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HURLERS MAKE
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COUNTY
SENIOR
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CHAMPIONSHIP**



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FOOTBALLERS
THROUGH TO
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ALL-IRELAND GLORY FOR NENAGH HANDBALL CLUB!



Congratulations to Katie Morris, Sinéad Meagher and Eimear Meagher, our new All-Ireland medal holders. The girls were part of the Munster team that won the Girls 40x20 Interprovincial Team of 10 event in Kingscourt, Cavan. The girls were the only Tipp representatives on the team which is a great achievement for the club. Well done also to Eamonn Spillane who was one of the two Munster team coaches on their great win.



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FINAL CIVIC RECEPTION AT NENAGH TOWN COUNCIL



On Friday April 25th, our club was honoured with a civic reception from Nenagh Town Council. This is the highest award the town can award and it was in recognition of the fantastic success our club enjoyed in 2013 in a number of different codes.

Firstly the camogie section was honoured because they won the county Junior League and championship while the U18's also captured county championship honours.



Both our Scór and handball sections had numerous successes last year and they were recognised, as were our minor hurlers who won the county title.

Special mention must go to Aislinn O'Brien who was individually recognised because not only was she on the camogie teams who were so successful but she was also on the Nenagh Town AFC teams that won Munster honours at both U16 and Senior level. Well done Aislinn.



The Town Manager Mr Marcus O Connor spoke highly of our club and the wonderful achievements we had and that the entire town was very proud of all we did.

We wish to thank Nenagh Town Council for this wonderful recognition and it was very much appreciated by all in our club.

1. The successful Junior B camogie team and management. **2.** Greg Browne, minor club chairman, Jim Nagle, Deputy Mayor Hughie McGrath. **3.** Our Scór performers with Mairéad Long accepting the award. **4.** Eamonn Spillane, Caitríona Morris, Boysie Hogan and some young stars accept the award from Hughie McGrath on behalf of Nenagh Handball Club. **5.** Seamie Morris and Hughie McGrath reward Aislinn O'Brien for her many achievements throughout the year. **6.** Nenagh minor camogie stars accept the reward on behalf of their team with manager, Denise Morris.





NENAGH HANDBALL CLUB NEWS

Pride, passion, skill and intense competition were all in abundance in Kingscourt HC, Cavan on Saturday, as over 40 young girls from across the country proudly represented their provinces at the Girls 40x20 Interprovincial Team of 10 event.

This event was hugely entertaining and competitive in a day of quality Handball. The format saw five doubles pairings, aged between 13 & 17 compete on aggregate scoring, with many of the young girls competing at national level for the first time.

The first semi-final appeared difficult to call on paper, but it was the Leinster girls who stepped up to the mark and dominating most of the games to establish a solid lead. This set the benchmark for victory, and left the Ulster girls with an uphill task to chase down the lead. In the end, a spirited fight back from the Ulster girls could not overcome Leinster, who progressed to the final on an 85-78 score.

The second semi-final saw the traditionally strong Connacht girls take on Munster. The Munster girls were clearly up for the challenge and won the first 3 games to lead 63-36. The Connacht girls did win the next game but Munster closed out the last game to win 94-68.

In the 3rd/4th place playoff Ulster just proved too strong for Connacht and they won this match on a scoreline of 99-72.

The final proved to be the highlight



MUNSTER GIRLS 40X20 INTERPROVINCIAL TEAM OF 10. ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS.

Back row (left to right): Coach Eamonn Spillane (Tipp), Sinéad Meagher (Tipp), Katie Morris (Tipp), Willie Roche, Irish Handball President, Clodagh Nash (Clare), Aoife Floyd (Clare), Katie McCarthy Limerick, Coach Pat Murphy (Limerick)

Front Row: Doireann Murphy (Clare), Ella Donnellan (Clare), Aileen Twomey (Kerry), Aisling Shanahan (Limerick), Caitríona Millane (Limerick), Eimear Meagher (Tipp) Katie Fleming (Cork)

of the day, that had a large supporting contingent on the edge of their seats. Leinster went into a commanding lead after the first game with them winning it 21-4. Munster slowly clawed back by winning the next two games and to lead by 4 aces overall.

The fourth game was another very tight game with little between both teams with Munster taking it by the slimmest of margins, 21-20 to lead 67-62 or 5 aces overall.

The final game was equally as tight with them level on 5 occasions by the time it reached 11 all. In the end the experience Munster girls edged ahead to win 21-11 to the rapturous

support from the Munster supporters and took the match 88-73.

GAA Handball would like to congratulate all the girls on the quality of Handball and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day, and to the coaches and referees who helped made the day run so successfully. *Report from GAA Handball Ireland*

Nenagh Handball Club were proud to have a part to play in this win. Well done to Katie Morris, Eimear Meagher, Sinéad Meagher and coach Eamonn Spillane from everybody in the club.



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PLAY IN MY BOOTS

NEW GAA MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME



The GAA, in partnership with St. Patrick's Mental Health Foundation on Wednesday, April 23rd, launched an innovative resource designed to support the emotional well-being of club players and members.

"We hope these innovative packs better arm our players and members in maintaining their wellbeing and that they remind each and everyone one of us that we contribute to not only our own mental health, but to the mental health of those around us"
- Liam Ó Néill"

The 'Play in my Boots' packs – an extension of St. Patrick's successful 'Walk in my Shoes' campaign – aim to de-stigmatise mental health by speaking to players in a sporting language familiar to them. Using the term 'mental fitness' to emphasise the positive nature of our mental wellness, the packs also aim to remind the GAA population that



clubs are encouraged to adopt in order to promote an environment and culture that promotes and fosters mental wellbeing for all members.

