

South Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
2002



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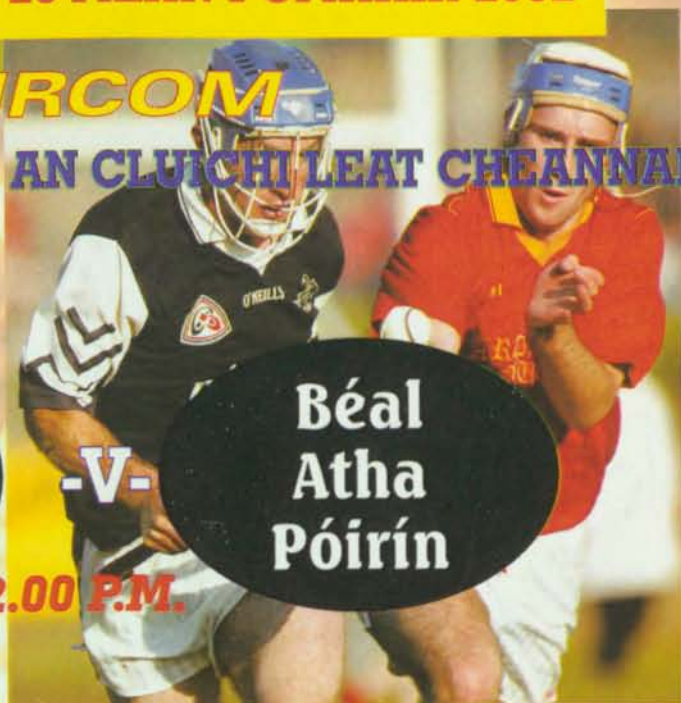
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## Fáilte Ón Cathaoirleach



Today I am privileged to welcome patrons to Clonmel Sportsfield for our Senior Hurling Final and our Intermediate Football Semi-Final.

The Senior Hurling final is a very special occasion and today's final brings together two of our most progressive clubs, Mullinahone and Killenaule.

Killenaule will be bidding for their first title since 1991 whilst Mullinahone's last success was in 1999. Both Killenaule and Mullinahone will be backboned by players who have donned the Blue and Gold with distinction over the past couple of years and in Killenaule's case they will be bidding for a historic treble having already won the South Minor and U21 hurling titles. Mullinahone enjoyed tremendous success in the 90s winning four Senior titles, a golden era for the club whilst Killenaule have been dominant in Minor and U21 over the last three years and will now feel their time has come. It promises to be an outstanding game between two clubs renowned for their skill and sportsmanship.

Our Intermediate Football Semi-Final opponents are Ballyporeen and Grangemockler who should provide a very open and entertaining game with a place in the South Intermediate Final at stake.

I want to extend my thanks to Glanbia, our Senior Hurling sponsors and Eircom, our Intermediate Football sponsors for their generosity and support.

Also I want to welcome our referees, Paddy Russell, Emly who takes charge of the Senior Hurling Final and Brian Tyrell, Clonmel who referees our Intermediate Football Semi-Final and to wish them and their officials and our four teams the best of luck today.

Liam O Bairead, Cathaoirleach

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BALLINGARRY 4-18

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CARRICK SWANS 2-13

ST. MARY'S 1-15

1st Sept. at Clonmel:

KILLENAULE 3-18

CARRICK SWANS 0-14

22nd Sept. at Monroe:

MULLINAHONE 3-16

BALLINGARRY 2-15

## NA REITEOIRI



**Paddy Russell** from the Emly Club in West Tipperary takes charge of his first South Senior Hurling Final today.

Paddy is one of the most experienced officials in the country. He commenced refereeing in 1975 and has two All Ireland Senior Football Finals to his credit plus a host of high profile games in hurling and football.

**Brian Tyrell** from the St Mary's Club takes charge of the curtain raiser on today's programme. Brian has been refereeing for the last six years and has taken charge of the Munster Minor and Under 21 Football Semi finals this year. He looks set for a great future in charge of the whistle



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The South Senior Championship was won in 1963 and then incredibly they did not win another for 25 long years, until the breakthrough was made in 1988. The club put titles back to back in 1989 and again brought back the honours in 1991. In the 1991 championship they beat St. Augustines easily in the first round 4-14 to 0-6. St. Marys were next accounted for on a scoreline of 6-9 to 2-11 in a game played in Cloneen. Carrick Swans were our final opponents and in spite of a mighty finish to the game by them, Killenaule survived to win on a scoreline 0-15 to 1-10. Tony Shelley was man of the match that day and got most of Killenaule's scores. The team members on that day were E. Purcell, W. Gleeson, capt., Tom Shelley, Ml. Shelley, M. O'Grady, D. O'Connell, M. Lahart, D. Lawrence, S. Ryan, N. Bergin, D. Ahearne, Tony Shelley, Joe O'Dwyer, C. Devitt, M. Hassett. The selectors were Donal McGettigan, Willie O'Grady and Ml. Bulfin. Trainer Paddy Kenny.

