



# NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG

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**NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG SENIORS RECORD THEIR SECOND WIN OF THE SEASON OVER TEMPLEDERRY**



**ALL-IRELAND STAR AND COUNTY WINNING CAPTAIN CONOR O' DONOVAN SHARES ADVICE WITH YOUNG HURLERS**



## JUVENILE SUCCESS IN NORTH TIPP DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS



It was a great month for North Tipperary divisional hurling and for Éire Óg juvenile club who had three players on the team that regained the Roger Ryan Cup held in Toome at the start of the month. Jake Morris, Conor Bonar and Mark O' Farrell are hardworking talents on our under-16 team and it was great to see them reap the rewards. Congratulations also go to under-14 hurler Evan Murphy who helped North Tipp to a Peadar Cummins Tournament win. They beat Mid Tipp 3-10 to 0-8 in the semis and later recorded a 4-12 to 0-4 victory over South Tipp in the final. Well done to Evan and all the players and to the management team of Liam Hogan, James McGrath, David Moran and Shane Hodgins.





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# THE BLUES 10K RUN

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**SUNDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30AM**  
**5K RUN/FAMILY FUN WALK**

**PRIZES!**

**10K RUN**

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***Registration Opens at 9am, Final Registration 10am!***

**Commencing MacDonagh Park, Nenagh at 10.30am**  
**5K Run and Walk Commences 11am.**

**Prizes: 10K Run - €100 First Place Male and Female.**  
**€50 Second Place Male and Female. €25 Third Place Male and Female.**  
**Prizes 5k Run - €50 First Place Male and Female.**  
**Spot prizes for walkers.**  
**Parking on site.**

**Entry Fee 10K Run - €15 \*(€12 pre-registered)**  
**Entry Fee 5K Run - €10**  
**Entry Fee Walkers - €5 per Family**  
**Pre-registration on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 7pm and Sat. 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 1pm at MacDonagh Park Complex\***  
**Contact: Shane (087) 6373830**

**CAN YOU HELP? IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR FREE ON SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> COULD YOU CONTACT SHANE CONNOLLY ON 087 6373830. ANY AND ALL HELP APPRECIATED.**



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### HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT



## Nenagh Éire Óg HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT



A NIGHT OF HOPE AND CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**TONY BUTLER S.M.A. MISSIONARY**

FR TONY WILL TELL US HOW HE HAS FOUND A WAY THROUGH HIS DEPRESSION AND NOW GIVES HOPE TO OTHERS

The Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project team will host the second Well Being & Mental Health Seminar on Friday, June 6th at 8pm in the Abbey Court Hotel. Admission is free. The main speaker on the night is Tony Butler (SMA Missionary, pictured below)). Fr Tony will tell us how he has found a way through his depression and give hope to others. This event is open to all and represents an opportunity for club members and the wider community to become informed on the many issues surrounding depression and mental health. In addition there will be feedback from the team's first event and the plan for the future. For more information on the Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project please click [here](#).

**ADMISSION  
FREE**

**The journey continues**

The Healthy Club Project Team invites you to an evening with Tony Butler

**Friday 6th June  
8pm**

**Abbey Court Hotel  
Nenagh**



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## GAA HEALTHY CLUBS PROJECT



The Healthy Clubs Project celebrated its first anniversary this month with a Munster meeting at Beaufort Gaa in Kerry with Nenagh Éire Óg being represented by Michael Geaney and Clare Slattery.

Éire Óg's Healthy Clubs committee remain totally committed to the project in the future especially in the areas of mental health awareness and social inclusion. These issues are at the heart of all communities and even small steps can a big difference in the quality of a person's life. The support of the whole club is needed to drive this worthwhile project forward and we hope to see you all in the Abbey Court for our follow-up well-being and mental health awareness night. Please spread the word. You never know who needs to hear it.

## GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT..... IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS!







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## OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG



This super photo of Noel Tomlinson was taken recently at a Junior A match.



Éire Óg's Willie Bolger pictured in Hanoi wishing the Blues all the very best before their last Templederry match. Bring your jersey or flag with you on your travels this summer and send us your photos!



Mikey Heffernan in action for Tipp against Wexford's Lee Chin in a recent challenge.



Kerryman Joe Crowley is raising money for St. Vincent de Paul by walking 32 marathons in 32 counties. He completed his Tipperary challenge for this worthy cause in Nenagh. Joe is pictured above receiving a donation from Éire Óg. Also in photo, Nuala Connolly, Michael Geaney and Enda O' Sullivan





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## HIBERNIAN INN NORTH TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hibernian Inn North  
Tipperary  
Senior Hurling  
Championship  
Nenagh Éire Óg 2-  
18  
Templederry  
Kenyons 1-11**

Following a recent encounter between the sides in the county championship this clash with Templederry was expected to be another tough match. And, it did not disappoint. In the end Éire Óg registered a fine win, but Templederry lost nothing in defeat. The Kenyons are a fine side which no one should take for granted.



Éire Óg got off to an enterprising start at MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan on Sunday evening and led 1-3 to no-score after ten minutes.

Playing with the wind early points from Barry Heffernan, Tommy Heffernan and Donnacha Quinn set the Blues on their way before Tommy Heffernan lashed a shot into the roof of the Templederry net from a placed ball in the seventh minute.

Adrian Ryan and Donnacha Quinn then traded frees before Éanna Murray stole in for a Templederry goal

in the 14th minute – 1-4 to 1-1.

