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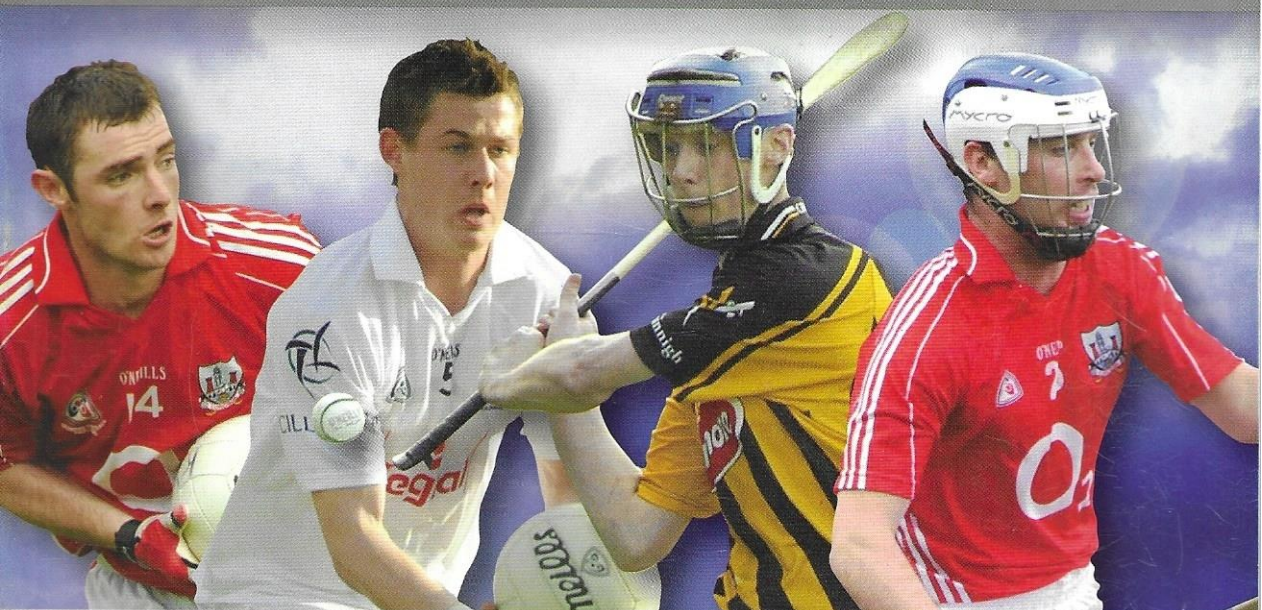


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## KILDARE v CORK



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CILL CHAINNIGH v TIOBRAID ÁRANN / KILKENNY v TIPPERARY



Croke Park, 10 August, 2008

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## Páirc an Chrócaigh, Áth Cliath, 10 Lúnasa 2008

### ESB ALL-IRELAND MINOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

#### 12.15pm **Cill Chainnigh v. Tiobraid Árann**

Réiteoir: Alan Kelly (Gaillimh)  
Linesmen: Fergus Smith (An Mhí) (STANDBY REFEREE)  
Garrett Duffy (Aontroim)  
Sideline Official: Danny Harrington (Áth Cliath)

### ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL QUARTER-FINAL

#### 2.00pm **Cill Dara v. Corcaigh**

Réiteoir: Pat McEnaney (Muineachán)  
Linesmen: Jimmy White (Dún na nGall) (STANDBY REFEREE)  
John Bannon (An Longfort)  
Sideline Official: Gerry McCarron (Muineachán)

### ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

#### 4.00pm **Cill Chainnigh v. Corcaigh**

Réiteoir: Michael Wadding (Port Láirge)  
Linesmen: James Owens (Loch Garman) (STANDBY REFEREE)  
Brian Gavin (Uíbh Fhailí)  
Sideline Official: Éamon Ó Muiris (Uíbh Fhailí)



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## TEACHTAIREACHT AN UACHTARÁIN

**A** lucht leanúna ár gcluichí, tá clár thar bharr againn anseo um thráthnóna. Fearaim fáilte faoi leith roimh néasóirí Chill Chainnigh agus Tiobraid Árann. Táim cinnte go léireoidh siad traidisiún na hiománaíochta go smíor um thráthnóna. Léirigh Cill Dara go bhfuil a meon dírithe go tréan faoi láthair agus nuair a thug Corcaigh bata is bóthair do Chiarraí léirigh siadsan go bhfuil luas, scil agus neart acu i mbliana. Ní bheid eagla ar cheachtar acu dun chun páirce um thráthnóna. Aon uair atá Cill Chainnigh ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Chorcaigh is am faoi leith é! Bígí cinnte go mbeidh sé mar an gcéanna inniu.

Due to an extremely tight fixtures programme it is sometimes necessary to schedule major hurling and football championship games on the same day in Croke Park. This is not ideal, but practicalities must come into play and today's programme reflects this! Cork were discommoded in the past, but it made sense that both their senior teams should be facilitated on today's programme in Croke Park. As regards all fixtures, our CCCC tries to be as accommodating as possible with every county and huge work takes place behind the scenes to try and meet everyone's expectations. It is simply not possible to accede to every request as the CCCC must bear the bigger picture in mind and also be conscious of the needs of clubs around the country.

### Fáilte

I welcome the Players, Team Mentors, County Board Officials and Supporters from the four competing counties to Croke Park this afternoon. I also welcome the referees, fourth officials, umpires and linesmen and I wish them well.

### Our Sponsors

The GAA is extremely grateful to Guinness, Etihad Airways and RTÉ Sport as our partners for the Senior Hurling Championship and to Toyota, Vodafone and Ulster Bank as our partners for the Senior Football Championship. We are also appreciative of the ESB's sponsorship of our Minor Hurling and Football Championships. I welcome the representatives of all our partners to Croke Park this afternoon.

### Cork v Kildare

I was at the Féile Peil na nÓg in Cavan on the day of the

Munster Senior Football Championship Final and popped in briefly to watch some of the first half on TV. It did not make pretty viewing from a Cork perspective and the subsequent half-time analysis from the TV pundits did not give much hope for the Leesiders. The half time pep talk from the team mentors clearly had the desired effect and the well documented second half performance and result sees Cork enter today's Senior Football Quarter-Final as favourites. That defeat of Kerry showed a strong battling quality in a side that clearly has an abundance of talented footballers.

Kildare have taken a long and challenging route to be in Croke Park this afternoon. Their demise in the Leinster Senior Football Championship in May has now been consigned to history and some excellent performances through the Football Qualifier route ensures the team lines out at Headquarters today. The team and mentors deserve a lot of credit for regrouping and getting everyone refocused during the past few weeks. It takes time for new mentors to get an understanding with their players. The results over the past three weeks will have given everyone involved with the side renewed confidence for today's clash with Cork. Best wishes to both teams.

### Cork v Kilkenny

It is an amazing statistic but today's Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final brings Cork and Kilkenny face to face for the very first time at this stage of the championship. Games between these age old rivals have provided some of the most outstanding exhibitions of our native game. Both proudly at the top of hurling's roll of honour and that alone always adds another ingredient to an intriguing hurling encounter. Kilkenny enter today's game following an impressive Leinster Senior Hurling Championship campaign and the big question is what impact the six weeks wait since their last game will have on the side. The players were well occupied with their clubs plus an intensive training programme with the county side, but only time will tell if the lack of more recent competitive championship fare was a disadvantage to the team.

Cork on the other hand had their Munster Championship ambitions for 2008 denied by Tipperary, but regrouped in impressive fashion through the Qualifier stages of the championship. Galway and Clare asked some serious questions of the side in the two recent games and on both occasions the Cork players delivered emphatic answers. The team mentors, too, played an equally impressive role in both of these successes.

Games between Cork and Kilkenny invariably throw up exciting and memorable contests. Like Kerry in football, Kilkenny are looking for their third championship in a row. Despite all the great teams over many decades emerging from the county, it is many years since this milestone was



chieved. Cork would like nothing better than to thwart those efforts, just as Kilkenny did to the Leesiders a few years ago. The rivalry remains as intense as ever, yet both counties have the greatest of respect for each other's tradition and abilities. Good luck to both teams for what will surely be another wonderful and memorable encounter.

### Kilkenny v Tipperary

Another of hurling's great rivalries starts proceedings in Croke Park this afternoon when Kilkenny and Tipperary clash in the ESB All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship Semi-Final. The reigning All-Ireland champions Tipperary narrowly lost out to Cork in the Munster Final in a game they might well have won. Kilkenny on the other hand progressed throughout their Leinster championship campaign, but will know that neighbours and great rivals Tipperary are a big step up in class. The Premier County has been very much to the fore in this grade over recent years and although the senior side currently has an abundance of stars, it must be gratifying for the county to see so much young talent around at the moment.

Given the long-standing rivalry between the two counties, those who arrive early in Croke Park this afternoon can expect another exciting contest. It is a big occasion for the young players and their families and I wish them well.

### Croke Park Stadium

Some of our patrons present today in Croke Park may not have been here at yesterday's Football Quarter-Final games. Even if you were not present, you might appreciate the enormous work which has to be undertaken by our Stadium Team to ensure everything is ready for all patrons and teams for another festival of games this afternoon. The entire stadium both inside and outside had to be cleaned plus numerous other activities to ensure everything is in place and in line with our Stadium Event Plan. Many people worked late into the night to put the stadium in the appropriate condition to receive thousands of new patrons and all the competing teams this afternoon. Bear in mind also that the most important piece of the Croke Park infrastructure, the pitch, was manicured to perfection overnight. Take a quick glance at the pitch and I doubt if people would realise that two games were played there yesterday. Well done to all involved on our Stadium Team.

Finally, I wish all patrons an enjoyable afternoon in Croke Park. Thanks for your support and please take care on your way home.

Go raibí mí maí agus beannacht.

*Seán Ó Braonáin*

Seán Ó Braonáin  
Seachtarán G.A.A.



## Clár an Lae

- 11.58 Cill Chainnigh amach ar an bpáirc
- 12.00 Tiobraid Árann amach ar an bpáirc
- 12.15 Tús an chluiche
- 12.47\* Leath-am
- 12.49\* GAA/INTO Mini Sevens
- 12.57\* Tús an dara leath
- 01.30\* Críoch an chluiche
- 01.43 Corcaigh amach ar an bpáirc
- 01.45 Cill Dara amach ar an bpáirc
- 02.00 Tús an chluiche
- 02.37\* Leath-am
- 02.39\* "The Road to Croker" Master Marksmen
- 02.52\* Tús an dara leath
- 03.30\* Críoch an chluiche
- 03.35 Corcaigh amach ar an bpáirc
- 03.37 Cill Chainnigh amach ar an bpáirc
- 03.52 Paráid na Fóirne
- 03.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 04.00 Tús an chluiche
- 04.37\* Leath-am
- 04.39\* "The Road to Croker" Master Marksmen
- 04.52\* Tús an dara leath
- 05.30\* Críoch an chluiche

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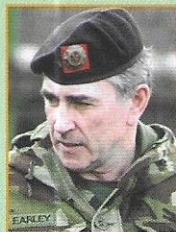
## Presentation to Dermot Earley

At a lunchtime function in Croke Park today President of the GAA, Nickey Brennan made a presentation on behalf of the Association to Dermot Earley, to honour his elevation to the position of Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces.

