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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG SENIOR HURLERS PROGRESS TO THE 2014 NORTH FINAL

The senior hurlers enjoyed a hard earned two-point win over a terrific Borris-Ileigh side in a Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship semi-final played at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday afternoon, August 24th – Éire Óg will now face Burgess in a north final which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 14th.

Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final
Nenagh Éire Óg 2-13 Borris-Ileigh 1-14

Nenagh Éire Óg battled their way into the final of the Hibernian Inn North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship thanks to a two-point win over an excellent Borris-Ileigh side at a soaking wet MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Sunday afternoon.

Borris-Ileigh pushed Éire Óg to the very limit. Indeed, despite playing into the breeze in the second half Borris-Ileigh fired five points without reply to take a 1-12 to 1-11 lead. With just nine minutes to play

and with Conor Kenny in superb form Borris-Ileigh appeared to have wrestled the momentum away from the Blues. Nenagh Éire Óg, however, responded well to the challenge with a second Paddy Murphy goal in the 52nd minute propelling Liam Heffernan's men to victory.

Brendan Maher initially presented Borris-Ileigh with the lead, but Éire Óg responded through Killian Gleeson and Tommy Heffernan. Conor Kenny levelled matters in the ninth minute, but seconds later Paddy Murphy dispossessed Philip Maher (below left) and fired home the opening goal of the game (1-2 to 0-2). Éire Óg's advantage was short-lived, however, as Borris-Ileigh notched a goal of their own through Conor Kenny in the 13th minute to tie the game.

Despite playing into the breeze Éire Óg were hurling well and added to their tally through Donnacha Quinn and Michael Heffernan (top right) before Paddy Murphy's shot for goal drifted agonisingly wide of Jack Bourke's left-hand post.

A Seán McCormack point got Borris-Ileigh moving in the right direction once more,



but an Andrew Coffey effort in the 23rd minute re-opened a two-point gap. Points from Dan McCormack

and Brendan Maher (free) tied the game by the 28th minute, but Éire Óg closed out the half well with points from Dáire Quinn and Donnacha Quinn helping the Blues into a 1-7 to 1-6 interval advantage; a Brendan Maher free accounted for Borris-Ileigh's final score of the opening half.

Éire Óg started the second half in enterprising fashion with points from Paul Ryan, James Mackey and Tommy Heffernan forcing the home side into a 1-10 to 1-6 lead by the 35th minute. Aidan Cowan hit back for Borris-Ileigh, but when a Donnacha Quinn free helped the Blues into a 1-11 to 1-7 advantage Conor Stakelum's men looked in trouble.

Full credit though to Borris-Ileigh who came roaring back into this encounter. Indeed, Borris-Ileigh hit five points without reply between the 43rd and 51st minutes to take a





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(cont'd) 1-12 to 1-11. Considering the prevailing wind and rain this surge represented a stunning rally from a determined Borris-Ileagh side. Éire Óg, however, responded in style in the 52nd minute when Donnacha Quinn set up Paddy Murphy and the full-forward rifled home a right-handed shot. Seconds later Andrew Coffey's surge into the Borris-Ileagh half was brought to an abrupt end and Donnacha Quinn converted the resultant free to hand Éire Óg a 2-12 to 1-12 lead.

Conor Kenny and Donnacha Quinn (free) traded points thereafter before a Brendan Maher free left two in it as this game ticked into injury time. Borris-Ileagh enjoyed one final opportunity to rescue the game when Conor Kenny won a ball a right corner-forward – Éire Óg's Hugh Maloney turned over Kenny and cleared his lines in rousing fashion. Nenagh Éire Óg will face Burgess in

the north final on Sunday, September 14th. Éire Óg would like to wish Borris-Ileagh all the very best in their county championship campaign.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Dáire Quinn (0-1), Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Kevin Tucker, Andrew Coffey (0-1), Pearse Morris, Michael Heffernan (0-1), Tommy Heffernan (0-2), Killian Gleeson (0-1), Paddy Murphy (2-0), Donnacha Quinn (0-5, 0-3 frees). Subs: (HT) Paul Ryan (0-1) for Killian Gleeson, (HT) Billy Heffernan for Mark Flannery, (33rd) James Mackey (0-1) for Kevin Tucker.

Borris-Ileagh: Jack Bourke, Martin Treacy, Philip Maher, Séamus Bourke, Paddy Stapleton, Thomas Fahy, Mathew Stapleton, Keith Ryan, Brendan Maher (0-7, 0-6 frees), Seán McCormack (0-1), Dan



McCormack (0-1), Vincent Stapleton, Jack Hogan, Conor Kenny (1-4), Eoin Stapleton. Subs: (30th) Aidan Cowan (0-1) for Jack Hogan, (38th) Seán Maher for Mathew Stapleton.

Referee: Pat Gibson (Burgess).

PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING COACHING

Nenagh Éire Óg has been actively supporting hurling in our three Primary Schools by providing a coach for up to 15 hours per week. The schools involved are St. Marys Boys N.S., Nenagh C.B.S. and An Gaelscoil. We are now looking for additional coaches for school year 2014/15. Applicants should have some experience in coaching children from under-6 to under-12 age groups and be available Mondays to Fridays inclusive, most coaching will take place in the mornings, times to be confirmed. Suitable applicants will be subject to GAA Garda Vetting procedure. For further information contact Phil Hennessy, Schools Liaison Officer, at [087 1275613](tel:0871275613) or any club officer before September 10th.



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ÉIRE ÓG UNDER-16 CAMÓGIE STARS BRING ALL-IRELAND GLORY BACK TO NENAGH!



All in the club wish to congratulate our latest All-Ireland champions, Grace O'Brien, Hazel McAuliffe, Maeve Coffey and Sarah Quigley who were part of the Tipperary Under 16 team that defeated Galway in the final today in the Gaelic Grounds.

It was an extra special day for Grace as she was part of the team last year that also collected All Ireland honours. Also part of the team today was Nenagh Handball Club star and Kildangan camogie player Sinead Meagher.

From everyone in the club, congratulations ladies. We are all extremely proud of your achievements and the great way you represent our parish and club in the blue and gold. Tiobraid Arann Abu!



From top left:
Tipp U16
Champions,
Grace O'Brien
being awarded
the Player of the
Match award,
Left: Nenagh
Éire Óg Camogie
Chairperson,
Denise Morris
with club players
Grace O'Brien,
Hazel McAuliffe,
Maeve Coffey
and Sarah
Quigley.





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TIPPERARY ARE THE ALL-IRELAND U16A CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON,

and the third time in four, after a wonderfully fluid display in the Gaelic Grounds that left Galway as the bridesmaids for the third season in a row.

The Munster crew actually fell behind early on as they took a little while to settle but with Sinead Meagher scoring a hat-trick of goals and Grace O'Brien slotting nine points, they cruised to a 3-13 to 1-7 success.

Galway scored the first three points of the game and looked to be motoring nicely after seven minutes thanks to Eimear O'Donovan's brace from frees and another score from Carrie Dolan. Tipperary had already shown their threat by that stage, as O'Brien had a goal disallowed in the fifth

minute for a square ball. As they exerted their superiority, particularly around midfield, they gained complete control though and ran riot.

The westerners couldn't cope with the flowing movement and clinical finishing of their opponents' attack and they failed to score for the remainder of the half, while Galway plundered two goals and nine points.

Meagher clocked up two goals and O'Brien shot six points as the Premier girls pulled clear. Sinead Buckley added two points and Chloe Kirwan completed the scoring for a rampant Tipperary.

Galway managed to tighten up defensively in the second half but could not present a sufficient enough attacking threat. Taragh

Moloney (three frees) and O'Brien (two frees, one from play) exchanged scores for their respective sides before Dolan was rewarded for her efforts with a goal after 58 minutes following a pass from Siobhan McGrath.

There was still time for Meagher to claim her hat-trick however, after good work from Jessica Ryan and Sinead Buckley.