Points from Tommy Heffernan and Michael McNamara (free) were responded to by Templederry to leave three between them (1-6 to 1-3) by the 21st minute.

Three Nenagh points, courtesy of Killian Gleeson, Barry Heffernan and Michael Heffernan, stretched the Éire Óg led to six and although Adrian Ryan responded for the Kenyons the Blues hit five points without reply in the closing minutes of the opening half to leave ten in it at the break – 1-14 to 1-4. Killian Gleeson, Michael Heffernan (two), Tommy Heffernan and Barry Heffernan (left) were responsible for these efforts.

Points from Adrian Ryan and Gearóid Ryan cut the deficit to







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Cont'd. eight points immediately after the break before Michael Heffernan turned over a Templerry defender and booted in a terrific goal in the 36th minute (2-14 to 1-6). Adrian Ryan then converted a '65, but Éire Óg hit back with points from Barry and Tommy Heffernan to leave twelve points in it (2-16 to 1-7) with seventeen minutes to play.

Michael McNamara made a fine save to deny Gearóid Ryan a goal in the 48th minute. McNamara then saved an Adrian Ryan penalty in the 53rd minute and while a brace of Adrian Ryan frees cut the Éire

Óg lead to ten points by the 54th minute Liam Heffernan's men always looked capable of a response.

Indeed, two late points from Michael Heffernan sealed the win.

Templerry converted two late '65s to bring the scoring to a conclusion from their point of view while Michael McNamara was asked to save once more from Éanna Murray in the first minute of injury time.



**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Michael McNamara (0-1, 0-1 free), Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney, Daire Quinn, Billy Heffernan, Hugh Maloney, Seáníe Geaney (left), Kevin Tucker, Andrew Coffey, Killian Gleeson (0-2), Tommy Heffernan (1-4, 1-0 free), Barry Heffernan (0-4), Donnacha Quinn (0-2, 0-1 frees, 0-1 '65), Michael Heffernan (1-5), Mark Tuite. Subs: (HT) Conor Ryan for Andrew Coffey, (48th) Paul Ryan for Mark Tuite.

**Referee:** Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch).





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### BLAST FROM THE PAST- OUR CAMÓGIE CLUB'S FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

In recent years our camogie section have been making huge strides and bringing home the silverware on a regular basis. In this edition however we have decided to look back on the very first team in the club to win a championship. We go back to 2008 when captain Jessica Maher led her troops to an historic win over Holycross in Dolla.

These girls were the trailblazers and suffered many humiliating defeats prior to this historic day, however, one thing about them is that they simply just don't know how to give up. Such defeats would have sapped the positive energy from many players and mentors but these girls kept showing up again and again and eventually got their just reward on that famous night in June 2008.

The report on our own website stated that "there was great relief, joy and a few tears when referee Martin Griffin blew the final whistle and ended our wait for this first title." "The Club has worked very hard for this day and everyone who was part of it for the last six years can take a little bit of the credit. The people lucky enough to work with these girls this year were selectors Martin, Cora and Rebecca.

Trainer Mike Ryan and Coach Emma Ryan wish to thank these girls, their parents, the Club and everyone who helped make these girls dream come true."

Rose Mannion, in The Guardian reported that "for the very first time, Nenagh Camogie club won the



County Under 14 'C' Championship when they beat Holycross in the final on a wet and windy Sunday last in Dolla.

This win has created camogie history for Nenagh and to the girls, their club and mentors. In scenes not too unlike Wexford's great senior win last year, the large attendance will hardly be envious of a great Nenagh skilful side who in fairness, deserved this win.

Both sides drew their supporters in large numbers, but Nenagh arrived in a charged up frame of mind which they brought into their play and were determined not to disappoint. Both had their star players, but Nenagh were well balanced throughout.

It was Holycross however who started the better and playing with the aid of a very strong breeze they enjoyed most of the ball for the first







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Contd. quarter. Zoe Clegg fired over after two minutes and Sarah Gleeson converted a placed ball shortly after. Nenagh won a "45" which fell short and was cleared out where Ceri Healy caught, passed to Jessica Maher and the result rattled the Holycross net. Sarah Gleeson equalized the sides when Holycross won a free and as time faded Joe Clegg sent Holycross ahead.

The Holycross captain Zoe Clegg was causing problems as she kept the ball away from Nenagh who were finding possession difficult and a low Holycross dangerous ball in on the Nenagh keeper was cleared when Zoey Gratton stood firm on the break and to leave the half time score Holycross 0-4 Nenagh 1-0

The managerial team made positional changes that played its part in their dominance throughout and Holycross were unable to get the ball beyond midfield for much of the half and when they did, the Nenagh backs were in

miserly form. What a turnaround the second half turned out to be as Ciara McGrath did major damage to Holycross as she gathered in mid field and dropped the ball into the danger area time and again. She also had a personal tally of 1-3

without reply and she was instrumental in bringing about many more opportunities. Her long solo runs frustrated Holycross no end as she displayed fitness and skill.

Holycross lost heart as time faded but a huge effort from Zoe Clegg as she sent a long ball in that caught the top corner of the Nenagh net

but Gemma Morris cancelled it out at the far end within two minutes while Janette Collins had the last say for Nenagh when she sent over a final second point and to great scenes of celebration."