Dermot enjoyed a long and distinguished football career with his club, Michael Glaveys, Roscommon and Connacht. In 1966 he had the honour of representing Roscommon at Minor, Under 21, Junior and Senior level and he was part of the team which won the All-Ireland Under 21 championship that year. He went on to represent Roscommon until 1985 and in that time annexed five Connacht titles. Unfortunately Roscommon did not land the elusive All-Ireland title, coming very close in 1980 when Kerry defeated them in a very close game. Dermot also won two All-Star awards in 1974 and 1979.

Dermot entered the Irish Army as a cadet in 1965 and served on a number of overseas missions. In 1987 he was appointed as Assistant Military Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Perez de Cuellar. In the intervening years his career has continued to advance on in April 2007 he was appointed as Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces.

Dermot's great interest in the GAA continues and members of his family uphold the great Earley tradition with his son, Dermot and daughter, Noelle starring for the lilywhites of Kildare.



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## Na Réiteoirí

### LINESMEN



#### Alan Kelly (Gaillimh)

**A**lan makes his Croke Park debut as a referee in this All-Ireland minor hurling championship semi-final. He is still hurling in the junior grade with his club, Rathúin-Caistlean Nua, as a forward. He won a county minor medal in 1993.

Kelly has been refereeing locally for six years and controlled last year's county senior final between Portumna and Kinvara.

He is now in his second year on the intercounty panel, and refereed the Christy Ring Cup ties between Westmeath and Roscommon, and last month's Carlow-Mayo semi-final at Castlebar.



Fergus Smith  
(An Mhí)  
STAND-BY REFEREE



Garrett Duffy  
(Aontroim)

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#### Pat McEnaney (Muineachán)

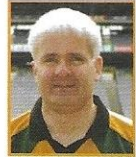
**P**at refereed the Ulster senior football quarter final replay between Down and Tyrone at Newry in June. Earlier in the season he was the man-in-the-middle at the Laois-Wicklow Leinster senior championship tie at Carlow.

McEnaney is an intercounty referee of great experience. He refereed the Meath-Mayo drawn All-Ireland semi-final and replay in 1996. In 2000 he took charge of another drawn Sam Maguire Cup tie—that one between Kerry and Galway.

The Monaghan man added another Sam Maguire Cup tie to his CV in 2004, the meeting of Kerry and Mayo. He has also been an Irish Referee/Umpire in the International Rules Test series both at Croke Park and Australia. Pat won minor, junior and intermediate championship medals with Corduff.



Jimmy White  
(Dún na nGall)  
STAND-BY REFEREE



John Bannon  
(An Longfort)

SINSEAR PEIL:  
Cill Dara v. Corcaigh



#### Michael Wadding (Port Láirge)

**M**ichael is another “knight of the whistle” who is no stranger to All-Ireland championship duty. He took charge of the 1997 All-Ireland minor final, and he has controlled games in the All-Ireland senior championship.

The Roanmore clubman has also refereed at All-Ireland Intermediate championship final level. Last July he refereed the All-Ireland senior quarter-final between Limerick and Clare at Croke Park.

Wadding has worn the county colours in hurling.



James Owens  
(Loch Garman)  
STAND-BY REFEREE



Brian Gavin  
(Uibh Fhailí)

IOMÁINT SINSEAR:  
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# Laochra An Toghcháí Linn Inniu

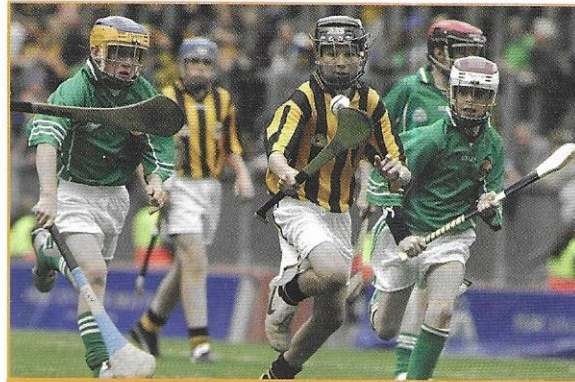
**F**earaimid fáilte ar ais roimh ógánaigh Chumann na mBunscol atá linn inniu don chéad bhabhta don INTO-GAA Mini-Sevens 2008. Idir seo agus an cluiche ceannais peile i mí Mheáin bhómhair, imreoidh 240 dalta idir buachaillí agus cailíní ag leath ama sna cluichí is mó i bhféilire Chumann Luthchleas Gael. Is iontach an rud é dona páistí, a dtuismitheoirí, na múinteoirí agus lucht na clubanna ar fud na tíre nuair a roghnaítear buachaill nó cailín dona 'Minis'. Tá an scéim ar siúl anois ó 1986 agus tá níos mó ná 5,000 dalta tar éis áirde a glacadh faoin am seo.

Le Rory McCarthy, iománaí Loch Garman, an chéad fear a bhuaigh bonn sinsear Uile-Éireann agus a t-imir sna Mini-Sevens le linn dó bheith sa bhunscol. Tá go leor eile anois tar éis an bheart a dhéanamh. Ar a himreoirí mór le rá tá Ollie Murphy, Darren Fay ó Chontae na Mí, Declan O'Sullivan agus Paul Galvin ó Chontae Chiarraí agus Dan Shanahan agus Dave Bennett ó Chontae Lár. D'imir Claire Grogan – réalt mór namágoíochta Thiobraid Árann – agus Jenny Keenan, peileadóir Mhuineacháin, freisin.

Is iontach méanar dona páistí bheith i lár an aonaigh os comhair sluaite móra i stáid álainn an Chrócaigh. Is iontach an spreagadh dóibh fanacht dílis do chluichí na nGael. Nach iontach an onóir é freisin dona múinteoirí i scoileann Chumann na mBunscol ar fud na tíre bheith i láthair chun a nimreoirí óga a fheiceáil

ar an stáitse mór. Gabhaimid buíochas inniu leis na múinteoirí úd as ucht a gcuid oibre ar son ár gcultúr. Gura fada buan iad.

Beidh 40 páiste – cailíní agus buachaillí – ó sheacht gcontae déag ag glacadh páirte um thráthnóna. Is cinnte nach ndéanfaidh siad dearmad go deo ar imeachtaí an lae inniu. Tá súil againn, chomh maith, go bhfeicimid ar ais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh iad amach anseo agus geansaithe a gcontaethe á gcaitheamh acu. Fearaimid fíorchaoil fáilte freisin roimh a dtuismitheoirí agus a múinteoirí atá mar aíonna againn i bPáirc an Chrócaigh um thráthnóna.



Scil den scoth ag leath-ham sa chluiche ceannais iomána anuraidh.

## Cumann na mBunscol

### IOMÁINT — Team A

1. Jason Barcoe, St. Colman's N.S. Clara, Kilkenny
2. Ben Leydon, St. Colman's N.S. Clara, Kilkenny
3. Conor O'Broin, Gaelscoil Ultain, Co. Monaghan
4. Christy Connors, Queen of Angels N.S., Wedgewood, Dublin
5. Daniel O'Sullivan, St. Colman's N.S. Clara, Kilkenny
6. Anthony Byrne, St. Laurence's N.S., Greystones, Co. Wicklow
7. Gerard Hughes, S. Mary's P.S., Kilkubbin, Co. Down.
8. Philip Connors, St. Michael's N.S., Newtown, Borris, Carlow
9. Cian O'Toole, Monaseed N.S., Monaseed, Co. Wexford.
10. Fiachra Ó Meachair, Scoil Neasain, Dublin.

### IOMÁINT — Team B

1. Ciarán Cleary, Clonlisk N.S., Birr, Co. Offaly.
2. Ben Watters, Collon N.S., Co. Louth.
3. Daniel Doughan, Clonlisk N.S., Birr, Co. Offaly.
4. Niall Kenny, Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.
5. Aodh Ó Corrain, Gaelscoil Ultain, Monaghan.
6. Kevin Ryan, Dangan N.S., Co. Meath.
7. Killian Doyle, St. Mary's N.S., Raharney, Co. Westmeath.
8. Greg McGovern, Swanlinbar N.S., Co. Cavan.
9. Liam Savage, St. Mary's P.S., Kircubbin, Co. Down.
10. Ronan Sheahan, Stonepark N.S., Longford.

### CAMÓGAÍOCHT — Team A

1. Charlene Lennon, St. Patrick's P.S., Ballygalget, Co. Down.
2. Orlagh Vallely, St. Joseph's P.S., Madden, Co. Armagh.
3. Aoife O'Neill, St. Pius G.N.S., Dublin.
4. Alison Ruschitzko, Myshall N.S., Carlow.
5. Beth Toner, St. Patrick's P.S., Ballygalget, Co. Down
6. Rachel Byrne, St. Bridget's N.S., Crossbridge, Wicklow.
7. Ciara Byrne, St. Bridget's N.S., Crossbridge, Wicklow.
8. Elaine McKernan, Scoil na gCailíní, Castleblaney, Monaghan.
9. Mary O'Connell, St. Colman's N.S., Clara, Co. Kilkenny.
10. Sarah Fegan, St. Mary's N.S., Dundalk, Co. Louth.

### CAMÓGAÍOCHT — Team B

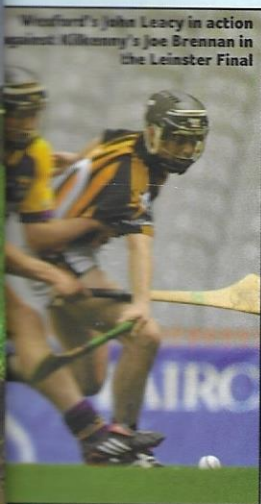
1. Laura Walsh, St. Helen's P.S., Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.
2. Niamh Collins, Carrig N.S., Birr, Co. Offaly.
3. Haidee Kelly, St. Bridget's N.S., Boardsmill, Trim, Meath.
4. Shaua Phelan, Clough N.S., Co. Laois.
5. Jena Mckeogh, St. Mary's N.S., Raharney, Co. Westmeath.
6. Rachel Brennan, Carrig N.S., Birr, Co. Offaly.
7. Aoife Ní Riain, Scoil Neasain, Dublin.
8. Chloe Pitt, Mercy Convent, Naas, Co. Kildare.
9. Aisling Nolan, St. Colman's N.S., Clara, Co. Kilkenny
10. Ciara O'Connor, Scoil Mhuire, Newtownforbes, Longford.

# ESB MINOR HURLING QUARTER-FINAL

## MINOR SEMI-FINAL PROMISES BRIGHT START TO THE PROGRAMME

Such is the high standard of under-age hurling in Kilkenny and Tipperary that the meeting of these counties for a place in the All-Ireland minor hurling final should provide early arrivals at Croke Park with an entertaining and keenly contested game.

Tipperary, winners of the All-Ireland minor title for the last two years, lost a close encounter to Cork in the Munster final at Limerick last month.



Wexford's John Leacy in action against Kilkenny's Joe Brennan in the Leinster Final

The sides were level six times in the second half, with Cork snatching the winning score in the 57th minute to finish ahead by 0-19 to 0-18.

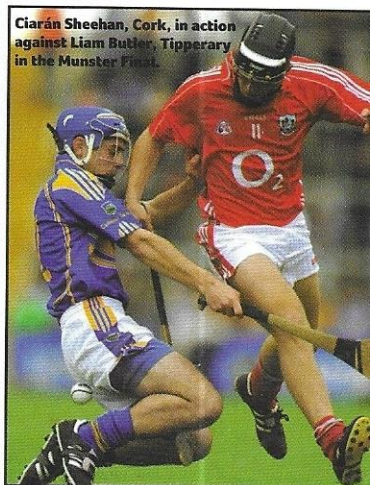
However, the Premier County got their All-Ireland title ambitions back on track at the end of July with an impressive 4-18 to 0-6 win over Antrim at Mullingar in a quarter-final. Left half forward Noel McGrath played a real captain's role, highlighting his fine display with a

splendid return of 1-8, 0-4 from frees.