Tipperary were magnificent and had standout performers all over the pitch. O'Brien, Meagher, Buckley, Karen Kennedy, Keely Lenihan and Maureen Ryan were just some of them. Galway were under pressure for most of the game but Aisling Downey, Moloney and Serena Brehony held up their end well. *Report by [The Camogie Association](#) [Click to connect with their facebook page.](#)*



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THE ÉIRE ÓG MINOR A HURLERS EARNED A TEN-POINT WIN OVER A DETERMINED KILRUANE MACDONAGH'S TEAM AT ST MICHAEL'S PARK, TOOMEVARA ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 20TH



**North Tipperary Minor A Hurling
Championship
Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16 Kilruane
MacDonagh's 1-6**



The Éire Óg minor A hurlers returned to winning ways on Wednesday evening thanks to solid ten-point victory over Kilruane MacDonagh's. Two Anthony Walsh frees helped Éire Óg into a 0-2 to 0-1 lead inside the opening nine minutes, but Kilruane responded in kind and led 0-3 to 0-2 by the 26th. It is worth noting that goalkeeper Adam Healy also saved

Darragh Peters' 21-yard free in the 20th minute.

The Blues closed out the half strongly. A fine individual effort from John Cahalan tied the game and handed Éire Óg their first point from play in the 27th minute. Seconds later Adam Carey was denied a goal by a fine reaction save from the Kilruane 'keeper. Anthony Walsh converted the resultant '65 and thanks to a left-handed John Cahalan effort in the first minute of injury time Éire Óg led 0-5 to 0-3 at the break.

Two minutes into the second half an Anthony Walsh free extended the Blues' lead, but Kilruane tied the game thanks to a 35th goal (0-6 to 1-3). Éire Óg responded positively to the Kilruane challenge and won the remainder of this encounter 1-10 to 0-3. Points from Philip Hickey, John Cahalan and Anthony Walsh (two frees) forced the Blues into a 0-10 to 1-3 lead by the 41st minute (four points in six minutes).

Kilruane responded with a free, but it was all Éire Óg now with Adam Carey adding to the Blues' tally in the 43rd minute. A minute later Éire Óg landed the killer blow – John Cahalan's delivery was broken inside by Adam Carey and Niall O'Gorman



was on hand to deliver a left-handed finish (1-11 to 1-4).

Kilruane converted a free in the 46th minute before Andrew Coffey, Brian Tuite, John Cahalan and Philip Hickey added to the Éire Óg tally. John Cahalan was denied a goal in the 57th minute when the Kilruane 'keeper made a second terrific reaction save. Anthony Walsh traded late points with Kilruane to close out the game.

Nenagh Éire Óg will take on Borris-Ileigh in their final game in the group phase of the Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship on Wednesday, August 27th. That game is scheduled to take place in Toomevara at 6.15pm. As always your support is appreciated by all of the players.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Adam Healy, Jack Molamphy, Conor Ryan, Alex Jones, Brian Flynn, Aodhán Geaney, Jack Sheedy, Andrew Coffey (0-1), John Cahalan (0-4), Keelan Higgiston, Anthony Walsh (0-7, 0-6 frees, 0-1 '65), Adam Carey (0-1), Craig Himli, Niall O'Gorman (1-0), Brian Tuite (0-1). Subs: (34th) Philip Hickey (0-2) for Craig Himli, (41st) Dylan Walsh for Keelan Higgiston, (55th) Gerry Mitchell for Adam Carey, (60th) Keelan Higgiston for Andrew Coffey.

Referee: Ger Fitzpatrick (Roscrea).



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ÉIRE ÓG ENJOY A TEN-POINT MINOR A WIN OVER BORRIS-ILEIGH

August 27th, 2014

The Blues completed the group stage of the Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship at St Michael's Park in Toomevara with a 1-16 to 1-6 win over Borris-Ileigh.

**Ger Gavin North Tipperary
Minor A Hurling Championship
Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16 Borris-
Ileigh 1-6**

Playing into the wind in the opening half Éire Óg and Borris-Ileigh were level on three points apiece after eleven minutes with John Cahalan, Andrew Coffey and Brian Tuite responsible for the Blues' early scores.

In the 11th minute Philip Hickey was fouled for a penalty which Anthony Walsh tapped over the bar. Eleven scoreless minutes then ensued before Anthony Walsh (free) forced Éire Óg into a 0-5 to 0-3 lead in the 23rd minute.

Craig Himli set up Andrew Coffey for his second point before Coffey worked the ball to Philip Hickey in the 25th minute and the full-forward made no mistake with a left-handed finish.

Another Philip Hickey score, this time a point, helped Éire Óg into a 1-7 to 0-4 interval advantage.

Points from Philip Hickey and John Cahalan extended the Éire Óg lead

immediately after the break before Anthony Walsh found the crossbar with a blistering 21-yard free in the 39th minute. Brian Tuite converted the rebound and Éire Óg now led 1-10 to 0-4.

Borris-Ileigh responded with a point before a 21-yard free from Anthony Walsh was saved in the 41st minute. Philip Hickey and Anthony Walsh (free) then added to the Éire Óg tally before Borris-Ileigh struck back with a goal of their own in the 46th minute (1-12 to 1-5).

Following some terrific defensive work Brian Flynn worked the ball to John Cahalan who landed a long-range point before points from Anthony Walsh (two) and Dylan Walsh concluded the scoring from an Éire Óg point of view.

Éire Óg will now face Toomevara in a Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship semi-final at MacDonagh Park, Cloughjordan (6pm) on Wednesday, September 3rd. Your support would be appreciated for that key game.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Adam Healy, Alex Jones, Conor Ryan, Jack Molamphy, Brian Flynn, Aodhán Geaney, Keelan Higgiston, Connie Reilly, Andrew Coffey (0-2), Craig Himli, John Cahalan (0-3), Anthony Walsh (0-5, 0-3 frees, 0-1 penalty), Dylan Walsh (0-1), Philip Hickey (1-3), Brian Tuite (0-2). Subs: (49th) Niall O'Gorman for Brian Tuite, (53rd) Ger Mitchell for Dylan Walsh, (54th) Cathal Whelan for Philip Hickey, (58th) Conor McCarthy for Craig Himli.

Referee: Martin Griffin
(Silvermines)

GIVE RESPECT-GET RESPECT!



THE CLUB LOTTO OF €4,100 WAS WON DURING THE MONTH!

Congratulations to Sarah Ducie (Puckane) who is pictured below being presented with her cheque by Noel Tomlinson (Ticket seller). Also in pictured is Club Chairman Jim Nagle and Michael Ducie.





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JUNIOR A HURLING

ÉIRE ÓG WIN DRAMATIC QUARTER- FINAL ENCOUNTER WITH TOOME AUGUST 23, 2014

Extra time was required to separate Éire Óg and Toomevara in a dramatic junior A hurling championship quarter-final at Dolla on Saturday evening, August 23rd – despite being reduced to fourteen men in the opening half the Blues worked hard to force extra-time before a dramatic late goal from Richie Flannery propelled Ger Tucker's men into the semi-finals.

**Watch Centre North Tipperary
Junior A
Hurling Championship Quarter-
Final
Nenagh Éire Óg 3-18 Toomevara
3-16 (aet)**

Toomevara fired home a goal in the opening minute to get off to an ideal start. Four minutes later David Hickey intercepted the Toome goalkeeper's clearance and went for goal – unfortunately David's ambitious shot hit the crossbar and was cleared to safety.

Bob O'Brien opened the Éire Óg account with a point in the sixth minute. The Blues struck for their opening goal in the 11th minute when David Cleary pulled on a Niall Madden delivery to score a spectacular goal. Then, less than thirty seconds later, David Cleary struck once more with a left-handed



finish following an enterprising run and pass from David Hickey.

Éire Óg now led 2-1 to 1-0. Unfortunately the Blues were reduced to fourteen men in the 16th minute when John O'Donoghue was shown a straight red card by Silvermines referee Kieran Timmons.

Two Toomevara points (one free) cut the Éire Óg lead to two points by the 18th minute (2-1 to 1-2). The Blues settled back down to their work and in the 19th minute David Hackett set up Shane Maher for a rousing score to leave a goal between them.

