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### CLEAN IRELAND RECYCLING COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

#### ÉIRE ÓG BEAT BALLINA BY TWENTY-SIX POINTS May 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

#### Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 1-30 Ballina 0-7

Playing with the wind in the opening half Ballina started well and led 0-2 to 0-1 after three minutes. Tommy Heffernan had presented Nenagh Éire Óg with an early lead, but Ballina hit back through Kevin Cosgrove and Michael Breen (free). The Blues, however, responded with three Donnacha Quinn efforts (two frees) and led 0-4 to 0-2 when David Hickey scored a third Ballina point in the eighth minute.

Éire Óg struck for the only goal of the game in the ninth minute when Shane Maher created an opportunity for team captain Paddy Murphy and the full-forward made no mistake from close range. Donnacha Quinn (two frees) and Paddy Murphy (below) added to the Blues' tally before David Hickey (free) managed a response for Ballina in the 22nd minute (1-7 to 0-4).



Tommy Heffernan (above, red helmet) and Terry O'Halloran then traded points, but Éire Óg surged into a 1-12 to 0-5 lead thanks to points from Paddy Murphy, Donnacha Quinn (free), Shane Maher and Andrew Coffey. Converted frees in first half injury



time left ten between them at the break (1-13 to 0-6). Éire Óg added four points to their tally during the opening seven minutes of the second half thanks to Andrew Coffey, Billy Heffernan and Donnacha Quinn (two frees). The Blues looked certain to goal for the second time in the 38th minute when Tommy Heffernan sent Philip Hickey through on goal, but Ballina 'keeper Adrian Power advanced expertly to avert the danger.

The Blues proceeded to add seven points to their tally and led 1-24 to 0-6 by the 47th minute. Killian Gleeson, Donnacha Quinn (four, three frees), Hugh Maloney and Andrew Coffey were responsible for these efforts.

Ballina were struggling, but played with great spirit and almost had a goal to cheer in the 50th minute when Steven O'Brien raced through only for a combination of John Brennan, Hugh Maloney and Michael McNamara to expertly turnover the inter-county football star.

A Pearse Morris point opened a 22-point gap between the sides before Andrew Coffey's rasping effort found the Ballina crossbar. Donnacha Quinn was on hand to gather the rebound, but Adrian Power pulled off a terrific reaction save to deny Éire Óg once more. Donnacha Quinn

converted the resultant '65 before points from Paddy Murphy, Pearse Morris and Billy Heffernan (two, one free) completed the scoring from an Éire Óg point of view. If any player encapsulates the spirit of the Ballina men it is veteran centre-back Tom Collins and in the first minute of injury time Collins notched a fine point, his side's sole score of the second half.

Please note that the Blues' final group game against Clonoulty-Rossmore is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 10th in The Ragg at 6.30pm. Entering the final round of games Clonoulty-Rossmore lead the group on four points (+21), Templederry are second on two points (+1), Nenagh Éire Óg are third on two points (+24) and Ballina are fourth on zero (-46).

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, John Brennan, Conor Ryan, Dáire Quinn, Hugh Maloney (0-1), Barry Heffernan, Billy Heffernan (0-3, 0-1 frees), Andrew Coffey (0-3), Donnacha Quinn (0-14, 0-10 frees, 0-1 '65), Shane Maher (0-1), Tommy Heffernan (0-2), Philip Hickey, Paddy Murphy (1-3), Killian Gleeson (0-1). Subs: (37th) Pearse Morris (0-2) for Shane Maher, (52nd) James Mackey for Philip Hickey.

**Ballina:** Adrian Power, Dónal Kent, Jerry O'Brien, Rody Kennedy, Michael Breen (0-1, 0-1 frees), Tom Collins (0-1), Brian O'Connor, Terry O'Halloran (0-1), Steven O'Brien, Kevin Cosgrove (0-1), Pat Cosgrove, Diarmaid Healy, Ronan Bourke, David Hickey (0-3, 0-2 frees), Brian McKeogh. Subs: (46th) Eoin Kent for Ronan Bourke, (49th) Brian Connolly for Diarmaid Healy.

**Referee:** Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea).





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### **CIAN TUCKER'S JUNIOR BS REGISTER FIRST WIN OF THE YEAR IN TOOMEVARA**

May 3rd, 2015

Cian Tucker's junior B squad recorded their first win of the year following an entertaining clash with Toomevara at St Michael's Park, Toomevara. And, it was no more than the Blues deserved following some tremendous performances in their previous league clashes when a series of brave efforts came up just short.

### **Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League Nenagh Éire Óg 0-12 Toomevara 0-11**

Nenagh started with serious intent when Thomas O'Brien raced through the heart of the Toomevara defence to set up Michael Hallinan for a great goal chance, but Toomevara veteran Tony Delaney, playing in the unusual position of goalkeeper, was equal to the effort. This seemed to inspire the home side who scored their opening point straight away, but this was cancelled by a fine Brian Tuite effort.

Paul Lillis, with a seventy-yard effort, cancelled out a second Toomevara point before he unorthodoxly scooped the ball over the bar following a long-range Thomas O'Brien free. Lillis followed this up with two pointed frees before the home side went on a three-point scoring spree. Noelie Tomlinson, playing his first game for the club since his transfer home from Knock, set up Niall McKeogh and Liam Maher for two excellent points. Toomevara added a late score of their own to leave the half-time score reading Nenagh Éire Óg 0-7 Toomevara 0-6.



At the break Niall Madden replaced the impressive Paul Lillis, who it later transpired, had broken a bone in his foot which will unfortunately see him out of action for a number of weeks. Tomlinson opened the second half scoring after collecting a rebound following a fine Tony Delaney save and splitting the posts. Niall Madden pointed a '65 in the 34th minute before Toomevara scored three points on the trot, the third of which was the result of a superb save from Dáire Gleeson which deflected over the bar.

Brian Tuite scored his second point of the game and shortly after Gleeson made another stunning stop, a full-length save which eventually Toomevara converted into a point. If Gleeson was making saves at one end, Tony Delaney was proving equally as brilliant at the other and in the 55th minute he stopped a Gavin O'Connor bullet. In the 59th minute Gleeson was again called into action with a great stop and with the game in the balance up stepped Gavin O'Connor to give Éire Óg a slender one-point advantage.