Eleven years is a long time to wait for championship success and now that the Club has the nucleus of a very good side many of whom have figures on successful minor and under 21 teams in recent years, it is hoped that the young guns, Doyle, Ceasar, Farrell and Kerwick will blend with the experience of Shelley and O'Dwyer to bring home Killenaule's 16th title.

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## FORMER ALLIES - NOW RIVALS

While a hurling rivalry exists between Mullinahone and Killenaule it is not so nearly as keen as the rivalry between Mullinahone and Ballingarry or between Killenaule and Ballingarry. It is a rivalry of former allies rather than that of long time rivals. As late as the 1980s Mullinahone and Killenaule were allies operating as Young Irelands and later Eire Og. Generally Killenaule looked after the hurling and Mullinahone looked after the football.

It was an arrangement which suited both clubs until a sea change came about in Mullinahone in the late 1980s which coincided with the arrival on the hurling scene of John Leahy. In 1986 Mullinahone won their first ever South Tipp. Under 14 rural hurling crown. They defeated Killenaule who were favourites in that final played in the Commons. The Mullinahone panel was Micky Keating, Alan Foxe, Philip Lynch, D. McNamara, Thomas Cahill R.I.P. Philip Skehan, Billy Vaughan, Michael Skehan, Brian O'Meara, John O'Shea, John Hennessy, Tony Dalton, Stephen O'Brien, Dessie McGrath, Eoin Power, Kevin Sheehan, John O'Brien, Tony Gunn, Thomas McNamara, Pat Croke, Ger Dalton and Kyran Vaughan. Four remain as part of today's panel. Only John Leahy of today's panel is old enough to have played on an Eire Og minor hurling team as Mullinahone went it alone from 1987 onwards.

Having won the South Tipp Intermediate titles in 1990 and 1991, Mullinahone became a senior hurling club in 1992. On May 24th that year they lined out in Anner Park, Cloneen in their first ever senior hurling championship game. Their opponents were former allies and then reigning South Tipp Champions Killenaule. Those who lined out for Mullinahone that day were Liam O'Connor, Timmy O'Connor, Ollie Maher, Albert Curran, Tony Dalton, Jackie Bolger, John McCormack, Ray Cody, Mossie Tobin, Stephen O'Brien, John Leahy (1-7), Brian O'Meara (0-3), Terry O'Brien (0-3), Noel Leahy (0-1), Peter Ryan, subs. Pat Croke for P. Ryan, Liam O'Connor for A. Curran. Mullinahone were victors 1-14 to 0-10 and qualified for the semi-final. In this they again played Killenaule, a late Leahy point earned Mullinahone a replay. Michael Skehan replaced A. Curran on the lineout and P. Croke started in place of B. O'Meara who was in the U.S.A. Leahy scored all eleven points and Pat Croke the goal. The replay was in Clonmel on 25th July with Willie Barrett as referee. Three first half Killenaule goals decided the game with Killenaule bringing Mullinahone's first senior season to an end 4-12 to 2-6. Phillip Skehan had now made the team with Mossie Tobin losing out. Scorers were J. Leahy 2-3, N. Leahy 0-1, P. Croke 0-2. In the semifinal K. Vaughan had replaced M. Tobin. Over the intervening years today's rivals haven't met too often at the knockout stages and from that first year of senior hurling only J. Leahy, T. Dalton, B. O'Meara, P. Croke and K. Vaughan are in today's Mullinahone panel.



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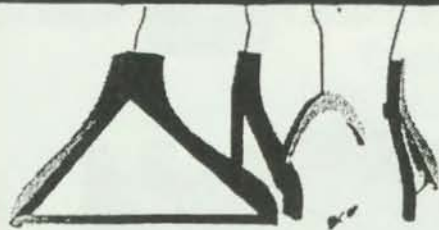


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# MULLINAHONE

## Muileann na hUamhan

(Colours: Green and Red)

(1)

**VINNIE DOHENY**

(2)

**DERMOT HACKETT**

(3)

**PAUL CURRAN**

(4)

**MARTIN COSTELLOE**

(5)

**EDDIE CAREY**

(6)

**EDWARD O'BRIEN**

(7)

**PAUL KELLY**

(8)

**KY VAUGHAN (Capt.)**

(9)

**NIALL CURRAN**

(10)

**PAT CROKE**

(11)

**BRIAN O'MEARA**

(12)

**CONOR ARRIGAN**

(13)

**EOIN KELLY**

(14)

**JOHN LEAHY**

(15)

**PHILIP O'SHEA**

16. ALAN CURRAN, 17. TONY DALTON, 18. JAMES CONNOLLY  
19. JOEY MAHER, 20. STEPHEN O'BRIEN, 21. BILL TOBIN,  
22. MARK O'BRIEN, 23. DANNY MORRISSEY, 24. JAMES COMERFORD,  
25. DAN CROKE, 26. NIALL DOHENY, 27. ADRIAN MAHER,  
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NOEL O'GRADY

(3)  
DAMIEN GLEESON

(4)  
PETER KENNEDY

(5)  
JOE CEASAR

(6)  
DECLAN FANNING (Capt.)