Shane Maher turned provider in the 20th minute when picking out Christopher Ryan (above) who cracked over a left-handed effort before David Hackett fired Éire Óg into a 2-4 to 1-2 lead in the 23rd.

Toomevara hit back with a brace of points before two David Hackett frees forced Éire Óg into a 2-6 to 1-4 lead. A Toome point in the 29th minute left four in it, but David Hackett converted another placed

ball on the half hour mark to hand the Blues a five-point lead.

Two minutes into first half injury time Toomevara scored a second goal and sides retired with two between them (2-7 to 2-5) at the break.

Toome, enjoying a significant numerical advantage, notched three points without reply in the opening eleven minutes of the second half to take a 2-8 to 2-7 lead.

Éire Óg responded to the challenge when David Hackett set up Shane Maher for an equalising point before a David Hackett free handed the Blues a 2-9 to 2-8 lead.

Toome fired over an equaliser with fifteen minutes to play, but Shane Maher was fouled once more in the 47th minute and David Hackett presented Éire Óg with the lead.

The Greyhounds notched an equaliser before Richie Flannery set up David Cleary for a great point in the 50th minute.



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Eddie Tucker

(cont'd) A Toomevara free tied the game in the 53rd minute and although Éire Óg were at a numerical disadvantage the Blues finished the game strongly. Christopher Ryan won two consecutive frees which David Hackett converted before Shane Maher (below) was fouled for another. Once more David Hackett made no mistake and Éire Óg led 2-14 to 2-11 entering the 60th minute.



To be fair to Toomevara the Greyhounds kept their heads and poured forward in search of a goal and Toome created a vital three-pointer on the stroke of full-time to force extra-time.

The full-time score read Nenagh Éire Óg 2-14 Toomevara 3-11.

Éire Óg fielded fifteen men for extra-time with Bob O'Brien returning to the fray.

Toome opened the scoring in the first period of extra-time, but Éire Óg equalised when David Hackett fired over a free following a foul on John Cahalan. David Hackett's second point from play helped Éire Óg into a vital lead before Niall Madden landed a long-range free following a foul on Eddie Tucker.

As the second period of extra-time began Éire Óg led 2-17 to 3-12.

Once more Toomevara responded in style with three consecutive points (one free) helping the Greyhounds into a 3-15 to 2-17 lead.

With four minutes to play a Richie Flannery point levelled matters, but Toome hit back almost immediately to re-claim the lead.

In injury time the tireless Gary Howard (right) won a terrific ball in the Éire Óg half-back line. The ball was cleared to left wing-forward where Christopher Ryan gathered possession and turned

to take on the Toomevara defence. Éire Óg required a point to force a replay, but Christopher Ryan had other ideas and raced through the heart of the Toome defence before off-loading to Richie Flannery who fired home a match-winning goal.

Nenagh Éire Óg will now face Kildangan in the semi-finals while on the opposite side of the draw Roscrea take on Kilruane MacDonagh's.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Brian Gubbins, Adam Gratton, John O'Donoghue, Michael Collins, Alan Kelly, Niall Madden (0-1, 0-1 free), Eoin Fitzgibbon, Gary Howard, John Cahalan, Bob O'Brien (0-1), Shane Maher (0-2), Christopher Ryan (0-1), David Hackett (0-11, 0-9 frees), David Cleary (2-1), David Hickey. Subs: (35th) Richie Flannery (1-1) for Bob O'Brien, (45th) Eddie Tucker for David Hickey, (FT) Bob O'Brien in place of John O'Donoghue, (74th) David Hickey for David Hackett.

Referee: Kieran Timmons (Silvermines).





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Despite trailing by seven points with fourteen minutes to play the Éire Óg junior Bs mounted a spirited rally at Kilcolman on August 15th which just fell short.

North Tipperary Junior B Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 2-12 Portroe 3-12

Although the Éire Óg junior B hurlers lost on this occasion plenty of positives could be taken from the performance. Indeed, the spirit of the players and their determination to work hard for one another will be crucial in the Blues' final group game against Newport. Having beaten Silvermines in the opening round Éire Óg remain in a good position to make the quarter-finals at the very least.

Portroe started well and led 1-2 to 0-1 after seven minutes with Anthony Walsh (free) responsible for Éire Óg's opening point. Enda O'Sullivan made a neat save to deny Portroe a second goal in the ninth minute before two Anthony Walsh frees cut the deficit to two points (0-3 to 1-2).

In the 13th minute Conor Kirwan set Anthony Walsh up for Éire Óg's first point from play before the Portroe 'keeper made a telling save to deny Oisín Ryan a goal following enterprising work from the influential Conor Kirwan.

In the 16th minute an Oisín Ryan point tied the game (0-5 to 1-2), but between the 18th and 24th minutes three frees helped Portroe to scoot into a significant advantage.



Points from Thomas O'Brien and Anthony Walsh ('65) (above) reduced the margin to one approaching half-time before another free helped Portroe into a 1-6 to 0-7 interval lead.

In the opening minute of the second half Brian Duffy's shot was saved by an alert 'keeper and within seconds Portroe raced down the field to score a goal of their own. Two minutes later Dinny Hogan was fouled for a penalty which Portroe elected to tap over the bar – 0-7 to 2-7.

Éire Óg needed to respond and respond they did in the 34th minute when a combination of Oisín Ryan

and Conor Kirwan set up Brian Duffy to belt home a rousing goal.

Thomas O'Brien set up Aidan Healy for a terrific right-handed point soon after, but Éire Óg conceded two frees which Portroe converted before Portroe scored a third goal in the 39th minute (1-8 to 3-9).

The sides traded frees thereafter before an Anthony Walsh free cut the deficit to six points with ten minutes to play (1-10 to 3-10).

A Portroe point in the 54th minute opened a seven-point gap once more before Conor Kirwan set up Niall O'Gorman for an effort which flew narrowly wide. With five minutes to play Thomas O'Brien grabbed Enda O'Sullivan's puck-out and picked out Conor Kirwan who laid off to Aidan Healy. Healy made no mistake with his cracking shot and the deficit was down to a manageable four (2-10 to 3-11).

Oisín Ryan and Anthony Walsh (free) then added to the Éire Óg tally, but the Blues struggled to create one final goal-scoring opportunity and a Portroe free brought the game to a conclusion.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Enda O'Sullivan, Paddy Flynn, John Kelly, Alex Jones, Jamie Gallagher, Lenny Ryan, Kevin Gubbins, Thomas O'Brien (0-1), Michael Hynes, Kieran Duffy, Conor Kirwan, Anthony Walsh (0-8, 0-6 frees, 0-1 '65), Oisín Ryan (0-2), Brian Duffy (1-0), Aidan Healy (1-1). Subs: (46th) Jack Sheedy for Jamie Gallagher, (52nd) Niall O'Gorman for Brian Duffy, (59th) Paul Slattery for Oisín Ryan.

Referee: Pat Gibson (Burgess).



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The Blues' junior B hurlers narrowly lost to Newport in a thrilling junior B championship clash played at Newport on Friday evening, August 29th – despite this defeat Éire Óg will progress to the quarter-finals of the north championship.

Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior B Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 2-11 Newport 0-18

Playing with the aid of stiff breeze in the opening half Éire Óg got off to an encouraging start. Jack Sheedy gave the Blues the lead and although Newport responded almost immediately the opposition 'keeper misjudged the flight of an Aidan Healy delivery in the eighth minute and presented Éire Óg with a 1-1 to 0-1 lead. Five minutes later Newport hit back with a point before a brace of long-range efforts from the influential Aodhán Geaney in the 15th and 16th minutes (one off his left and one off his right) handed Éire Óg a 1-3 to 0-2 lead. Newport managed a response almost immediately before Niall O'Gorman set up Oisín Ryan for a neat point. In the 21st minute Newport veteran Dinny Ryan made a telling save to deny Niall O'Gorman a goal following good work by Aidan Healy (above). Points from Kieran Duffy and Thomas O'Brien book-ended a Newport effort from play and the Blues led 1-6 to 0-4 with twenty-seven minutes played.