Niall Madden doubled the lead with a '65 and it looked as if victory was Nenagh's. However, Toomevara poured forward in search of a winning goal and they almost got it when a Toome forward broke through the Éire Óg defence and hit the sliothar towards the roof of the net, but once again Gleeson was

equal to the task and made a match-winning save. Toomevara did add a late point with the final puck of the game, but Nenagh held out to win by the slenderest of margins.

The lads deserve great credit for this win. Minutes before the game Kieran Duffy had to cry off due to illness and taking to the field with a panel of sixteen (the substitute was sub

goalkeeper Brian Darcy) the Blues worked extremely hard throughout. Niall Madden had to be summoned from the stand to replace Lillis at half-time. Not only that, but the discipline of the side was noteworthy. In the team's previous game the Blues conceded twenty-one frees, but after the management drilled it into the players this free count improved dramatically and referee Ciarán Timmons was forced to blow his whistle only eleven times in the entire match to award free pucks to the home side.

This year's Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League will be played on a two-group system with the top two teams in each progressing to the semi-finals. Nenagh Éire Óg have just one group game to play against Shannon Rovers. The Nenagh Éire Óg team are managed this year by Cian Tucker (manager), Mark Long, Paddy Flynn and John Paul King.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Dáire Gleeson, John Kelly, Lenny Ryan, Brian Duffy, Jack Sheedy, Jamie Gallagher, Gavin O'Connor (0-1), Brian Tuite (0-2), Thomas O'Brien, Paul O'Leary, Paul Lillis (0-4), Noelie Tomlinson (0-1), Niall McKeogh (0-1), Michael Hallinan, Liam Maher (0-1). Subs: Niall Madden (0-2) for Lillis.

**Referee:** Ciarán Timmons (Silvermines).



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## 2015 COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Blues lost their opening game in the 2015 county senior hurling championship to a terrific Templederry Kenyons team at St Michael's Park in Toomevara on Sunday evening, April 12th

**Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Hurling Championship  
Nenagh Éire Óg 0-20  
Templederry Kenyons 1-19**

Both sides started nervously, but it was Templederry who set the pace early on with two efforts helping the Brian Horgan-coached side into a 0-2 to no-score lead by the fourth minute. Tommy Heffernan got Éire Óg off the mark in the fifth, but the Kenyons hit back with a free almost immediately.

A Shane Maher point reduced the deficit once more, but Templederry then out-scored Éire Óg by three points to two and led 0-6 to 0-4 in the 14th minute. Tommy Heffernan and Donnacha Quinn ('65) were responsible for the Blues' scores while Shane Maher was cursing his luck in the 12th minute when Kenyons 'keeper Mathew Ryan saved well from the full-forward. Templederry struck for the only goal of the game in the 14th minute. The Kenyons then added a point in the 15th and Éire Óg found themselves six points adrift (0-4 to 1-7).

The Blues responded to the challenge in rousing fashion. Indeed, between the 16th and 24th minutes Éire Óg hit eight points without reply. Andrew Coffey sparked this surge with a point before Donnacha Quinn added to the Nenagh tally. A Tommy Heffernan point in the 18th minute left a goal in it before points from Paddy Murphy, Donnacha Quinn (free) and Andrew Coffey tied the

game (0-10 to 1-7) by the 22nd minute. Éire Óg then raced into a two-point lead thanks to two consecutive points from the stick of the influential Tommy Heffernan (0-12 to 1-7).

The Templederry men illustrated their resolve during the closing minutes of the opening half when hitting three unanswered points in highly impressive fashion. The Kenyons led 1-10 to 0-12 at the break.

A Donnacha Quinn free in the 32nd minute tied the game before Templederry edged back into a two-point advantage (0-13 to 1-12). The Blues responded with points from Donnacha Quinn (free), Andrew Coffey and Pearse Morris and led 0-16 to 1-12 by the 41st minute.

A Templederry point in the 44th minute tied the game once more before a superb hook on Tommy Heffernan denied Éire Óg a certain goal in the 46th minute. An Andrew Coffey point was then cancelled out by a Templederry

effort before a Donnacha Quinn point in the 49th minute helped the Blues into a 0-18 to 1-14 advantage.







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Templederry then illustrated their credentials as real contenders for county championship honours when firing four terrific points to take a 1-18 to 0-18 lead by the 55th minute. A brace of Donnacha Quinn frees cut the Templederry lead to one, but a 19th Templederry point in the first minute of injury time left two between them.

There was still time for Éire Óg to recover the situation and the lads tried hard to do so. In the 62nd minute Tommy Heffernan batted Andrew Coffey's cross goalwards, but Templederry 'keeper Mathew Ryan saved once more.

Then, in the 63rd minute, Andrew Coffey was fouled for a penalty. Unfortunately Tommy Heffernan steered the placed ball wide and Templederry survived to register a famous win.

In the corresponding Roinn I group one game Clonoulty-Rossmore beat Ballina 4-20 to 1-9 on Sunday evening.

Nenagh Éire Óg's next match in the county senior hurling championship is against Ballina. That game is scheduled to take place on the week-ending Sunday, April 26th in Newport at 2pm. The Blues' final group game will be against Clonoulty-Rossmore on the week-ending Sunday, May 3rd or Sunday, May 10th depending on Tipperary's progress in the knock-out stages of the Allianz National League – the league final is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 3rd. Please keep an eye on the club website and associated social media channels for updates.



### Nenagh Éire Óg:

Michael McNamara, Mark Flannery, John Brennan, Dáire Quinn, Billy Heffernan, Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Andrew Coffey (0-4), Kevin Tucker, Pearse Morris (0-1), Paddy Murphy (0-1), Tommy Heffernan (0-5), Killian Gleeson, Shane Maher (0-1), Donnacha Quinn (0-8, 0-5 frees, 0-1 '65).  
Subs: (42nd) Philip Hickey for Killian Gleeson, (44th) Paul Ryan for Shane Maher, (53rd) Conor Ryan for Kevin Tucker.

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







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### JUNIOR A HURLING – ROSCREA V NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 2015



players gave an exhibition with Hackett converting five to Ryan's six.

Éire Óg worked very hard in the second half and by the 24th minute a superb seventy-yard effort from Gavin O'Connor levelled the teams for the first time in the second half and it looked as if we were in for a grandstand finish until Jim

McDonnell used all his experience to collect a high ball and despite

#### ÉIRE ÓG JUNIOR AS LEAVE ROSCREA EMPTY-HANDED

Nenagh Éire Óg travelled to Roscrea to take on the hosts in our opening game of the north Tipperary junior A league and despite a battling performance left empty-handed as the hosts emerged victorious thanks to Jim McDonnell's late goal.