Kilkenny are striving to end a famine. Surprisingly, this great stronghold of the ancient game has not appeared in an All-Ireland final since 2004 when they lost to Galway in a replay.

The Noresiders gave a top-class display when regaining the Leinster crown after two years by seeing off the challenge of Wexford at Croke Park in early July. They led at the interval by 1-9 to 0-7 and strengthened their grip on the title with three points just after the restart to finish good winners by 1-19 to 0-12.

Right half forward Joe Brennan played a big part in forging out the success with his general play and seven valuable points.



Ciarán Sheehan, Cork, in action against Liam Butler, Tipperary in the Munster Final

## PENULTIMATE PROWESS

Both Kilkenny and Tipperary have vast experience as regards appearances at the All-Ireland semi/final stage and both have also enjoyed considerable success too. The Noresiders made their penultimate-round debut in 1930 with a facile 13-7 to 0-0 win over Down before losing to the Premier county in the final. However, 12 months later they gained revenge by defeating Tipperary in the 1931 semi-final. From eight appearances at the penultimate hurdle in the 1930s Kilkenny won seven, while Tipperary won four out of five in the same period.

### UNBEATEN

Both sides were unbeaten at the semi/final stage in the following decade, although Kilkenny 'struggled' in the 1950s with four wins and three losses. In the same decade Tipperary had a perfect 8-0 record. The Premier county also won all three penultimate titles in the 1960s while the Noresiders won both theirs.

### RUN HALTED

● After a run of 19 successive semi/final wins, Tipperary's run came to a halt against Galway in 1973...their only penultimate outing of that decade. Kilkenny meanwhile won all five of their semi/finals in the seventies before coming a cropper against Galway in 1982. The Leinster side won the other two semi/finals of the 1980s they contested while the Munster side won one and lost one in the same period.

### EVERY SEMI

● Tipperary won three and lost two in the 1990s while Kilkenny contested every semi/final of the decade with a record of five wins and five losses. Kilkenny are 3-3 for the current decade as are Tipperary.

### OVERALL

● In overall terms Kilkenny has won 30 and lost 13 of the 43 semi/finals they have contested with Tipperary's record a slightly more impressive 26 wins and 8 defeats.



# ESB MINOR HURLING QUARTER-FINAL

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS 20

### Tipperary 11 Kilkenny 9

1930	Tipperary	4-1	Kilkenny	2-1	1960	Kilkenny	7-12	Tipperary	1-11
1931	Kilkenny	3-6	Tipperary	3-1*	1961	Kilkenny	3-13	Tipperary	0-15
1932	Tipperary	8-6	Kilkenny	5-1	1962	Kilkenny	3-6	Tipperary	0-9
1933	Tipperary	11-6	Kilkenny	4-2*	1976	Tipperary	2-20	Kilkenny	1-7
1935	Kilkenny	4-2	Tipperary	3-3	1991	Kilkenny	0-15	Tipperary	1-10
1949	Tipperary	6-5	Kilkenny	2-4	2002	Kilkenny	3-15	Tipperary	1-7
1950	Kilkenny	3-4	Tipperary	1-5	2004	Kilkenny	1-8	Tipperary	0-10*
1952	Tipperary	3-13	Kilkenny	1-8*	2006	Tipperary	0-19	Kilkenny	3-9*
1956	Tipperary	4-16	Kilkenny	1-5	2007	Tipperary	1-19	Kilkenny	2-12*
1957	Tipperary	4-7	Kilkenny	3-7					
1959	Tipperary	2-8	Kilkenny	2-7					

\*semi/final

## TOP SCORERS IN MINOR SEMI/FINALS

### The Last Ten Years

1998	Jean O'Connell (Wexford)	0-9	v Cork	2004	Richie Power (Kilkenny)	0-11	v Cork
	Joey Murray (Kilkenny)	2-1	v Galway		Richie Hogan (Kilkenny)	0-4	v Tipperary
1999	Eoin Kelly (Tipperary)	1-5	v Wexford		Keril Wade (Galway)	1-9	v Cork
	Gordon Byrne (Kilkenny)	1-4	v Galway	2005	Joe Canning (Galway)	1-6	v Cork
2000	Kieran Murphy (Cork)	1-6	v Dublin		Eoin Ryan (Limerick)	0-6	v Dublin
	David Greene (Galway)	2-1	v Offaly	2006	Joe Canning (Galway)	1-8	v Cork
2001	Kenneth Burke (Galway)	2-3	v Tipperary		Richie Hogan (Kilkenny)	0-6	v Tipperary
	Kieran Murphy (Cork)	3-6	v Kilkenny		Pa Bourke (Tipperary)	0-6	v Kilkenny
2002	Richard Flynn (Wexford)	0-10	v Tipperary	2007	Shane Clifford (Cork)	1-3	v Dublin
	Kenneth Burke (Galway)	2-5	v Kilkenny		Shane Brennan (Kilkenny)	1-6	v Tipperary
2003	Wael Healy (Galway)	0-10	v Tipperary				

## RECENT SEMI/FINAL ENCOUNTERS

### 2006 - Tipperary 0-19 Kilkenny 3-9

For the second time in three years a semi/final meeting between the sides was decided by the minimum margin. The Leinster champions carried the mantle of favourites well in the opening minutes and a hat-trick of points from Richie Hogan and a single by Michael Murphy had them in front. However, five unanswered points from Tipperary including a hat-trick from Pat Bourke had them ahead and despite Murphy's goal they still led at the break by 0-9 to 0-4. Tipp edged three clear on the restart only to concede an equalising goal to John Mulhall (0-12 to 2-6). A point by Hogan and a goal from Shane Brennan pushed Kilkenny clear, but the Premier county responded and were level at the hour mark before Seamus Callanan hit the winner.

**Tipperary scorers:** P.Bourke 0-6, J.McLoughney 0-3, J.McGrath 0-3, G.Ryan 0-2, S.Callanan 0-2, S.Hennessy 0-1, N.Bergin 0-1, T.Dunne 0-1.  
**Kilkenny scorers:** R.Hogan 0-6, J.Mulhall 1-2, M.Murphy 1-0, S.Brennan 1-0, C.Fennelly 0-1.

**Tiobraid Árann** - J.Ryan, M.Cahill, P.Maher, B.Maher, R.Hogan, T.Stapleton, J.O'Keefe, J.McLoughney, G.Ryan, S.Hennessy, T.McGrath, N.Bergin, P.Bourke, T.Dunne, D.Dalton. Subs - N.McGrath for B.Maher, M.Gleeson for S.Hennessy, S.Callanan for Bergin, S.Bourke for Dalton.  
**Kilkenny** - C.McGrath, P.Nolan, K.Mooney, J.Fitzpatrick, J.Murphy, D.Langton, P.J.Rowe, M.Kelly, M.Bergin, J.Murphy, J.Mulhall, M.Walsh, C.Fennelly, R.Hogan, J.Farrell. Subs - S.Brennan for Kelly, N.Walsh for Murphy, K.Grehan for Walsh.

### 2007 - Tipperary 1-19 Kilkenny 2-12

At Croke Park the reigning All-Ireland champions looked as if they were going to demolish the Kilkenny challenge as they sped into a 1-4 to 0-1 lead after 13 minutes with Michael Heffernan grabbing the goal. However, the Noresiders settled down and a goal from Adrian Stapleton five minutes before the break helped them into an interval lead of 1-7 to 1-6. The Premier county inched ahead on the restart, but when Shane Brennan's goal was quickly followed by a Stapleton point to make it 2-11 to 1-11, it appeared as if Kilkenny were on the march. However, a devastating burst by Tipperary which yielded eight unanswered points in eleven minutes settled the issue in their favour.

**Tipperary scorers:** S.Hennessy 0-7, M.Heffernan 1-3, J.O'Neill 0-4, B.Maher 0-2, S.Carey 0-2, P.Murphy 0-1.

**Kilkenny scorers:** S.Brennan 1-6, A.Stapleton 1-2, J.Brennan 0-2, M.Moloney 0-1, J.Fitzpatrick 0-1.

**Tiobraid Árann** - J.Logue, K.O'Gorman, Padraig Maher, S.O'Brien, N.McGrath, J.Coughlan, J.Barry, M.Cahill, J.Gallagher, S.Hennessy, C.Lorigan, B.Maher, J.O'Neill, Patrick Maher, M.Heffernan. Subs - S.Carey for Gallagher, P.Murphy for Cahill, D.O'Brien for Patrick Maher.

**Kilkenny** - C.McGrath, C.Fogarty, K.Mooney, E.Malone, J.Fitzpatrick, D.Langton, M.Bergin, P.Murphy, M.Fagan, J.Brennan, M.Moloney, M.Murphy, C.Fennelly, A.Stapleton, S.Brennan. Subs - O.Walsh for Malone, J.Nolan for Moloney, T.Breen for Fagan, D.Walton for Fennelly, C.McQuillan for Langton.

# ESB MINOR HURLING QUARTER-FINAL

## PATHS TO THE SEMI-FINAL

### Cill Chainnigh

6th April @ Wexford Park:

Kilkenny 3-12Wexford 0-15

13th April @ Freshford:

Kilkenny 6-17Laois 1-8

21st June @ Freshford:

Kilkenny 1-16Carlow 0-7

6th July @ Croke Park:

Kilkenny 1-19Wexford 0-12

Total Scored

11-64 (97)

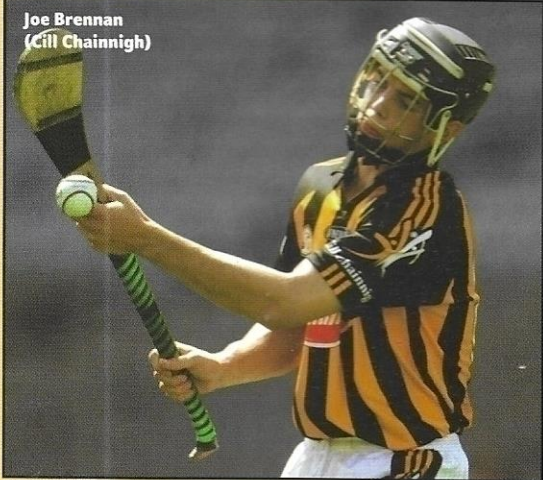
Total Conceded

1-42 (45)

Average: 2.15

	1	2	3	4	Total
J.Brennan	0-2	0-3	0-8	0-7	0-20
M.O'Dwyer	0-1	3-2	1-2	—	4-5
M.Moloney	0-4	0-5	0-2	0-1	0-12
T.Breen	0-2	0-4	0-1	0-5	0-12
C.Maher	1-0	2-1	—	—	3-1
D.Purcell	1-1	—	0-1	0-2	1-4
M.Gaffney	—	1-0	—	1-1	2-1
C.Kenny	0-1	—	0-2	0-1	0-4
P.McCarthy	1-0	—	—	—	1-0
J.Gannon	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
G.Brennan	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
D.Healy	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
R.Hickey	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

Joe Brennan  
(Cill Chainnigh)



### Tiobraid Árann

30th April @ Thurle:

Tipperary 3-21Limerick 1-12

25th June @ Thurles:

Tipperary 2-12Clare 1-10

13th July @ the Gaelic Grounds: 9-69 (96)