Available to all clubs, the

maintaining mental fitness requires work and skill development in the

same way as maintaining our physical fitness does.

[The 'Play in my Boots' pack can be downloaded here](#)

Supportive advice from players including Alan O'Mara (Cavan), Eoin Cadogan (Cork), Darren O'Sullivan (Kerry), Deirdre Burke (Galway camogie), Conor Lehane (UCC), Valarie Mulcahy (Cork), Seamus Hennessy (Tipperary), and Donegal manager Jim McGuinness bring the packs to life.

The packs, kindly supported by Allianz, include a mobile element allowing users to tune their mental fitness while on the go thanks to a mental fitness app created by Inspire Ireland. A mental health charter is also included which

packs are the latest development by the Association in an on-going campaign to support its members' health and well-being.

"We hope these innovative packs better arm our players and members in maintaining their well-being and that they remind each and everyone one of us that we contribute to not only our own mental health, but to the mental health of those around us," said Uachtarán CLG, Liam Ó Néill. "We are indebted to all those who have contributed to these packs and I encourage all our members to use them and help bring their message to life."

Paul Gilligan, CEO of St. Patrick's Mental Health Services, said; "We are delighted to be working on this awareness initiative with the GAA because mental health difficulties impact on every community in Ireland and the GAA plays a significant role in all of these communities. We are confident that 'Play in My Boots' will provide players, coaches, clubs and communities with the tools they need to mind their mental health"



Tipp's Séamus Hennessy (left) at Nenagh Éire Óg's Healthy Club Project Mental Health Awareness seminar last January. Also in the photo is Michael Egan (Living Links) and Conor Cusack.



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THE BLUE'S 10K RUN 5K FUN RUN/FAMILY WALK SUNDAY JUNE 15th 10.30AM

10K RUN

APPROVED BY AAI

Commencing MacDonagh Park, Nenagh at 10.30am.

Entry Fee 10K Run - €15 (€12 pre-registered*) Entry Fee 5K Run - €10

Entry Fee Walkers - €5 per Family

Come Early To Register! Opens at 9am, Final Registration 10am!

Prizes: 10K Run - €100 First Place Male and Female. €50 Second Place Male and Female. €25 Third Place Male and Female. Prizes 5k Run - €25 First Place Male and Female. Spot prizes for Runners and Walkers.

Pre-registration on Wednesday 11th, 5pm to 7pm and Saturday 21st, 11am to 1pm at MacDonagh Park Complex*

Car-parking available on site. Contact Shane Connolly (087) 6373830 for further information.



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TIPPERARY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP



THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER!

The club was delighted recently when we learned that we had three players on the starting line-up for the Tipperary minor hurlers as they faced Limerick in the opening round of the Munster championship. Unfortunately things didn't turn out the way we hoped and the Shannonsiders emerged victorious. The day after we received an email from one of our greatest clubmen, all the way from Ontario, Canada, alerting us to the 1957 All Ireland minor hurling final. Jimmy Morris, while residing on the far side of the Atlantic, still remains



Conor Ryan (black helmet) in action for Tipperary minors at the Gaelic Grounds

an avid supporter of the club and was equally proud of our three representatives on the team. He reminded us that we also had three players on the minor team that defeated Kilkenny 4-07 to 3-07 in the All Ireland final of 1957. That day Paddy Kearns played at corner back, Devere Reynolds at centre back while Padraig Kennedy manned the middle of the field.

The Nenagh Guardian reported that "there was no doubt whatever about the justice of the result that brought the Irish Press cup once more to the Premier County and in doing so the winners gave a clean display of first class hurling". This particular game is remembered for the fact that Thurles Sarsfields and Tipperary legend, Jimmy Doyle was playing in and



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Above left: Andrew Coffey, above right: no.12 Shane Hennessy in action for Tipp Minors
Below left: Andrew and Shane fight for the ball, below right: Nenagh's Conor Ryan

winning his third All Ireland minor title. The Guardian reported "undoubtedly the hero of the Tipperary side was Jimmy Doyle, playing in his fourth successive minor final. Whether on the half-forward line or at midfield, the Sarsfields boy was superb, popping up one minute in attack and the next back helping out in defence.



The elusive Doyle bewildered all with his uncanny skill and his ability to fade away from to tackle, and

gave his opposite number a very trying time." Of course all the plaudits were not reserved for the Thurles man and our own Devere Reynolds was also singled out for praise: "Next to Doyle on the winning side came the Nenagh boy Devere Reynolds, who gave a majestic display at centre half back- Overhead and on the ground he was superb, time and again coming to his side's rescue with well-timed clearances, and in winning his second All-Ireland minor medal he gave one of his best ever displays for his county."

Paddy Kearns in the full back line did "particularly well" and "stepped up considerably on some of his recent displays to play a hard game and along with Loneragan was the pick of the full-back line". Padraig Kennedy had a fine game at

midfield and was later switched with Jimmy Doyle to the half forward line where he chipped in with a point of his own.

These three players went on to win a North senior title with the club that same year.

Thanks very much to Jimmy for the information and we are glad to hear he is in great form and still keeps in touch with everything happening in the club.

Thanks to Eamon Quirke for use of photos





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SENIOR NEWS - COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP VS CLONOULTY

APRIL 13TH, 2014



Nenagh Éire Óg recovered a six-point deficit in the opening half to beat west Tipperary's Clonoulty-Rossmore for the first time in senior championship hurling on Sunday, April 13th at The Ragg.

Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 1-15 Clonoulty-Rossmore 0-16

Two Donnacha Quinn points (one free, one '65) got Éire Óg off to an encouraging start and by the third minute the Blues led 0-2 to no-score.

Éire Óg were playing into a stiff breeze and Clonoulty-Rossmore soon took advantage hitting 0-3 without reply to take the lead in the tenth minute.