In the 29th minute Éire Óg 'keeper Brian Darcy made a stunning full length save to deflect a Newport onto his right-hand post. The Blues then poured forward on the counter-attack to where Thomas O'Brien created the room for Niall O'Gorman to beat Dinny Ryan. The sides



retired with eight between them at the break – Nenagh Éire Óg 2-6 Newport 0-4. Considering the strength of the breeze there was still every chance of Newport making a comeback. Indeed, that comeback looked more than likely when Newport hit three points without reply during the opening six minutes of the second half. A point from Aodhán Geaney in the 36th minute settled Éire Óg once more, but the Blues then went twelve minutes without a score – during that time fired six points (three frees). It is worth mentioning, however, that Éire Óg fought on gamely during this period and in the 43rd minute Dinny Ryan made a great save to deny the raiding Conor Kirwan.

With the scores tied (2-7 to 0-13) Éire Óg created yet another goal-scoring opportunity in the 48th minute – following good work from Conor Kirwan to turn over the ball Thomas O'Brien passed to Jack Sheedy whose shot was deflected over by the Newport 'keeper. Within a minute Newport hit back to equalise, but with ten minutes to

play Kieran Duffy intercepted a clearance from the home side and fired Éire Óg into a 2-9 to 0-14 lead. A Newport free tied the game before Brian Darcy made a second telling save in the 53rd minute. Conor Kirwan then won a rousing free in the 57th minute and Kieran Duffy converted the placed ball to force Éire Óg back into the lead. To their credit Newport responded in style with two points (one free) helping the home side into a 0-17 to 2-10 lead by the 61st minute.

Éire Óg conjured another goal-scoring opportunity in the 62nd minute, but a Keelan Higgiston effort was smothered by the advancing Dinny Ryan following good work from Conor Kirwan. There was still time, however, for Dylan Walsh to set up Thomas O'Brien for a terrific equaliser in the 63rd minute. Seconds later Newport took the lead once more and referee Kieran Timmons blew the full-time whistle. This was a terrific performance from an Éire Óg team which is improving all the time. This game concludes the group stage of the 2014 championship and the lads would appreciate your support for the up-coming quarter-final. Please keep an eye on the fixtures section of the website and the various social media channels for updates on same.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Brian Darcy, Alex Jones, John Kelly, Paddy Flynn, Michael Hynes, Leonard Ryan, Jamie Gallagher, Aodhán Geaney (0-3), Kieran Duffy (0-3, 0-1 frees), Jack Sheedy (0-2), Thomas O'Brien (0-2), Aidan Healy (1-0), Oisín Ryan (0-1), Conor Kirwan, Niall O'Gorman (1-0). Subs: (HT) Dylan Walsh for Oisín Ryan, (50th) Paddy Harrington for Niall O'Gorman, (57th) Keelan Higgiston for Jack Sheedy.

Referee Kieran Timmons (Silvermines)



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PROFILE OF CHRISTY 'TOO YOUNG TO BE A LEGEND YET IS' MCLOUGHLIN

Name: Christy McLoughlin

Age: 40

Favourite Food: Chicken

Favourite Drink: Water!

Favourite Film: There's a few, In The Name Of The Father, The Green Mile, Man About Dog and I have to add The Shawshank Redemption.

Favourite Music: Oasis, U2, The Killers and R.E.M.

Favourite Hurler and why? From the past, definitely John Heffernan, Michael Cleary and Conor O'Donovan. They were my heroes when I was growing up. At present I would say Kevin Tucker, Hugh and Noel Maloney. They are great leaders on the field.

Who was your toughest opponent? Jim Williams of Kilruane, Aiden Ryan from Borrisokane and our own Neilly Corbett when I started senior training!!

Proudest moment/achievement with Éire Óg: My proudest moment was to finally get to play senior hurling and to be part of such a great panel of players. I won medals alongside three hurlers I looked up to when they played for the county. All achievements are special because you share them with your team, friends, family and supporters.

Biggest influence on career: John Tucker (R.I.P.) John coached me from under-12 right up to senior. A great Nenagh man and a wonderful coach. He was brilliant with young players and will always be in our thoughts and our hearts.



Ref Christy at the Nenagh Primary Schools tournament and as part of the 1995 County Final winning team with his three heroes.

Advice to young players: Listen to your coaches. Train hard, prepare well. Don't under-estimate the importance of proper diet and rest in between training and matches, but most of all, enjoy playing the game.

First hurling memory: I stopped three goals in my first under-12 championship match in Borrisokane against Moneygall. Rory Flannery gave me a green pound note coming home in the car.

What does the club mean to you? Everything. I have friends inside and outside the club and without Nenagh Éire Óg that wouldn't happen.

Best career advice you were given: Enjoy every day that you put on the **blue jersey**! You'll have good days and bad days but above all, encourage your teammates and respect the jersey!

If there was a transfer market, whom would you buy? Brendan Maher of Borris-Illeigh. You could play him anywhere from one to fifteen. He has fantastic skill and a great attitude and always works for



the team. A worthy Tipperary captain.

What would you change about the game? I would give two points for a sideline cut. Not many players can do it. What a skill!

Person you would most like to meet: Shakira! We could sing to each other I could also help her write her songs (if she asked nicely!)

Marooned on a desert island, what could I not be without? Clean clothes, fresh water and food, a phone, shelter and a box of matches. (*Aah, I think that's called 'home' Christy!*)

When I was a child I wanted to be? A Pirate or a Gladiator! I loved playing with mock swords when I was a kid in my grand-mother's house in St. Joseph's Park. We would go to battle against the Sallygrovers!!

Favourite sport other than Hurling: Gaelic Football, Rugby.

You may not know it but I'm good at ... Baby-sitting!



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BLAST FROM THE PAST- THE REMARKABLE JUNIOR A HURLING TEAM OF 2000



referee Michael Cahill blew his full time whistle both sides were deadlocked 1-12 to 2-09. David Hackett scored a 17th minute goal for the blues after great work from Billy Flannery and John Heffernan but it failed to ignite an Éire Óg display and Ballinahinch

The year 2000 was a remarkable one for our Junior A hurling team as they captured a four titles winning the North, County and Munster championships as well as the North Junior A league title for the third year in a row.

The league final saw Éire Óg overcome Roscrea on a score line of 0-13 to 2-04 in what was a tough fiery encounter that "threatened to turn into a free for all on occasions" according to Mark Corcoran in The Guardian. Éire Óg made a blistering start scoring six points in the opening eight minutes with scores coming from Robbie Foley (3), Gearóid Cleary, Cormac Galvin and Noel Maloney while at the other end Billy Flannery, Tom Conroy and captain Noel Coffey were having fine games. Between the sticks net-minder Christy McLoughlin was in unforgiving form and twice denied Enda O Connor two certain goals for Roscrea. In fact such was the dominance of the Nenagh backs that it took Roscrea 27 minutes before registering their first score, a

pointed free from Tony Douglas. This did not rattle the Nenagh men and further points from Danny Corbett, Noel Maloney, Gearóid Cleary and Brian Quinn left the half time score Nenagh 0-10 Roscrea 0-01. The second half was "a dour affair with the wet conditions not helping matters after a steady shower appearing at half time." Roscrea did try hard in the second half and were rewarded for their efforts with goals from D Monaghan and Tony Douglas however it was too little too late and the Blues ran out winners by three points.

Nenagh: C McLoughlin, A Quinn, N Coffey, R Flannery, B Flannery, T Conroy, J Treacy, C Galvin, J Flannery, N Maloney, D Corbett, B Hackett, B Quinn, R Foley, G Cleary.

Referee Brian Reilly.