Tipperary 0-18Cork 0-19

26th July @ Mullingar:

Tipperary 4-18Antrim 0-6

Total Scored

9-69 (96)

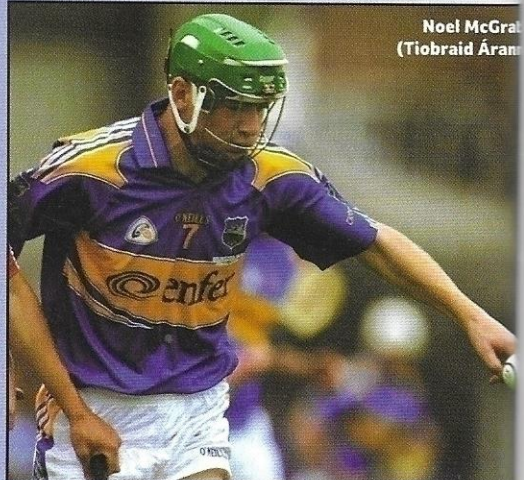
Total Conceded

2-47 (53)

Average: 1.8

	1	2	3	4	Total
N.McGrath	0-1	0-3	0-5	1-8	1-17
C.Morris	2-4	0-2	0-3	0-2	2-11
P.Murphy	0-2	2-1	0-4	—	2-7
J.O'Neill	0-7	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-12
R.Gleeson	0-2	0-2	—	1-0	1-4
M.Sheedy	—	—	0-2	1-1	1-3
B.O'Meara	1-0	0-1	0-1	—	1-2
C.Shelly	—	—	—	1-2	1-2
J.O'Dwyer	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-3
T.Butler	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	0-3
J.Gallagher	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-2
C.Ryan	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
P.Acheson	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
C.Lorigan	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

Noel McGrath  
(Tiobraid Árann)



Other Panel members not included on the teamsheet are:

#### CILL CHAINNIGH

Tom Ryan (Clara), Cormac Daly (Mooncoin), Danny Kenny (Dicksboro), Geoff Brennan (St. Patricks), James Cassin Rower/Inistioge), Liam Lacey (St. Patricks), Paddy Dowling (St. Martins), David Glynn (Dicksboro).

#### TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Ciarán Haugh (Lorrha-Dorrha), Peter Ryan (Upperchurch-Drombane), Brian Stapleton (Templederry Kenyons), Denis Maher (Thurles Sarsfields), Cian Hayes (Kildangan)

# ESB ALL-IRELAND MINOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

## CILL CHAINNIGH

**Dathanna:** Dubh is Omra

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|---|--|--|
|   | <b>1</b><br><b>EINO MURPHY</b><br>E. Ó Murchú<br>(Glenmore)                |  |
| <b>2</b><br><b>DAVID HEALY</b><br>D. Ó hÉilí<br>(Conahy Shamrocks)    | <b>3</b><br><b>MICHAEL WALSH</b><br>M. Breathnach<br>(Young Irelands)      | <b>4</b><br><b>ALAN CUDDIHY</b><br>A. Ó Cuidithe<br>(Ballyhale Shamrocks)    |
| <b>5</b><br><b>CONOR FOGARTY</b><br>C. Ó Fógrtaigh<br>(Erin's Own)    | <b>6</b><br><b>RICHARD DOYLE</b><br>R. Ó Dúill<br>(Barrow Rangers)         | <b>7</b><br><b>MICHAEL MOLONEY</b><br>M. Ó Maolomhnaigh<br>(Blacks & Whites) |
| <b>8</b><br><b>CATHAL KENNY</b><br>C. Ó Cionaoith<br>(Barrow Rangers) | <b>9</b><br><b>JAMES GANNON</b><br>S. Ó Fionnáin<br>(St. Patrick's)        |  |
| <b>10</b><br><b>JOE BRENNAN</b><br>S. Ó Braonáin<br>(St. Patrick's)   | <b>11</b><br><b>WALTER WALSH</b><br>U. Breathnach<br>(Tullagher/Rosbercon) | <b>12</b><br><b>RORY HICKEY</b><br>R. Ó hÍcÍ<br>(Lisdowney)                  |
| <b>13</b><br><b>MARK O'DWYER</b><br>M. Ó Dubhuir<br>(Carrickshock)    | <b>14</b><br><b>THOMAS BREEN</b><br>T. Ó Braoin (Capt.)<br>(St. Martin's)  | <b>15</b><br><b>MARTIN GAFFNEY</b><br>M. Ó Gamhna<br>(Dicksboro)             |

**Mania:** Mulrooney (Manager), Tom O'Hanlon, Brendan O'Sullivan, Brian Ryan (Coach).

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- (16) **GARY DELANEY**  
G. Ó Duláinne  
(Cloneen)
- (17) **PETER McCARTHY**  
P. Mac Cárthaigh  
(Piltown)
- (18) **CANICE MAHER**  
C. Ó Meachair  
(St. Martin's)
- (19) **DANNY PURCELL**  
D. Puirseil  
(Mooncoin)
- (20) **SEÁN PHELAN**  
S. Ó Faoláin  
(Lisdowney)
- (21) **MARK FITZGERALD**  
M. Mac Gearailt  
(Mooncoin)
- (22) **ENDA MALONE**  
E. Ó Maoileoin  
(Dicksboro)
- (23) **AIDAN MORAN**  
A. Ó Móráin  
(Erin's Own)
- (24) **NIGEL STANLEY**  
N. de Stainléigh  
(Galmoy)

## TIOBRAID ÁRANN

**Dathanna:** Gorm is Ór

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|---|---|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br><b>BILL McCORMACK</b><br>L. Mac Cormaic<br>(Thurles Sarsfields) |   |
| <b>2</b><br><b>LIAM BUTLER</b><br>L. de Buitléir<br>(Moyné-Templetuohy)             | <b>3</b><br><b>KEVIN O'GORMAN</b><br>C. Ó Gormain<br>(Thurles Sarsfields)   | <b>4</b><br><b>SEÁN O'BRIEN</b><br>S. Ó Briain<br>(Newport)             |
| <b>5</b><br><b>LEE BURKE</b><br>L. de Búrca<br>(Cashel King Cormacs)                | <b>6</b><br><b>ADRIAN RYAN</b><br>A. Ó Riain<br>(Templderry Kenyons)        | <b>7</b><br><b>JAMES BARRY</b><br>S. de Barra<br>(Upperchurch-Drombane) |
| <b>8</b><br><b>PETER ACHESON</b><br>P. Acheson<br>(Moyle Rovers)                    | <b>9</b><br><b>JOE GALLAGHER</b><br>S. Ó Gallchóir<br>(Kildangan)           |   |
| <b>10</b><br><b>NOEL McGRATH</b><br>N. Mac Craith (Capt.)<br>(Loughmore-Castleiney) | <b>11</b><br><b>CIARÁN LORIGAN</b><br>C. Ó Longargáin<br>(Moyle Rovers)     | <b>12</b><br><b>PADDY MURPHY</b><br>P. Ó Murchú<br>(Nenagh Éire Óg)     |
| <b>13</b><br><b>JOHN O'NEILL</b><br>S. Ó Néill<br>(Clonoulty-Rossmore)              | <b>14</b><br><b>THOMAS BUTLER</b><br>T. de Buitléir<br>(Clonoulty-Rossmore) | <b>15</b><br><b>KIERAN SHELLY</b><br>C. Ó Sealbhaigh<br>(Ballingarry)   |

**Deian:** Ryan (Manager), Tommy Dunne (Coach), Liam Cahill, Michael Gleeson.

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(Upperchurch-Drombane)
- (17) **KIERAN MORRIS**  
C. Ó Muiris  
(Moycarkey-Borris)
- (18) **KIERAN MURPHY**  
C. Ó Murchú  
(Killenaule)
- (19) **JOHN O'DWYER**  
S. Ó Duibhir  
(Killenaule)
- (20) **RUAIRÍ GLEESON**  
R. Ó Glasáin  
(Kildangan)
- (21) **BRIAN O'MEARA**  
B. Ó Meára  
(Kilruane MacDonaghs)
- (22) **MICHAEL SHEEDY**  
M. Ó Sioda  
(Portroe)
- (23) **DARRAGH KENNEDY**  
D. Ó Cinnéide  
(Boherlahan-Dualla)
- (24) **EINO O'CONNELL**  
E. Ó Conaill  
(Fethard)



# SCOREBOARD 2008

## SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



### CONNACHT

15th May. New York:  
 Antrim 0-17; New York 0-6.  
 18th May. Pearse Stadium:  
 Mayo 2-16; Roscommon 0-6.  
 19th May. Ruislip:  
 Sligo 2-17; London 0-7.  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
 18th June. Pearse Stadium:  
 Mayo 2-14; Leitrim 1-13.  
 19th June. Castlebar:  
 Mayo 3-11; Sligo 0-7.  
**FINAL** — 13th July. Castlebar:  
 Mayo 2-12; Mayo 1-14.

### MUNSTER

15th May. Longford:  
 Westmeath 2-10; Longford 1-10.  
 18th May. Croke Park:  
 Wicklow 0-13; Kildare 0-9.  
 19th May. Croke Park:  
 Meath 1-25; Carlow 0-8.  
 21st May. Carlow:  
 Kerry 0-15; Wicklow 0-13.

### ULSTER

1st June. Carlow:  
 Wexford 2-14; Meath 2-13.  
 7th June. Tullamore:  
 Westmeath 2-11; Offaly 1-8.  
 8th June. Croke Park:  
 Dublin 1-22; Louth 0-12.  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
 22nd June. Croke Park:  
 Wexford 0-18; Laois 0-12.  
 29th June. Croke Park:  
 Dublin 0-13; Westmeath 1-8.  
**FINAL** — 20th July. Croke Park:  
 Dublin 3-23; Wexford 0-9.

### MUMHA

25th May. Ennis:  
 Clare 0-9; Waterford 0-7.  
 25th May. Fermoy:  
 Limerick 1-8; Tipperary 1-5.  
**SEMI-FINALS** - 15th June. Limerick:  
 Cork 2-9; Limerick 0-12.  
 15th June. Killarney:  
 Kerry 1-14; Clare 0-5.  
**FINAL** - 5th July. Pairc Ui Chaoimh:  
 Cork 1-16; Kerry 1-11.

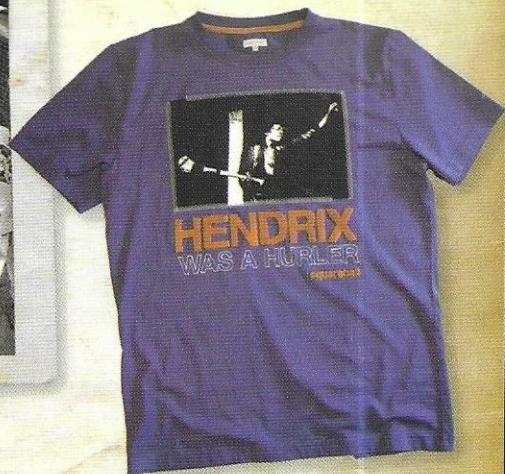
### ULADH

18th May. Casement Park:  
 Cavan 1-19; Antrim 1-14.  
 25th May. Enniskillen:  
 Fermanagh 2-8; Monaghan 0-10.  
 1st June. Ballybofey:  
 Derry 1-14; Donega 1-12.  
 8th June. Omagh:  
 Tyrone 2-8; Down 2-8.  
 14th June. Newry (AET):  
 Down 1-19; Tyrone 0-21.  
 16th June. Kingspan Breffni Park:  
 Armagh 0-17; Cavan 0-13.  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
 21st June. Omagh:  
 Fermanagh 1-11; Derry 1-9.  
 29th June. Clones:  
 Armagh 1-12; Down 0-11.  
**FINAL**  
 20th July. Clones:  
 Armagh 2-8; Fermanagh 1-11.  
 27th July. Clones (Replay):  
 Armagh 1-11; Fermanagh 0-8.