A Killian Gleeson point tied the game a minute later, but Clonoulty-Rossmore poured forward and landed five consecutive points to take a 0-9 to 0-3 lead.

A Tommy Heffernan point brought 18 scoreless minutes to a close and at the break the Blues trailed 0-4 to 0-9.

In the opening minute of the second half a stunning long-range point from the stick of wing-back Billy Heffernan set the tone.

Barry Heffernan (free) and Donnacha Quinn then added points to leave just two in it (0-7 to 0-9) by the 33rd minute.

In the 34th Tommy Heffernan set up Killian Gleeson for a smashing goal and Éire Óg led 1-7 to 0-9.

A Paddy Murphy point then added to the Blues' tally – Éire Óg had now scored 1-4 without reply in eight minutes.

To their credit Clonoulty-Rossmore hit back with two points book-ending a Donnacha Quinn free.

A Michael Heffernan point in the 44th minute helped Éire Óg into a 1-10 to 0-11 lead, but Clonoulty-Rossmore hit back to leave the minimum between them.

Éire Óg asserted themselves with points from Pearse Morris and Donnacha Quinn (two frees) to open a four-point gap (1-13 to 0-12) by the 51st minute. Clonoulty-Rossmore responded once more, however, with four points leaving the sides all square (1-13 to 0-16) by the 58th.

Éire Óg finished strong with two Michael Heffernan points sealing the win.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Daire Quinn, Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Billy Heffernan (0-1), Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan (0-1, 0-1 frees), Kevin Tucker, Andrew Coffey, Pearse Morris (0-1), Michael Heffernan (0-3), Killian Gleeson (1-1), Donnacha Quinn (0-6, 0-4 frees, 0-1 '65), Paddy Murphy (0-1), Tommy Heffernan (0-1). Subs: (43rd) Paul Ryan for Killian Gleeson.

Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom & Inch).



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SENIOR NEWS – COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP VS TEMPLEDERRY KENYONS APRIL 27TH, 2014

**Clean Ireland
Recycling County
Senior Hurling
Championship
Nenagh Éire Óg 3-
18 Templederry
Kenys 0-18**

Nenagh Éire Óg enjoyed a nine-point win over the Templederry Kenys in Dolla, but the final score failed to reflect how close a contest this was.

From first to last Templederry battled ferociously, but their failure to create goal chances cost them dearly. In contrast Nenagh Éire Óg etched out three goal chances and scored all three. That said the Blues won't be happy with the quality of this display.

A physical opening few minutes was punctuated by a Hugh Maloney point before Templederry's Gearóid Ryan responded. Tommy Heffernan and Adrian Ryan three traded efforts from play before an Adrian Ryan free handed Templederry the lead in the 11th minute (0-3 to 0-2).

Kevin Tucker tied the game before excellent points from Brian Stapleton and Gearóid Ryan forced Templederry into a well-deserved 0-5 to 0-3 lead by the 13th minute.

With Templederry setting the early pace Éire Óg needed to respond and



respond they did with a brace of points from Pearse Morris levelling it up before a Donnacha Quinn free handed the Blues a 0-6 to 0-5 lead by the 25th minute.

Two Adrian Ryan efforts (one free) book-ended a Michael Heffernan point to leave the sides all square on 0-7 apiece by the 28th minute.

Éire Óg then enjoyed a significant period of dominance – a Tommy Heffernan point helped Éire Óg back into the lead before Michael Heffernan struck for a goal in the 30th minute.

On this occasion Tommy Heffernan and Donnacha Quinn combined to set up Heffernan who finished with a thundering right-handed shot. A

Tommy Heffernan point helped Éire Óg into a five-point lead and although Tom Ryan responded with a fine effort for Templederry the Blues struck for a second Michael Heffernan goal in the 36th minute – this time Tommy Heffernan and Pearse Morris combined to set up Heffernan for a simple finish.

Éanna Murray concluded the first half scoring to leave six between them at the break – 0-9 to 2-9.

Templederry responded superbly to the challenge immediately after the

break. Indeed, points from Gearóid Ryan (two), Adrian Ryan and Pío Kennedy had the Éire Óg advantage reduced to a mere two points by the 40th minute (0-13 to 2-9).

Efforts from Donnacha Quinn (free), Tommy Heffernan and Paul Ryan settled Éire Óg once more, but Templederry hit back with a brace of frees from Adrian Ryan to leave three in it (0-15 to 2-12) entering the final quarter.

Disaster struck for Templederry in the 47th minute when confusion in the Kenys' goalmouth allowed Paul Ryan in to score a game-clinching goal – 3-12 to 0-15.



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A Pío Kennedy point preceded a Paddy Murphy brace as this encounter entered the final ten minutes. Efforts from Adrian Ryan and Brian Stapleton preceded an excellent long-range strike from Daire Quinn in the 54th minute before Éire Óg closed out the game with points from Paddy Murphy, Paul Ryan and Donnacha Quinn (free).



Gleeson, Donnacha Quinn (0-3, 0-3 frees), Paddy Murphy (0-3), Michael Heffernan (2-1). Subs: (35th) Paul Ryan (1-2) for Pearse Morris, (61st) Mark Flannery for Andrew Coffey.

Templederry Kenyons: Paul Murray, Pádraig Hogan, Christy Coughlan, Dale Donnelly, Johnny Harkin, Thomas Stapleton, Tom Ryan (0-1), Brian Stapleton

(0-2), Éanna Murray (0-1), Pádraig O'Leary, Gearóid Ryan (0-4), Liam McCutcheon, Dylan Carey, Adrian Ryan (0-8, 0-5 frees), Michael O'Leary. Subs: (HT) Pío Kennedy (0-2) for Michael O'Leary, (HT) Mathew Hogan for Dylan Carey.