**North Tipperary  
Junior A Hurling League  
Nenagh Éire Óg 0-19 Roscrea 1-19**

The Blues started brightly with a David Hackett pointed free following a foul on Christopher Ryan in the second minute. However playing with a strong wind Roscrea led 0-6 to 0-4 by the mid-way point with Nenagh's other scores coming from

the hurley's of David Cleary and two John Cahalan efforts. It was looking good for Nenagh up to this stage, however, the home side took control of the match for the remainder of the half with nine points of their own – their scoring spree only interrupted by a point from the impressive John Cahalan after he intercepted a short puck-out to leave proceedings 0-11 to 0-5 at the break.

Nenagh started the second half brightly with three well-taken frees from David Hackett and another effort from John Cahalan inside the first ten minutes with Roscrea's only reply an excellent free from Mark Ryan.

In fact the second half almost became a free-taking contest between Hackett and Ryan as both

intense pressure from full-back Michael Collins he managed to shoot past the advancing Kevin Flynn for the decisive score.

Nenagh, to their credit, battled right to the end to get a three-pointer of their own, but the Roscrea backs soaked up all the pressure and earned a deserved victory.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Kevin Flynn, Brian Flynn, Michael Collins, Leonard Ryan, Seán Geaney, Adam Gratton, Darragh Walsh, Niall Madden, Alan Kelly, David Cleary, John Cahalan, Kieran Duffy, Christopher Ryan, Brendan O'Brien, David Hackett. Subs: Gavin O'Connor for Madden, John O'Donoghue for Cleary.

**Referee:** John Cleary (Knockshewowna).



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### JUNIOR B TEAM SUFFER AGONISING ONE-POINT DEFEAT TO NEWPORT

April 19, 2015

Cian Tucker's junior B hurlers suffered an agonising one-point league defeat to Newport at MacDonagh Park on Sunday evening April 19th. The Blues recovered a four-point interval deficit only to be denied by a late Newport surge.

### Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League Nenagh Éire Óg 2-16 Newport 2-17

Following defeats suffered at the hands of Portroe and Moneygall the Blues started in determined mood with Darragh Walsh and then Jamie Gallagher setting up David Cleary to score two early points. Éire Óg led 0-2 to no-score before Newport got off the mark in the sixth minute.

In the ninth minute the Newport 'keeper made a stunning save to deny Thomas O'Brien a goal before a Gavin O'Connor point helped Éire Óg into a 0-3 to 0-1 lead. Newport then converted three consecutive frees and led 0-4 to 0-3 by the 13th minute.

Kieran Duffy drilled a long-range free into the wind in the 16th minute to tie the game following a foul on Jamie Gallagher. A minute later Paul Lillis pulled on a Duffy delivery and the Blues led 0-5 to 0-4. Newport hit back with a brace of points from play before a right-handed Gavin O'Connor point in the 24th minute tied the game at 0-6 apiece.

Newport then raced clear of their hosts when hitting 1-3 without reply in a devastating four-minute spell and led 1-9 to 0-6 with half-time fast approaching. Late points from David Cleary and Darragh Walsh

closed the gap and with just four between them (0-8 to 1-9) at the break there was every chance of an Éire Óg reprieve.

Two minutes into the second half a Paul Lillis free cut the gap to three and although Newport hit back almost immediately Anthony Walsh cracked over a smashing point in the 33rd minute to close the gap once more.

A Paul Lillis free reduced the margin before Thomas O'Brien won Brian Darcy's puck-out in the 36th minute and raced through the heart of the Newport defence before firing home off his left to present the Blues with a 1-11 to 1-10 lead.

Newport responded with a converted free, but Éire Óg were utterly dominant at this stage. A Paul Lillis free preceded a converted sideline from the stick of Darragh Walsh. Paul Lillis added a point from play and then in the 41st minute Brian Duffy won a terrific turnover in defence, the ball was worked into the hand of Darragh Walsh and Walsh landed a monster of a point to hand Éire Óg a 1-15 to 1-11 lead.

Newport re-structured their side, installed a sweeper in defence and to their credit worked their way back into this contest. Two Newport frees cut the deficit to two and then, in the 51st minute, the visitors struck for a vital goal. A minute later Newport added a point and Éire Óg trailed by two (1-15 to 2-14).

A David Cleary point in the 54th minute gave the Blues some hope,

but Newport hit back with a converted free.



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Éire Óg 'keeper Brian Darcy made a superb save at his near post in the 56th minute, but there was no denying Newport two late points which helped the visitors into a 2-17 to 1-16 lead. In the third minute of second half injury time Paul Lillis fired home a great goal, but the final whistle blew shortly thereafter.

The Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior B Hurling League will be played on a two-group system this year with the top two teams in each progressing to the semi-finals. Nenagh Éire Óg have remaining group games against Toomevara and Shannon Rovers. The Nenagh Éire Óg team are managed this year by Cian Tucker (manager), Mark Long, Paddy Flynn and John Paul King.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Brian Darcy, John Kelly, Lenny Ryan, Brian Duffy, Alex Jones, Kieran Duffy (0-1, 0-1 frees), Aodhán Geaney, Jamie Gallagher, Anthony Walsh (0-1), Gavin O'Connor (0-2), Thomas O'Brien (1-0), Darragh Walsh (0-3, 0-1 sideline), Michael Hallinan, David Cleary (0-4), Paul Lillis (captain, 1-5, 0-3 frees). Subs: (39th) Jack Sheedy for Michael Hallinan, (53rd) Brian Tuite for Anthony Walsh, (58th) Adam Healy for Alex Jones.

**Referee:** Mike Murphy  
(Toomevara).





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### HCP - THE DERMOT EARLEY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Over the course of April two of our members, Louise Hickey and Enda O' Sullivan, travelled to The National University of Ireland, Galway to complete a Diploma in Training and Education as part of the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative.

In conjunction with the Healthy Club Project, members of our club between the ages of sixteen and eighteen will be invited to do the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative between September and April whereby they will complete three modules focused on developing their leadership skills.

It is hoped to bring these participants to Croke Park on the day of the Ireland V Australia compromise rules fixture in November when they will be presented with their module one certificates.

Those who complete all three modules will be eligible to graduate from NUIG with a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action.