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James Derby's winning goal for Offaly in the dying minutes of the 1982 All-Ireland final denied the Kingdom's football team a coveted TI ve-in-a-row



## MUNSTER FINAL WIN SPECIAL FOR CORK

**N**o matter what the future holds for Cork in football their amazing come-back Munster final win of 2008 over Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last month will command a proud position in the annals of their meetings with their age old rivals.

They were well outplayed in the first half and victory looked a forlorn dream when they trailed by 1-8 to 0-3 at the interval. That view was strengthened considerably after only four minutes of the second half when the home side had a player sidelined by the referee.

Another blow to Cork's hopes came seven minutes later when their captain and midfielder Graham Canty went off with an injury.

Nevertheless, the home side responded well by scoring three points in the first six minutes or so of the half. Then, what a difference a goal made!

Fifty minutes into the game second half substitute Michael Cussen touched a long ball from centre half back Ger Spillane to the Kerry net—and suddenly Cork were a transformed team.

They goal left the home side just 1-10 to 1-8 adrift, and they conceded just a single point over the rest of the game.

Promoted by the good work of Pearse O'Neill at midfield, the finishing skills of Daniel Goulding, and Cussen's high fielding, they pulled away for what many rate as their best-ever win over the Kingdom: 1-16 to 1-11. Cussen brought new power and direction to the forward division with his sure fielding and clever play.

Goulding, who finished with seven points, five from frees, Donncha O'Connor, with his probing and purposeful play up front, and Anthony Lynch a tower of strength with his quality play at the back, were other key figures in the success..

There could hardly be a better success than this as a morale booster for a return to Croke Park, where their last visit proved such a disappointing one in the All-Ireland final against Kerry last September.

### LAST FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

2008: Cork 1-16; Kerry 1-11.

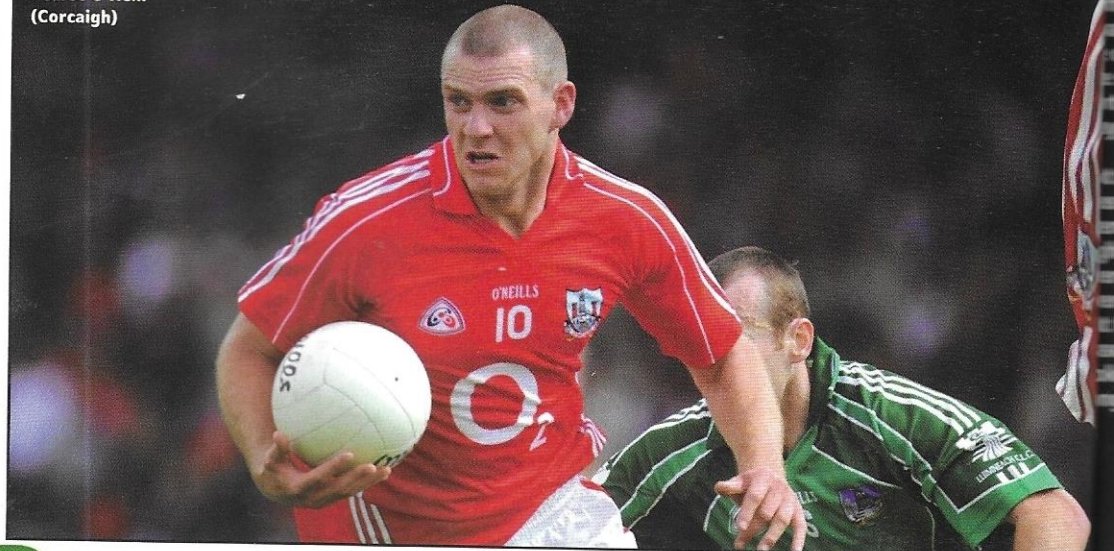
2008: Cork 2-9; Limerick 0-12

2007: Cork 1-9; Kerry 3-13.

2007: Cork 1-16; Meath 0-9.

2007: Cork 1-11; Sligo 0-8.

Pearse O'Neill  
(Corcaigh)

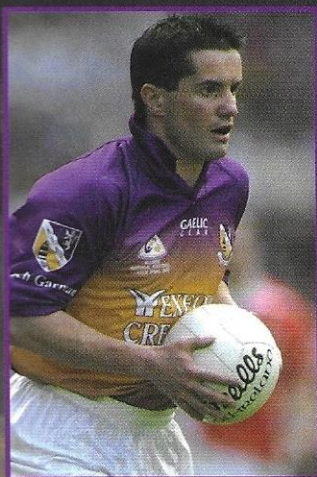


## CRAOBH PEILE SINSEAR NA HÉIREANN

### TERRACE HEROES

DAMIAN LAWLOR - GAA CORRESPONDENT SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

# JOHN HEGARTY



there. We have been in four Leinster semi-finals in the past few years and while no-one will give us a chance today, I'm not so sure. Against Laois we saw we could win without Matty Forde, and that has taken the pressure off him. He was so solid against Down it was unreal. I wouldn't write us off at all."

Currently nursing a broken thumb sustained from a club hurling match with Kilanerin, Hegarty looks back on his early years with Wexford with some regret. Playing in the full-forward line for the team was not the most satisfying of positions a decade ago. "Ah look, there were some wasted years," he admits. "I mean we were poor and making the same mistakes all over again. That's why I'm delighted for the likes of Philip Wallace, Colm Morris, Matty and Paddy Colfer. They have stuck around, learned from each year and have come back stronger as well. If I had my time back I would do things differently but I still enjoyed my years with the team. I was only 17 when they brought me on so I saw a lot."

The Wexford CBS school-teacher is glad that football is no longer a poor relation in the county and is delighted that so many of his former teammates have stuck around. "In the past we got tricky draws in the qualifiers a week after being knocked out of Leinster and it hampered us," he explained. "This time we have bounced back well, I believe the lads were very down when they met for training the Thursday after the Leinster final but by Sunday I heard they were flying again. There's great credit due to them for that - they could have called it a day after that game."

**He'll be with them in spirit this afternoon when he takes his seat in the stands. Still believing that they can confound their doubters. Hegarty has always believed in Wexford football, that's why he gave eleven years of his life to it.**

# Terrace

# HERO



# CORK'S QUARTER/FINAL RECORD

Played 4 – Won 4

2002 – Cork 0-16 Mayo 1-10  
Half time – Cork 0-9 Mayo 0-5

**Cork scorers:** C.Corkery 0-6, B.J.O'Sullivan 0-4, C.Crowley 2, J.Kavanagh 0-1, D.Clumhain 0-1, G.Canty 0-1, D.O'Sullivan 0-1.  
**Cork** – K.O'Dwyer, C.O'Sullivan, S.Lewis, A.Lynch, Sexton, R.McCarthy, M.Cronin, N.Murphy, G.Canty, D'O'Sullivan, J.Kavanagh, M.McCarthy, P.O'Clumhain, Corkery, F.Murray. Subs – C.Crowley, C.Murphy, D.Donoghue, D.O'Sullivan, M.Cronin.

2005 – Cork 2-14 Galway 2-11  
Half time – Galway 2-7 Cork 1-6

**Cork scorers:** B.J.O'Sullivan 1-3, J.Hayes 1-3, J.Masters 0-4, Lynch 0-2, O.Sexton 0-1, K.McMahon 0-1, P.Clifford 1.  
**Cork** – K.O'Dwyer, N.Geary, G.Canty, G.Murphy, O.Sexton, Lynch, N.O'Leary, D.Kavanagh, M.Murphy, J.Masters, McCarthy, K.McMahon, P.Clifford, B.J.O'Sullivan, J.Hayes. Subs – K.O'Connor, A.Cronin.

2006 – Cork 1-11 Donegal 1-10  
Half time – Donegal 1-5 Cork 1-3

**Cork scorers:** J.Hayes 1-1, J.Masters 0-3, G.Spillane 0-2, D.O'Connor 0-1, P.O'Neill 0-1, S.O'Brien 0-1, F.Gould 0-1, K.McMahon 0-1.  
**Cork** – A.Quirke, M.Prout, D.Kavanagh, K.O'Connor, M.Shields, G.Spillane, A.Lynch, P.O'Neill, N.Murphy, S.O'Brien, F.Gould, K.McMahon, J.Masters, D.O'Connor, J.Hayes. Subs – G.Murphy, C.McCarthy, D.Goulding, K.O'Sullivan.

2007 – Cork 1-11 Sligo 0-8  
Half time – Cork 1-3 Sligo 0-2

**Cork scorers:** J.Masters 0-4, D.O'Connor 0-3, J.Miskella 1-0, K.McMahon 0-1, C.McCarthy 0-1, P.O'Neill 0-1, K.O'Sullivan 0-1.  
**Cork** – A.Quirke, M.Shields, G.Canty, K.O'Connor, N.O'Leary, G.Spillane, A.Lynch, D.Kavanagh, N.Murphy, J.Miskella, P.O'Neill, K.McMahon, J.Masters, M.Cussen, D.O'Connor. Subs – C.McCarthy, F.Gould, K.O'Sullivan, B.Collins.

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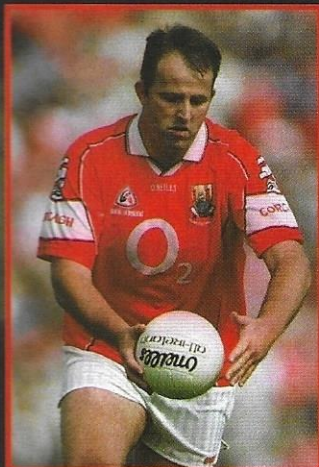
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**TERRACE HEROES**

DAMIAN LAWLOR - GAA CORRESPONDENT SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

**COLIN CORKERY**



His phone hasn't stopped ringing since the TV show and last Sunday night and Colin Corkery's enjoying every minute of it.

The Nemo Rangers was the focus of the RTÉ concept show 'It's Not or Lose It' when he and his old teammates went back to time, rediscovered their fitness levels, and took on a team of young upstarts on the club. Their progress was monitored on a week to week basis in front of the cameras. A few days later in Colin's direction for the project it with it, he insisted on paying for a weekend in respect for all his old teammates.

"Just like old times," he laughs, "I really enjoyed being on the show and it was great to see everyone again. Some lads have moved away and some lads haven't been back around the club for a long time. It was great to see them all again and that weekend was made the whole thing worthwhile."

It wasn't surprising that the show's production company chose Corkery. His profile has scarcely faded since he slung up his boots a few seasons back. He has worked as an analyst with RTÉ radio and taken part in a number of events for charity since he called time on his Cork career.

He has had chances to go down the road of punditry but has so far declined the offers. "I used to be on the receiving end of criticism from ex-players when I was playing myself and a lot of them had a go at me from time to time. That was when I promised myself that I wouldn't go down the road of being a pundit or writing a newspaper column. I just would not be comfortable coming over hard on guys I played with and against. And to be a good analyst, that's what you have to do."

So the analysis role is out for the time being. What about the management route?

"Well I got involved with Stephen O'Brien as a selector for the Nemo intermediate team and it's a route I wouldn't mind examining a bit more in the future. I would love to get more involved with the Cork set-up but for that to happen, some things would have to change. I'd have my own thoughts on a lot of things."

