary, Sarsfield Street, in a tragic accident. 'Big Jim', as he was affectionately known, gained a love of sports from his father, Tony Sheary.

As a youngster Jim was to be seen accompanying his father to McDonagh Park regularly. In later life Jim retained his love of sports, becoming President of Nenagh Ormond Rugby Club as well as being an avid supporter of Éire Óg.

Jim never missed an Éire Óg game and took great enjoyment in Éire Óg's victories.

P. J. Slevin



P.J. SLEVIN, Carrigahorig, formerly of Kilregan, Lorrha, died on August 15th, 1994.

He played corner-back on the Coolderry team when they won the Offaly championship in 1949 and with his native parish team of Lorrha in their North Tipp, final win in 1956.

The untimely death of P.J. Slevin leaves a void in our midst that only a man of P.J.'s calibre could fill. P.J. was one of earth's finest gentlemen.

He was a friend of everybody, which was clearly demonstrated by the volume of enquiries for his wellbeing during his illness and

also by the great number of people who visited him in hospital.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Michael Walsh



ALTHOUGH in failing health for some time, nevertheless, the death of Michael Walsh, Barbaha, Carrigstoher, created a void in the community and people reflected on the feats of this great man and powerful hurler.

Michael played on the parish teams under the banner of Youghalarrá (1930s), Gortnora (1940), Burgess (1941-42) and Duharra (1938-48). He played on the Youghalarrá 1939 team which was defeated by Shannon Rovers in the North I.H.C. Final.

After this defeat the Ballywilliam side of the parish formed their own team, which resulted in two clubs in one small parish. Michael and his brother, Billy, won a North I.H.C. medal in 1941, when Burgess defeated Toomevara in the final and as the song goes: *Brave Murnay and the Walshs they were never known to fall*.

In 1943 the two parish teams reunited as Duharra, and the Walsh brothers, Michael and Billy, were staunch defenders on this senior team and both played star roles on the Duharra team which reached the 1994 S.H.L. Final.

Michael generally played at centre-back and whoever was given the job of marking him was assured of a hard hour's hurling, and many shrewd observers of the game reckoned that Michael Walsh was county standard. His sons and grandsons have played for the club.

The club's sympathy goes to his wife, Brenda, and family.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam.

Jimmy Carroll ROSCREA

It is a special honour and with a great sense of sadness that I attempt to pay tribute to our late Chairman, Jimmy Carroll, a man who gave a lifetime to the promotion of Camogie in Tipperary. His involvement with

the game spanned thirty years.

His passing has left a numbness and a dark cloud over our



club and has brought home to us the enormity of just how much he meant to St. Bernadette's/Roscrea since he founded the club in 1965. His commitment to the club was total. He was a wise counsellor and a shrewd administrator and as a County Board delegate he was never afraid to speak his mind and feared neither friend or foe since his knowledge of camogie rules was unequalled.

Born in Knockshegowna, Jimmy was a member of a well known hurling family. His brothers Tom, Johnny and Michael all played with the local club and his sister Nan was a noted camogie player. He was a founder member of the Knockshe G.A.A. club in 1934. He hurled at both Junior and Intermediate level. He won an Abbot Cup Medal with the club in the late 30's and remained with the club until he took up employment in Roscrea.

He joined the local Ballyskenagh G.A.A. club in 1946 and won the Abbott Cup in 1947 - the North Tipperary Junior Championship in 1948 - the team reached the Intermediate Final in 1949 but was defeated by Moneygall. He retired from hurling in the mid 50's.

In 1965 Jimmy rejuvenated interest in camogie in Roscrea and it's surrounds and together with Paddy O'Brien (also now deceased) Masie Cunningham, Mary Kirwan and Bernie Feehan he formed "St. Bernadette's". He was elected Chairman of the club in 1965 and held this position until his untimely death on November 12th 1995. He achieved the following success on the playing field with the club: Silver Medallists in 1973, Community Games, winners of three U14 County Finals in a row 1980/81/82, two U16 County finals, on County Junior in 1984, three Intermediate County finals 1986/1990/1992, Intermediate League in 1992 for which Jimmy donated the Cup to commemorate his 25 years involvement in Camogie.

His energies were not confined to the club however as he was Tipperary County Treasurer for twenty years until his retirement in 1983. He also served as a County Selector on the 1977 league winning team.

Dave Carew

Old soldiers nevr die, they say, they just fade away. Dave Carew, Ballagh, was one of the oldest who finally faded away to the great hurling field in the sky as we go to print in last November.



Dave was 93 and a regular attender at games until very recently. For the West division his passing marked a special watershed because he was the last of that hard band who gave life to the youngest division in Dundrum in 1930.

His love of hurling was passionate. As a player he featured on the famous Clonoulty teams of the twenties. A high point of his career was an All-Ireland J.H. medal with Tipperary in triple crown year of 1930.

A controversial game with Boherlahan brought suspension to that Clonoulty team and throughout his life Dave would argue vehemently against the injustice of the ban.

The formation of the West division saw Clonoulty dominate senior hurling for the first four years and Dave was a president of the West Board and continued to take a keen interest in its affairs. His delight at Clonoulty's county final success of 1989 was obvious.

A hurler and a gentleman might best sum up this kind soul.

Sympathy to his hospitable wife, Josie, and peaceful rest to our friend Dave.



R.I.P.



Tiobraid Árann

Munster Minor Football Champions 1995

Back row (l to r): Brian Farrell, Alan Fogarty, Mark Wade, Thomas Keane, Brendan McKeogh, Niall Kelly, Terry Kearns, Paul Fitzgerald, Darren Owens, Aidan O'Gorman, John Bane, Mark Cummins, Derek Coffey, Mark Ryan.
Front row: Brian Maguire, David Fogarty, Liam Hennessy, P.J. Sweeney, Ben Walsh, Paul Ormonde, Mark O'Shea (captain), Brendan O'Dwyer, Declan Browne, Timmy Leonard.

Tiobraid Árann

All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling Champions 1995



Front row (l to r): Paul Shelly, David Burke, Keith Sievin, Darren O'Connor, Brian Horgan (captain), Kevin Tucker, Eddie Enright, Brian Falnery. Back row: Liam Barron, Tommy Dunne, Terry Dunne, Brendan Cummins, Aidan Butler, Liam McGrath, Philip Shanahan.