Brought together by the National University of Ireland, Galway, Foróige, and the GAA, the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative aims to inspire a new generation of young Irish leaders by engaging them with the values and ideals Dermot epitomised on and off the field of play. This programme enhances the vision, passion and idealism of young people by teaching them key leadership skills and challenging them to use these skills for their own and society's benefit.

Further information on this course and how to apply will be made available in due course. Anyone interested in doing the course are invited to make contact with Louise or Enda for further information.



#### THIS UNIQUE PROGRAMME

evokes and honours the values Dermot Earley epitomised and tries to foster them in a new generation of young Irish leaders. During the programme, the content of which was designed by Foróige's best practice unit in partnership with NUIG's Pat Dolan (UNESCO Chair for Children, Youth and Civic Engagement), the participants, aged between 15- and 18-years-old, explore all elements of leadership before putting their skills to work in their own clubs and communities.

*Speaking at the launch in 2013, Uachtarán CLG, Mr Liam O'Neill, said, "Few better demonstrated the broad and varied skills and attributes associated with true leadership than the late, great, Dermot Earley (left). On and off the field the field Dermot led by example and inspired all those around him. The GAA is honoured to contribute to this great legacy through this initiative."*





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### FROM HEARTBREAK TO HOPE – AN EVENING WITH CHRISTY KENNEALLY

Christy Kenneally, the veteran broadcaster and author of numerous publications, including the bestselling book, *Living with Loss* brought great hope and insight to a large gathering in the Scout's Hall recently as part of the club's Healthy Club Project. His simple message that "too often, we can sink into despondency and despair. It is possible to move from heartbreak to hope. All of us can develop the muscle of resilience to cope with and transform change" was inspirational. Young and old took heart from his stories. Many thanks to Christy for taking the time out of his busy schedule to come to Nenagh.



#### PICTURED RECENTLY AT – AN EVENING WITH CHRISTY KENNEALLY

*Top left: Michael Geaney (HCP Chairman) Sr. Claire Slattery. Jim Nagle, Nenagh Éire Óg Chairman, Stacy Cannon, Croke Park Healthy Club Project Co-ordinator. Christy Kenneally, Ger McCarthy, Scout's Hall committee member and Proctor & Gamble and Phil Hennessey, Nenagh Éire Óg and Proctor & Gamble.*

*Top right: Christy receiving some words of wisdom from Joan Geaney.*

*Left: Christy brought great comfort and enlightenment to his audience through his unique, humorous story-telling.*







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### BLAST FROM THE PAST- WHEN PHIL HENNESSY LED THE 'MINES TO VICTORY OVER NENAGH!



*Singles, Back L to R Paul Kennedy, Johnny Ryan, Chris Bonar, Michael Grace, Noel Coffey, Michael Kennedy, Jim Nagle, Ronan Burns Front L to R Paudie Gleeson, Michael Morrissey, Philip Mulqueen, Phil Hennessy, Gearoid Cleary, James O Meara, John Kennedy*

*Married, Back L to R Christy Delaney, Jimmy Rochford, Michael 'Charlie' Hynes, Donie O'Brien, PJ Maxwell, Neilly Corbett, Liam Heffernan, Matt Ryan, John Darcy, Rody Cawley Front L to R Jim O Sullivan, Sean Minogue, Liam Flannery, Martin Morris, Con Morris, Brendan O Meara, Seamie Morris ..... Michael McGrath in the middle.*

On St Patrick's Day 1990 Éire Óg held a married verses singles hurling game on the outside field in MacDonagh Park. This was a great tradition held in many clubs up and down the country usually on days like St Stephens Day, New Year's Day or in our own case St Patrick's Day. As people tend to get married older nowadays this tradition has more or less died out.

Notable absentees from the game were Conor O Donovan, John Heffernan and Michael Cleary who were otherwise occupied representing Tipperary in an exhibition match against the 1989 All Stars. The game was held in the Skydome, Toronto and Michael Cleary was in superb form on the artificial surface in Canada in front of an attendance of 29,525 and Donal Keenan, in the Irish Independent, was moved to report "Michael Cleary did for Tipperary what none of the All Star forwards seemed capable of doing. He was in lively form and scored six points in that first half, as well as creating

many chances for his colleagues". Due to the heat inside the magnificent stadium it was decided to play the fixture over four quarters and John Heffernan played the first two quarters before being replaced by Conor O Donovan. It was the first time an official hurling match was played on an artificial surface under lights. Many of the players painted two black stripes under their eyes on the premise of protecting them from the glare but in reality it was more of a skit than anything else. Here is some footage from the game. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJ2AtMW835w> Phil Hennessy captained the singles to victory interestingly enough wearing a set of jerseys borrowed



from Silvermines. Here is the report on the married verses singles game that appeared in the club notes in the Guardian on March 24, 1990.

"The annual married v singles game took place on St. Patrick's Day in McDonagh Park. There was a fine turnout for the game. The married team were assisted by a number of players of dubious status who flew in especially for the game. The game itself was a tight affair with the married men ahead at half time by 7 pts to 6. Both teams exchanged the lead in an exciting second half before a late burst by the singles gave them victory by 13 pts to 11 pts.

A special word of thanks to former club player Martin Moloney now manager of the First National Building Society in Nenagh who kindly sponsored the splendid trophies for the game and also to Martin Darcy who kindly refereed the game. A minute's silence was observed before the game as a mark of respect to the late Jack Nolan who passed away last week-end."



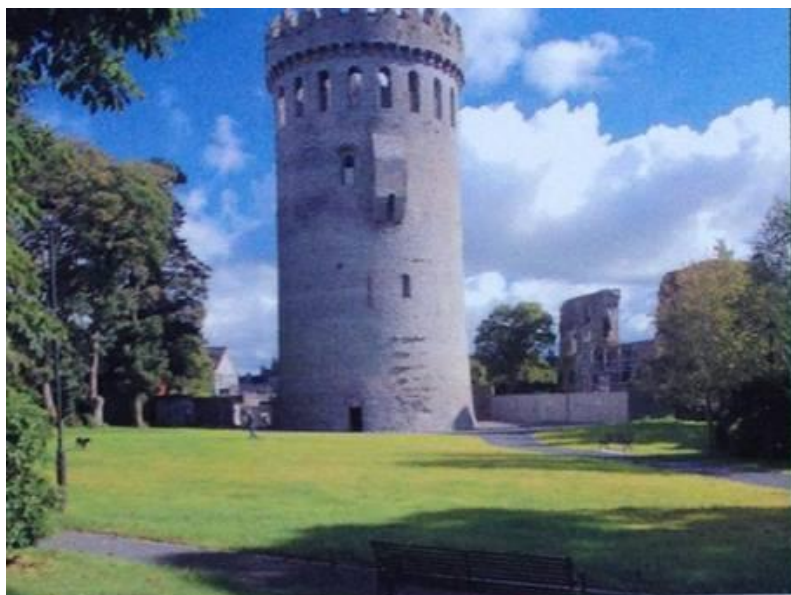


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9-12pm

**Dancing with The Kilfenora Céilí Band**  
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Bar and Hot Supper

**€15**

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Abbey Court Hotel

9-12 pm

**Céilí Seit with Tim Joe & Anne O'Riordan**

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Gig Rig

3.30 - 6.30 pm

**Dance on the street**

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**Nenagh July 12-19th 2015**