Next up was the North championship and after some fine displays we found ourselves in a final against Ballinahinch. This game was fixed for Dolla and when

fought bravely throughout the rest of the game. Ballinahinch started the second half brightly and Philip Kelly and Cathal Bourke both finding the net. Éire Óg hurled well during the second half and it took two late points from placed balls by Des Kelly to earn his side another crack at the title. The replay was again fixed for Dolla and after two North final defeats to Ballinahinch the previous decade Nenagh made no mistake this time of asking winning out 0-12 to 1-05 to retain their title. The opening twenty eight minutes were hard fought with backs on top and Éire Óg led 0-04 to 0-02 with points coming from Conor O Donovan, Martin Donnellan and two from Michael Hackett. Ballinahinch were awarded a penalty and Des Kelly made no mistake before adding a point to leave his side 1-04 to 0-04 in front. On the resumption Ballinahinch added another point (cont'd) and things look bright for them however it proved to be their last score of the game. Conor O



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Donovan scored two vital points which settle down Éire Óg and we started to hurl well from then on. Brian Quinn and Cormac Galvin got two more and this levelled the sides after seventeen minutes of the second half. Quinn again struck another to put Éire Óg in front and with Ballinahinch fighting hard extra time looked a real possibility. However the Hackett brothers of Michael and David scored three points between them to secure the title for Nenagh.

Billy Flannery had a fine game at wing back with Noel Coffey and John Flannery also manning the defence in fine form.

Nenagh: C McLoughlin, D Bailey, N Coffey, J Brennan, J Flannery, J O Donoghue, B Flannery, C Galvin (0-01), H Flannery, M Hackett (0-03), B Quinn (0-02), D Hackett (0-02), C O Donovan (0-02), M Donnellan (0-01). Sub E Murtagh for B Hackett

Referee G Hayes.

Nenagh marched on to the county final where they met Thurles Fennellys. No edition of Roy of the Rovers ever had anything on this game. In the twentieth minute Éire Óg were down to fourteen men after Declan Bailey was sent for an early shower and the blues fought bravely to the dying minutes but the Thurles men were holding their own and led by a point in the dying minutes. Every hurler since he first picked up a camán always dreamt of being the hero by scoring a last minute goal to win the match for his side but few get to live the dream. John Callanan had just sent over a monster point from midfield to send Fennellys in front and the Thurles crowd were sure the trophy was on its way to the mid. However Éire Óg were not about to lie down. Conor O Donovan won the resultant puck out and he found Michael Hackett. At this stage time seemed to slow right

down and Hackett found substitute Eamon Murtagh.



[Click to watch county final video.](#)

The crowd fell silent as if all the air had been sucked out of The Ragg but Murtagh held his nerve and sent a bullet to the back of the Thurles net for a goal he delights in recounting and the Éire Óg supporters exploded in joyous delight. Nenagh were now two points in the clear and Conor O Donovan added an insurance point and the trophy was ours.

Éire Óg started brightly with a goal from a free by Conor O Donovan and by the interval we were leading by 1-06 to 0-02. However being a man down many wondered if we had the legs to hold out in the second half. Fennellys were quick out of the blocks scoring three points and adding a goal in the sixteenth minute by John Connors. The sides were level and Nenagh were tiring. Three times Fennellys fired themselves in front but three times Nenagh replied to level the scores. Thurles try as they might just could not pull free of a resilient and determined Nenagh outfit. "It was a tremendous display in the face of adversity. To play forty minutes of a county final with fourteen men and pull off a victory is indeed a great achievement" wrote Liam Doran in The Guardian. "The experience and craft of Conor O Donovan, John Heffernan, John Flannery and captain Noel Coffey were vital in such a situation. Hugh Maloney, Michael Hackett and Tom Conroy also impressed in the

victory. The introduction of Billy Flannery and Eamon Murtagh in the last quarter proved a valuable one."

Nenagh: C McLoughlin, D Bailey, N Coffey, R Bailey, J Flannery (0-02) T Conroy, J O Donoghue, H Maloney, C Galvin, B Quinn, C O Donovan (1-06) M Hackett (0-02) D Hackett (0-01) J Heffernan (0-01) G Cleary. Subs E Murtagh (1-00) for Quinn, J Brennan for D Hackett, B Flannery for R Bailey.

Referee B White.

Due to the foot and mouth outbreak in early 2001 the Munster championship was delayed until late in the year. We managed to qualify for the final where we faced Clare side St Joseph's Dorra Barefield in Bruff. On a damp and dull day we put up a great performance to draw 0-13 to 2-07. A low scoring first half saw Nenagh lead 0-05 to 0-03 at the interval. Two second half goals saw Doora Barefield in front and again the title looked to be lost however showing the same never say die attitude from the county final late points from Donnacha Ryan, Conor Brennan and David Hackett left us a point in front with two minutes of injury time played. A late Dorra Barefield point tied the game for a share of the spoils. It was a great Éire Óg performance. Donnacha Ryan was outstanding at centre forward with great support coming from Cormac Galvin, Declan Bailey, John Brennan and John Heffernan. Our scores came from Donnacha Ryan (0-04), John Heffernan (0-03), Michael Hackett (0-03), Brian Quinn (0-01), Conor Brennan (0-01), David Hackett (0-01).

The replay played December 2nd again proved a tight tense affair with the Blues emerging victorious 0-10 to 0-08. This was a remarkable year and achievement for any club. To win one title is hard enough but to achieve four is something extra special.



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG



TEAMMATES NOW-FRIENDS FOREVER!

Young supporters brave the rain to see the senior team beat Borris.



Our under-14 hurlers modelling the new training tops supplied to every member of the juvenile club and looking good!



NO NEED FOR HAWK-EYE - NENAGH MEN ON THE JOB!

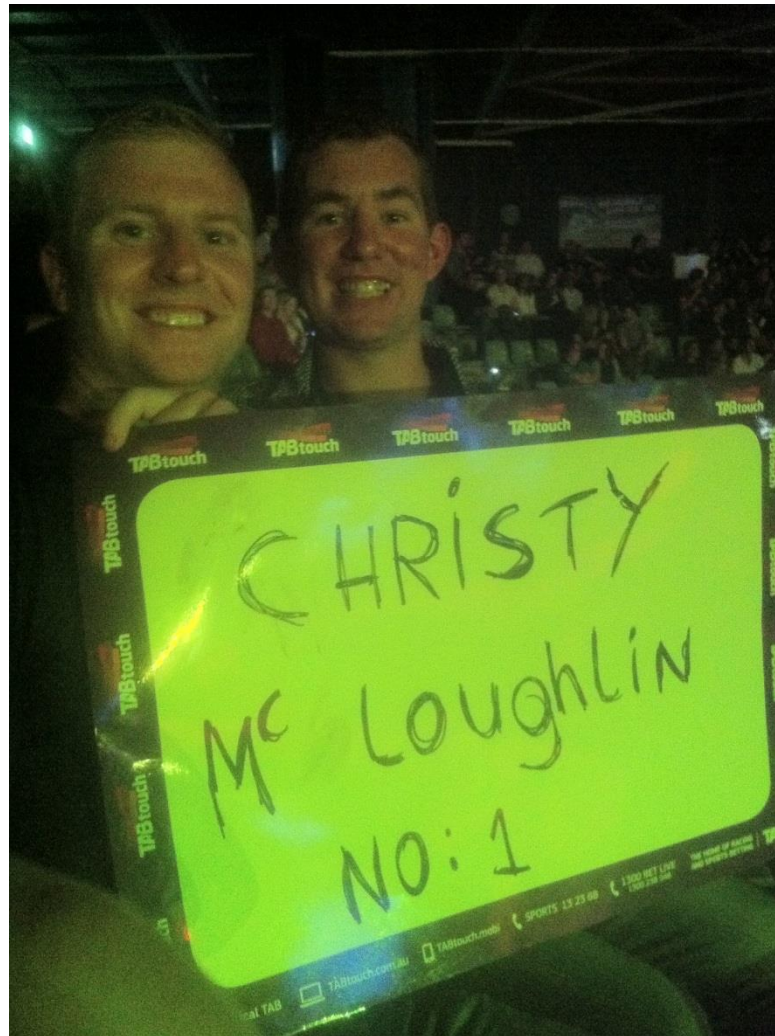
Umpiring the minor match between Silvermines and Burgess were David Minogue and Enda O'Sullivan. Christy was ref while Jim Flynn and John Kissane from Éire Óg were umpires at the other end.

Thanks to Burgess GAA for the photo.