With a family of three children to look after, Colin's days are as busy as ever and he says he has been kept going ever since he left the county set-up. "Ah I was happy enough that my time was up," he recalled. "I had a great career, there were a couple of disappointments like losing the All-Ireland final in my first year but there were plenty of great memories too."

His unerring free-taking and sweet-shooting from either boot made the Nemo man a legend of the modern game and a firm favourite with the Cork fans who idolised him for his match-winning displays.

He hopes that a new breed of hero can be unearthed in the current team's run but points out that Kildare will be battle-hardened coming into today's game. "On paper we might have the edge but they have three games under their belts in the past few weeks and we might be a little stale. Also, we were poor against Limerick and desperate in the first half against Kerry. So the only real bit of form we have is the second half of that Munster final. We will need to be a lot more consistent if we are to make it to the semi-finals," he added.

With players like Daniel Goulding and James Masters, Cork are well-equipped with scoring forwards. But those guys have a bit to go before they match the class of Colin Corkery. One of the best the Rebel County ever produced.

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**HERO**





LAST LEAGUE MEETING...2001

## REBELS JUST HOLD ON TO WIN

**Cork 1-12 Kildare 1-11**

It is more than half a century since Kildare and Cork last clashed in the championship, but it is barely seven years since their last league meeting. The Division 2 semi/final at Nenagh was a less than stellar occasion with both sides fielding less than all-strength fifteens, but the match itself was a anti-fought contest which the Leesiders should have won by more than the minimum margin.

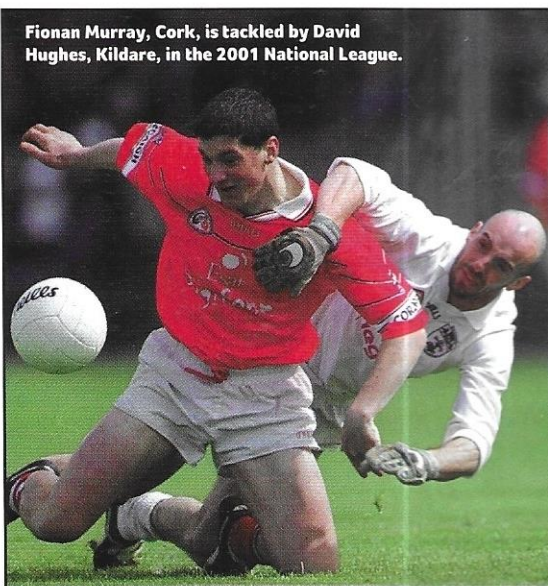
From an early stage Cork's midfield advantage was evident but it took a goal from Owen Sexton on the stroke of half time to give the scoreboard a more realistic hue - 1-8 to 0-6. When Michael Cronin, Aidan Dorgan and Philip Clifford all hit points within seven minutes of the restart, it looked as if the Lily Whites were in for a thumping. However, Karl O'Dwyer was introduced to telling effect and within three minutes scored 1-1, while the leaders spurned chances at the hand end.

Five minutes from time Colin Corkery had the winners' score of the afternoon, but the momentum was with Kildare and John Doyle's point a minute from time narrowed the gap to the minimum. Alas, time ran out before the Lily Whites could source an equaliser.

**Cork scorers:** P.Clifford 0-4, A.Dorgan 0-3, O.Sexton 0-1, M.Cronin 0-2, C.Corkery 0-2, A.Cronin 0-1.  
**Kildare scorers:** P.Brennan 0-5, K.O'Dwyer 1-1, Doyle 0-3, R.Sweeney 0-1, P.Murray 0-1.

**Corcaigh** - K.O'Dwyer, J.Miskella, S.Óg Ó hAilpín, A.Lynch, M.O'Donovan, O.Sexton, Martin Cronin, N.Murphy, M.O'Sullivan, Michael Cronin, F.Murray, A.Cronin, P.Clifford, C.Corkery, A.Dorgan. Subs - G.Canty for Lynch, B.G.O'Sullivan for Michael Cronin.  
**Cill Dara** - C.Byrne, B.Lacey, C.Davey, K.Doyle, K.Duane, M.Ryan, D.Hughes, R.Sweeney, D.Earley, C.O'Reilly, J.Doyle, P.Murray, P.Brennan, B.Murphy, T.Fennin. Subs - M.Wright for Hughes, G.Ware for O'Reilly, K.O'Dwyer for Murray.

Fionan Murray, Cork, is tackled by David Hughes, Kildare, in the 2001 National League.



## TWO MEETINGS

Cork and Kildare clash for just the third time in the senior football championship. It is 80 years since their paths first crossed when they met in the semi/final at Cork where the Lily Whites, as defending All-Ireland champions, crushed the locals by 3-7 to 0-2. The counties did not meet again until the penultimate round in 1988 when the Leesiders gained revenge at Croke Park with a 0-9 to 0-5 victory.

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## KILDARE'S WIN PROVIDES HISTORIC FIRST

**K**ildare's win over Fermanagh last week-end was far from a memorable one, but it still commands a special place in the annals of the game as it earned the Lily Whites a place in the quarter-finals for the first time since the All-Ireland Qualifiers were introduced in 2001.

Scores were at a premium in the first half against Fermanagh. The Ernesiders set the pace from the throw-in but failed to capitalise on their scoring chances and ran up ten wides before the first score arrived. That was recorded by Kildare's Pdraig O'Neill—a point after 25 minutes.

Kildare led at the interval by 0-3 to 0-2 after having had a penalty saved by the Fermanagh goalkeeper.

The Leinster men fared much better in the second half. They got off to the perfect start with a point from John Doyle in the opening minute, and stepped up the tempo somewhat after that.

Kildare played much better football from then on and really turned the game around their way when they struck a particularly bright spell after about 56 minutes. With Dermot Earley setting the pace in midfield, they found the scoring target in much more impressive style, sending over five points to really set

the scene for their 0-11 to 0-5 win.

The Leinster men were also helped by an excellent save by goalkeeper Enda Murphy in the 55th minute. Dermot Earley got through a lot of work for Kildare in the middle of the park. He was a tireless campaigner and distributed the ball well.

John Doyle had a good game overall and finished in a familiar position as the All Whites leading marksman with five points. Murphy with his important save, Emmet Bolton in the half back line and James Kavanagh up front were others who did much to swing the game Kildare's way.

### LAST FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

**2008:** Kildare 0-11; Fermanagh 0-5.

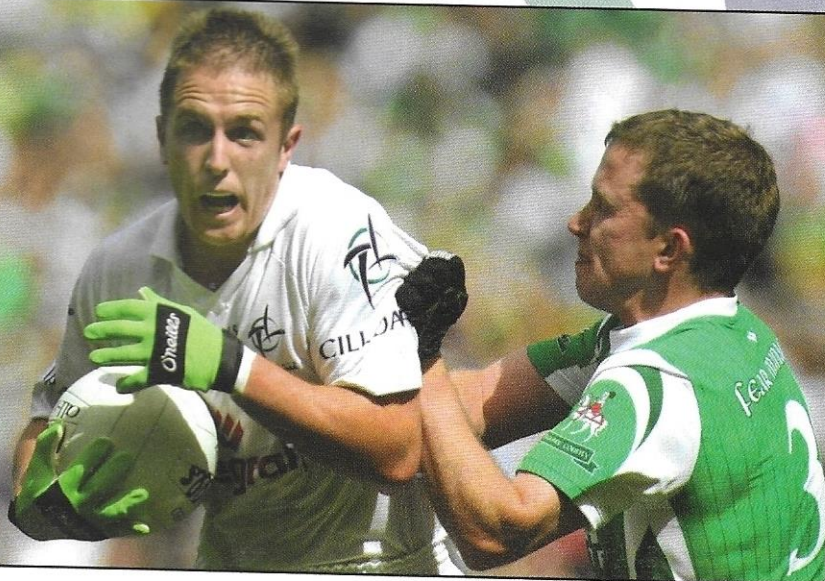
**2008:** Kildare 1-11; Limerick 0-11.

**2008:** Kildare 1-16; Cavan 1-15.

**2008:** Kildare 0-9; Wicklow 0-13.

**2007:** Kildare 1-10; Louth 1-16.

Mark Scanlon  
(Cill Dara)





**Padraig O'Neill**  
(Cill Dara)



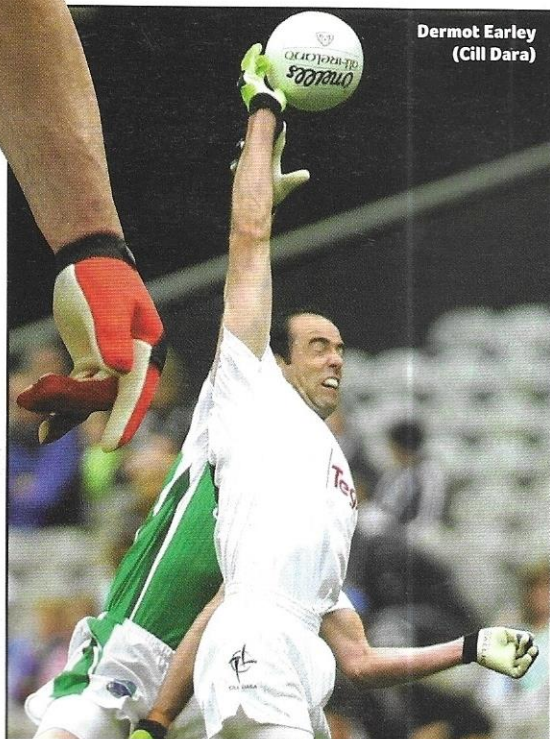
## A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP

No quarter-final memory for Kildare starting this game, but their return to Croke Park does help to bring into focus a one point win over Kerry that in 1998 earned the county a first All-Ireland senior final outing in 63 years.

Kildare, who qualified for that game with a first Leinster title in 42 years, led at the interval by 0-5 to 0-4.

After moving into a four points lead early in the second half, they conceded a goal, but did not panic and hit back to lead by three points with ten minutes remaining. They did not score after that but held out for a 0-13 to 1-9 win.

Brian Lacey, team captain Glen Ryan in defence, midfielder Dermot Earley and Declan Kerrigan and Karl O'Dwyer in attack did much to fashion the success.



**Dermot Earley**  
(Cill Dara)

TERRACE HEROES

DAMIAN LAWLOR - GAA CORRESPONDENT SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

# EDDIE McCORMACK

**FAST EDDIE, you'll be glad to know, is showing no signs of slowing down.**

Now 35, he's still playing for Clane, albeit in the corner, and still raising plenty of white flags. Still loving the game he grew up with.

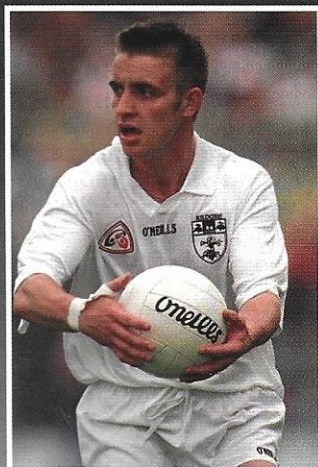
Last year he scored 0-22 in the Kildare championship. Let's be honest, if he were a couple of years younger, he would be on today's starting 15. Johnny Doyle and Tadhg Fennin apart, the Lilywhites simply have not been able to unearth forwards of McCormack's calibre and might not do for some time yet.