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### OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG



All of us in the club wish to extend a special happy 21st birthday greeting to our junior A camogie captain Ciara McGrath. Ciara celebrated the event in Buddy's Bar along with former player Claire Collins.

Indeed Ciara showed what a true captain she was when lining out at midfield against Lorrha Dorrha the following day in a crucial league match. Happy birthday Ciara and Claire from everyone in the club



Well done to our under-12 hurlers who are helping out North Tipp Development manager John O'Keeffe with North Tipp Coaching sessions at Nenagh College.



#### OUR MINOR CAMÓGIE STARS

The Tipperary Minor team met recently and received their new tops. Present were our minor camógie stars Maeve Coffey, Grace O'Brien, Sarah Quigley and Rachel Maher.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Tommy Heffernan who collected his Irish Independent Rising Stars hurling award in Croke Park on Tuesday, April 28th. From left: Paul Maher (UL & Moyne-Templetuohy), Brian Stapleton (UL & Templederry Kenyons), Brian Troy (UL & Kilkenny), Cian Buckley (Cork IT & Cork) and Tommy Heffernan.







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Geraldine Armitage, Margaret O' Sullivan, Helen O' Sullivan and Una Flynn in The Scout's Hall at the recent Nenagh Éire Óg Healthy Club Project night with Christy Kenneally



#### GRASS FIGHT AT THE MINOR MATCH!

Everyone has a favourite field from their childhood at matches, the one that had the best hill/trees/walls! Bring the juveniles out to matches. They will find their friends to play with and occasionally ask the score!



**TIPPERARY  
SUPPORTERS  
CLUB DRAW  
2015/16 HAS  
BEEN  
LAUNCHED.  
SUPPORT YOUR  
COUNTY,  
SUPPORT YOUR  
CLUB AND YOU  
COULD WIN!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG'S DENIS PARKER** (Rathmartin, Nenagh) who won the €20,000 jackpot in the Tipperary GAA Members Draw. On Wednesday last Mr Parker was presented with his cheque at the MacDonagh Park complex by Ger Gavin (representing the Tipperary County Board). The presentation ceremony was hosted by club chairman Jim Nagle who welcomed the Parker family to the club.

For the past twenty-seven years the Tipperary GAA Draw has served the clubs and the people of Tipperary well. A unique Nenagh Éire Óg branded brochure will become available in the coming weeks to promote the up-coming draw. The Tipperary GAA Draw features an extraordinary €500,000 prize fund. And, don't forget that your club, Nenagh Éire Óg, benefits significantly from your contribution to the Tipperary GAA Draw. Indeed, the draw committee has introduced major increases in commission for the coming year. Should you wish to join the draw or renew your subscription to the Tipperary GAA Draw please contact any club officer or email [eireognenagh@gmail.com](mailto:eireognenagh@gmail.com).





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### CAMÓGIE NEWS

#### ÉIRE ÓG SEE OFF CASHEL IN JUNIOR A LEAGUE SEMI- FINAL AT THE RAGG

May 3rd, 2015

The junior A Camogie team crossed another milestone today by qualifying for the club's first-ever junior A league final in only the second year competing at this grade after a well-deserved four-point win over Cashel Camogie Club.

#### County Junior A Camogie League Semi-Final Nenagh Éire Óg 1-8 Cashel Camogie Club 1-4

Nenagh started brightly with Holly O'Brien setting up her sister Grace with an almost telepathic pass for the opening point of the game in the second minute. Holly once again with a great ball found Alicia Hallinan who bore through on goal, but her stinging effort was well saved by the Cashel netminder.

In the fifth minute captain Ciara McGrath pointed after yet another superb pass from Holly.

Cashel opened their account with a point in the tenth minute before Alicia Hallinan found Holly O'Brien with a pass who, in turn, played in Grace O'Brien. Grace was fouled on the 21-yard line before popping over the resultant free to extend the Blues' lead.

The hardworking Sarah O'Connor at full-forward set up Grace for another point which was responded to in kind by former All-Ireland winning captain Emily Hayden. In the 27th minute Rachel Spillane was fouled with Grace scoring the resultant free to leave the half-time



score reading Nenagh Éire Óg 0-5 Cashel Camogie Club 0-2.

The half-time words of encouragement from joint-managers Kieran O'Brien and Noel Coffey had the desired effect almost straight from the throw-in. Louise Hickey raced straight through on goal before finding Sarah O'Connor with a great pass and the full-forward left the Cashel goalkeeper with no chance to give Nenagh a six-point advantage.

Three minutes later Grace O'Brien extended the lead with a pointed free. Shortly after Emily Hayden, who had been having a fascinating tussle with Rachel Maher, used all her experience to catch a high ball over the full-back's head and headed straight for goal. She was pulled to the ground and referee Kieran Slattery had no option, but to extend his arms and award a penalty. Hayden took it and her superb effort was brilliantly saved by Sarah Quigley and Alanna Morris was fastest to react and clear the

danger. This wasn't to be the only time Quigley would thwart Hayden's efforts.

At the midway stage Emer Ryan replaced the injured Saoirse Gleeson and shortly after Maeve Coffey, who was carrying a knock into the game, replaced Sarah O'Connor. Moments later Cashel had a goal of their own when Clodagh O'Gorman blasted past the helpless Quigley to give the west side hope.

Two minutes later though Alicia Hallinan pointed after great interplay between Louise Hickey and Holly O'Brien. In the 53rd minute Cashel won another 21-yard free and once again Quigley brilliantly stopped Emily Hayden's shot.

After two great saves from Quigley, Hayden elected to point a '21 in the 57th minute and not take chances trying to beat the Nenagh netminder.