Christy McLoughlin was one of the best ever goalkeepers the club ever produced. His exploits between the sticks inspired many a young lad to play in goals. None more so than Willie Bolger. At a recent darts competition in Australia Willie was spotted on television alongside Matt Cooney with a sign declaring his admiration for his hero. Willie has often been heard saying that when he gets older he wants to be just like Christy.

Watch an interview here with Willie's idol

<http://youtu.be/BXrdIWmzjj0>





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TIPP V THE CATS

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2014



This month Tipperary qualified for the All Ireland final following a stunning display against Cork in Croke Park. The win has Tipperary fans dancing with delight. One video, reported on Joe.ie, captured perfectly the delight of premier supporters. On closer inspection of this video it appears that some of our hurlers were among the throngs dancing with delight. Click to have a closer look and see who you can spot!



Nenagh hurlers captured enjoying themselves against Cork. This time a few of our players are photographed on Hill 16 with an article on Hoganstand.com



The under-12 and under-16 hurlers in the Davin Stand before the Tipp-Cork semi-final.



Click on the photo to hear Louise Morrissey sing Sliabh na mBan and get in tune for September 7th!!

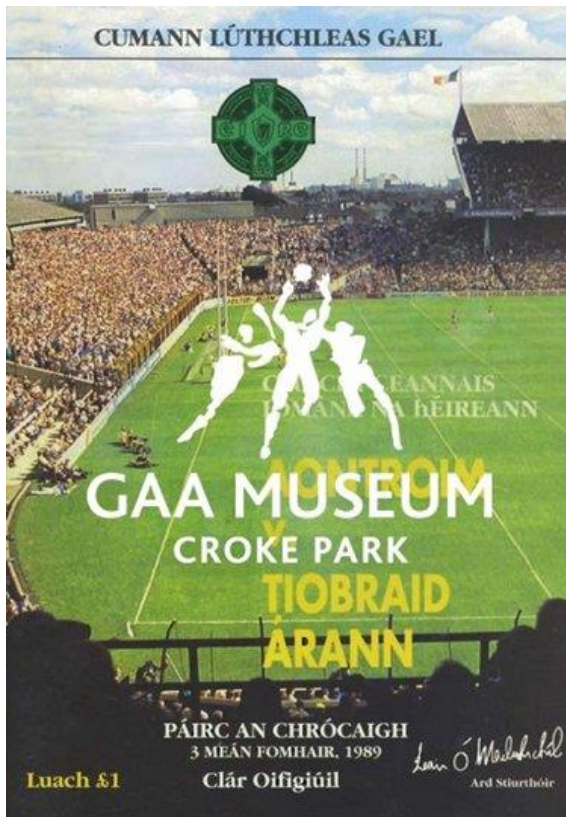




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THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TIPP'S 1989 ALL-IRELAND FINAL will bring back great memories for all Tipperary people but none more so than Nenagh Éire Óg supporters. To have one club mate on an All-Ireland winning team is special but to have three is extraordinary. We send our best wishes to John Heffernan, Michael Cleary and Conor O'Donovan as they grace the field in Croke Park again at half-time on All-Ireland day to commemorate the 25th anniversary of that great win. The very best of luck to the Tipperary team on September 7th!



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG PLAYERS WHO HAVE WON ALL-IRELAND MEDALS WITH TIPPERARY

Senior Hurling: 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), Michael Heffernan (2010).
Under-21 Hurling: Roger Coffey (1979 & 1980), Brian Heffernan (1979, 1980 & 1981), Michael Kennedy (1980), Philip Kennedy (1980 & 1981), PJ Maxwell (1980), Jim O'Sullivan (1981), John Flannery (1985), Declan O'Meara (1995), Kevin Tucker (1995), Robbie Tomlinson (1995), Paddy Murphy (2010), Michael Heffernan (2010).
Minor Hurling: John McGrath (1949), Paddy Hallinan (1953), Mick Burns (1955), Michael Gilmartin (1955), Anthony Tierney (1956), Devere Reynolds (1956 & 1957), Phil Hennessy (1957), Paddy Kearns (1957), Paudie Kennedy (1957), Michael Griffin (1976), Dennis Finnerty (1980), John Flannery (1982), Michael Heffernan (2006 & 2007), Patrick Murphy (2007), Killian Gleeson (2012), Barry Heffernan (2012).
Intermediate Hurling: Paddy Hallinan (1963), Michael Kearns (1963), Michael Heffernan (2012).
Junior Football: Chris Bonnar (1998), Kevin Coonan (1998), Jim McAuliffe (1998).



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SLIEVENAMON

Slievenamon
Charles J. Kickham

*Alone, all alone, by the wave-washed strand
All alone in the crowded hall
The hall it is gay and the waves they are grand
But my heart is not there at all,
It flies far away, by night and by day
To the times and the joys that are gone
But I never can forget the sweet maiden I met
In the valley of Slievenamon.*

*It was not the grace of her queenly air
Nor the cheeks of the roses glow
Her soft dark eyes or her curly hair,
Nor was it her lily white brow.*

*'Twas the soul of truth and of melting ruth,
And a smile like the summer's day.
That stole my heart away on that bright
summer's day
In the valley of sweet Slievenamon.*

*In the festive ball and the wave-washed shore
My restless spirit cries `'
My land, oh my land, shall I never see you
more,
My country will you never arise.
By night and by day I will ever, ever pray,
As darkly my life it rolls on,
To see our flag unrolled and my true love
unfold
In the valley near Slievenamon.*

KEVIN WHELAN THROWS STONES TO RATTLE CATS!

The origins of the term "Tipperary Stone Throwers" isn't altogether clear and leads us in a few different directions! One of them dates from the time of the Land League from 1870 to 1890 when the Constabulary were regularly pelted with stones anytime they were trying to carry out their duties such as evictions etc. The next one comes from the time of Faction Fighting which was widespread in Tipperary during the early 1800's. The women would fill their baskets with stones and pelt them at the opposing faction in the square in Thurles. My favourite is that the story goes that when Kilkenny supporters were passing through places like Littleton on their way to Dublin for an All-Ireland they would be pelted with stones!

There is a statue commemorating the Tipperary Stone Throwers in the Irish area of Syracuse, New York called Tipperary Hill. This monument was erected to forever

memorialize the original group of stone throwers: Jocko Behan, Richie Britt, James "Duke" Coffey, Patrick "Packy" Corbett, Kenny Davis, George Dorsey, Mikes Murphy, Stubbs Shortt, and Eugene Thompson - a group of young Irish patriots who became infamous in 1925 for refusing to allow the green to hang below the red at the now famous traffic light located at Tompkins and Milton Aves. as a sign of their loyalty to Ireland. After repeatedly refitting the broken glass, the city finally gave up and permanently put the green on top, for the world's only green-over-red signal light.

Anywhere a Tipp man goes to work throughout the world, if an Irish workmate finds out he's a Tipp man he will automatically be called a Stone Thrower. This reminds me of the time I went to work in London in the 80's and I started on a site with complete strangers working there. The word went around that I was from Tipp and



shortly after you could hear the roars all over the site to watch out as there was a Stone Thrower on site!! Such is the reputation of Tipp men all over the world!!



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CAMÓGIE NEWS- JUNIOR A CAMÓGIE CHAMPIONSHIP



teams. The game itself threatened to overheat at certain stages and saw two Nenagh players receive their arching orders for second bookable offences. Rachel Maher received her red card after the referee consulted with the umpires in the 45th minute while Alanna Morris followed suit in the 58th minute. Despite being down these two key players the Nenagh girls upped their game and refused

The Blues junior A Camogie team made history on August 14th when winning their first-ever championship game at the grade in Templemore (2-3 to 1-3).

County Junior A Camogie Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 2-3 Templemore 1-3

Our junior A Camogie team reached another small, but important milestone tonight when they played their very first championship match at this grade. Long-time followers of the Camogie section will remember many defeats and setbacks along the way to tonight's encounter, but the team themselves did not disappoint with a determined display that resulted in a one-goal victory.