Referee: Kieran Delaney (Toomevara).



Senior Hurling Championship is against Roscrea. That fixture is not expected to take place until the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship has reached a conclusion. *On Saturday evening Clonoulty-Rossmore beat Roscrea 2-22 to 2-17.*

Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Daire Quinn (0-1), Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Billy Heffernan, Hugh Maloney (0-1), Barry Heffernan, Andrew Coffey, Kevin Tucker (0-1), Pearse Morris (0-2), Tommy Heffernan (0-4), Killian

Next up for the Nenagh Éire Óg senior hurlers is another clash with the Templederry Kenyons on Sunday, May 11th – this time the sides will face off in the Hibernian Inn-sponsored North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

Éire Óg's remaining group game in the Clean Ireland Recycling County





JUNIOR A HURLING REVIEW

Nenagh Éire Óg enjoyed a comfortable win over an out-of-sorts Toomevara side at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Saturday evening April 19th.

**North Tipperary Junior A Hurling League
Nenagh Éire Óg 5-18
Toomevara 0-14**

Following a win over Moneygall, a draw with Knockshegowna and this most recent result against Toomevara the Blues are in a strong position to progress out of their group – Éire Óg have games remaining against Burgess and Roscrea during the group stage of this year's north Tipperary junior A hurling league.

Although the Greyhounds reached to the 2013 county junior A semi-finals Toome struggled to make an impression in the opening half and trailed 0-6 to 3-11 at the break.

The sides traded points early on and were tied at 0-2 apiece by the fifth minute. In the seventh minute Mark Tuite set up David Hickey for the home side's opening goal – 1-2 to 0-2.

Toome converted a free in response, but Éire Óg then fired 1-4 without reply. A Bob O'Brien point got the Blues moving in the right direction before David Hackett converted consecutive frees. Hackett then picked out Mark Tuite for a fine point in the 16th minute before Bob O'Brien notched Éire Óg's second goal following a John Cahalan delivery – 2-6 to 0-3.

Two Toome points book-ended a Bob O'Brien effort before points from John Cahalan and David Hackett (free) saw the home side into a 2-9 to 0-5 lead by the 25th minute.

Éire Óg put together a fine move in the 27th minute when full-back John O'Donoghue won the ball and found Adam Grattan; in turn Adam picked out Mark Tuite who passed to David Cleary and the centre-forward notched the Blues' tenth point of the evening.

Two minutes later David Cleary broke the ball to David Hickey and Hickey made no mistake from close range – 3-10 to 0-5.

On the half hour mark 'keeper Kevin Flynn made a fine save before the sides traded points to leave fourteen between them (3-11 to 0-6) at the break.

Points from David Cleary and David Hackett (free) opened a sixteen-point gap immediately after the break. Toome managed a response in the 37th minute, but Bob O'Brien cancelled out that effort almost immediately – 3-14 to 0-7.

In the 42nd minute a combination of Christopher Ryan and David Hickey forced a turnover in the Toomevara defence before Hickey picked out David Hackett with a cross-field ball and Hackett rounded the 'keeper to hand the home side a 4-14 to 0-7 lead.

Two minutes later David Hackett struck for his second goal and when Mark Tuite scored a fine

point in the 46th minute Éire Óg led 5-15 to 0-10.

To their credit Toomevara battled on well and won the final quarter of this encounter 0-4 to 0-3 with David Cleary, Mark Tuite (free) and Aidan Healy completing the scoring from an Éire Óg point of view.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Kevin Flynn, Donnacha Heffernan, John O'Donoghue, Brian Flynn, Niall Madden, Seáníe Geaney, Adam Grattan, Cian Tucker, John Cahalan (0-1), Mark Tuite (0-4, 0-1 frees), David Cleary (0-3), Bob O'Brien (1-3), David Hackett (2-6, 0-6 frees), David Hickey (2-0), Christopher Ryan. Subs: (14th) Darragh Walsh for Cian Tucker, (HT) Gary Howard for Darragh Walsh, (41st) Gavin O'Connor for Donnacha Heffernan, (43rd) Aidan Healy (0-1) for Christopher Ryan, (49th) Michael Hallinan for David Hackett.

Referee: Pat Gibson (Burgess).



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JUNIOR B HURLING LEAGUE REVIEW

The Nenagh Éire Óg junior B hurlers tasted defeat for the first time in this year's league when Ballina emerged the victors in an entertaining match played in lovely conditions at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Saturday evening [April 26th](#).

North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League Nenagh Éire Óg 2-11 Ballina 0-19

Ballina started brightly with a well-taken point, but Ciarán Duffy responded with a great effort from out on the sideline in the fourth minute. David Cleary traded points with Ballina before he added a fine goal from a ground stroke in the 11th minute after Niall Cahill found him in space.

There was little between the sides during the opening half with both scoring five points apiece during the remainder of this period. Conor Kirwan, Anthony Walsh (2) and David Cleary got the Éire Óg scores to leave the interval score reading 1-7 each.

Manager Conor Ryan will be disappointed with Nenagh's performance in the first fifteen minutes of the second period as Ballina rattled off five unanswered points before Darragh Walsh finally

got Éire Óg's first point of the second half. Ballina, however, remained in control for the remainder of the game and out-scored the Blues by six points to 1-2.

Anthony Walsh scored two wonderful points while deep in injury time Aidan Healy goaled from a ground shot, but unfortunately it was too little too late and Ballina ran out deserving winners.

Team: Brian Duffy, John O'Donoghue, Paddy Flynn, Jamie Gallagher, Aodhán Geaney, Lenny Ryan, Ciarán Duffy, Brian Flynn, David Cleary, Conor Kirwan, Anthony Walsh, Aidan Healy, Niall Cahill, Darragh Walsh. Subs: Gavin O'Connor for Gallagher, Thomas O'Brien for Walsh and Brian Tuite for Cleary.