Leah Sheedy replaced Holly O'Brien and made an immediate impact





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scoring a fine point after a great pass from Hazel McAuliffe who just about shaded the player of the match accolade from centre-back, regularly intercepting the play and breaking up Cashel attacks.

Emily Hayden scored a great point in the 60th minute to finish the scoring to leave it at Nenagh Éire Óg 1-8 Cashel Camogie Club 1-4.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Sarah Quigley, Saoirse Gleeson, Rachel Maher, Kara Ryan-Mulqueen, Aileen Duggan, Hazel McAuliffe, Alanna Morris, Michelle Collins, Ciara McGrath (captain), Alicia Hallinan, Grace O'Brien, Rachel Spillane, Holly O'Brien, Sarah O'Connor, Louise Hickey. Subs: Emer Ryan for Gleeson, Maeve Coffey for O'Connor, Leah Sheedy for O'Brien.

**Referee:** Kieran Slattery (Knockavilla Kickhams).



## UNDER-12 CAMÓGIE TEAM TRAVEL TO SEMPLE!

Our under-12 camogie team played a blitz in Semple Stadium on Saturday 25th April and defeated Bodyke (Clare), St Catherine's (Cork) and St Anne's (Waterford). They had a great day out. Thanks to all the organisers and mentors for their superb work.







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### ÉIRE ÓG JUNIOR A CAMÓGIE TEAM SURGE TO THIRTEEN- POINT WIN

April 05, 2015

A terrific display saw the Éire Óg junior A Camogie team register a thirteen-point win over Burgess at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh. This display featured some great scores, excellent approach play and a terrific work rate.



*Sarah Quigley pictured making a stunning save at MacDonagh Park.*

### County Junior A Camogie League Nenagh Éire Óg 4-7 Burgess 1-3

The Éire Óg junior A Camogie team were eager to build on their recent win over Portroe and despite falling behind due to a converted Burgess free in the first minute the hosts raced into a 2-1 to 0-1 lead by the 17th minute.

A Holly O'Brien free in the third minute got Éire Óg off the mark and although Julie Moylan saw her shot saved in the ninth seconds later Holly O'Brien's '50 beat the Burgess 'keeper and handed the Blues a 1-1 to 0-1 lead.

Seven minutes later Éire Óg struck for their second goal when the impressive Hazel Coffey picked out Louise Hickey and the centre-forward fired home from close range. In the 18th minute the Burgess 'keeper saved from Hickey before a Burgess point in the 22nd doubled their tally. Alanna Morris notched the score of the game in the 27th minute when landing a terrific point off her left following

good work from team captain Ciara McGrath.

Éire Óg 'keeper Sarah Quigley made a terrific save to deny Burgess a certain goal in the 29th minute and the home side led 2-2 to 0-2 at the break.

Nine minutes into the second half Sarah Quigley was asked to conjure



another stunning save before a Grace O'Brien '50 in the 41st minute extended the Blues' lead. Seconds later Rachel Spillane set up Grace O'Brien for a right-handed point and the home side led 2-4 to 0-2.

Éire Óg's third goal materialised in the 44th minute when Grace O'Brien's long-range free found the Burgess net. Five minutes later the Burgess goalkeeper denied Grace O'Brien with another stunning save.

Burgess hit back with a 1-1 blast in the 51st minute to cut the gap significantly (3-4 to 1-3), but Éire Óg were far from finished. In the 52nd minute Alicia Hallinan set up Grace O'Brien for the home side's third goal and three minutes later O'Brien struck once more, this time Michelle Collins provided the assist. Aislinn O'Brien enjoyed the final say in the matter in the 59th when the substitute scored a fine point.

**Nenagh Éire Óg:** Sarah Quigley, Kara Ryan-Mulqueen, Rachel Maher, Saoirse Gleeson, Aileen Duggan, Zoe Gratton, Alanna Morris (0-1), Michelle Collins, Ciara McGrath (captain), Julie Moylan, Louise Hickey (1-0), Alicia Hallinan, Hazel Coffey, Sarah O'Connor, Holly O'Brien (1-1, 1-1 frees). Subs: (16th) Aislinn O'Brien (0-1) for Holly O'Brien, (37th) Rachel Spillane for Julie Moylan, (37th) Grace O'Brien (2-4, 1-1 frees) for Sarah O'Connor, (44th) Emer Dight for Hazel Coffey, (56th) Sarah O'Connor for Louise Hickey.

**Referee:** Martin Griffin  
(Silvermines).

*Nenagh Éire Óg centre-back Zoe Gratton pictured in action against Burgess.*





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### COUNTY JUNIOR A CAMÓGIE LEAGUE LORRHA DORRHA 3-9 NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 4-8

Nenagh Eire óg travelled to Lorrha to take on the hosts in the third round of the junior A league and it took a superb injury time save from stand in goalkeeper Holly O'Brien to ensure that we emerged from this highly entertaining encounter with a slender two point victory.

Both sides entered the game full of confidence having won their respective two opening round matches however Nenagh were down four players, Rachel Maher, Grace O'Brien, Sarah Quigley and Maeve Coffey due to inter-county commitments.

This was a hugely entertaining match incorporating all that is great about camogie with tremendous grit, determination and no end of skill on display from two hugely committed teams.

The game started in a whirlwind with Nenagh's captain, Ciara McGrath, landing a fine point from forty yards. Lorrha responded with a superb goal of their own which left Holly O'Brien, standing in for the absent Sarah Quigley, with no chance. Nenagh remained focused and centre forward Aislinn O'Brien opened her account after some fine interplay with Ciara McGrath. McGrath herself, levelled proceedings with a point of her own in the seventh minute.

Things started to settle down and wasn't until the sixteenth minute when the next score came, a point from full forward Sarah O'Connor after a fine pass from Aileen Duggan. Seconds later Alicia Hallinan sent a bullet to the roof of the Lorrha goal. It was all Eire óg at this stage and Louise Hickey forced a superb save before Hazel Coffey coolly pointed the rebound. Just as it looked as if Nenagh were going to take full control of this

game Lorrha responded in kind with a great goal and two points of their own. Ciara McGrath pointed a free just before Alicia Hallinan bagged her second goal of the game, a great low shot after playing a one-two with Aislinn O'Brien. Lorrha pointed themselves to leave the score at the interval Lorrha Dorrha 2-03 Nenagh Eire óg 2-06. Lorrha started the second half brightly with a point inside three minutes before Hazel Coffey was picked out with a fantastic pass from Aislinn O'Brien. Coffey ran twenty yards before unleashing a rocket which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Nenagh found the net again a minute later after an Aileen Duggan long range free deceived all and landed in the goal.