The game was dominated by both sets of backs as scoring chances were at a premium as space became very hard to come by. The opening score of the game came after eight minutes when Rachel Spillane was fouled after some great work and Holly O'Brien pointed the resulting free. Nenagh, with their tails up, won the resulting puck-out

and Michelle Collins delivered a great ball into corner-forward Danielle Harrington who rounded her marker and headed goal-wards before unleashing a bullet to the roof of the net.

Templemore responded with a point of their own in the fourteenth minute, but Alanna Morris caught the resultant puck-out over the head of her marker and played a great ball into Holly O'Brien who pointed. Again Templemore replied with a pointed free through their full-forward, but Nenagh were hurling better and when Michelle Collins found full-forward Sarah O'Connor it looked as if Éire Óg were going to get a second goal, but the Templemore net minder pulled off a remarkable save to keep her side in contention.

Both sides scored one more point each before the half-time whistle – Nenagh's came after a Holly O'Brien free following a foul on Zoey Grattan to leave it 1-3 to 0-3 in favour of the Blues. The second half was a classic example of brilliant defence as both sets of backs were superb resulting in just two second half scores – a goal each for both

to allow Templemore to score that important goal that they craved. In the 52nd minute Michelle Collins, under pressure from four opponents, somehow made space for herself and sent an inch-perfect pass to the unmarked Aislinn O'Brien who soloed from forty yards out before selling the goalkeeper a fantastic dummy, rounding her soccer style and hitting the ball into an empty net. Templemore immediately responded with a great goal of their own, but try as they might they could not break down the Éire Óg defence and the Blues held out for a 2-3 to 1-3 win.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Ali Darcy, Amy Heffernan, Rachel Maher, Kara Ryan Mulqueen, Saoirse Gleeson, Ciara McGrath, Alanna Morris, Zoey Grattan, Rachel Spillane, Aislinn O'Brien, Holly O'Brien, Michelle Collins, Elaine Slattery, Sarah O'Connor, Elaine Slattery. Subs: Aileen Duggan for O'Connor (half-time), Mary Dillon for Slattery (41 minutes). Also on the panel were Sarah Quigley and Cliona Curren



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A WARM WELCOME FOR KILLEEDY

Last year our Féile Na nGael team qualified for the All-Ireland finals which were held in Limerick. Our hosts were Killeedy who went out of their way to make us feel most welcome.

On Saturday 30 August we were delighted to welcome Killeedy to Nenagh Éire Óg where we played a match and everyone was delighted to catch up and renew our friendship. To welcome Killeedy we baked this lovely cake in the shape of the Killeedy jersey. Thanks to everyone involved and Killeedy for travelling to Nenagh



BAG PACKING

On Friday 8th and Saturday 9th of August the Camógie section held a bag packing fundraiser in Tesco. This was our second bag packing of the year as we previously held one in Dunne's Stores. The Camogie club wish to thank the volunteers who so generously gave up their time to bag pack, the staff of both Tesco and Dunne's Stores for accommodating us and the shoppers who so kindly donated.

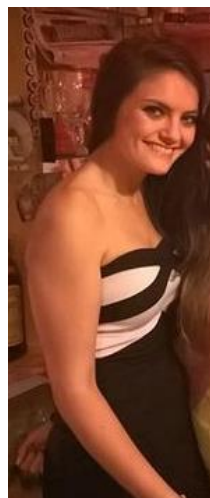


CONGRATS TO OUR PRIMARY GAMES STAR - MAEVE HASSETT

Congratulations to Maeve Hassett who recently represented Tipperary in The Primary Game. Here she is pictured second from the left with player friends and club mates Lucy Spain, Aisling Moran and Katie Morris. Well done Maeve from everyone in the club.

All of us in the Camógie club want to say farewell to club stalwarts Mary Dillon (far right) and Danielle Harrington (left) who are departing for foreign shores. Mary, a student in UCC, is off to China for a year to study Chinese while Danielle is taking the shorter trip to England to study nursing. Both ladies have been hurling with Nenagh for many years and have never given less than 100%. We wish them well on their career paths and don't forget to pack your hurleys and sliothars girls to keep the eye in!!!

[CLICK](#) to see Mary Dillon accept the 2011 Munster Junior league plate.



THE UNDER-10 TEAM had a wonderful day out at the Moira Cahill Memorial Tournament recently in Dundrum. This was a great day out and our girls really enjoyed themselves and played a number of games. Thanks to the organisers who did a marvellous job.



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG QUALIFIED FOR THE KNOCK OUT STAGES OF THE UNDER 16 "A" CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FOLLOWING A 5-12 TO 0- 10 WIN OVER ÉIRE ÓG ANNACARTY.

While the score line suggests a comprehensive victory for Nenagh the truth was that this was a hard fought encounter with little separating the sides until ten minutes into the second half when the Nenagh management made the inspired decision to swap full forward Grace O'Brien with her midfield counterpart Maeve Coffey. O'Brien, who had been starved of possession up to this point, began to dominate and deliver quality ball to the inside forward line with Coffey taking full advantage grabbing five goals in an impressive display.

The first half was played in awful conditions with torrential rain making the pitch hard to hurl on. Nenagh started brightly however and by the eight minute had three points on the scoreboard thanks to Maeve Coffey and two Grace O'Brien strikes. Annacarty responded with a point of their own in the thirteenth minute but Nenagh replied with the score of the game. Wing back Rachel Spillane won possession and moved forward with determination before delivering a fine pass to Grace O'Brien. The full forward quickly laid off to Maeve Coffey who split the posts from forty yards.

At this stage it looked as if Nenagh were going to dominate but Annacarty had other ideas and by the twenty first minute had replied with four unanswered points to give them a one point advantage. Nenagh responded with an Alicia Hallinan point following a superb save by the Annacarty goalkeeper. Grace O'Brien finished the first half scoring with a well taken free from thirty five yards to leave the score at 0-06 to 0-04 in favour of the home side.

Annacarty stormed into the second period and within a minute had a



blistering shot superbly saved by Nenagh netminder Sarah Quigley. This was the first of a number of fine saves by Quigley who put in a great hours work looking composed and assured at all times. At the other end Alicia Hallinan forced the Annacarty goalie into making a fine save of her own but O'Brien blocked down the attempted clearance before rifling her shot over the bar to extend Nenagh's advantage to three points.

It was after this that O'Brien and Coffey swapped positions and the move had an immediate benefit with a Coffey goal from a ground shot after a goalmouth scramble. An Annacarty point was cancelled out by points from Leah Sheedy and Grace O'Brien. Before the 47th minute Annacarty outscored Nenagh by four points to one when Leah Sheedy played an inch perfect pass to O'Brien who in turn found Maeve Coffey. Coffey put the head down and headed straight for goal before unleashing a bullet to the back of the net from ten yards. Two minutes later O'Brien again played in Coffey and once again she ran goalwards before shortening the grip and putting the ball over the bar. The O'Brien/Coffey combination once again worked its magic when Maeve gathered possession 35 yards from goal out near the sideline. Again she burst towards goal before blasting another goal. Annacarty scored a fine point of their own which was cancelled out by O

Brien after she bravely blocked another clearance from the goalkeeper before slotting the ball over. In the 57th minute a long Hazel McAuliffe delivery was caught expertly by Coffey who again dashed goalwards and hit a powerful shot that not even the net could contain as the ball burst a hole and ricocheted off the back wall for a brilliant goal. The goal machine wasn't finished yet and bravely blocked down an attempted clearance and got her fifth goal of the night in the 59th minute. Annacarty finished with a point of their own in the 62nd minute to leave the final score as Nenagh Éire Óg 5-12 Éire Óg Annacarty 0-10.

Nenagh Éire Óg: 1. Sarah Quigley 2. Vanessa Tynon 3. Eimer Ryan 4. Kate O'Connor 5. Ruth Hassett 6. Hazel McAuliffe 7. Rachel Spillane 8. Hazel Coffey 9. Rachel O'Connor 10. Alicia Hallinan 11. Maeve Coffey 12. Ciara Phelan 13. Leah Sheedy 14. Grace O'Brien 15. Sarah Kennedy Subs Fiona Hennessy for Kennedy. Clodagh Ryan for Phelan.