Player of the Match: Ciara McGrath (Nenagh)

Scorers: Nenagh: Shannon Moran 2-0; Ciara McGrath 1-2, 0-1 45; Gemma Morris 1-1; Colleen O'Brien, Jessica Maher 1-0 each; Jannette Collins 0-2.

Holycross: Zoe Clegg 1-2; Sarah Gleeson 0-2 frees.

Nenagh: Zoey Gratton; Catriona O'Connor, Jeanette Collins, Amy Darcy; Claire Collins, Alice Darcy, Alana Morris; Ciara McGrath, Stephanie Browne; Gemma Morris, Ceri Healy, Colleen O'Brien; Judy Ryan Mulqueen, Jessica Maher. Ciara McGrath, Aileen Duggan.

Subs: Shannon Moran for A Duggan, Aisling King for G Morris, Aileen Duggan returned for C O'Brien, Laura Doherty for A Darcy, Caitlin Shoer for J Ryan Mulqueen. Holycross: Eileen Dwan; Kayleigh Foley, Jenny Dunne, Amy Ryan; Roisin Fitzpatrick, Sarah Gleeson, Roisin Comerford; Kim Ryan, Laura McGrath; Michelle Condon O'Shea, Zoe Clegg, Lisa Ryan; Rachel Spillane, Pamela Morris, Lorna Dwyer. Subs: Niamh O'Mahony for K Foley, Molly Ryan for L Ryan.

Referee: Martin Griffin (Silvermines).







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## A SPECIAL DAY FOR ÉIRE ÓG HURLING CLUB

Having a club player on an inter-county team is a huge achievement for any club. When that player goes on to win an All-Ireland title it is an extra special moment. Nenagh have been blessed with John McGrath (1958), Mick Burns (1958, 1961, 1962, 1964 & 1965), Michael Cleary (1989 & 1991), Conor O'Donovan (1989 & 1991), John Heffernan (1989), Hugh Maloney (2010) and Michael Heffernan (2010) all winning the coveted Celtic Crosses.

1989 was particularly special when Michael Cleary, John Heffernan and Conor O'Donovan all played in the historic win over Antrim. This was Tipperary's first win in eighteen years and ended a barren spell unknown to followers of the blue and gold.

Having finally defeated Galway in a bruising, controversial encounter, having previously lost to the Westerner's in 1987 and 1988, the feeling was confident throughout the county heading into the decider against surprise finalists Antrim who defeated Offaly in the other semi-final. John lined out at corner back wearing the number two jersey which is proudly



*From left to right John Heffernan, Conor O'Donovan and Michael Cleary. The photo was taken in the Croke Park dressing room after the game.*



*John Heffernan's jersey from 1989*



*The three lads will be lining out again in Croke Park this September for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

county. Michael Cleary had the honour of getting the opening score of the game and finished with a personal total of 0-02. The Tipperary defence was on top throughout and only conceded twelve scores to their opponents over the seventy minutes with the final score being 4-24 to 3-09. Antrim hurler Sambo McNaughton later wrote in his autobiography that they noticed a certain Tipperary corner back liked to rough up his opponent early in the game. With that in mind they decided to start Sambo on John Heffernan rather than risk their star forward Olcan McFetridge.

Antrim were correct in their assessment as John received a booking in the first half and Antrim immediately made a switch swapping McNaughton and McFetridge for the remainder of the game. Johnny obviously did his job as both players failed to score from play during the encounter!!!!

This was a very special day for Tipperary but even more so for Nenagh Éire Óg.

on display in the Meeting Room in MacDonagh Park. Alongside him at full back was Conor while Michael played wing forward with the number ten jersey on his back which became synonymous with him throughout his inter county career. 65,946 patrons paid in to watch the encounter on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and were treated to a display of skill and determined hurling from Tipperary. Unfortunately Antrim did not perform on the day with led to a comfortable win for the premier

### CLICK BELOW FOR VIDEO LINKS

#### **Semi-final V Galway**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTcW5IK\\_7eg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTcW5IK_7eg)

#### **Final V Antrim**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CGLyHwB8WM>

#### **Bobby Ryan's Speech**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMET-2SbRKI>







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### THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF CONOR O'DONOVAN

**FOR ALL YOU UNDER-14 HURLERS,  
YOUR MENTOR HAD THE CAREER  
WE HOPE YOU DREAM OF. TRAIN  
HARD AND LISTEN TO ADVICE FROM  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE  
AND DONE IT ALL!!**

North Tipp Senior Hurling: 1992,  
1993, 1998  
County Senior Hurling: 1995  
All Ireland Senior: 1989, 1991  
Munster Senior: 1987, 1988, 1989,  
1991  
National Hurling League:  
1987/1988  
Ford Open Draw: 1985  
North Tipp Centenary Cup: 1984  
North Tipp Senior League: 1988  
Munster U/21 Hurling: 1983  
North and County U/21 Hurling:  
1981, 1982  
North Tipp Junior Hurling: 1999,  
2000  
County Junior Hurling: 2000  
North and Co Intermediate Football:  
1988, 1997  
North and County Junior Football:  
1986  
North Junior Football: 1985  
North U/21 Football: 1981, 1983  
South Limerick Junior & Minor  
Hurling: 1977  
1987 Guardian Player of the Year  
1987 Tipperary Hurler of the Year  
All Star nominee 1987, 1988, 1989  
Interprovincial played with Munster  
in 1987, 1988 & 1989

#### **Conor's school achievements include:**

Limerick Colleges U/16  
2 Limerick Colleges U/19  
All Ireland B. Colleges  
Corn Phádraig  
Kinnane Cup

Little did Conor O'Donovan think  
when he was growing up in Effin, Co  
Limerick, that the town of Nenagh  
would provide him with the base for  
a glittering hurling career.  
Ironically, he was following in the  
footsteps of his uncle Terry Moloney

(himself an All-Ireland winner with  
Tipperary in 1958) who transferred  
to Nenagh and helped Éire Óg to  
North victory in 1964 at full  
forward.