(7)  
KEITH KENNEDY

(8)  
KENNETH CLEARY

(9)  
MICHAEL BLAKE

(10)  
PATRICK KERWICK

(11)  
MICHAEL FARRELL

(12)  
TONY DOYLE

(13)  
JOHN O'DWYER

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PAUL SHELLEY

(15)  
PAUL O'DWYER

16. GERRY KENNEDY, 17. MARTIN SHELLEY, 18. MICHAEL SHELLEY,  
19. ADRIAN CLEARY, 20. PATRICK BOLGER, 21. DECLAN RYAN,  
22. RITCHIE MAHER, 23. JONATHAN GLEESON, 24. JOHNNY GRACE  
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- 4 JAMES WATERS, CARRICK DAVINS
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### *MULLINAHONE*

- 1 DENIS WALSH, ST MARYS
- 2 OWEN McDONOGH, B BACON G
- 3 DAVID FAHY, BALLYBACON G
- 4 PAUL RYAN, MULLINAHONE
- 5 LIAM MEEHAN, CAHIR
- 6 SEAN BOLAND, MOYLE ROVERS
- 7 DENIS McGRATH, MOYLE ROVERS
- 8 STEPHEN BUCKLEY, ST MARYS
- 9 CIARAN SHELLY
- 10 IAN IVORS, BALLINGARRY
- 11 SHANE NORTON, BALLYNEALE
- 12 SHANE GOREY, ST PATRICKS
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## The Scoil Ruáin Influence

The considerable influence of Scoil Ruáin, Killenaule, as a nursery for young hurling talent is readily recognisable in the line-up of both panels for today's South Senior Hurling final. The entire Killenaule panel, bar one, are past pupils of the school while twenty of the Mullinahone panel have received their second level education, both academic and sporting, in the Killenaule school.

It is remarkable how many of today's players have represented their school at the very highest level of Vocational Schools' hurling. Scoil Ruáin has won three All-Ireland Vocational Schools' titles in 1989, 1992 and 1997 and Munster Senior titles in 1994, 1995 and 1999. In addition the school annexed its first and only Canon Fitzgerald Cup (Co. Tipperary Post-Primary Schools' U-17 "A" Hurling) in 1997, among many other triumphs.

When Scoil Ruáin won its first ever All-Ireland Junior Hurling final in 1989 Brian O'Meara, who has gone on to much greater things, starred for the team at right wing-forward. The team defeated Ballyhale of Kilkenny in that final on the score 4-7 to 4-4. Paul Shelly, Pat Croke and Kenneth Cleary played on the victorious team of 1992, Paul captaining the side from centre-back, with Pat and Kenneth in the forwards. Dermot Hackett played at centre-back on the successful Munster final team of 1994, with Declan Fanning at corner-back and Eddie O'Brien at wing-back. When retaining our Munster Senior crown the following year Philip Blake played at wing-back with 15 year old Paul Kelly at centre-field.

A host of today's players were involved in the Junior All-Ireland victory in 1997. Joseph Ceaser played in goal on this team, with Noel O'Grady at full-back, Declan Ryan at wing-back, Paul Curran at centre-back, Vincent Doheny at centre-field, Tony Doyle at wing-forward, Patrick Kerwick at corner-forward and future star, Eoin Kelly, at full-forward. That same year, 1997, saw the school win the Fitzgerald Cup with Tony Doyle as custodian, Niall Curran at corner-back, his brother Paul at centre-half, Peter Kennedy in the other corner of defence, Damien Gleeson at full-forward and Eoin Kelly in the left corner. Noel O'Grady, 14 years of age at the time showed enough promise to be a substitute on that team.

Although 1999 is only three short years ago it is difficult to believe that nine of today's protagonists featured on the Scoil Ruáin side that won the Munster Voc. Schools' Senior Hurling title with a very impressive 3-15 to 0-12 win over Coachford Community College of Cork. Joseph Ceaser played in goal, Noel O'Grady and Declan Ryan in the inner line of defence, Paul Curran, inevitably, at centre-back, Damien Gleeson at mid-field, Tony Doyle, Vincent Doheny, Patrick Kerwick and today's netminder, Conor O'Donnell in attack. Indeed Conor scored 1-3 in that final, not a bad return for a natural goalkeeper!