Referee: Martin Griffin (Silvermines).





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BLAST FROM THE PAST – 1992 MINOR COUNTY FINAL VICTORY



Back L-R: Shane Connolly, Declan O'Meara, Christy McLoughlin, Liam Walsh, John Tucker, Mervyn Scanlon, Frank McGrath, Billy Flannery
Front L-R Declan Bailey, Jim McAuliffe, John Manley, Pádraig O'Kennedy, Robbie Tomlinson, Kevin Tucker, Tom Conroy.

on the quarter hour to be quickly followed by a point from Robbie Tomlinson. A good move involving Tomlinson, Walsh and Declan O'Meara led to the latter

Last year when Killian Gleeson lifted the Sean Treacy Cup after Nenagh's dramatic victory over Holycross in the county minor final Nenagh created a lovely record in the history books as for the third time in our history we won two in a row county minor championships. Our previous two in a row successes came in 1977, 1978 and in 1991 and 1992. In this month's edition we have decided to travel back and remember the 1992 success when Shane Connolly led the troops to victory.

They met the famed Thurles Sarsfields in the final having previously accounted for Erin's Hope in the north decider. Liam Doran in the Nenagh Guardian described it as a "disappointing final" as Eire Óg brushed aside the mid champions to win on a score line of 3-15 to 2-05. The opening ten minutes however belied the final outcome as Nenagh failed to raise a flag however once Robbie Tomlinson started to get the better of his opposite number Pat Murray, "the county minor captain stamped his authority on the game. A personal tally of 1-07 from play and frees is testimony to his pivotal role in the victory. His goal came two minutes into the second half as Eire Óg had put severe pressure on

the Sarsfield defence, and it gave Eire Óg a commanding lead of thirteen points." Considering the hurlers on this particular Nenagh team it was "remarkable that such a talented side could only get one player on the county minor fifteen". "Declan O Meara, Christy McLoughlin, David Creamer and Shane Connolly should have at least made the panel. It is ironic also that wing back Tom Conroy has a county medal from Sunday, but wasn't even given a trial for the Tipperary under 16's this year, nor was Billy Flannery who was a sub on Sunday".

"Playing with the wind in the first half, Eire Óg hit four wides in succession before getting their opening point in the eleventh minute when keeper Damien Moore blocked out a Liam Walsh effort and the ball broke to Pádraig O Kennedy who sent over the bar. A minute later Declan O Meara found Walsh who couldn't get room to shoot but worked the ball back to Robbie Tomlinson for the second point. Sarsfields got off the mark in the fourteenth minute when Dara Dwyer pointed. But it was only a momentary respite as Eire Óg were beginning to move into top gear. Kevin Tucker had a point for Eire Óg

sending over the fifth point. Shortly after Sarsfields keeper Moore did well to stop a shot by O'Meara. But in the twenty third minute he could only parry a shot from O'Meara and Liam Walsh was on hand to shoot to the net. Spurred on by the goal, Eire Óg had further points from Kevin Tucker, John Manley, and two inside a minute by Robbie Tomlinson before Johnny and Eddie Enright combined to set up Gerry Spain for, a point which left Sarsfields trailing by ten points 1-9 to 0-2. Eire Óg had hit no less than nine wides in the half."

"Eire Óg started the second half in ebullient mood, and strong pressure led to the Sarsfields defence getting in a tangle and a superb opportunist goal from Robbie Tomlinson. Kevin Tucker added on a point to stretch the lead to fourteen points. Thurles brought on Michael Bowe for Dara Dwyer and tried to get into the game."

"Johnny Enright had Christy McLoughlin in a bit of difficulty with a shot but the forwards were unable to capitalise on it. Dan Burke hit a point for Sarsfields in the ninth minute but Eire Óg hit two more points in succession. Declan O'Meara soloed through the defence



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to set up Robbie Tomlinson and Pdraig O' Kennedy picked off the other point."

"On the quarter hour Sarsfields' flagging spirits got a revival when Declan Keher set up Tom Fogarty to shoot to the net. Three minutes later Michael Bowe set up county minor Declan Keher for the second goal, and Sarsfields fans began to have visions of a comeback. But Eire Óg reasserted themselves. Declan O'Meara hit a point, and though Keher intercepted a clearance by Christy McLoughlin to send over the bar, Robbie Tomlinson had two points for Eire Óg."

"Keher had a point for Sarsfields with three minutes to go but Eire Óg finished with a flourish as Kevin Tucker set up John Manley for the third goal and an impressive thirteen point margin. Sarsfields are probably a much better team than Sunday would suggest. Keeper Damian Moore brought off some good saves. Pat Treacy and Peter Broderick did trojan work in repelling the Eire Óg assaults. After an unimpressive first half Declan Keher came more into things and took his goal well. Johnny Enright was the only forward to impress."

NENAGH EIRE OG: Christy McLoughlin, Liam O Gara, David Creamer, Declan Bailey, Tom Conroy, Frank McGrath, Shane Connolly, John Tucker, Mervyn Scanlan, Declan O Meara (0-02), Robbie Tomlinson (1-07), Pdraig O Kennedy (0-02), Kevin Tucker (0-03), Liam Walsh (1-00), John Manley (1-01). Subs Jim McAuliffe for Tom Conroy, John Guest for Liam O Gara and Paul Henry for Liam Walsh

Minor 2013: [Match Video](#) | [Minor Tribute](#) | [Minor Presentation](#)

THE SEVEN IN A ROW

By Donie Ryan

In fair Cloughjordan village in September of '13
The Nenagh minors came to face their foe,
The gallant Toomevara, who stood before our dream
Of seven minor titles in a row

Killian Gleeson was the captain on that sunny Autumn day,
He led them out and urged them not to yield,
Brian Gubbins and Conor Ryan stood in Toomevara's way,
Michael Collins, and Ger O'Gorman ruled the field.

Aodhan Geaney, Barry Heffernan and Jack Molamphy sealed the backs,
Brave and true and firm they held their ground,
They fought to hold their line against relentless Toom attacks,
Andrew Coffey and James Mackey did astound.

John Cahalan, Donnacha Quinn and Killian Gleeson in attack
Broke Toomevara's hearts a dozen times,
Anthony Walsh, Garry Howard and Philip Hickey never lacked,
Feet swift, eyes true, they fought with hearts of lions.

At full time the match was level, not one person left the game,
The light was fading fast but hope was high,
The Nenagh legs were weary and the Toom lads were the same,
The dying sun was dazzling in their eyes.

The extra twenty started as the sun sank towards the hill,
Brian Flynn and Cookie Ryan came off the bench,
As two great teams battled hard, all Nenagh hearts stood still,
Not knowing if our fire would now be quenched.

In the extra second half the Toom defence was on the line,
A high ball floated in from Donners Quinn,
Cookie flicked it to the net, the shouts echo in my ears yet,
The boys in blue were minutes from a famous win.

Both teams of brave young players were credits to their clubs,
A more sporting game I don't think I have seen,
The hurlers and their parents and the coaches and the subs,
Brought pride to the navy and blue and gold and green.

It was Mickey, Greg and Con that brought that team to glory's door,
And the volunteers and parents lit the flame,
And I know the great Spike Nolan who we all loved and adored,
Would be proud the cup we lifted bore his name.

When the final whistle blew beneath a darkening Autumn sky,
There was pride and tears on faces young and old,
Those Nenagh boys made history and they filled our hearts with joy,
On the night we won the Seven In A Row.



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG HISTORY PROJECT

The photograph below was taken on a very special day for both the club and Tipperary football as Tipperary defeated Cork to capture the Munster junior football title in 1998. We were very lucky to have three players involved, Jim McAuliffe, Chris Bonar and Kevin Coonan. This team would later go on to capture the All Ireland title when they defeated Offaly in Portlaoise. It was an extra special time for Coonan as he became the first North Tipperary man to captain his county to All Ireland glory in football. This photograph was recently donated to the club to be used in our



upcoming history book. As most of you are aware the club, under the expert guidance of PJ Maxwell, Nancy Murphy and Donal A Murphy, are putting the finishing touches to our club history book. This promises to be a comprehensive collection of the history of Gaelic games in our parish. While the club have made every effort to collect photographs of teams from the present to the distant past and other pictures which would be of interest we appeal to people to get in touch if you have a photograph of interest in your possession. Please do not assume that we already possess your photograph or that it is of no interest. Every Éire Óg photo, whether it is of a team, presentation or action shot is of massive importance to us and we would be delighted to have it. We are also anxious to get photos of school teams from any of the schools in the community.

If you have a photograph please get in touch with PJ Maxwell at [087-958 8233](tel:087-9588233) or alternatively you can email him at pjmaxwell@eircom.net. We promise to return the photo as soon as we have it scanned. We are also looking for AGM reports, minutes of meetings or anything else connected to the club. If you can help us out we will be very grateful.

TEAMMATES NOW – FRIENDS FOREVER!



GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT





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JUVENILE NEWS

UNDER-12 GROUPS A AND D FOOTBALL

Under competition rules all players on under-12 teams get to play at least half a match. This proved highly enjoyable for kids and parents alike. They competed well and are now focused on the hurling which will start the last week in May. *Photos 1-3*

UNDER-14

The boys have worked and trained hard under John Phelan, Conor O' Donovan, Phil Hennessy and David Minogue to reach the North football semi-final against Toome. They had been struggling with injuries and were unfortunate to lose out to Inane in the North Féile football final. They fought hard for a narrow win over Kildangan in the Féile hurling North QF but went down to the 'Mines in the semi. However, there is wealth of talent in this team. Make an effort to check notes and website and come out to watch these boys over the summer. *Photos 4-6*

UNDER-16

Our footballers under Michael Grey, Paudie Gleeson and Robbie Ryan have had a strong, league run and with all credit due to them have reached the North Final against Newport. They lost their opening round matches to Inane Rovers and Newport but found their form just in time to have good wins against Kilruane and Kildangan to place them in a semi-final against Inane Rovers in Roscrea. The boys put in a huge effort and ran out winners on a 4-09 to 3-05 scoreline. There is a provisional date of May 9th for their North final. Keep up to date with fixtures on nenagheireog.com. *Photos 7-9*





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KEVIN WHELAN EXPLAINS HOW GER GAVIN MANAGES TO HAVE TWO SHOPS BUT FOUR ADDRESSES!



The name Nenagh is derived from two Gaelic words "an" meaning "the" and "aenagh" meaning "fair".

The first "A" is dropped in each word, thus giving the Anglicized form of "Nenagh". The addition of "Urmhumhan" gives the "aenagh" or aonach (the modern spelling) a territorial location - The Fair of Ormond/ East Munster.



Locals pronounce it Naynah which is closer to the old Irish name than the refined "Neena"..!

You may wonder why almost every street in the town has two names and this is unique to Nenagh as no

other town has the same distinction of having two names on almost every street! It all came about in 1920 when the local Gaelic League headed by Reverend Patrick O' Halloran made recommendations to the town council to change the names of the streets as they thought that they were too English sounding, such as Queen St, Barrack St etc. They wanted the names of the streets to be called after Irish heroes who had fought the English down through the centuries. The council went ahead and adopted the name changes despite it not being legally binding to do so. The renaming's were invalid as a referendum should have been

held for the people to agree to the changes. This did not happen and it took until 1965 for it to be rectified.

Only rate payers had the right to vote in the poll to change the name of the street that they resided in. Pound Street became Sarsfield Street, Silver Street remained the same although some people call it Connolly Street to this day. Queen Street became Mitchell Street and Peter Street became Kickham Street, Barrack Street became Kenyon Street, Courthouse Square became Banba Square and so on. The problem was, most people were used to

calling the streets by their old names and couldn't adjust to the changes. So depending what part of town you are from or your era, generally will call your street by the old or new name. I myself was born in Pound Street and have never

called it anything else, and some people still refer to the main street as Castle Street rather than its new name Pearse Street. It can be totally confusing for visitors and newcomers to the town as the first thing they have to learn is both names to our streets! For instance, I



gave a visitor directions to The Quill Bar in Queen Street. Needless to say he got confused when he was standing at the Market Cross and saw Mitchell Street on the sign!! The joys of being a Naynah man and our unique and quaint ways of taking for granted all the confusing names of our streets as the poor visitor or new resident has to figure out where exactly in the town they are!!!!



Kevin Whelan operates the Historical Walking Tours of Nenagh and can be found on Facebook under "Nenagh Walking Tours" Check in for Bank Holiday walking tour times for all the family.



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CAMÓGIE PROFILE OF JUNIOR CAMOGIE PLAYER – JUDY MULQUEEN

Name: Judy Ryan Mulqueen

Age: 19

Occupation: Studying Liberal Arts in Mary I, Limerick

Earliest memories of the club:

Training with John Tucker, our first trainer and winning the first ever county final for the club.

Biggest influence on your

career: My Granddad, Michael, he's always at matches and always knows what to tell me. He has a huge interest in hurling and football.



He has attended every All Ireland Senior Hurling Final since 1958.

Judy is pictured below left with her Granddad and the Sam Maguire cup.

Favourite Position: Corner or full forward.

Advice to young players: Always turn up for training no matter how hard it is, it's all worth it in the end.

Favourite food: Spaghetti Carbonara

Favourite drink: Lucozade

Favourite camogie player and

why? Caoimhe Maher, she's brilliant at camogie and is so determined in everything she does.

Favourite hurler: When Lar Corbett has a good day, he's one of the best.

Who is your toughest opponent?

Probably Rachel Maher, impossible to mark and always wins the ball.

Proudest moment/achievement

with Éire Óg: Being part of the team that won both the first ever county final and the first ever adult county final.

Favourite film: My Sisters Keeper

Favourite music? Whatever's on Spin SW

Are you interested in any sports outside of camogie/hurling: I

watch rugby whenever it's on TV and gaelic football.

Tell us something interesting about you that we don't know:

Before I started camogie I used to do Irish Dancing. I did Irish dancing for nearly 7 years altogether and I'm trying to teach myself to play the guitar.

Below: Judy on left with her sister Kara after county junior b final last year



TIPPERARY MINOR CAMÓGIE

Cork 3-13 Tipperary 2-13

Hard luck to Alanna Morris, Rachel Maher and the Tipperary minor camogie team who were defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final recently. The girls have performed very well so far this year and it was a shame to lose at this stage of the competition. They have a chance to avenge this defeat however as they face the same opposition in the Munster final which is run separately to the All-Ireland championship. Best of luck in that final girls from everyone in the club. The girls are picture here helping to keep their young Féile club mates hydrated!





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JUNIOR A CAMÓGIE LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS



Referee: Shane Hodgins
(Knockshegowna).

The Éire Óg junior A Camogie team pictured before their dramatic clash with Kildangan.

A last minute Kildangan goal broke the hearts of a Nenagh Éire Óg junior A Camogie team which had fought back from six points down and was level entering injury time. Sadly, a late three-pointer denied the Blues a vital league win in Puckane.

County Junior A Camogie League Silvermines 2-7 Nenagh Éire Óg 2-7

Nenagh Éire Óg struggled initially with the 'Mines taking a 0-2 to no-score lead before Julie Moylan got the Blues off the mark in the sixth minute.

A Zoey Grattan '50 levelled matters before a Julie Kirwan point following superb work from Aisling O'Brien presented Éire Óg with the lead in the 15th minute – 0-3 to 0-2. Silvermines responded positively to the challenge and hit 1-2 without reply to lead 1-4 to 0-3 by the 29th minute.

A Holly O'Brien free left a goal in it at the break – 0-4 to 1-4. In the first minute of the second half the 'Mines struck for their second goal leaving Éire Óg facing a six-point deficit. Points from Rachel Spillane and Alannah Morris steadied the Blues before a Silvermines free left five in it with 17 minutes to play – 0-6 to 2-5.

A rasping left-hand shot from Holly O'Brien in the 44th minute dragged

Éire Óg to within striking distance – 1-6 to 2-5.

A Silvermines free edged the home side three clear, that is until Julie Moylan belted home an equalising goal in the 51st minute – 2-6 apiece. A free forced Silvermines back into the lead in the 55th minute.

Éire Óg were left cursing their luck seconds later when a Holly O'Brien effort hit a post. Thankfully centre-back Zoey Grattan landed a long-range effort in the 57th minute to tie the game.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Sarah Quigley, Amy Heffernan, Rachel Maher, Cara Mulqueen, Saoirse Gleeson, Zoey Grattan (0-2, 0-1 frees), Michelle O'Dwyer, Michelle Collins, Rachel Spillane (0-1), Danielle Harrington, Aisling O'Brien, Gemma Morris, Julie Moylan (1-2), Sarah O'Connor, Holly O'Brien (1-1, 0-1 free). Subs: (HT) Alannah Morris (0-1) for Michelle O'Dwyer, (37th) Mairéad Sheridan for Gemma Morris, (40th) Elaine Slattery for Sarah O'Connor, (44th) Mary Dillon for Cara Mulqueen.