He says he's struggling with a back injury this year, but a quick scan of the report of the recent Clane/Cashery match shows he notched another six points in that one. A lot of us would struggle to hit six points in a year's championship action, never mind one game. With a bad back! It's only when you catch up with Eddie that you realise he has a lot more left in the tank.

"Well, I would have loved to have stayed on for another year or two and maybe I could have had, but that's the way it goes," he says, reflecting on the recent end of his intercounty career.

"But I had some highlights, I'll tell you. Winning my first county title with Clane in 1995 was very special but playing my first game with Kildare in 1997 was serious too. Obviously 1998 was bittersweet for all of us but the Kildare supporters will never forget that run. 2000 was another brilliant year"

He hasn't found it that hard to step away from the Kildare set-up but admits that seeing the lads play league and championship without him was a bit of



a test. "It's like anything; it takes time to adjust because it was such a big part of my life. But I'll keep going with the club for a while longer, I was thinking of calling it a day this year, we are due a baby in October and that could put a different shape on things, but if I could keep the weight down over the winter I might go back and give it another shot. The hunger for it is as strong as ever, we came very close in the Kildare championship last year and lost to Sarsfields in the semi-final."

The sight of Eddie in full flow was a sight to behold. If he was still playing this year, he would be deemed something of a rare breed, a flying half forward with no fear of kicking on the run from way out the field. On the wing, Eddie was always good for two or three points from play and his dashing style made him a huge favourite with the Kildare supporters.

He has watched this year's team closely and says he is thankful that they have recovered from the Wicklow debacle. "The county needed them to come good and with three wins in a row, they have done that," he points out. "But welcome and all as those wins have been, they have come against three Division 3 teams. Kildare have been in Division 1 for the past few years and they should be winning those games anyway. Still, they were badly needed, I just hope we can lift it against Cork because we will badly need to. It's good to get the matches, though, you can see the likes of James Kavanagh coming on with every match. Kieran McGeeney has done well to drive it on."

**Still it's hard to ignore that the current team is crying out for someone like Eddie, someone to take the pressure off Johnny Doyle, someone to look at the posts and dissect them with the ball. Someone you could always rely on.**

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# EMERGING

A proud Gaelgóir, Kildare corner back Andrew McLoughlin prefers his name to be listed in Irish, Andriú MacLochlainn. We're more than happy to oblige.

A born leader, MacLochlainn captained Kildare underage teams at all grades from U14 right through to U21 and made a seamless transition to the senior grade in recent years.

Now 25 years of age, the Ellistown clubman is making a name for himself as an intercounty corner back of some repute. Just ask Fermanagh dangerman Eamon Maguire what it felt like in direct opposition to MacLochlainn last weekend. Maguire finished up with just one point to his name as the Ernesiders were restricted to just five points by a mean Kildare defence in last weekend's Croke Park qualifier.

A former Leinster U21 winner with the Lilywhites, McLoughlin could be handed the task of picking up Cork dangerman Daniel Goulding in this afternoon's All-Ireland quarter-final at GAA HQ.

Former Kildare defender Séamus 'Sos' Dowling has no doubts about MacLochlainn's ability to stand up to the test. Dowling, who called time on a lengthy intercounty career after the 1998 All-Ireland final, played club football up until 2004.

And he revealed: "I played against him (MacLochlainn) a few times at club level. He was playing in the half back line and I ended up in the forwards towards the end of my career.

"I was an U21 selector when Andrew was in with us. He was corner back at minor and U21 levels and he was a real terrier, a tenacious guy. All he had to learn were the basics of defending, keeping the head and doing the right thing with the ball."

Whoever trots into MacLochlainn's patch this afternoon will certainly know that they've been in a game when the final whistle blows. And any score secured by the Cork forward in question will have been hard-earned.

Dowling said: "He's very sticky and never gives up on the player he's on. He won't give him time to relax and will certainly give him a hard time of it.

"In his early days, Andrew would have lost the rag a few times and got involved with opponents but he's definitely matured and is coming into his

prime now. I remember him as an U21, we had Ronan Sweeney too, and while Andrew has also played wing back for Kildare, you could play him anywhere really and have no worries about him. He trains hard, has a good attitude and, for a corner back, he has everything you would want."

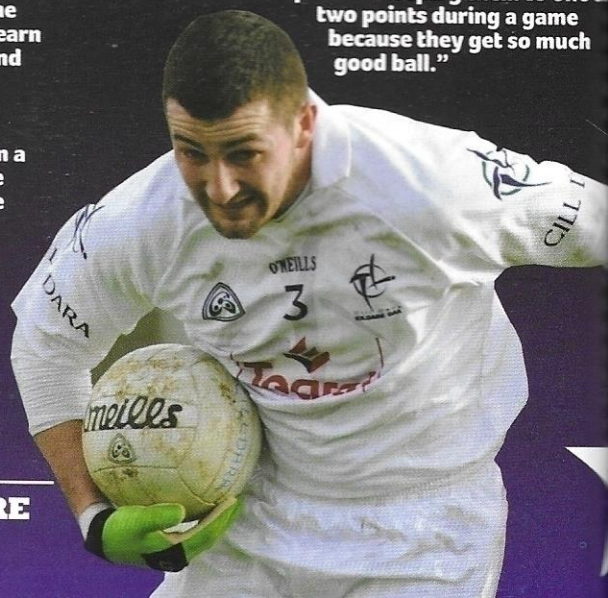
MacLochlainn's club Ellistown has risen from junior to intermediate and now senior in recent years and the player's game seems to have developed in tandem.

Dowling noted: "He has a great engine on him and if he got the chance to go forward, he would go. His tackling has improved a lot and if any young lad is looking at a corner back to model himself on, Andrew is a good example. He had a bad spell for the last couple of seasons but he bounced back when others would have thrown in the towel.

"He was playing more as a half back, going forward and forgetting about his man but he's worked with good managers like Mick O'Dwyer, John Crofton and now Kieran McGeeney and has learned a lot."

Dowling, a top defender in his time, was particularly pleased with the form of the Kildare full-back line during an impressive qualifier run.

"Kevin O'Neill has been very good at full-back with Morgan O'Flaherty and Andrew in the corners. Keeping a forward like Eamon Maguire to one point is no mean feat and I thought Andrew had a very good game last weekend. If I was on a Maguire or Gooch Cooper or Stevie McDonnell, I would be very pleased keeping them to one or two points during a game because they get so much good ball."



# STARS

Cork dangerman Goulding will hope to profit from some quality deliveries from the half-back line and midfield as he looks to torment the Lilywhites this afternoon.

The 22-year-old Éire Óg man, who won All-Ireland medals in 2005 and 2007 at junior and U21 levels respectively, looks set for a long and distinguished career in the famed red jersey at senior level.

Goulding shot 2-22 in the 2007 Munster U21 championship alone and landed the injury-time winning free in the All-Ireland final against Laois. His omission from the starting line-up to face Kerry in the senior decider raised some eyebrows and Goulding certainly impressed in a 35-minute cameo role, netting a late consolation goal as Cork suffered a depressing 3-13 to 1-9 defeat.

This year, he has made an explosive championship impact, netting one of two crucial late goals against America in the Munster semi-final as the Rebels suffered defeat firmly in the face before firing seven points, including two from play, against Kerry in the provincial decider.

The most eye-catching score was a sensational free from under the covered stand at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, awarded for the foul committed by Marc Ó Sé on Cork forward Seán O'Brien which led to the dismissal of the Kerry defender.

Former Cork corner forward Joe Kavanagh certainly likes what he sees in Goulding, a hot prospect with a fine career in store.

Kavanagh, who played for Cork in the 1993 and 1999 All-Ireland finals, said: "The fact that it's Daniel's second season gives him that bit more confidence. Last year he was new but still performing and unlucky to be left out of the final against Kerry. They went for James Masters with more experience but Daniel has put that behind him and you could see that in the second half against Kerry this year when he got some great scores. He's not afraid to take on his man, can win his own ball and brings something different to the attack. He can adapt to any style, watching and waiting for breaks when Cork go route one with Michael Cussen and he's got a lovely left foot, like Masters. Daniel only needs one look before pulling the trigger."

Kavanagh, a multiple medallist at county, provincial and All-Ireland level with Nemo Rangers, was always confident that Goulding would make his mark with Cork on the biggest stage of all.

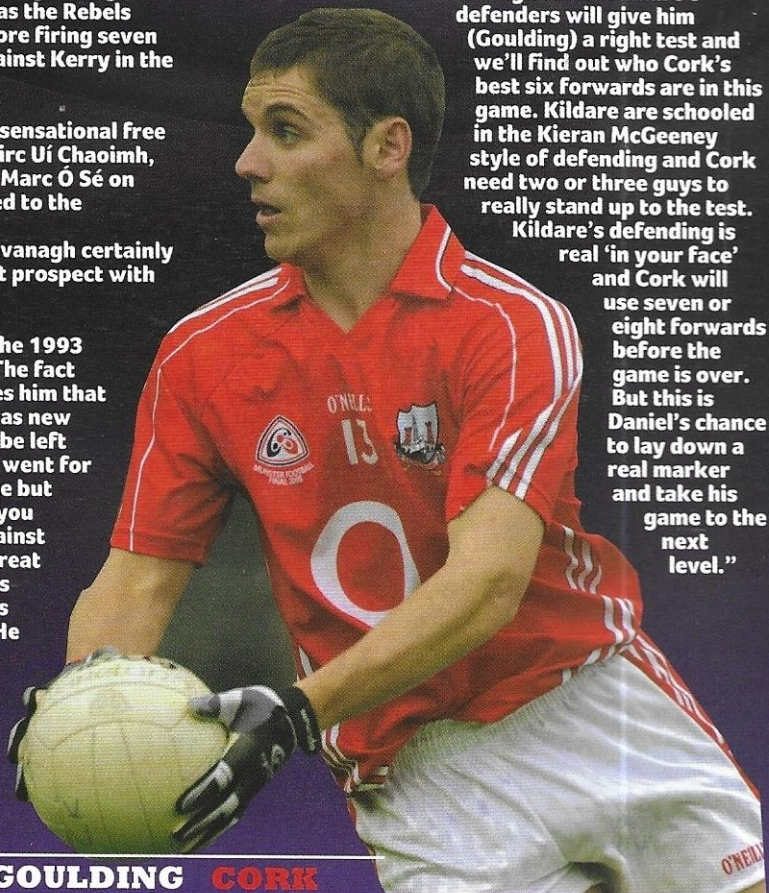
He said: "He would have been one to watch. The local writers in the Echo newspaper would have tipped Daniel and Paul Kerrigan (Nemo Rangers) as future senior players as they came up through minor and U21 ranks."

Kavanagh predicted: "Daniel will be a mainstay for the next seven or eight years provided he stays injury-free. He has height, is getting stronger and has a real dash of speed. He can play out around the wing or centre forward too."

Kavanagh added that it was vital for Cork to find some fresh attacking talent, having become slightly over-reliant on Masters, who must once again content himself with a place on the bench.

Kavanagh said: "Kildare's defenders will give him (Goulding) a right test and we'll find out who Cork's best six forwards are in this game. Kildare are schooled in the Kieran McGeeney style of defending and Cork need two or three guys to really stand up to the test.

Kildare's defending is real 'in your face' and Cork will use seven or eight forwards before the game is over. But this is Daniel's chance to lay down a real marker and take his game to the next level."



**DANIEL GOULDING** CORK



# PATHS TO THE QUARTER-FINAL

Killare are appearing in an All-Ireland senior football championship quarter-final for the first time. Last year their ambitions ended in the second round when they lost to Louth by 1-16 to 1-10 on a round two.