Lorrha to their absolute credit did not drop the heads and scored 1-3 of their own with only an Aileen Duggan pointed free breaking their momentum. Entering the closing minutes there was only two points separating the sides when Michelle Collins got the point of the game. Referee Joe Cahill threw in the ball and after a scramble Collins emerged with the ball and under severe pressure from the backs shot over her shoulder from a difficult angle to leave a goal between the teams.

Lorrha piled on the pressure in the final moments and scored a point. Our backs were under unbelievable pressure and deep in injury time it appeared as if Lorrha were going to snatch a late winner when a shot from the fourteen yard line was heading into the lower corner of the Eire óg net but Holly O'Brien was equal to it for a fine save the once upon a time her father Kieran would have been very proud of.

Both sets of management will be delighted with the performance their

charges gave. Their teams battled right to the end and can look forward to the remainder of the league with lots of confidence. It should be pointed out that Ciara McGrath (below left) more than played a captains role as the previous night she celebrated her twenty-first birthday and spared no energy covering a lot of ground in this game. Well done Ciara.



#### Nenagh Éire Óg

1. Holly O'Brien
2. Hazel McAuliffe
3. Emer Ryan
4. Kara Ryan Mulqueen
5. Aileen Duggan
6. Zoey Gratton
7. Alanna Morris
8. Ciara McGrath
9. Michelle Collins
10. Hazel Coffey
11. Aislinn O'Brien
12. Rachel Spillane
13. Alicia Hallinan
14. Sarah O'Connor
15. Louise Hickey

Subs: Ruth Hassett for Hickey,  
Eimear Dight for O'Connor  
Referee Joe Cahill (Kilruane  
MacDonaghs)





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### NATIONAL CAMOGIE REFEREE COMMITTEE PLAYING RULES CHANGES CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 INTRODUCTION

Congress 2015 ratified a number of New, and amendments to the Camogie Playing Rules. While some changes consist of Terminology changes, others will alter how the game is Refereed. It is important to note that there is no substantial change as to how the Game is played, the main changes are listed below and come into effect on Tuesday 28th April 2015 at all levels. (This is a draft document in advance of the publication of the complete new Rule Book)

#### PLAYING RULE CHANGES

Official Guide Part 1. Duties and powers of the The Referee.

41.2 The Referee may remove a person from the playing area for persistent interference/abuse etc, the persons name/nature of incident and language used.

(This should only be used following a verbal warning to the Offender for persistent and deliberate abuse. The name, and nature of abuse including words used are vital)

Play may be temporarily suspended due to serious injury, extreme weather or any other serious unforeseen situation which may occur. Play is suspended for a Max of 15 min, if the issue cannot be resolved the game should be abandoned. The referee should keep both Teams and Officials informed of what is going on.

(This covers unforeseen circumstances, the Timeframe should be adhered to)

41.3 A Referee/Umpire may use Hawkeye where it is available to clarify if a score was correct.

(The Referee and his/her Umpires should be clear on the Protocols regarding the use of this technology where available)

41.5. A Referee may consult her/his officials on any matter during the game, and may apply the appropriate penalty for any rule infringements.

(This applies to incidents the Referee has not observed, both Umpires and Referee should be clear on when/where it is used)

Rule 6: playing gear, base layer (skins) may be worn.



(The Playing gear Rules must be applied, Jewellery applies particularly to Hands, or any other items the Referee considers may cause injury. Notify Team management of your concerns)

Rule 8.2 (new) Camogie games may be played on a full size synthetic pitch where available.

Rule 9.5 (amended) if the sliotar touches any non player during play a throw in occurs, where it strikes a non player from a free it must be retaken.

(Usually this will apply to the Sliotar striking the Referee, from Play a throw in but if from a free it must be retaken)

Rule 9.6 (new) A player may hand pass the sliotar to score

Rule 10.1 (I) amended to read " a player may not take the sliotar out of play by lying on it

Rule 10.1 Technical fouls. For a player on the Team awarded a free to retaliate before the free is taken, cancel free and throw in sliotar, apply appropriate penalty.

(Where a player on the Team awarded a free retaliates, the free is cancelled and sliotar is thrown in, apply the proper sanction)

Rule 10.2 (e) "to dig an opponent" upgraded to a Red Card

(This offence is regarded as Striking, and is now upgraded from Yellow to Red card)

Rule 10.2 (I) to abuse a Referee, official, opponent, teammate, manager upgraded to a Red Card

( Upgraded from Yellow to Red card, apply for Deliberate and Persistent Abuse)

Rule 10.2 (j) to interfere with any part of the helmet now a Red Card.

(No distinction between Plastic/Faceguard, DELIBERATE interference with an opponents helmet is now a Red card)

Advantage Rule: Having allowed an advantage to an offended Team, the referee may allow the advantage to run by holding her/his arm upright for up to 5 seconds if no advantage occurs she/he may award a free for the original foul,

Players may not wear Jewellery of any kind while playing. Failure to comply is to be treated as dissent.

or a subsequent foul committed within the 5 seconds if more advantageous. The Referee shall apply the appropriate sanction for the Foul.

(Previously, having allowed an advantage a free could not be awarded for the original foul, the Referee can now allow play continue for 5 seconds and if no advantage accrues a free may be awarded from the spot where the foul occurred OR if the Player is fouled a second time within the 5 seconds in a more advantageous position, the Referee may award a free/penalty for the second foul and apply the appropriate penalty. EXAMPLE: #14 has her Jersey held on the 20m line, advantage is applied and within the 5 seconds she is pulled down within the large rectangle by the opposing #3, the Referee may award a Penalty and issue a Yellow card to #3. What is 5 seconds? Say, one thousand-two thousand-three thousand-four thousand-five-thousand, that's 5 seconds.)

Rule 11.7 For a Player on the team awarded a free to stand nearer than 10m before the sliotar is struck, cancel free, award free to opposition .

(A player awarded a free strikes the Sliotar to her Team mate who is Not 10m away, free puck is cancelled and a free awarded to the opposition)

Rule 15.4 A player who strikes the sliotar directly over the crossbar from a side line cut shall be awarded 2 pts provided it is not touched in flight by any player on the attacking or defending Teams.