No surprise then that Conor was  
born into a strong hurling culture,  
where the greatest influences on his  
hurling career were his father  
Patrick O'Donovan and a near  
neighbour Mike Carroll. Immersed in  
hurling blood, Conor went on to play  
underage for Limerick (Conor played  
minor against Tipperary), but it was  
his move to Nenagh that sparked  
the upward curve and he made his  
Tipperary inter-county debut at U21  
level poignantly enough against  
Limerick (1982) as a strong, skilful  
and aggressive centre forward.

Conor made his senior debut for  
Tipperary in a League match  
against Cork in 1984. In addition to  
winning All Ireland senior medals in  
1989 and 1991, Conor also won  
Munster medals in 1987, 1988,  
1989 and 1991 and a national  
league medal in 1988. Conors'  
greatest year was 1987, when he  
played a huge part in bringing the  
Munster title back to Tipperary  
after "the famine years". One of his  
personal memories is the drawn  
1987 Munster final against Cork in  
Thurles which he rates as his best  
game in the blue and gold.  
Indicative of his performances that  
year was that fact he was awarded  
Tipperary Hurler of the year and  
Guardian player of the year. 1998  
was also great year for Conor,  
although, he ranks the loss of the  
All-Ireland final that year as one of  
his major disappointments.  
While Conor will be remembered in  
Tipperary as an outstanding  
fullback, he made his senior club  
debut for Nenagh in 1981 against  
Lorrha at centre forward. For a  
number of years he led the forward  
line with aplomb whilst his skill and

strength ensured that he was  
consistently one of the clubs  
leading scorers. A reliable free  
taker, Conor showed his versatility  
when switched to the backline  
where he continued to perform to  
the highest standard from centre  
back and then full back. Without  
hesitation Conor acknowledges that  
his greatest honour in a long and  
distinguished career for "the Blues"  
was in captaining the club to win  
their first county final in 1995.  
Interestingly, he rates the county  
semi-final win that year against  
Cashel as his best game for  
Nenagh. However, it was a loss at  
the semi-final stage of the North  
Championship in 1989 to Lorrha  
which was his greatest  
disappointment in the Nenagh  
colours. Conor's personal memories  
include winning a county junior  
hurling medal in 2000 following  
which he retired and his remaining  
sporting ambition would be to  
coach Nenagh to go the whole way  
and win and all Ireland club final.  
As a true "blue" Conor always  
prepared the night before Tipperary  
matches by discussing Éire Óg's  
chances of winning a North Final  
with other members of the Éire Óg  
Tipperary contingent.

As a player Conor O' Donovan will  
be remembered for his excellent  
skill and his tight marking in  
defence. As a teak tough defender,  
he was a totally dedicated player  
who maintained a high level of  
fitness (ironically many teammates  
recall that Conors' best  
performances frequently came  
when he was carrying an injury)  
and passion throughout his playing  
career. His level of consistency  
allied to his exemplary  
sportsmanship mark him out as a  
person whose name will always  
come to the fore whenever hurling  
is talked about in Nenagh.





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**NAME:** Conor O'Donovan

**AGE:** 52

**OCCUPATION:** Bank Manager

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Chicken Curry and Half & Half (Rice & Chips) with Mango Chutney

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Diet Coke & Sparkling Spring Water Shandy.....with a slice of lemon!

**FAVOURITE HURLER AND WHY?** Michael Cleary. A top class hurler for Éire Óg and Tipperary. He brought great honour to the club. Had the natural ability to make playing hurling look easy.

**WHO IS YOUR TOUGHEST OPPONENT?** Jim Williams of Kilruane MacDonaghs.

**PROUDEST MOMENT/ACHIEVEMENT WITH ÉIRE ÓG:** Raising the Dan Breen Cup as Captain of the Nenagh Eire Og team that won the Tipperary County senior Hurling Final in 1995.

**FAVOURITE FILM:** Planes, Trains and Automobiles (comedy starring Steve Martin and John Candy).

**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** Anything that sounds 'catchy'. Currently a fan of The Willoughby Brothers.

**PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Muhammad Ali – former World Heavy Weight Boxing Champion. He had style, class and oozed global personality.

**WHAT DOES THE CLUB MEAN TO YOU:** 'Everything' – as previously stated by **Richie Flannery**.

**MAROONED ON A DESERT ISLAND WHAT COULD YOU NOT**



**BE WITHOUT?** A Straw Hat – to keep the top of my head from getting sun burned!

**WHEN I WAS A CHILD I WANTED TO BE?** An Astronaut.

**FIRST HURLING MEMORY:** Hurling at the cross roads at home with my friends & neighbours and hearing the names of legendary hurling figures Christy Ring, Mick Mackey, Nicky Rackard and John Doyle being used in our 'match' commentaries

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Two people: (a) my father, Pakie. When moving to the ball he impressed upon me to always stay totally focussed on the ball and not to be looking around me. (b) Mike Carroll, Effin GAA club coach. Mike taught me the 'correct' way to hold the hurley thereby enabling me to strike the ball equally well off both sides.