Tipp U14s A team won the Orla Mc Donagh tournament in the Ragg at the weekend, captained by our own Caroline Browne. In action for the A team were Caroline Browne, Niamh Sheridan, Rachel O'Connor and Becky McGrath. Also flying the flag for Tipp on Saturday were Leah Kelly, Rachel Browne, Saoirse Shanahan and Lily Purcell.



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Name: Grace O'Brien
Age 16
Occupation: student
Favourite Position: Wing forward
Favourite Film: The Hunger Games
Favourite Food: Lasagne
Favourite Drink: Milk
Favourite Book: The Fault in Our Stars
Toughest opponent: Rachel Maher, I may as well be beating my hurley off a wall as hit her!!!
Favourite camogie player and why: Miriam Campion because she's so inspirational and skilful
Advice to young players: Listen to your coaches they know best
Proudest moment playing camogie: Winning a Munster and All Ireland with Tipperary Under 16 last year and winning the minor final with Nenagh last year
What does the club mean to you? It means a lot because it's a



Grace in action against Galway in the under-16 All-Ireland Final great organisation to be involved in and I'm very proud to be part of it

Biggest Influence on my career: Me da Kieran because he's constantly giving me tips and helping me with my game
Who is the biggest joker on the

panel? Aislinn O'Brien she never shuts up!!!

If you could invite six people to dinner who would they be?

Paul O'Connell, Joe Canning, Tom Brady, Channing Tatum, Beyoncé and Katie Taylor

What person would you most like to meet and why? Jonah Hill because he sounds like right craic
Marooned on a desert island what could you not be without?

My iPhone, my mam and Oreos

When I was a child I wanted to be what when I grew up?

A jockey because my dad constantly made me watch horse racing and I'm small enough to be one!

If there was a transfer market what player would you buy?

Miriam Campion from Drom and Inch because she is a legend!

NENAGH HANDBALL CLUB



Eamonn Spillane and Gerry Foley with Munster Final opponents John Joe Fahey and Pat Henerby of Limerick. They face Connaught opposition in the semi-final this month.



It was a successful month for Nenagh Handball Club on many fronts with Eamonn Spillane and Gerry Foley (Ballinahinch) claiming the Diamond Masters B Doubles Munster Final win for Tipperary and Sinéad Meagher, our talented juvenile, scoring three goals in the U16 All-Ireland. Continued success to Eamonn and Gerry as they continue in the All-Ireland series this month.



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JUVENILE NEWS - UNDER-14 NORTH FINAL



The Nenagh Éire Óg under-14A hurlers who represented the club, the town, their families and themselves so brilliantly this year.

The under-14 hurlers' dream of landing a 12th north Tipperary title for the Blues ended in heartache on Saturday afternoon when the lads lost narrowly to Toomevara.

North Tipperary Under-14A Hurling Championship Final Nenagh Éire Óg 2-6 Toomevara 1-11

Toomevara got off to a great start in Puckane – despite the fact that Éire Óg 'keeper Scott O'Brien made two excellent saves in the opening minute Toome plundered a goal and then added two points to lead 1-2 to no-score by the fourth minute.

A Barry Coffey first-time effort found the crossbar in the sixth

minute before Coffey converted a '65 in the seventh minute to get Éire Óg off the mark. Two minutes later Barry Coffey set up Seán Phelan for a smashing right-handed point to leave a goal between them.

Toome responded with a point of their own, but Éire Óg were hurling well now and in the 14th minute Barry Coffey passed to Seán Shanahan who buried a left-handed rasper in the roof of Rory Brislane's net (1-2 to 1-3).

A minute later a Seán Phelan point tied the game, but Toome responded with a free in the 17th minute to force themselves back into the lead.

In the 18th minute Liam Heffernan was pulled down for a penalty – Barry Coffey went for goal, but Toome 'keeper Rory Brislane made a telling save.

Then, in the 19th minute, Brislane denied Barry Coffey a goal with another fine save. On this occasion, however, Coffey gathered the rebound and belted home a three-pointer which handed Éire Óg the lead for the first time (2-3 to 1-4).

Toome responded positively to the challenge and tied the game thanks to two converted frees before Liam Heffernan gathered Scott O'Brien's puck-out in the 25th minute. Heffernan off-loaded to Seán Shanahan and Shanahan landed a fine left-handed point which handed Éire Óg a narrow interval lead (2-4 to 1-6).

Toome fired two points in the opening two minutes of the second half to re-claim the lead before Barry Coffey won a free and converted it to tie the game.

Toome 'keeper Rory Brislane made another telling save to deny Liam Heffernan a goal seven minutes into



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represented the club, the town, their families and themselves brilliantly.

Our sincere thanks go to the under-14 management team for their efforts during the campaign: John Phelan, Conor O'Donovan, Phil Hennessy & David Minogue.



Nenagh Éire Óg would like to wish Toomevara all the very best in their

up-coming county semi-final.

the second half before the Greyhounds edged back into the lead thanks to a converted free with sixteen minutes to play.

In the 11th minute of the second half Barry Coffey converted a placed ball to level matters (2-6 to 1-9).

With ten minutes to play a Barry Coffey effort was waived wide much to the disgust of the Éire Óg supporters.

With seven minutes to play Éire Óg 'keeper Scott O'Brien made a terrific save to deny Toomevara a goal, but Toome converted the resultant '65 to take a vital lead. Then, with

four minutes to play, Toome's Mikie Delaney landed a fine individual effort to leave two between them.

Éire Óg enjoyed late opportunities to rescue the situation – in the 25th minute Evan Murphy's rasping effort flew narrowly wide while Barry Coffey's 21-yard free was saved four minutes into injury time.



Despite this defeat the players should be proud of their efforts this season – this group of Nenagh Éire Óg under-14A hurlers

Nenagh Éire Óg have won the north Tipperary under-14A hurling title eleven times: 1972, 1973, 1974, 1978, 1988, 1996, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010 & 2011.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Scott O'Brien, Stevie Hallinan, Fiachra Starr (captain), Mark Carey, Gavin Dooley, Evan Murphy, Brendan Long, Cian O'Farrell, Conor Hennessy, Seán Phelan (0-2), Barry Coffey (1-3, 0-2 frees, 0-1 '65), Daniel Molamphy, Cian Griffin, Seán Shanahan (1-1), Liam Heffernan. Subs: Conor Sullivan, Luke Carroll, Eoghan Tinkler, Conor Malone, Conor Robinson, Mark Ryan, Jason Teefy, Rory O'Donovan.



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Our under-10 hurlers enjoyed a great day out in Limerick at the Murroe-Boher Jim Commons Memorial Tournament on Saturday, August 23rd. The boys beat Murroe-Boher of Limerick and Wolfe Tones of Clare before losing to Dicksboro of Kilkenny in the final. Congratulations to all but especially to Taurai Shayanewako who was chosen as Player of the Tournament. Well done, Taurai! Many thanks to the hosts for taking such great care of the boys.



REVIVING AN OLD TRADITION

Thanks to Michael Cleary and JKC Toymaster for treating our under-12 hurlers to ice-creams and drinks after their final training session of the year. The management team of Michael McNamara, Joe Donovan, Enda Murphy, Tommy Heffernan and Alan Kelly would like to thank the boys for their great behaviour and enthusiasm all season. It was great to see the improvements made by all. Coaching facilitated by Éire Óg will continue in the town schools.



Goals weren't the only thing our young goalies had to be concerned about during a recent juvenile training session. This lad decided to take a break at the top goal of the inside field to the kids delight. Well done to Fiachra Starr who did a bit of zoo-keeping!

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CLUB is free to join and with your FREE membership you are entitled to a poster of your favourite Tipperary players entry in to a weekly draw for prizes such as radios, Tipperary Supporters golf caps, and much more. Click on the flag to register today.





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**MANY THANKS TO TIPPERARY CAPTAIN, BRENDAN MAHER FOR
TAKING THE TIME TO MEET EACH CHILD AT THE NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG
ANNUAL SUMMERCAMP**



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**BEST OF LUCK TO BRENDAN AND THE TIPPERARY TEAM
FROM EVERYBODY AT NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG**