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BLAST FROM THE PAST- THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ÉIRE ÓG'S 1964 NORTH FINAL WIN OVER ROSCREA



PRESENTATION NIGHT FOR HURLING AND CAMÓGIE CHAMPS -SEE INSIDE FOR MORE PHOTOS



NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG'S HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT SETS THE TONE FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



Michael Geaney with guest speakers Séamus Hennessy and Conor Cusack pictured at our Healthy Club Project's mental health awareness seminar.

Welcome to the first edition of the Nenagh Éire Óg club e-newsletter for 2014.

In keeping with the stated aim of developing an integrated communications strategy (one club, one brand, one voice), the club e-newsletter was an important addition to our communications process in 2013 and in particular to our social networking communications.

These activities enable greater engagement with a broader spectrum of people associated with the club. Interestingly, 8,942 different people from 56 different countries logged onto our website in 2013 with 50.2% of visitors using a mobile phone or tablet while

49.8% visited from a desktop computer. We regularly 'reach' over 2,800 Facebook users on a weekly basis and we have 1,070 followers on twitter. The club e-newsletter is emailed directly to over 350 subscribers and reached an average of 1000 readers a month through the Scribd publishing platform. Remarkably all of this is achieved at zero cost to the club.

2013 was a fantastic year. There were the successes, the frustrations, the elations and the disappointments, but we should be especially proud of the exploits of all teams. As we enter 2014 I am confident we have the infrastructure, talent and capabilities

in place on and off the field for a successful year and to continue to build on our stated vision to become 'the most successful GAA club in Tipperary'. Remember that the greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it!

Should you have any feedback to offer please feel free to contact our communications team by emailing eireognenagh@gmail.com Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Is mise le meas,

Jim Nagle
Nenagh Éire Óg Club Chairman



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HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

The Healthy Club Project Mental Health

Awareness night went ahead on January 24th, indeed, the event attracted over 150 members of the public to the Abbey Court Hotel for a warmly-received seminar. Speakers on the night included Cloyne's Conor Cusack and Séamus Hennessy (Kilruane MacDonagh's). In addition a number of organisations were present with information pertaining to the critical area of mental health. Master of ceremonies for the night was juvenile club chairman Michael Geaney who is the team leader for the Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project. Michael is joined on the Healthy Club Project team by Nuala Connolly (team admin), Tom Moylan (children's officer) and community representatives Clare Slattery, (pictured below with Conor) and Greg Browne. Aside from a speech



made by Michael Geaney, Clare Slattery, Greg Browne and Tom Moylan also spoke. Meanwhile the event featured keynote speeches from Conor Cusack and Séamus Hennessy. Conor Cusack, who featured for Cork in 2006 All-Ireland final, spoke passionately about his own mental health issues and stigma which often gets attached to people who suffer from mental illness. Conor revealed that for many years he had lived his life "trying to please others", suffered from panic attacks and lapsed into depression before finally emerging from his difficulties to live a life "true to himself". In an emotional address Conor Cusack explained how he once was

"utterly convinced that my family and friends would be better off without me around", but that he now lived "life not as a problem to be solved, but as a mystery to be lived".

Conor Cusack highlighted the fact that individuals in Ireland were exposed to "unhealthy levels of stress and anxiety" and he appealed to people to seek help.

"There is no shame, no weakness and no softness in admitting that you have a problem with your mental health," Conor Cusack explained.

"You are not alone; you don't have to carry that burden on your own," he said.

"It takes a community to raise a child," Conor Cusack explained.

"This problem won't be solved at a national level. Things can only change at a local level. I can't emphasise enough how important community is."

"It's okay not to feel okay," the Cloyne man concluded.



Seamus, Eddie O'Donnell, Mackie McKenna and Conor after the seminar in the Abbey Court



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Séamus Hennessy, a highly decorated Kilruane MacDonagh's hurler, spoke passionately and highlighted the "impact one person can have on another person". Séamus Hennessy insisted that the most important aspect to the seminar was "what happens next". Séamus asked



Séamus Hennessy addresses the large crowd in attendance at the Abbey Court



Séamus and Conor with Michael Egan of Nenagh based Living Links

everyone in attendance to work to help other people.

"It's about people, community and taking action," Séamus Hennessy said.

In one anecdote Séamus revealed that he had recently encountered Fionnbar Walsh, the father of Kerry teenager Dónal Walsh – although Dónal Walsh died from cancer he had campaigned prior to his death in the area of mental health.

"Dónal Walsh's father told me that if you can't have an impact among your own then what can you do," Séamus Hennessy said as he emphasised a key theme: community. "My fundamental idea is that people help people. It's about

having an impact on one person in your community if you can," Séamus Hennessy, who sadly lost his own mother to suicide, explained.

"What sort of community exists if we don't care for one another," Séamus said.

Séamus Hennessy paid tribute to Michael Geaney and Clare Slattery for the vision they showed to "create a stronger community".

Nenagh Éire Óg club chairman Jim Nagle brought proceedings to close when he encouraged everyone present to "reach out to one person and spread the message".

The Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project team would like to thank Proctor & Gamble and the North Tipperary Leader Partnership for their fantastic support.



Club chairman Jim Nagle, Paul Henry, Shane Connolly, Brian McDonnell, Paudie Gleeson and Enda O'Sullivan pictured at the Healthy Club Project Seminar in the Abbey Court Hotel.



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PRESENTATION NIGHT FOR OUR HURLING AND CAMÓGIE CHAMPS

Our successful Junior Hurling (North junior league), Minor Hurling (North and County Minor), Junior Camógie (County Junior B League and

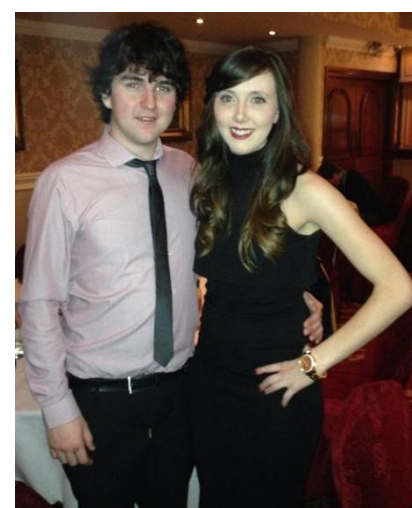
Championship) and Minor Camógie (County Championship) teams were presented with their medals in the Abbey Court hotel recently, following a very successful year in 2013.

A big thank you to the organising committee for their hard work and all who contributed to making the night such a success.

Top Panel: Junior A Hurlers, Camógie Minors, Middle Panel: Minor County champs enjoying their night,

Michael McNamara, Con Morris, Mick Hynes and Greg Brown, Seánie Geaney with Ciara McGrath, Bottom Panel: Noreen Coffey, Bríd

Walsh and Breda Conroy, Valerie and Bob O' Brien with son Bob, Paul Henry, Denise Morris and Shane Connolly





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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

TIPPERARY - 2014 WATERFORD CRYSTAL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to Paddy Murphy and Michael Heffernan who both featured for Tipperary in the Premier's 4-22 to 3-11 Waterford Crystal Cup final win over All-Ireland champions Clare at Páirc na nGael in Limerick. The lads are now featuring in Tipperary's league run and they do so with the very best wishes from everybody in their club and community. Paddy is wearing number 12 in the back row with Michael in front of him in the black helmet.

2014 TEAM MANAGERMENTS:

Chairman: Jim Nagle.

Senior Hurling: Liam Heffernan (manager), John Fitzgerald (coach), Enda Costello & Noel Coffey.

Vice-Chairman: Enda Costello.

Secretary: Declan Bailey.

Junior A Hurling: Ger Tucker (manager) & Donie O'Brien.

Treasurer: Seamus Cleary.

PRO: Brian McDonnell.

Junior B Hurling: Conor Ryan (manager), Derek Lillis, Joe Hanrahan & David Minogue.

North Board Reps: Jim Nagle & Declan Bailey.
County Board Rep: Rory Flannery.

Under-21 Hurling: Ger Tucker (manager), Michael Cleary, Eddie Tucker, Greg Browne & Donie O'Brien.

Club Committee: Rory Flannery, Matt Lillis, Jim Kennedy, Noel Coonan, Martin Morris, Marion Ryan, Bartley Ryan, Noel Tomlinson, Eamon Brennan, Michael Madden, Michael Ryan, Jane Devaney, Willie Jones, Fr Tom Seymour, Eddie Sheary, Liam Heffernan, Paddy O Meara, Noel Coffey, Enda O Sullivan, Jimmy Hourigan, Mark Long, Brian McDonnell, Derek Lillis.

Minor Hurling: Greg Browne (manager), Con Morris, John Manley, Eamon O'Brien & Christy McLoughlin.

2014 CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Presidents: Michael Hynes, Jack Kennedy (RIP), Jimmy Morris, Ger Gavin, Mick Burns, Tommy Mulcahy.



Michael Heffernan enjoying good Nenagh support at the Waterford Crystal semi-final against a UL team which included his brother Tommy and teammate Daire Quinn



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Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship

The senior championship, which features fourteen teams, will be run on a knock-out plus loser's group format. Seven games will be played in the first round with the winners of those games progressing into round two where they will face the losers of the opening round. If you win both games you progress to the quarter-finals while if you lose both games you will be eliminated from the competition. Teams with one win from the opening two rounds will play off for their chance to play in the last eight.

First Round Draw

Burgess v Lorrha-Dorrha
Portroe v Borrisokane
Borris-Ileigh v Moneygall
Templederry Kenyons v Nenagh Éire Óg
Silvermines v Ballina
Roscrea v Kilruane MacDonagh's
Kildangan v Toomevara

Watch Centre Junior A Hurling Championship

Eleven teams will take part in the north Tipperary junior A hurling championship – two groups of six, group winners into the semi-finals with the second and third-placed teams progressing to the quarter-finals. The north finalists will progress to the county quarter-finals.

Group A

Knockshewgowna v Templederry Kenyons
Borris-Ileigh v Toomevara
Kilruane MacDonagh's v Moneygall



Group B

Roscrea v Kildangan
Burgess v Silvermines
Nenagh Éire Óg bye

Watch Centre Junior B Hurling Championship

Ten teams will participate in the junior B hurling championship – two groups of five with the group winners progressing to the semi-finals and the second and third-placed teams progressing to the quarter-finals.

Group A

Ballina v Lorrha-Dorrha
Borris-Ileigh v Borrisokane
Toomevara bye

Group B

Newport v Ballinahinch
Portroe v Nenagh Éire Óg
Silvermines bye

Walsh's of Nenagh Under-21A Hurling Championship

Six teams will participate in the under-21A hurling championship

which will be run on a knock-out and loser's group format.

First Round Draw

Toomevara v Roscrea
Burgess v Kildangan
Kilruane MacDonagh's v Nenagh Éire Óg

Ger Gavin Minor A Hurling Championship

This year's minor A hurling championship did not require a draw since it will be played on a single-group round-robin basis. Seven teams will participate alongside Éire Óg in the minor A hurling championship – one group with the top four progressing to the semi-finals.

First Round

Borris-Ileigh v Kilruane MacDonagh's
Toomevara v Nenagh Éire Óg
Ballina v Newport
Roscrea bye

Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship

Nenagh Éire Óg have been drawn against Clonoulty-Rossmore, Roscrea and the Templederry Kenyons in group one of the Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship. The Blues will face Clonoulty-Rossmore in the opening round on the week-ending April 13th.

Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup

Éire Óg have also been drawn against Burgess in the opening round of the County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup. That game is scheduled to take place on the week-ending Sunday, March 2nd.



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THE 2014 COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP



2014 Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship

Thirty-two teams will participate in the 2014 Tipperary senior hurling championship – these teams will be split into Roinn I and Roinn II based on their 2013 championship performances (see below for all the results of the 2013 championship). It is understood that the opening round of the County Senior Hurling Championship will take place on the week-ending April 13th.

Roinn I

- Seed 1: 4 County Semi-Finalists 2013
- Seed 2: 4 County Quarter-Finalists 2013
- Seed 3: 4 County Round 4 Losers 2013
- Seed 4: 4 County Round 3 Losers 2013

Progress: Two top teams qualify for the last sixteen. Bottom teams are assigned to Roinn II for the 2015 championship. If you finish first or second in your group you get to compete for the Dan Breen Cup in knock-out hurling, but if you finish third (and don't win your division your year is over) and if you finish fourth you are in Roinn II the following year.

Seedings Based On The 2013 Championship

- Seed 1: Loughmore-Castleiney, Nenagh Éire Óg, Kildangan, Borris-Ileigh
- Seed 2: Clonoulty-Rossmore, Killenaule, Drom & Inch, Éire Óg Annacarty-Donohill
- Seed 3: Carrick Swans, Toomevara, Silvermines, Roscrea
- Seed 4: Templederry Kenyons, Burgess, Upperchurch-Drombane, Moycarkey-Borris

Roinn I Draw

- Group 1: Nenagh Éire Óg, Clonoulty-Rossmore, Roscrea, Templederry Kenyons.
- Group 2: Kildangan, Killenaule, Carrick Swans, Upperchurch-Drombane.
- Group 3: Loughmore-Castleiney, Éire Óg Annacarty, Toomevara, Moycarkey-Borris.
- Group 4: Borris-Ileigh, Drom & Inch, Silvermines, Burgess.

Roinn II

- Seed 1: 4 Round 2 Losers 2013
- Seed 2: 4 Round 2 Losers 2013
- Seed 3: 4 Round 1 Losers 2013
- Seed 4: 3 Round 1 Losers 2013 plus the 2013 intermediate champions.

Seedings Based On The 2013 Championship

- (1 & 2) Mullinahone, Holycross-Ballycahill, Cappawhite, JK

Bracken's, Kilruane MacDonagh's, Portroe, Ballingarry, Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams (3 & 4) Carrick Davins, Thurles Sarsfields, Cashel King Cormacs, Moneygall, Boherlahan-Dualla, Lorrha-Dorrha, Borrisokane, Ballina

Roinn II Draw

- Group 1: Carrick Davins, Lorrha, Knockavilla Kickhams, JK Bracken's.
- Group 2: Cashel King Cormacs, Boherlahan-Dualla, Holycross-Ballycahill, Kilruane MacDonagh's.
- Group 3: Borrisokane, Ballina, Mullinahone, Ballingarry.
- Group 4: Moneygall, Thurles Sarsfields, Cappawhite, Portroe.

Progress: Top team in each group qualify for the county last 16 and are also promoted to Roinn I for 2015. Two out of last placed teams in each group to be relegated. If you finish top in your group you go on to compete for Dan Breen. If you finish second or third you are finished for the year and if you finish fourth you go into relegation.

Divisional Championship

Each Tipperary divisional championship in 2014 to be run off on a knock-out plus loser's group format – four divisional champions compete in the county championship last 16 – if divisional winner also wins Roinn I or Roinn II group next highest-ranked team progresses.

County Championship Last 16 2014

Four divisional champions, four Roinn II group winners, four Roinn I group winners and four Roinn I second-placed teams. Seeded draw: four top teams in Roinn I versus four top teams in Roinn II, four divisional champions versus four runners-up in Roinn I. Open draw thereafter.



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CAMÓGIE NEWS



On the inter county Camógie front, it has been an exciting winter for the club with the great news that Pat Sheridan (top left) was voted into the top job in Tipperary camógie. At the recent annual convention Pat was elected county chairperson and takes over the hot seat from Kilruane MacDonagh's Joe Cahill. Pat was involved with establishing camógie in Éire Óg and was club chairman for a number of years over seeing the growth of camógie in the club. We wish Pat well in his new role and know he will be equally successful with Tipperary.

Also we wish Greg Browne (top right) well in his recent appointment as Tipperary under 14 manager. Greg was manager of

various camógie and hurling teams within the club, more recently with the minor hurlers who have won two North and County minor titles in a row. On top of that both Shane Connolly and Paul Henry (pictured right) have been appointed managers of the Tipperary Intermediate team. This is Tipperary's second adult team and is an important step for players who are developing into future senior stars with the county. Both Paul and Shane bring a wealth of experience and were in charge of the club's Junior B team that won both league and championship honours. We wish all four the very best in 2014 in their new roles.



Congratulations to the Tipperary minor Camogie team who opened their championship campaign with a comprehensive 5-11 to 0-01 victory over Clare. **Alanna Morris**, wearing the number four jersey, played corner back and had an excellent game. **Rachel Maher** was also part of the panel and we wish the team the very best for the year ahead.

Thanks to the Official Tipperary Camógie Facebook Page for the photograph.



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CAMÓGIE NEWS

This month we profile Éire Óg and Tipperary Minor camogie player, Alanna Morris

Name: Alanna Morris

Age: 17

Occupation: Student, St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh

Earliest memories of the club: Captaining the under twelve team that won the U12 C final (the club's first ever under twelve title)

Biggest influence on your career: My Dad (he is always

advising me on what to do)

Who is your biggest fan? My "mammy", watch her celebrate a goal I once scored <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36TOeZDDlu0>

Advice to young players: Train hard, stay positive, prepare well for games, the club is everything

Favourite food: Spaghetti

Favourite drink: Fanta

Favourite camogie player and why? Caoimhe Maher, she is so determined and skilful

Favourite hurler and why? Mikey Heffernan, he is a great leader for the club

Who is your toughest

opponent? Grace O'Brien



Alanna being presented with a Tipp top by her uncle, sponsor Martin Morris

Proudest moment/achievement with Éire Óg? Winning the Junior B final and being captain (Here is Alanna receiving the trophy on behalf of her wonderful team mates and of course her "mammy" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F91g8RWGo6I>)

Favourite film: The Hunger Games

Favourite music? Hip-hop
Are you interested in any sports outside of camogie/hurling? Soccer (Alanna plays soccer for Nenagh Town)
Tell us something interesting about you that we don't know: I'm interested in politics (I wonder where that interest stemmed from?)



Well done to Zoe Gratton (second from right, front row) and teammates from everyone in the club

The club wish to congratulate **Nenagh College** on their superb win in the Munster Colleges Intermediate Camogie championship final played in Nenagh on Saturday 18th January. They defeated Coláiste Iosaf from Kilmallock on a scoreline of 4-06 to 1-06. The club was represented on the team by **Zoe Gratton** who played in the unusual position of full forward. More accustomed to the half back line Zoe acquitted herself well grabbing an excellent point while also setting up other scores for her teammates and causing general mayhem in the Limerick's sides full back line.

A special thank you to the teachers and coaches of the team who so generously volunteered their time to look after this team and bring them this success. Without the teachers in all the schools in the town Gaelic games would not enjoy the strong position it currently does in our parish.

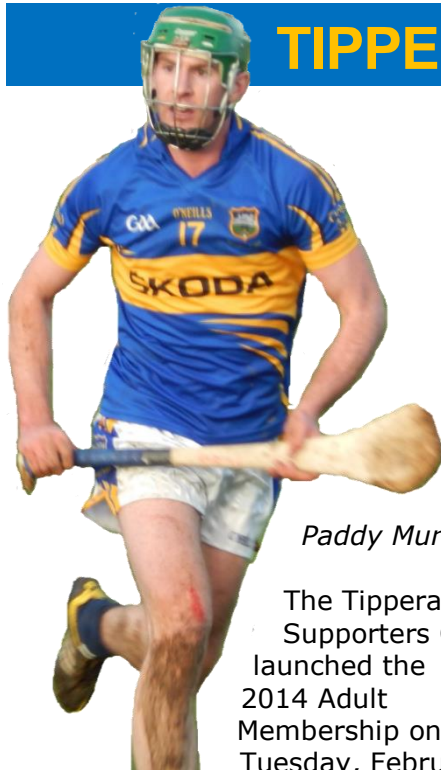


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TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB 2014



Paddy Murphy

The Tipperary Supporters Club launched the 2014 Adult Membership on Tuesday, February

4th at the Horse & Jockey Hotel. Michael Ryan, Assistant Manager, performed the launch and thanked the Tipperary Supporters Club for all their help and urged all Tipperary Supporters to join as a practical way of showing support for the team. Membership of the Tipperary Supporters Club for 2014 is now available on tippsupportersclub.com or from usual local sellers and the member's gift is a light soft feel 100% Polyester Neck Scarf, 1.2m x 15cm, specially produced in the traditional Blue & Gold Colours of Tipperary and featuring The Tipperary Supporters Club Official Logo. To see an image of this stylish scarf go to tippsupportersclub.com.

In addition each Adult Membership Card will be accompanied by a Tipperary Supporters Car/Window Sticker. Adult Members will be entered in Ticket Draws for five pairs of stand tickets before each of Tipperary's 2014 Munster and All-Ireland championship games. They will also be entered in a Draw for an All-Ireland Hurling Weekend stay at the Four Star Louis Fitzgerald Hotel,

Dublin (match tickets included), if Tipperary reach the senior final. Also members can access a discount scheme and will get Championship and League team announcements by text as well as regular updates by email on team news and events. Adult Membership will cost €30 (unchanged since 2005). Supporters can join on line on tippsupportersclub.com by credit card or debit/laser card. If you want to give membership as a present, a gift voucher is available on the website. Also on the website details are available of the direct debit facility; as the Club is run on a completely voluntary basis it would be a great help if members could join by direct debit. We will make contact with those members who have joined by direct debit in previous years. If joining by post please send a cheque or postal order payable to Tipperary Supporters Club to Jim Reidy, 13 Castleknock Close, Dublin 15 (086-3580718, email: info@tippsupportersclub.com). Juveniles should click on the link below to avail of free Junior Membership <http://www.tippsupportersclub.com/join/junior-members/> and existing Junior Members will be automatically renewed and do not need to make contact unless they wish to update their contact details.

The Committee is actively seeking more people interested in helping the Tipperary hurling effort. The plan is to extend the adult membership base further and anybody who would like to take some Supporters Club memberships to join up their friends is welcome to contact Supporters Club PRO, John



Coman on 087-9087105 or by email at info@tippsupportersclub.com.

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The Tipperary Supporters Club thanks Ryan Motor Power for its generous sponsorship

ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE FIXTURES 2014

Saturday, February 15 **Division 1A**

Tipperary v Waterford

Sunday, February 23

Kilkenny v Tipperary

Saturday, March 8

Tipperary v Clare

Sunday, March 16

Galway v Tipperary,

Sunday, March 23

Tipperary v Dublin, Venue Nenagh

Sunday, March 30

Division 1 quarter-finals:

Sunday, April 13

Promotion play offs:

Sunday, April 20

Division 1 semi-finals

Sunday, May 4

Division 1 Final



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NENAGH HANDBALL CLUB



Nenagh's Eamonn Spillane and Gerry Foley (Ballinahinch) before their Munster Final clash against John Joe Fahy and Pat Henerbry of Limerick



Sinéad Meagher, All-Ireland Colleges silver medallist with coach Eamonn Spillane.

It's been a very busy and successful spring for Nenagh Handball Club. Sinéad Meagher started the year by winning the Broadford Tournament. This was a great achievement as the competition included Munster's finest young handballers. She then went on to take a Silver medal in the All-Ireland Colleges finals representing The Convent School and Tipperary.

Eimear Meagher and The Morris sisters, Katie and Meaghan added County Titles to the tally. Sinéad and Katie are still in the hunt for Munster medals and we wish the best of luck.

There were also great runs for Cameron Spillane and Eoin Meagher. Cameron reached a

North singles final and a Gael Linn Munster Doubles semi with Katie Morris. Eoin reached a Munster Minor semi-final and represented the C.B.S. at the All-Ireland Colleges Finals.

Michael McNamara and Brian Darcy reached a Munster Junior B quarter-final, losing out to Kerry opposition.

Pride of place though goes to Eamonn Spillane and Gerry Foley (Ballinahinch) who won the Munster Final of the Diamond Masters B Doubles competition. They play Connaught opposition in the All-Ireland semi-final scheduled for the weekend of March 15/16. The very best of luck to Eamonn and Gerry!



Left: under-13 County Final winner, Katie Morris, Bottom Left: under-11 County Final winner Meaghan Morris, Bottom Right: under-14 County Final winner Eimear Meagher.



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG HISTORY PROJECT

2014 is a significant year in the history of the GAA as it marks the 130th anniversary of the foundation of the association in the Hayes Hotel in Thurles. But did you know that just three weeks and one day later seven men sat down in our town and founded the very first GAA club in the parish and one of the first in the country? Simply entitled *Nenagh*, our very first hurling club was born, one of seventeen affiliated clubs in the parish since the foundation of the Association. Not only that but careful genealogy studies have shown that five of the seven founding fathers have relatives down to great-great-grandchildren/nieces/ nephews currently living in Nenagh. The team had their first training session in *Dillon's Field*, just past the old Augustinian priory on the turn off for Ballinaclogh. This field, while in



North Minor Final 1955. Mick Burns is raised shoulder high. 0. to r: Paddy Gleeson, Bobby Morgan, Colm Considine (sideface, behind), Roger Cawley (behind him), Mick Burns, Seán Duignan, Kieran McDonnell, Gerard Irvine, Liam McKenna, Jack White, Noel O'Meara.

North Tipperary Under Sixteen hurling title in 1993. This is just one of countless gems of information that will be available when our history book is published in 2014. Co-authored by Donal A. Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Nancy Murphy, this promises to be a must for all followers of local Gaelic games. The book, however, isn't solely a history of hurling and football in the town but encompasses a wide range of

topics including Scór, Handball, Camogie and the social, environmental and business history of the parish along with touching on the past of our neighbouring parishes. The idea of the book was first mooted in 1995 by Paddy Burke and Matt

Manley and in 2006 then chairman, Ger Gavin, very wisely approached well-known local historian and author Donal Murphy to undertake the mammoth task. With all the research and checking the accuracy of facts, history books take a long

time from the initial idea to publication. But from talking to both PJ and Donal it appears as if this book will be well worth the wait.

Both men are extremely enthusiastic about the book and were full of interesting anecdotes and enjoyed making the connections between the past and present, a key feature of the book they assured me. The original club in the town was formed out of a very strong cricket club, a game that was

hugely popular at the time. Many GAA clubs around the country were originally cricket clubs and players found the transition from cricket bat to hurley an easy transformation. This is a topic brilliantly covered by Pat Bracken and Michael Ó Dwyer in their excellent histories of cricket in counties Tipperary and Kilkenny. Today we facilitate the Nenagh Cricket Club in MacDonagh Park who make use of our facilities.

The first majorly successful club in the town was Nenagh Literary Institute who won county Tipperary senior football titles in 1911 and 1915. Interestingly, prominent names on those teams, Cleary, Flannery and Costello among others, are still found in the club among the playing and administrative sides. Nenagh also played a huge role in the administrative side of the association in the early years of the GAA. Frank R. Maloney, related to Hugh and Noel on our current senior team, was a vice-president of the GAA early on. Maloney was a prime mover in organising a famous match involving the first North Tipperary team that took on South Galway in the Phoenix Park in Dublin. Maloney was also heavily involved in organising the



the townland of Tyone, is actually in the parish of Silvermines. The field itself belongs to former Nenagh CBS primary school teacher Eamon Dillon who won a North Tipperary senior hurling title in 1973 when the 'Mines defeated Roscrea. Eamon's son Paul captained Éire Óg to a



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first North Tipperary Committee and Tipperary County Committee in 1886 (today known as the North Board and County Board). Frank, a highly respected referee, was the man in the middle when Tipperary took on Kilkenny in the very first All-Ireland semi-final played in Urlingford in 1888. Another unique and interesting feature of the book is that in all the major games recorded, not only are the Nenagh teams listed but also the players from the opposition teams. This will allow veterans recall who they marked in various battles and should be of importance to other clubs. There are also a number of interviews with key personnel in the book including Matt Manley, Dick Hogan, Bobby Morgan and Joe Daly. Joe Daly, a native of Armagh and principal of the Boys National School, was an excellent footballer and his presence reminds us that Nenagh is a stranger's paradise. Joe, along with a number of other outsiders, provided the back bone of our successful football teams in the 1940s. A large number of outsiders, prominent Gardaí, teachers and workers from the Department of Agriculture, all played a huge role in the development of the GAA in our town. Clare man Canon Hamilton's contribution to hurling in Nenagh was immense. He organised street leagues which helped revive interest

in hurling and these leagues were at the time very innovative and were a huge promotion of hurling. He was a huge supporter of the Gaelic League and the Irish language. The prize for winning the street leagues was a two-week trip to the Gaelteacht in Cul Aodha in Cork. This was a massive prize as such a trip at the time was beyond the financial means of most people in the town. Not only that but Nenagh people have also returned the favour in other parts of the country, Paddy Burke established a hurling team in Westmeath while John Walsh played a major role in the acquisition of Thurles Sports Field which today is better known as Semple Stadium. Nenagh's relationship with our current-day rivals in the past may surprise many. There once was a team called "Toomevara and Nenagh United" while Nenagh and De Wets formed a combination that had a very successful period together. De Wets were the predecessors of the Kilruane MacDonaghs club.

There are many light-hearted accounts recorded including the time Nenagh objected to their opposition because their goalkeeper was not wearing the proper togs. Nenagh were told that "he was a delicate chap and entitled to wear trousers on a cold day".

This book will be published in two volumes, Volume One will focus on the early years of the GAA in the town while



Volume Two will cover the period right up to the modern day. There will also be an innovative CDROM with the book which will include numerous Guardian reports, photographs and other material which did not make the book and help bring a modern approach to recording history.

This is the last chance for anyone who wishes to have a photograph or other information included in the book. If you have a photograph, memorabilia, AGM report or anything else that might be of interest to us please contact any of the authors or the club directly at eireognenagh@gmail.com. Please don't assume we already have that information or photograph, everything will be handled carefully and gratefully returned.

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THAT BEATS BANAGHER! - KEVIN WHELAN CONTINUES TO BRING NENAGH'S HISTORY TO LIFE.

Up to the middle of the last century Faction-Fighting was a sort of institution in Ireland and especially in Tipperary where it all began. Members of opposite factions would meet when there was a fair day in Nenagh where they met expressly to fight. A special hour and place was fixed for the encounter. The fairs at that time were held at Tyone. Some of the names of the gangs were colourful, these included The Black Hens, The Boothashees and the Do Harms. The most notorious gangs from this area were The Dingers and the Downer's. They met regularly and fought in bloody battles where many many were severely injured and sometimes killed.

The choice of weapon was a cudgel and sometimes they would put nails in it to further inflict more severe injury to his opponent. Gangs of up to 100 would be fighting so the Police had no control over these fights. A report in Freemans Journal in 1815 report's "We are sorry to inform our readers that a faction fight took place in Nenagh on June 14th where fighting took place for several hours with a great number

severely wounded". In one particular court case where a member of a gang was charged with the murder of a member of another gang the Defence argued that the slain man had a very thin skull and that if he had a thicker skull he would not have died. The judge agreed and the accused got off scott free. In other words, it was his opponent's fault that he had a thin skull!

Faction fighting came to an end when Daniel O'Connell, the Great Liberator came to Nenagh and held a monster meeting out at Grange, just past where the meat factory is now. O'Connells main emphasis was on Catholic emancipation but he included in his speech a condemnation of faction fighting in Nenagh, his point being, that he was trying to represent the Irish as a nation who were capable of running their own affairs but how could he stand up in Parliament and represent Ireland as a civilized nation when the Irish were behaving like uncivilised people who met and beat the hell out of each other every fair day. So began the demise of faction fighting in this



area on a large scale. It continued for several decades after but slowly faded out. Just on another note, I'm sure many readers have heard the saying "Well that beats Banagher". This saying comes from the bloodiest faction fight that ever took place in Ireland in Banagher where gangs fought for two days and several gang members were killed including a policeman who tried to intervene. So if anything is huge or hard to fathom we use the expression "Well that beats Banagher"

Happily faction fighting is a thing of the past but on occasions it nearly raises its head when we are playing certain opponents who shall remain nameless!! Hon Éire Óg!!



DARYL'S CAREER WATCH!

Things are only getting better for our former hurling star as reported in the Irish Independent on February 14th:

"IRISH actor **Daryl McCormack** has been tipped as one to watch out for by Hollywood producers. And proving he has what it takes, the 21-

year-old made it through to the last round of auditions for the next 'Star Wars: Episode VII' film, being brought to the silver screen by JJ Abrams.

Daryl, whose mother is from Tipperary and father is from America, beat thousands of hopefuls to make it to

the last stage of the selection process. Although he narrowly missed out on the role, he's been told he's now on the Hollywood casting agents' books for future projects - as they loved him on screen."

You get the feeling that it's only a matter of time.



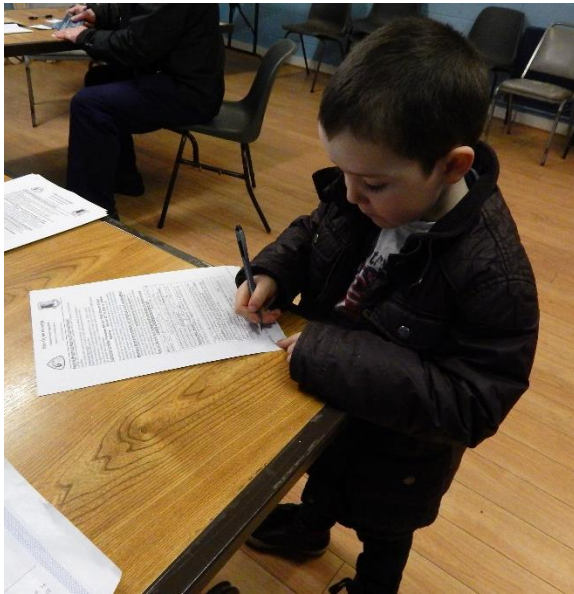
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ÉIRE ÓG'S FIRST NEW RECRUIT OF 2014



Keith McGowan signing his papers for the first time on juvenile registration night in the complex. We hope he has many happy years with us. Welcome to the club, Keith

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN



Santa came to visit our under 6 & 8 hurlers as a reward for their great behaviour during the year. He told them that he was a pretty good goalie in his day!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Éire Óg juveniles will be marching in the St Patrick's Day parade. It's a wonderful tradition and the boys have a great day. Texts with more information will be sent out shortly



Our successful under 14 North Football champions were presented with their medals in the complex before Christmas

GUM SHIELD RULES 2014

Gaelic footballers in all age grades must wear a mouthguard from January 1st 2014

- It is the responsibility of each individual player to use a mouthguard
- A properly fitted mouthguard is the best available protective

device for reducing the incidence and severity of sports-related dental injuries

- Players can be sent-off in a game for not wearing a mouthguard
- Players will not be covered under the GAA player injury scheme if

they don't comply with the mouthguard rule

- No Mouthguard? No Game!

The football season will be kicking over the next few weeks. Remember, you will not be allowed to **TRAIN** or **PLAY** without your CE marked gum shield available in all sports shops.



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JUVENILE COMMITTEE 2014

AGM: Thank you to everybody who attended the recent Juvenile AGM. It was a very positive meeting and the following are the committee members for 2014 –

Chairman: Michael Geaney,
Secretary: Anne Kennedy,
Treasurer: Gerry Robinson,
Assistant Treasurer: Cyril Griffin,
Child Welfare Officer: Tommy Moylan,
Registrar: Ger McCarthy,
PRO: Catherine McTiernan,
School Liaison Officer: Phil Hennessy,
Equipment Officer: Shane Connolly,
Handball: Eamon Spillane.



Well done to Fiona Hennessy, Evan Murphy, Seán McTiernan and Daniel O' Donovan who represented the club in the Inaugural Scór, Tráth na gCéist in Moyne Temple last month. They were very young when compared to the winners but were still only a point off being placed. If any quizzier out there would like to help prepare study questions for them, we will have another attempt at it next year.

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JUVENILE MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Juvenile membership for 2014 is now due. The fees remain unchanged at €25 per player and €50 for two or more. There are also family membership deals available with more information on the club website.

For insurance purposes, unregistered players will not be allowed to compete in games. You can contact juvenile club

registrar Ger McCarthy on 087 6539229 with any issues regarding registration.

The juvenile club are also selling Éire Óg Beanie hats at a subsidised price of €5. One size fits all and they're flying out the door so get in with your order to **Shane Connolly** on 087 637 3830.

Don't miss out!



It appears that the club just can't stop producing fabulous TV acting talent at the moment. In 2013 Daryl McCormack appeared in two advertisements, one for the referendum commission and the second for Spar. Now Camogie star Brenda O' Sullivan has decided to get in on the act appearing in the Nakoo ad on

RTE. Dressed in her Taekwon-Do gear, Brenda cuts a formidable figure which will ensure none of her opponents on the GAA fields will dare mess with her!!! Another of our local businesses is featured in the advertisement which is great to see. **CLICK ON IMAGE.** Brenda can be seen at 0.08 seconds



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ENGLISH RUGBY INTERNATIONAL VISITS MACDONAGH PARK

On Sunday 16th February the club hosted the Shrewsbury College rugby team who were taught the basics of the ancient craft of hurling under the guidance of local councillor Seamie Morris and his brother Con (pictured left). The school team were here as part of the sports tourism initiative undertaken by Seamie and were also given a demonstration of Hurley making and visited the University of Limerick to watch an exhibition match.

The group included former English rugby scrum half international **Shaun Perry** (wearing hat) who won fourteen caps for his country. In fact in 2006 on his debut he scored a try against the All Blacks. Perry, who played with Bristol, CA Brive and Worcester Warriors during his professional career took to the game of hurling with ease and no doubt would have made a fine hurler. The group all enjoyed themselves and had a wonderful day learning and playing hurling.

Thanks to Tom Doherty for photographs.



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The weekly club lotto is a main source of financing for the club and costs just €2. You can buy a ticket in a number of the local shops, from a member of our team of lotto sellers or you can consider buying a yearly ticket for €100. Alternatively, of course, you can play the Éire Óg club lotto online – click [here!](#) Your support is essential for the maintenance of facilities, playing equipment, affiliation fees, insurance, utility bills, team preparation and other administrative costs so please be generous and buy a lotto ticket every week.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AN ÉIRE ÓG CLASSIC WIN, WE HAVE AN EXTENDED REPORT FROM THE 1964 NORTH HURLING FINAL

In 1964 Éire Óg, after a seven year gap were North Tipperary senior hurling champions following a great win over Roscrea in MacDonagh Park. Unfortunately it would take another twenty eight years before we tasted this success again. Here is the full match report from The Guardian dated October 1st, 1964

North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions, Roscrea, were sent crashing from their throne Sunday, when they were beaten by an inspired Éire Óg to take their first senior hurling crown since 1957. Éire Óg's form was a revelation and must have astonished even the most optimistic of their own followers among the attendance of 3,800. From first to last they hurled with a daring, dashing will to win and made a mockery of those who had doubted their ability.

Many felt that Éire Óg would make a good fight of it, but only a good fight; their own fervent supporters said they would win, but who expected to see Roscrea, on the crest of the wave, fold up to the tune of 5-12 to 2-5. Éire Óg reached undreamed of heights in the opening ten minutes, and the holders had no answer to their brilliant first-time hurling. If this brilliance dimmed somewhat later, their determination never faltered and the fact that they were going as strong at the finish as at the start was a tribute to their trainer, Garda Jim Hughes.

Roscrea could never match the Nenagh team in the first half but the holders did improve after the interval and for a period were in command but failed to push home their advantage. The superbly fit



Éire Óg side finished the stronger and Roscrea's second goal came almost in the last minute. The difference between the teams was that Éire Óg were expertly served in almost every position, whereas although Roscrea had a number of players to match their opponents these could not compensate for the shortcomings of the remainder. There were scenes of great excitement after the Éire Óg captain, Mick Burns, had been presented with the Frank McGrath Cup by Mr Jim Ryan, Chairman of the North Tipperary Board. This excitement continued into the evening and bonfires blazed in celebration of Éire Óg's great triumph that brought the title to Nenagh for the third time in almost half a century.

It was a colourful scene as the teams, with Éire Óg in light blue and Roscrea in their familiar red jerseys, paraded over the green sward of MacDonagh Park in the late September sunshine behind the Nenagh C.B.S. band. The pitch was

in perfect trim and a credit to the grounds man, Mr Jack Roberts, who had put so much work into it the previous week in preparation for the big day.

GREAT START

Roscrea won the toss and Éire Óg were, set to play, into the town goals. The Nenagh team were the first to attack and from a line ball out on the left Mick Burns centred beautifully but the ball was cleared and Roscrea raced into the attack. From Francis Loughnane's drive, Johnny McGrath, pulling first time in the air drove the ball downfield. Back came the holders and Mickey Nolan raced down the centre to drive over their first point. Hardly had the cheers of the Roscrea supporters died away when Gerry Quinlan brought Éire Óg supporters to their feet as he broke his way past two defenders, pushed the ball up to his full-forward line and Oliver Tucker was on hand to turn it into the Roscrea net. Éire Óg were hurling as if their very lives



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depended on it and Roscrea reeled backwards as the side in the light blue jerseys again went on the attack and Terry Moloney, with a great effort, hammered the ball to the net for the second time. Michael Kearns tried to work his way through but was held and from the free Moloney drove the ball high and straight between the posts and minutes later Pádraig Kennedy sent over a great point from way out on the left wing. In a Roscrea attack Connie Cleere saved well from John Dillon and McGrath cleared up-field, and then came the greatest goal of the game as Michael Kearns rounded Niall Heffernan, bore down on the Roscrea goals and with a left-handed drive gave Leo Dooley no chance whatsoever with a ball that rocketed into the top of the net, and unbelievably the Nenagh team were ahead by 3-3 to 0-1 with less than nine minutes of play gone.

STRUCK TOP FORM

In those opening nine minutes Éire Óg had really struck top form and though their standard dropped somewhat for the remainder of the first half, it was nevertheless, top class and it would be difficult to level any kind of criticism at such a display of hurling skill and fervour. Roscrea had no answer to the play of the new champions and never really recovered from their whirlwind start. After Kearns goal the Nenagh team again got back on the attack and forced a 70 that Leo Dooley saved and cleared up-field and Francis Loughnane scored the holder's second point. A free to Éire Óg was pointed by Moloney and then a drive by Kearns went wide. Dooley saved a shot from Adrian Ayres before Moloney chalked up goal number four for the still rampant Nenagh team, as he connected with, a cross by Pádraig Kennedy. Loughnane kept Roscrea hopes alive with a point, and at the



Mick Burns held aloft by supporters

other end Kennedy was wide for Éire Óg, their third and last wide of the first half. Roscrea began to come more into the game, and Johnny McGrath swept the ball almost off the toes of the holder's full forward, John Dillon, and out of play. Roscrea had their fourth score when Nolan took a pass from Barney Hogan to swing over a point. Hogan moved back to midfield to partner Mick Minogue with Pat Dynan moving to the full-forward line.

Again Moloney was on the mark with a point from a free for Éire Óg and after Dooley had saved a shot by Tony Tierney, the Nenagh team had three points in succession, the first from a long-range free by Mick Burns and the remaining two coming from Ayres and Kennedy. Roscrea had a chance from a 21 yards free but Loughnane's shot at goal was saved, and a row developed near the Nenagh goalmouth. The holders were given a second 21 yards free and on this occasion Loughnane drove over a point, and seconds later the half-

time whistle went to leave Éire Óg ahead by 4-7 to 0-5.

ROSCREA CHANGES

For the second half Roscrea completely re-arranged their back division. Kieran Carey took over at centre-back with Pat Dynan on his right and Patsy Boland on his left. Mick Hogan moved to full back, Owen Killoran to left corner-back and Cronin Murphy to right corner-back. Jimmy Carroll, who had come, on as a substitute for Niall Heffernan, was now up in the full-forward line. Minutes after the restart Éire Óg came very near to increasing their lead as Michael Kearns again rounded his opponent and fired in a shot that hit Dooley on the shoulder and went out for a 70 which Burns drove to the left of the posts. The ball was knocked back into play and an Éire Óg player took a quick shot that went wide. The Nenagh team increased their lead when Kennedy whipped over a point, and Roscrea came back for a similar score by Nolan. Kearns was fouled as he tried to work his way through the Roscrea defence and from the free, Moloney was again on the target for a point. Roscrea were in command for a period but the Éire Óg defence was equal to all demands on it. Finally, the holders got through for a goal they richly deserved as a Nenagh defender blundered and Jimmy Carroll drove the ball to the net. The holders had a great chance from a 21 yards free but Jimmy Carroll missed his stroke and on the second attempt off the ground drove the ball wide.

Éire Óg had been playing "seconds" to the holders for quite a spell but now began to fight their way back on top. Kearns, who had moved to the half forward line in a switch with Ayres, won possession in the middle of the field, broke away and "flicked" out a pass to the unmarked Kennedy who promptly slammed it



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between the posts for another point. Minutes later the Nenagh team scored again, Ayres sending ever a great point from cut near the sideline.

Play was scrappy at this stage and each side had a number of wides. Hogan reduced arrears for the holders with a point and when Loughnane was fouled the same player duly pointed the free. The Nenagh team were four clear goals ahead at this stage, and this was increased to five as Ayres connected with a cross by Tucker and slammed the ball to the net. The crowd was streaming from the grounds as Moloney pointed another Éire Óg free, and then in the last minute Loughnane raced through to crash home Roscrea's second goal.

MAJOR HONOURS

It was a great display by the Éire Óg team and one that will long be remembered in the division, for not even their most carefree optimists could have foreseen so resounding a victory. It was essentially a team achievement, but one player stood head and shoulders above all others and that was Éire Óg's midfielder, Phil Hennessy. Hennessy was immense for the entire hour, raining long drives into the heart of Roscrea territory and completely outplaying those sent to curb his activities. Hennessy, who has been in London for some time past, has taken up employment with a Nenagh firm and will be training with the remainder of his team mates for their semi-final clash with the winners of the Holycross-Marlfield tie.

Hennessy was the man of the hour for the Nenagh team but Eddie



O'Donnell, Johnny McGrath and Michael Kearns must all claim very high ratings for their displays. O'Donnell gave a tremendous display in the first half, time and again coming through to clear his lines and he was equally effective after the interval. McGrath had another great hour at full back, despite the fact that for the entire second half he played with a nasty head injury that later necessitated five stitches, and Kearns had his best ever game in senior ranks and repeatedly had the Roscrea defence in trouble as he moved goal wards.

That quartet were truly outstanding for the winners, but Mick Burns, Terry Moloney, Adrian Ayres and Pádraig Kennedy all contributed handsomely. Burns was always in control of his area, Moloney was leading scorer with two great goals despite the presence of Kieran Carey and from five frees had a hundred per cent success. Ayres had an old leg wound received in a college game re-opened and later had two stitches inserted in the injury, but both he and Kennedy picked off some great scores. The efforts of those already mentioned would have hardly met with such outstanding success but for the heroics of Phil Murray, Paddy Kearns, Tony Tierney, Christy Morgan, Ollie Tucker, Gerry Quinlan and goalkeeper Ollie Cleere.

FAILED TO COME UP TO EXPECTATIONS

'Roscrea did not deserve to be beaten by thirteen points but on the day's play were inferior to the challengers. A number of their players failed to come up to expectations. Leo Dooley made some fine saves in goal and had little chance with the five that beat him, while Kieran Carey, Mick Minogue, Barney Hogan, Francis Loughnane, Donie Moloney battled hard all the way.

Éire Óg scores came from: T. Moloney (2-5), A. Ayres (1-2), P. Kennedy (0-4), M. Kearns (1-0), O. Tucker (1-0), M. Burns (0-1). Roscrea scorers were: F. Loughnane (1-3), J. Carroll (1-0), B. Hogan (0-2), M. Nolan (6-2), J. Dillon (0-1).

Éire Óg: C. Cleere (goal); C. Morgan, J. McGrath, E. O'Donnell; M. Burns (capt.), P. Murray, P. Kearns; P. Hennessy, T. Tierney; a. Ayres, G. Quinlan, P. Kennedy; M. Kearns, T. Moloney, O. Tucker.

Roscrea: L. Dooley (goal); M. Hogan, K. Carey, N. Heffernan, C. Murphy, P. Roland, O. Killoran; P. Dynan (capt.), M. Minogue; S. Carroll, M. Nolan, F. Loughnane; B. Hogan, J. Dillon, D. Moloney. Sub: J. Carroll for Heffernan.

Referee: M. Carey (Ballinahinch).