In addition, many of these Scoil Ruáin players represented their county on various Tipperary Vocational Schools' teams over the years, Brian O'Meara having the distinction of winning an Inter Co. All-Ireland medal with the last victorious Tipperary team in 1990. Many others went on to represent Co. Tipperary at Minor, U-21 and Senior level, a particular highlight being last year's All-Ireland final success which featured five Mullinahone players and Scoil Ruáin past pupils on the panel.

The school and surrounding clubs enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship, one complementing the efforts of the other. From the school's point of view, it is gratifying to see so many players go on to represent their clubs, divisions and county at adult level. We would hope that we assist the clubs in the formation of character of players and also in the development of skills. We also acknowledge the great work that the local clubs are doing for the promotion of the game among our youth. We hope that we can continue to assist each other in a similar way in future years.

To both teams in today's game we extend our best wishes. To the winners we wish further success and, to the losers, we are still proud of your achievements.

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Neddy Cooke. R.I.P.

*The great Neddy Cooke, Killenaule's outstanding hurler of the past, passed to his eternal reward on the 20th May of this year. May he rest in peace.*

*A deep gloom descended over the whole Killenaule area when the news of the death of Neddy Cooke spread, although we knew for some time that he was not well, his going was nevertheless a great shock.*

*Among G.A.A. followers Neddy was a giant of a man. He was indeed Killenaule's Mr Hurling. He played on Killenaule's Senior Hurling Team from the late 1930's until the early 1960's, winning 9 South Senior Medals. He played on the Tipperary Minor Team beaten by Cork in the Munster Final of 1936, later on he was also to play Senior Hurling with Tipperary. When Killenaule briefly transferred to the mid division Neddy won a Mid Junior Football Medal, much later on back in the south he won another Junior Football Medal. He was of course one of the leading lights on the Killenaule team that won South and Co Junior Medals in 1951. The South Board honoured him some years ago by selecting him as Player of the Past. He was also selected at full forward and Captain of the Killenaule Millennium team.*

*The proud Cooke tradition was carried on by Neddy's son Jack who won a Co Senior Hurling Medal with Thurles Sarsfields, his grandson John O'Dwyer won All Ireland B Championships in Hurling and Football with Derry and Tipperary.*

*Neddy's last years were spent in the loving care of the nurses and staff of Baileys Nursing Home. What a pleasure it was to chat and reminisce with him, how delighted he was when Killenaule or Tipperary were victorious, how he loved to place his few bets every day and watch the racing on Saturdays.*

*To his loving family Biddy, Tom, Jack, and Neddy our deepest sympathy.*

*Ni mBeith a Lethaid Aris Ann.*

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A GREAT CROWD HAD GATHERED AND FILLED UP THE GROUND  
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THERE ARE BRIGHT COLOURS BLAZING SO LOVELY TO SEE.  
BUT THE MAN DRESSED IN BLACK IS THE POOR REFEREE

THE MAN DRESSED IN BLACK WILL BE BLAMED FOR ALL WRONG  
IT IS SURELY HIS FAULT IF OUR STARS NOT ON SONG  
IF OUR FORWARDS ARE HOPELESS AND MISS EVERY FREE  
THERE IS NONE LEFT TO BLAME BUT THE POOR REFEREE

THE SLIOTHAR GOES FLYING ACROSS THE SMALL SQUARE  
THE BALL IS WAVED WIDE, THE FULL FORWARD GOES SPARE  
THERES A HOLE IN THE NET THAT THE UMPIRES DON'T SEE  
BUT THE BUCK HAS TO STOP WITH THE POOR REFEREE

A TEAM TAKES THE FIELD THAT IS POORLY PREPARED  
THEY WERE DRINKING LAST NIGHT BUT LAST NIGHT NO ONE CARED  
THEY ARE BET AND OUT CLASSED TO THE UTMOST DEGREE  
AND THEY'LL SAY WE'D HAVE WON WITH A BETTER REFEREE

THE BOOS AND THE CAT-CALLS ARE ALWAYS UNKIND  
YOUR MOTHER'S NOT MARRIED, YOU'RE THICK AND HALF BLIND  
WE ARE PLAYING SIXTEEN MEN, THAT'S PLAIN FOR TO SEE  
THE OTHER SIDE HAS PAID YOU, YOU CROOKED REFEREE

THE NAMES OF THE ALL STARS ARE TOSSED ALL ABOUT  
SOME SURPRISES GET IN, SOME MORE FAMOUS LEFT OUT  
BUT AMONGST THOSE FAMED ALL STARS YOU NEVER WILL SEE  
THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE, THE POOR REFEREE.

THERE'S A QUEUE FORMED UP AT THE GRAND PEARLY GATE  
FAMED SPORTSMEN LINE UP, BUT S. PETER CRIES WAIT  
THERE'S A SAINT COMING TOWARDS ME, DOES THE SAME JOB AS ME  
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