( A sliotar striking the Post or Cross-bar and scoring from a side-line puck is worth 2 points, but if touched by any player is worth only one point)

#### RULE - LIMITATION OF LEGAL LIABILITY

These Rules shall not impose on any Referee, Linesman, Umpire, Sideline Official, Team Official

or Unit any legal duty of care or legal responsibility

(which duty shall remain with individual Players

and, if relevant, Parents, Guardians or other persons legally responsible for them)

( This places the onus of responsibility on the individual regarding duty of care and not on the Referee)





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## GLIMPSE AT THE PAST

BY NOEL SHOER

I started hurling for Eire Óg at U 14 level. To me the name itself "Eire Óg" is magical and conjures up a wonderful sense of pride.

Obviously MacDonagh Park was a different place then. We never referred to it as MacDonagh Park, it was just "the field." There was no Complex. The building inside the gate housed four dressing rooms which were quite basic and did not have showers.

Some may not now be even aware of the stone seat outside the dressing rooms. It was there that we togged out for training, leaving our clothes on the seat. The dressing rooms were always locked. I sometimes wondered why this was so. I always thought that the field was "ours." As a young fellow I didn't realise that the dressing rooms and inside field were under the auspices of a North Board Park Committee.

Apparently that was the reason why Eire Óg teams, including the Seniors trained on the outside pitch. I can remember sheep grazing on that field.

Young players at that time did not have the best of gear. Most of us had "hand-me-downs." Few had real jerseys. In my case I had an old pair of ankle high boots with several cogs missing. There were no laces in them so I used thickish twine. The under age teams which I played on contested North Tipp Finals U14, U15, U16.5, minor and U21. We didn't win one of them! When we graduated to the Senior team we hadn't any better luck. As the North Championship was run that time we had two games per year. Having lost the first game, we went in to the Losers' group. Losing the first game in that group meant that our



season was over! They were very lean years for Eire Óg. We were singing the blues to a different beat. So I suppose it was a feat in itself to ensure the Club's survival in senior ranks.

Back to the dressing rooms – Eventually lads got tired of togging out at the stone seat. One evening it was suggested that the locks on the dressing room doors be broken. No sooner said than done. I'm not sure if we had been climbing the fence around the "big field" for training at that stage but the locks there suffered the same fate. The rest, as they say, is history. I'd like to think that those events sparked the action which brought us to the stage we're at today.

### Ag Feachaint Siar

*I sometimes sit and dream of many  
an Eire Og team,  
Lads of yesterday, who gave many  
a great display,  
And with a sigh I wonder why, so  
little success came their way.  
For us the thing to do, was to earn  
the jersey blue,  
To give of your best when put to  
the test  
So that the club might have its due.*



*On the seat of stone we'd moan  
and groan  
There our clothes lain, in sunshine  
and in rain.  
The dressing rooms were locked, an  
idea I thought half-cocked.  
"Mol an oige" they used to say, but  
that was hardly the way.  
Inside the rail was the holy grail,  
Sometimes we'd encroach, though  
wary of who'd approach.  
Twas hard to understand why on  
that glorious patch of land,  
Of green and swarthy sod, we  
weren't allowed to trod.  
We only wanted to play, so that  
come the day,  
We'd not let down Eire Og of  
Nenagh town.*





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*The gear we had – ochon – nothing  
new we'd own,  
The old boots of mine had laces of  
twine  
I don't remember '57, though it  
must have been Heaven,  
When the boys from the town won  
that famous North Tipp crown.*

*It wasn't 'til '64 we won the  
championship once more.  
I'll never forget how Kearns shook  
the net,  
How he came from the wing and  
with his unique swing,  
Put such power in the ball, 'twould  
have gone through the wall!  
That was the day the great team  
from Roscrea  
Had to go down to the team from  
our town.*

*Against Holycross-Ballycahill we  
gave it a rattle,  
We went there to win, not to give  
in.  
But our hopes faded away, as did  
the light of day.*



*More lows than highs  
brought tears to the  
eyes.*

*Through many a lean  
year, with little to cheer.  
Men went out we  
shouldn't forget about,  
Whose spirit and drive  
kept the club alive.*

*Our efforts to capture  
Dan Breen were often tales of  
might-have-been,  
But we battled on and with great  
pride brought Dan home with us in  
'95.  
To the gael of those times, it's  
true, our gratitude is due,  
For providing in Nenagh such a  
wonderful arena.*



*I remember the ground, concrete  
seats all around,  
And the cheering and cat-calls could  
be heard far from the Whitewalls.  
On sunny Sundays of summer, to  
the field we'd happily wander,  
The men paid the quids, 'twas free  
for women and kids.  
A cacophony of sounds rang  
around the grounds,  
The hawkers plied their wares –  
apples, oranges and ripe William  
pears.*

*A man was employed to guard the  
wall, another to follow and throw  
back the ball.*



*Others patrolled the ditch at Grey's  
lane stopping people gettin' in  
without payin'.  
Half-time - teams stayed in the  
ground, mentors and fans all  
gathered round,  
Moving in close as they dare 'til  
someone said: "Stand back. Give  
'em air".  
They'd take off the jersey and sup  
Lucozade,  
Running repairs were done with  
yards of bandaids.  
Some might swig from a magic  
bottle in a bag  
While others would take a drag  
from a fag.*

*Then the order was given: "Shove  
in lads. Come on. Shove in."  
A rallying call started off low And  
gradually built to a rousing  
crescendo,  
With a stirring speech, a tear or two  
shed, he'd lift the hair on the back  
of your head.*

*Fights often broke out and blood  
spilled about  
Tempers rose and passions too  
defending the honour of the parish  
abu!  
At the final whistle sound, people  
streamed from the ground,  
Some thrilled with what they'd seen,  
others lamenting what might  
have been.*





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### JUVENILE NEWS – NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG STREET LEAGUE 2015



**WELL DONE TO ALL OF THE GIRLS AND BOYS WHO ARE MAKING A GREAT SUCCESS OF THE 2015 STREET LEAGUE. UNDER-12 CAMÓGIE AND JUVENILE HURLING MENTORS HAVE DONE A SUPER JOB IN BALANCING THE FOUR TEAMS SO THAT EACH CHILD GETS A CHANCE TO COMPETE ON THE FIELD. ALL OF THE MATCHES HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE AND WITH TWO ROUNDS PLAYED AND TWO MORE TO GO, IT'S ALL THERE TO PLAY FOR!**