**ADVICE TO YOUNG PLAYERS:** Use a hurley that is of a suitable length. A lot of players today use a shorter hurley, thereby limiting their development potential in important skill areas such as; Hooking, Block Down, Ground Stroke & Striking from the Hand. The length of the hurley should ideally match the player's natural reach.

**IF THERE WAS A TRANSFER MARKET, WHOM WOULD YOU BUY?** Anthony Nash, Cork Goalkeeper – He blocks a lot at one end of the pitch and scores a lot at the other end.

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT THE GAME?** I would ban the Hand Pass in its current form because of the way some players 'palm' the ball, it resembles a throw.

**BEST CAREER ADVICE YOU WERE GIVEN:** In order to become a top class player you need to have '3 Eyes':

- A - One eye on the ball.
- B - One eye on your marker.
- C - One eye on where you will hit the next ball to, before it comes to you.

**WHO IS THE GREATEST PLAYER YOU HAVE EVER SEEN:** Henry Shefflin – Kilkenny. What he has achieved in the sport speaks for itself.

**FAVOURITE SPORT OTHER THAN HURLING:** Badminton. A fast moving game, requiring quick reflexes. You have to be up on the balls of your feet at all times.....just like in hurling..!!!

**YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT BUT I'M GOOD AT.....** Crosswords!

1995 County Final including Conor's speech

<http://youtu.be/vePVz1nJhiA>

1988 Munster final. Conor is corner back

<http://youtu.be/vXXMx8rbkww>





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## TO THINK THEY WERE ONCE ALTER BOYS!!



Here is one of the most unique hurling teams to ever emerge from the town. In September 1989 all the altar boys, under the guidance of Fr Pat Cotter, came together and took on Loughrea of Galway. They had previously played each other in Galway during that summer and here they are pictured on the track field in the CBS prior to taking on their Galway opponents in a re-match.

All of the players in this photograph were hurling under twelve with Nenagh at the time and were in sixth class in the CBS Primary School. Interestingly enough this game was played just a few weeks after the infamous Tipperary Galway all Ireland semi-final and tempers

were still high and it over boiled on a few occasions. For some reason the Nenagh lads didn't have jerseys on the day and had to wear their own tops. Loughrea won this match on a scoreline that has long since been forgotten.

Back l-r Ger Deely, Noel Shanahan, John Slattery, Cormac Cavanagh, Edwin Morgan, Eoin O Connor, James Ryan, Ger Shoer, John Butler.

Front l-r Martin Tierney, Rory Walsh, Enda O' Sullivan, Paul Mullane, Brian Collison, Martin Hogan, Simon Whelan.



**Weekly Club Lotto:** The club lotto now stands at €3,100.... To be in with a chance of winning, play on-line now at [https://www.localotto.ie/play.asp?LL\\_ID=292](https://www.localotto.ie/play.asp?LL_ID=292) . It could be you!







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### North Tipperary Junior A Hurling League Nenagh Éire Óg 0-15 Burgess 0-15

The Blues required a win over Burgess in Kilcolman but had to content themselves with a draw – the lads' attention now turns to the up-coming championship.

Nenagh Éire Óg relinquished their north Tipperary junior A hurling league title at Kilcolman during the month – the Blues required a win over Burgess to progress to the knock-out stages, but had to content themselves with a draw. The Éire Óg club would like to wish Burgess all the very best of luck in the knock-out stage of the competition.

Points from John Cahalan and Mark Tuite helped Éire Óg into a 0-2 to no-score lead inside the opening four minutes. To their credit Burgess responded with three consecutive points to edge into a 0-3 to 0-2 lead by the ninth.

A David Hackett free levelled matters and although Burgess hit back almost immediately Éire Óg streaked into a 0-6 to 0-4 lead thanks to points from Adam Grattan and a David Hackett brace (one free).

Burgess responded with a point, but an effort from John Cahalan and a cracker from wing-back Eoin Fitzgibbon saw the Blues into a 0-8 to 0-5 lead by the 20th minute.



Burgess then converted a '65, but smashing points from David Hackett and Mark Tuite forced Éire Óg four clear before Burgess closed out the half with a brace of their own – half-time: Nenagh Éire Óg 0-10 Burgess 0-8.

Burgess dominated the opening eleven minutes of the second half and out-scored Éire Óg 0-4 to 0-1 with David Hackett accounting for the Nenagh effort from a placed ball.

Burgess now led 0-12 to 0-11, but Éire Óg hit back with a David Hackett free before points from John Cahalan and Mark Tuite forced the Blues into a 0-14 to 0-12 lead by the 48th minute.

A converted Burgess free left a point in it as this game entered the final ten minutes.

Éire Óg created a goal-scoring opportunity in the 53rd minute of real note, but the Burgess 'keeper saved brilliantly from the raiding Mark Tuite.

To their credit Burgess fired over two consecutive points thereafter to edge into a 0-15 to 0-14 lead and although Mark Tuite notched a late equaliser a draw was not sufficient

to propel the Blues into the knock-out stages of the competition.

The junior A team will now focus their attention on the Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship which the

Blues last won in 2012.

Eleven teams will take part in this year's championship – the format for the competition is two groups of six with the group winners progressing to the semi-finals while the second and third-placed team's progress to the quarter-finals. The north finalists will also progress to the county quarter-finals.

The draw for Group A is: Knockshegowna (defending champions), Templederry Kenyons, Borris-Ileigh, Toomevara, Kilruane MacDonagh's & Moneygall.

The draw for Group B is: Roscrea, Kildangan, Burgess, Silvermines & Nenagh Éire Óg.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Lenny Ryan, Aodhán Geaney, John O'Donoghue, Brian Flynn, Donnacha Heffernan, Seánie Geaney, Eoin Fitzgibbon (0-1), Alan Kelly, Adam Grattan (0-1), John Cahalan (0-3), Niall Cahill, Christopher Ryan, Michael Hallinan, Mark Tuite (0-4), David Hackett (0-6, 0-4 frees). Subs: (44th) Conor Kirwan for Michael Hallinan, (54th) Gavin O'Connor for (Kildangan). Christopher Ryan.

**Referee:** Tommy Ryan





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### PLEASE SUPPORT THE 2014 TIPP DRAW

Dear Nenagh Éire Óg  
Supporter.

Fundraising is an essential part of the running of any club and the Tipperary club draw along with our own weekly club lotto are the main income sources for the Nenagh Éire Óg club. **Tipperary Clubs draw:** It is that time of year again when we ask everyone associated with the club to support the Tipperary GAA clubs draw. With over €500,000 in prizes this year including twenty-four cars, thirty Lotto jackpots and many cash prizes, this draw is the ideal mechanism for supporting club activities as 50% of the draw money comes back directly to the club.

Whether you are a new member or have been a member of the draw for a number of years, we really value and appreciate your support. Tickets are €100 each and payment can be arranged in a variety of ways. For further information contact Marion Ryan (Draw Co-Ordinator) - [086 1239222](tel:0861239222) or any club officer.

As a volunteer-driven organization, we actively encourage all Nenagh supporters to contribute in some way to our fundraising needs for the continuing development of the club as a valuable resource to the Nenagh community.

Jim Nagle  
Club Chairman



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- Phone: Tipperary GAA Office 0504-22702
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### NORTH TIPPERARY JUNIOR B HURLING LEAGUE

#### **North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League Nenagh Éire Óg 1-17 Toomevara 1- 11**

Nenagh Éire Óg qualified for the knockout stages of the junior B league following a 1-17 to 1-11 win over Toomevara in the final game of the round robin series at St Michael's Park, Toomevara on Saturday evening.

Manager Conor Ryan will be thrilled with his charges as they hurled with confidence and conviction throughout the game never allowed their opponents time to settle on the ball or get into their stride.

Toomevara opened the scoring in the first minute with a well-taken free, but it was to be the only time the hosts enjoyed the lead as Darragh Walsh gathered the resulting puck-out and expertly fired over from fifty yards to level.

David Cleary forced the Toomevara goalkeeper into an outstanding save following great work from Anthony Walsh before Darragh Walsh pounced on the clearance to put Éire Óg into the lead. At this stage Darragh was on fire and set up Aidan Healy for a point from forty five yards to double Nenagh's advantage.



Cleary himself scored the point of the game. Brian Darcy in the Éire Óg goal gave a pin-point puck out into the hand of Aidan Healy (left) who in turn found David Cleary. Cleary was under pressure beat two men before splitting the posts on the twenty-one yard line right out on the touch line. This left the half time score at Nenagh Éire Óg 0-8 Toomevara 0-5.

In the eleventh minute Darragh Walsh pointed again after collecting an inch-perfect pass from minor Gavin O'Connor.

Centre-forward Conor Kirwan was hurling well and forced the Toomevara backs into a foul which Darragh Walsh converted.

Toomevara responded with two points of their own, but Kirwan again was fouled, this time a push in the back under the dropping ball from Brian Darcy's puck out. Walsh again pointed to open a 0-6 to 0-3 Nenagh lead.

Toomevara pulled the lead back to a point, but that was as close as they were to get.

Darragh Walsh pointed another free after David Cleary was fouled before

Toomevara started the second half brightly with an early pointed free, but Éire Óg full-forward Niall Cahill used all his experience in winning possession and drawing two men before giving an outstanding pass to the unmarked Anthony Walsh who made no mistake in rattling the Toomevara net in the thirty third minute.

Moments later Conor Kirwan was again fouled and Darragh Walsh again pointed.

Aidan Healy was having an excellent game, working extremely hard and using his pace and fitness to great effect. He played a one-two soccer style with Darragh Walsh before slotting over another point. In the thirty sixth minute Toomevara pulled a point back, but shortly after





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Aidan Healy was fouled and Darragh Walsh was unerring in his free taking to opening a seven-point gap – 1-11 to 0-7.

Toomevara were not about to lie down and goaled themselves in the forty first minute, but Darragh Walsh collected Darcy's puck-out to land another point.



heart of the Toomevara defence. He was fouled and Brian Darcy advanced to take the resultant penalty. The Toomevara trio on the line held their nerve and blocked the shot brilliantly. Niall Cahill and Aidan Healy got two more Nenagh points to cancel two fine efforts from Toomevara.

Nenagh Éire Óg now advance to the semi-finals of the junior B league – a competition the Blues last won in 2011.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Brian Darcy, Paddy Flynn, John O'Donoghue, Brian Flynn, Gavin O'Connor, Niall Madden (0-1), Jamie Gallagher, Kieran Duffy, Thomas O'Brien, David Cleary (0-1), Conor Kirwan, Darragh Walsh (0-9, 0-5 frees), Aidan Healy (0-4), Niall Cahill (0-1), Anthony Walsh (1-0). Subs: John Donnellan for Thomas O'Brien, Alex Jones for David Cleary.

**Referee:** Philip Bergin (Roscrea).



Niall Madden advanced from centre-back to pass to Kirwan who returned the favour putting Madden into acres of space and he landed another great point.

Aidan Healy traded two points with the Greyhounds before Healy set off on a menacing solo through the





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### CAMÓGIE NEWS



Hard luck to the Tipperary intermediate team who were defeated by Cork in the Munster final played in Kilmallock on Saturday May 24th. The Rebel side ran out winners on a scoreline of 1-09 to 0-03.

We had two players involved with Alanna Morris (5 from right, back row) lining out at corner back while Ciara McGrath (7 from left, back row) played corner forward.

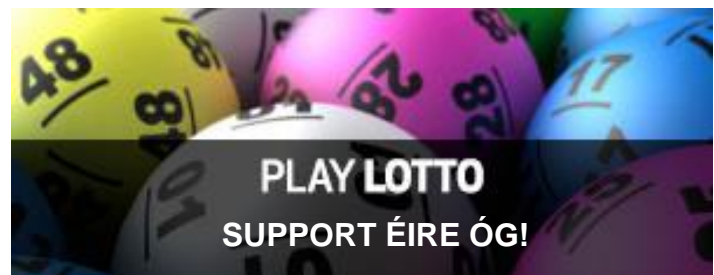


Well done to Ella Carey Nenagh's Under-12 and 14 Camogie player who took part in the Primary Game during the Tipp/Limerick match. Ella represented Ballinree School.

Hard luck to Alanna Morris, Rachel Maher and the Tipperary Under 18 camogie team that were defeated by Cork in the Munster final on a scoreline of 6-11 to 7-12. The game was played in Lattin Cullen on Sunday May 11 between two outstanding teams who left everything on the field of play. Those that were privileged to be there spoke of the high skill levels on show and the commitment both sets of players gave to their county jersey. We in the club wish to thank the Tipperary management team for all their hard work with developing these players and to say well done to Alanna and Rachel for making the panel. Keep up the great work.



Congratulations to Aisling Moran, Maeve Hassett, Lucy Spain and Katie Morris who were selected to play for the Tipperary Under Thirteen camogie team in a blitz held in Rathkeale in Limerick on Saturday May 31 where they played games against both Cork and the host county with all four girls featuring on the field of play over the course of the day. Well done ladies and keep up the great work.







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### County Under-14A Camogie Final Nenagh Éire Óg 2-1 Newport 3-3

There were tears and broken hearts at The Ragg on Monday when a spirited Nenagh Éire Óg team lost the county under-14A Camogie final to Newport. The Blues gave it their all in an enthralling contest and lost nothing in defeat. Indeed, the girls were a credit to everyone associated with the team.

Entering the game as underdogs Nenagh Éire Óg begun in determined fashion and set the tone when Caroline Brown set up Maeve

Hassett for a rousing hand-passed goal as early as the fifth minute.

The Newport goalkeeper made a fine save to deny Maeve Hassett a second goal in the ninth minute before Becky McGrath fired over a great point in the tenth – 1-1 to no-score. On the counter-attack Newport scored a goal of their own in the 12th minute, but Éire Óg pressed forward with the Newport 'keeper pulling off a series of fine saves to



deny Caroline Brown and Maeve Hassett in the closing minutes of the first half. Nenagh Éire Óg led 1-1 to 1-0 at the break.

Six minutes into the second half a Newport free levelled it up before Ella Carey pulled off a stunning save in the tenth minute to deny Newport a certain goal.

Two points forced Newport two clear with ten minutes to play. Ella Carey saved once more in the 16th minute of the second half, but the Nenagh 'keeper was beaten a minute later and Newport now led 2-3 to 1-1.

Nenagh Éire Óg poured forward in search of scores and were rewarded for their determination in the first minute of injury time when Caroline Brown buried Maeve Hassett's clever cross – 2-1 to 2-3.

The Blues pressed hard for another goal, but Newport struck for a third three-pointer on the counter-attack and were crowned county champions.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Ella Carey, Saoirse Shanahan, Niamh Sheridan, Katie Manicle, Ellie Purcell, Rachel O'Connor, Katie Morris, Lucy Spain, Rachel Brown, Becky McGrath (captain), Caroline Brown, Becky Boland, Eva Duggan, Leah Kelly, Maeve Hassett. Subs: Laura White, Aisling Moran, Orla Kennedy.







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### PROFILE OF JUNIOR CAMÓGIE GOALIE – ALI DARCY

**Name:** Alison Darcy

**Occupation:** Civil Servant  
Department of Justice

**Favourite Position:** Hmmm too many to choose from ....lol.... goals!

**Favourite Film:** have lots but my favourite has to be Dumb And Dumber

**Favourite Music:** Love all sorts of music, dance, Florence and the Machine, Mumford and Sons

**Favourite Food:** Homemade dinners, pizza as a treat

**Favourite Drink:** Rock Shandy

**Favourite Book:** Not a book lover I'm afraid, love soap magazines.

*Ali pictured below with friend Elaine Slattery*



**Can you remember your first match?** It was in Nenagh and I think it was against Portroe, was nervous but enjoyed every second of it

**Toughest opponent:** Last year in the county final against Knockavilla ...let's just say there were bruises to prove how tough those women were :)

**Favourite hurler and why:** when I was small Michael Cleary aka Skippy was my idol...of course my number one senior hurler is the sexy Nenagh goalie Mr Micky Mac! When it comes to county hurlers Brendan Cummins would be in my top five.

**Advice to young players:** Whatever sport you play make the most of it and enjoy every minute, praise yourself remember you are part of a team, respect your team mates and your coaches

**Proudest moment playing camogie:** Winning a county final medal and when my little nieces and nephews came to county final and were shouting for their aunty Ali

**Biggest Disappointment in camogie:** When I let in a goal against Kildangan in the league this year

**Interests outside of camogie:** Spinning, running,



love watching all sports and attending rugby and hurling matches.

**Something you didn't know about me:** I play golf

**Biggest Influence on my career:** My big brothers Mike, Paul and Conor pucking the ball out in the garden most days when I was small!!! When I met Micky he couldn't believe I had never played with a team and gave me the extra push to give it a go!

**Who is the biggest joker on the panel?** Aisling #crazypanants!





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### JUVENILE NEWS



#### North Tipperary Under-14A Football Final Nenagh Éire Óg 0-1 Inane Rovers 0-4

Commiserations to our under-14A footballers who lost to Inane Rovers in the north Tipperary football final at Toomevara this evening.

Despite attacking relentlessly and working tirelessly for the cause the Nenagh Éire Óg under-14A footballers lost a hard-fought north Tipperary final to Inane Rovers on



Wednesday evening. An Eoin Tynan point for Inane Rovers in the 19th minute handed the Roscrea outfit a 0-1 to 0-0 interval lead.

Nenagh Éire Óg fought back manfully after the break and equalized through a Scott O'Brien effort three minutes into the second half following a smashing pass from Seán Phelan.

Éire Óg attacked relentlessly thereafter, but were frustrated by some errant shooting. Eighteen minutes into the second half a Jack Lee point forced Inane Rovers into a 0-2 to 0-1 lead before a second Lee point two minutes later left Éire Óg trailing by two points with five minutes to play.

The Blues pushed hard for a late goal, but Inane Rovers had the final say in the matter when James O'Meara tapped over a penalty in second half injury time.

We would like to wish the Nenagh Éire Óg panel all the very best as they now prepare for the north Tipperary under-14A hurling championship.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Eoghan Tinkler, Mark Grey, Fiachra Starr, Liam Heffernan, Gavin Dooley, Evan Murphy, Mathew Hodgins, Seán Shanahan (captain), Cian O'Farrell, Seán Phelan, Scott O'Brien, Conor Sullivan, Stephen Hallinan, Daniel Molamphy, Conor Hennessy. Subs: Conor Robinson for Cian O'Farrell.

**Panel:** Brendan Long, Conor Malone, Cian Griffin, Mark Ryan, Callan Scully, Barry Coffey, Rory O'Donovan, Luke Carroll, Jason Teefy, Dylan Cleary. **Mentors:** Phil Hennessy, David Minogue, Conor O'Donovan & John Phelan.

**Referee:** Martin O'Shea (Borrisokane).



Under-14 hurlers Cian O Farrell (b/r far left) and Conor Hennessy (front, centre) in their Primary Game colours where they took on Limerick in Thurles. Also in the photo (far right) is Nenagh's John Manley, Cumann na mBunscol





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## UNDER-6 AND UNDER-8 JUVENILE HURLING

Thanks to our senior hurlers Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Bob O'Brien and Killian Gleeson who treated our under-6 and under-8 hurlers to a training camp on during the month. A great time was had by all. Nothing beats being there. Bring your children to the senior matches.



## ZUMBA DANCING WITH PHILOMENA RYAN!

Many thanks to Philomena Ryan who rewarded our super kids with a morning of Zumba dancing in the complex. Well done to Tommy Mulcahy and all the mentors for going with this great idea to bring the very young boys out of themselves. It was like a mixture of dance, workout and martial arts! Perfect for our lads. You can connect with Zumba Nenagh with Philomena on Facebook.







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### MUNSTER GAA UNDER-15 SUPER 10'S

Our under-15 hurlers enjoyed a great day out at St. Patrick's GAA, Limerick for a fantastic Munster hurling blitz held Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> in Limerick. They couldn't have ordered the weather although we suspect there were a lot of red backs of knees and necks!! Our Nenagh Éire Óg boys did very well beating Borrisokane and hosts St. Patrick's and narrowly losing out to eventual winners O' Callaghan's Mills of Clare.

Special mention to Co-ordinator, Limerick hurler Gavin O'Mahony and the Limerick referees. In between matches they went around and engaged with supporters and mentors.

They took a great interest in all the lads and one of them pointed out the fact that No. 9 for O' Callaghan's Mills 9 (right) who made the difference in our match against them and against Borrisokane is a nephew of Joe Cooney. One to keep an eye out for.



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