County Junior A Camogie League Kildangan 2-5 Nenagh Éire Óg 0-8

Although the Kildangan 'keeper was asked to make three good saves in the opening five minutes the home side raced into a 1-3 to no-score lead by the 18th minute – the goal materialised in the 14th minute while all three points came from frees.

The Kildangan 'keeper made two further saves before an Alanna Morris '50 got Éire Óg off the mark in the 24th minute. Two Ciara McGrath frees then added to the Éire Óg tally before Ciara McGrath landed a left-handed point from play in the 32nd minute.

Half-time: Nenagh Éire Óg 0-4
Kildangan 1-3.

A Kildangan free forced the home side into a three-point lead three minutes into the second half before Éire Óg rallied with a Ciara McGrath brace (one free) to leave one between them with twenty minutes to play.



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Finally, Holly O'Brien was fouled for a free which Ciara McGrath converted and the sides were level in the 42nd minute – 0-7 to 1-4. Three minutes later Kildangan crept back into a narrow lead thanks to a converted free, but Éire Óg attacked relentlessly and forced two more saves from the outstanding Kildangan goalkeeper.

The Blues poured forward in search of an equaliser and although Éire Óg fired six consecutive wides (in total Éire Óg hit 12 wides and Kildangan 3) a long-range free from Rachel Maher following a foul on the outstanding Alanna Morris in the 56th minute tied the game. Two further Éire Óg wides preceded a match-clinching Kildangan goal in the first minute of injury time.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Ali Darcy, Amy Heffernan, Rachel Maher (0-1, 0-1 free), Cara Mulqueen, Saoirse Gleeson, Zoey Grattan, Alanna Morris (0-1, 0-1 '50), Ciara McGrath (0-6, 0-4 frees), Michelle Collins, Gemma Morris, Rachel Spillane, Aisling O'Brien, Julie Moylan, Holly O'Brien, Mairéad Sheridan. Subs: (20th) Anna Dillon for Zoey Grattan, (HT) Elaine Slattery for Gemma Morris, (35th) Mary Dillon for Cara Mulqueen, (45th) Danielle Harrington for Mairéad Sheridan.

RECYLCING FUNDRAISER

Collection: We had a very successful clothes/recycling collection during the month Thanks to everyone who kindly donated and a special thank you to Catherine Kennedy, Marie O'Brien, Josie Tierney and Mary Quigley for their huge efforts in organising this. *Pictured below: Catherine Kennedy with Phillip Ryan Ruth Hassett with Pat Sheridan*



COACHING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Waterford Gaa have been highly commended throughout the press and media sites lately for their humorous approach to reminding everybody to enjoy juvenile sports and not to get too carried away!

Coaching and child development is quite rightly a centre stage issue for the Gaa at the moment. Click on the image below to access video and articles on the latest approach to juvenile coaching.



THE NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG CLUB LOTTO represents the club's key fundraising initiative. Please consider supporting the Blues by playing our club lotto online: [click here!](#)



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UNDER 16 A CAMÓGIE

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-14 Drom & Inch 2-01

On a bright sunny evening in MacDonagh Park Nenagh Éire Óg scored a comprehensive victory over Drom & Inch in the Under Sixteen championship on a scoreline of 2-14 to 2-01.

The early exchanges suggested that there would be little to separate the sides however once Grace O'Brien opened her account in the eight minute with a superb individual score the blues never looked back. O'Brien was on hand again three minutes later to double Nenagh's lead after a great pass from Hazel McAuliffe. At this stage O'Brien was on fire and the intercounty under sixteen star rattled the Drom net in the twelfth minute after great work from Hazel Coffey.

The next point for Nenagh was the score of the match when McAuliffe brilliantly found O'Brien with an inch perfect pass. Grace in turn drew the

full back before finding the unmarked Saoirse Whelan who coolly hand passed the ball over the bar for a great point. Whelan herself a minute later had the ball in the net for Nenagh's second goal, just after Grace had added another point to her tally.

It wasn't until the 23rd minute that the visitors got off the mark with a lovely point but Grace O'Brien (2) and Laura Tierney were not about to let the mid outfit back into the game and scored some wonderful points to leave the interval score at Nenagh 2-08 Drom & Inch 0-01.

Drom came out all guns blazing in the second half quickly found the net with a kicked goal that left Sarah Quigley with no chance however O'Brien added two more points shortly after to settle whatever nerves Éire Óg had. Drom got their last score of the game in

the 46th minute with another great goal and at this stage the Nenagh defence, led by full back Eimear Ryan, closed up shop and did not let their opponents in for anymore scores. Maeve Coffey, Hazel Coffey and Grace O'Brien (2) finished out the half with four great

points to leave the final score Nenagh 2-14 Drom & Inch 2-01

Team: 1. Sarah Quigley, 2 Kate O Connor, 3 Eimear Ryan, 4 Anna Dillon, 5 Vanessa Tynan 6 Hazel McAuliffe 7 Ruth Hassett 8 Kristen Howard 9 Rachel Spillane 10 Alicia Hallinan 11 Maeve Coffey 12 Laura Tierney 13 Hazel Coffey, 14 Saoirse Whelan 15 Grace O'Brien

Subs Sarah Kennedy for Howard, Clodagh Ryan for Tierney and Niamh Kennedy for McAuliffe.

Referee Jimmy Cahill Kilruane MacDonaghs



**CHECK ÉIRE ÓG FACEBOOK
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THIS MATCH**