Here is their record so far this season:

5th May, Croke Park:

Wicklow 0-9; Wicklow 0-13.

19th July, Droichead Nua:

Cavan 1-16; Cavan 1-15.

18th July, Limerick:

Limerick 0-11.

1st August, Croke Park:

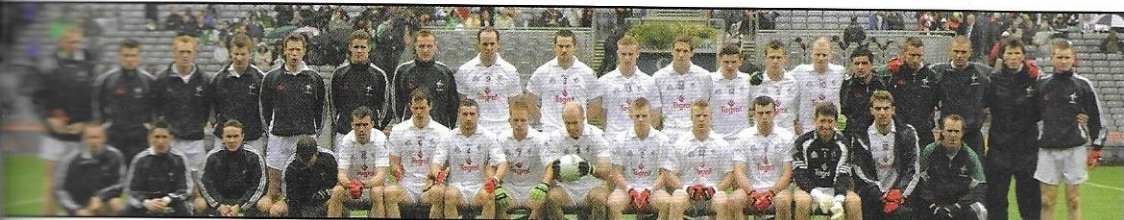
Fermanagh 0-5.

TOTAL SCORED: 2-47 (53 points).

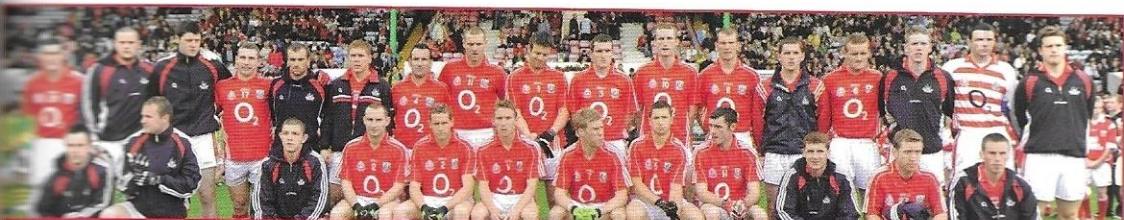
TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-44 (47 points).

AVERAGE: 1.13

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
John Doyle	0-2	0-8	1-6	0-5	1-21
James Kavanagh	—	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-3
Alan Smith	0-3	0-2	—	—	0-5
Ken Donnelly	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-3
Padraig O'Neill	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
Michael Conway	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2
Emmet Bolton	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
Dermot Earley	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
Keith Cribben	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Ronan Sweeney	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Tadhg Fennin	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Eamonn Callaghan	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Gary White	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Daryll Flynn	—	—	—	0-1	0-1



Back (L-R): Ronan Sweeney, Ronan Walsh, Keith Cribben, Karl Ennis, Damien Hendy, Eoin Naughton, Padraig Mullarkey, Dermot Earley, Kevin O'Neill, Alan Smith, Gary White, Eamonn Callaghan, Emmett Bolton, James Kavanagh, Michael Conway, Alan Barry, Daryll Flynn, David Lyons, Eoghan O'Flaherty. Front (L-R): Declan Brennan, Anthony Rainbow, Brian Flanagan, Ken Donnelly, John Doyle, Michael Foley, Aindriú Mac Lochlainn, Mark Scanlon, Killian Brennan, Morgan O'Flaherty, Michael Harnett, Padraig O'Neill, Enda Murphy, William Heffernan, Tadhg Fennin.



Back (L-R): Noel O'Leary, Paddy O'Shea, Michael Cussen, Owen Saxton, John Miskella, Steven O'Donoghue, Kieran O'Connor, Pearse O'Neill, Derek Kavanagh, Nicholas Murphy, Alan O'Connor, Daniel Goulding, Ger Spillane, Andrew O'Sullivan, Alan Quirk, Kevin O'Sullivan. Front (L-R): Paul Kerrigan, James Masters, Mark Harrington, Sean O'Brien, Diarmuid Duggan, John Hayes, Anthony Lynch, Brian O'Regan, Donncha O'Connor, Fintan Goold, Conor Mc Carthy, Paddy Kelly.

Killare are bidding for their fourth successive All-Ireland senior football championship quarter-final win. They beat Galway in 2005, Donegal in 2006 and Sligo by 1-11 to 0-8 last year.

They regained the Munster senior title in early July after an interval of two years as a result of this two game programme:

5th June, Limerick:

Limerick 2-9; Limerick 0-12.

18th July, Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry 1-16; Kerry 1-11.

TOTAL SCORED: 3-25 (34 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-23 (26 points).

AVERAGE: 1.3

	1	2	TOTAL
Daniel Goulding	1-1	0-7	1-8
Donncha O'Connor	0-2	0-4	0-6
John Hayes	0-3	0-1	0-4
Michael Cussen	—	1-1	1-1
Graham Canty	1-0	—	1-0
Nicholas Murphy	0-2	—	0-2
Fintan Goold	—	0-1	0-1
James Masters	—	0-1	0-1
Pearse O'Neill	0-1	—	0-1
Paul Kerrigan	—	0-1	0-1



# CORCAIGH

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<b>DIARMUID DUGGAN</b> D. Ó Duagáin (Ilen Rovers)	<b>DEREK KAVANAGH</b> D. Ó Caomhánaigh (Nemo Rangers)	<b>ANTHONY LYNCH</b> A. Ó Loingsigh (Naomh Aban)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>BRIAN O'REGAN</b> B. Ó Riogáin (Nemo Rangers)	<b>GER SPILLANE</b> G. Ó Spealáin (Ballygarvan)	<b>KIERAN O'CONNOR</b> C. Ó Concubhair (Aghada)
<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>GRAHAM CANTY</b> G. Ó Cainte (Capt.) (Bantry Blues)		<b>ALAN O'CONNOR</b> A. Ó Concubhair (St. Colm's)
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>NICHOLAS MURPHY</b> N. Ó Murchú (Carrigaline)	<b>PEARSE O'NEILL</b> P. Ó Néill (Aghada)	<b>SEAN O'BRIEN</b> S. Ó Briain (Nemo Rangers)
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>DANIEL GOULDING</b> D. Góilín (Éire Óg)	<b>DONNCHA O'CONNOR</b> D. Ó Concubhair (Ballydesmond)	<b>JOHN HAYES</b> S. Ó hAodha (Carbery Rangers)

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(17) MICHAEL SHIELDS M. Ó Siall (St. Finbarr's)	(20) OWEN SEXTON E. Ó Seasnáin (Kilbrittain)	(23) FINTAN GOOLD F. de Gúil (Macroon)	(26) CONCHUR MCCARTHY C. Mac Cárthaigh (O'Donovan Rossa)	(29) KEVIN McMAHON C. Mac Mathúna (Carbery Rangers)
(18) JOHN MISKELLA S. Mac Scaláí (Ballincollig)	(21) MICHAEL CUSSEN M. Ó Cuisín (Gleann Maghair)	(24) JAMES MASTERS S. Mac Maistir (Nemo Rangers)	(27) PADDY KELLY P. Ó Ceallaigh (Ballincollig)	(30) MARK HARRINGTON M. Ó hArreachtáin (Douglas)

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Conchúr Ó Cuanacháin (Coach), Gearóid Ó Suilleabháin, Traolach Ó Néill, Seamus Ó Nualláin, Peadar Ó hEaluighite.



# CILL DARA

DATHANNA: **BÁN**

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<b>1</b> <b>ENDA MURPHY</b> E. Ó Murchú (Leim an Bhradáin)		
<b>2</b> <b>MORGAN O'FLAHERTY</b> M. Ó Flaitheartaigh (An Cairbre)	<b>3</b> <b>KEVIN O'NEILL</b> C. Ó Néill (Acadha Mordha)	<b>4</b> <b>ANDREW McLOUGHLIN</b> A. Mac Lochlainn (Baile Ellis)
<b>5</b> <b>EMMET BOLTON</b> E. Boltúin (Baile Éide)	<b>6</b> <b>MICHAEL FOLEY</b> M. Ó Foghlú (Baile Átha Í)	<b>7</b> <b>MARK SCANLON</b> M. Ó Scannláin (Na Cloighithe)
<b>8</b> <b>KILLIAN BRENNAN</b> C. Ó Braonáin (Capt.) (Crocha na Gréine)		<b>9</b> <b>DERMOT EARLEY</b> D. Ó Mochair (Na Sairsealaigh)
<b>10</b> <b>JAMES KAVANAGH</b> S. Caomhánach (Baile Mór)	<b>11</b> <b>PADRAIG O'NEILL</b> P. Ó Néill (Naomh Lorcán)	<b>12</b> <b>EAMONN CALLAGHAN</b> E. Ó Ceallacháin (Nás na Ríogh)
<b>13</b> <b>ALAN SMYTH</b> A. Mac Gabhann (Na Sairsealaigh)	<b>14</b> <b>GARY WHITE</b> G. de Faoite (Na Sairsealaigh)	<b>15</b> <b>JOHN DOYLE</b> S. Ó Dughail (Fíodh Alúine)

## FIR IONAD

(16) <b>TOM CORLEY</b> T. Mac Thoirealaih (Acadha Mordha)	(19) <b>RONAN SWEENEY</b> R. Mac Suibhne (Acadha Mordha)	(22) <b>MICHAEL HARTNETT</b> M. Ó hAirtneada (Crocha na Gréine)	(25) <b>KEITH CRIBBEN</b> C. Mac Roibín (Baile Sheáin)	(28) <b>KEN DONNELLY</b> C. Ó Donnáile (Baile Ellis)
(17) <b>DARYLL FLYNN</b> D. Ó Floinn (Acadha Mordha)	(20) <b>PADRAIG MULLARKEY</b> P. Ó Maoilearca (Na Cloighithe)	(23) <b>ALAN BARRY</b> A. de Barra (Na Sairsealaigh)	(26) <b>DAMIEN HENDY</b> D. Ó hAinde (Diséart Diarmada)	(29) <b>DECLAN BRENNAN</b> D. Ó Braonáin (Rath Iomgháin)
(18) <b>MICHAEL CONWAY</b> M. Ó Conbhúí (An Urnaí)	(21) <b>EOGHAN O'FLAHERTY</b> E. Ó Flaitheartaigh (An Cairbre)	(24) <b>ANTHONY RAINBOW</b> A. Roinneach (Crocha na Gréine)	(27) <b>DAVID LYONS</b> D. Ó Liathain (Claonadh)	(30) <b>WILLIAM HEFFERNAN</b> L. Ó hÍfeárnáin (An Urnaí)

## ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Kieran McGeeney (Manager), Niall Carew, Paul Grimley.

# CILL CHAINNIGH

DATHANNA: DUBH IS OMRA



<b>1</b> <b>P. J. RYAN</b> P. S. Ó Riain (Fenians)		
<b>2</b> <b>MICHAEL KAVANAGH</b> M. Mac Comhánaigh (St. Lachtain's)	<b>3</b> <b>NOEL HICKEY</b> N. Ó hÍcí (Dunnamaggin)	<b>4</b> <b>JACKIE TYRRELL</b> S. Ó Tirial (James Stephens)
<b>5</b> <b>TOMMY WALSH</b> T. Breathnach (Tullaroan)	<b>6</b> <b>BRIAN HOGAN</b> B. Ó hÓgáin (O'Loughlin Gaels)	<b>7</b> <b>J. J. DELANEY</b> S. S. Ó Duláinne (Fenians)
<b>8</b> <b>JAMES 'CHA' FITZPATRICK</b> S. Mac Giolla Phádraig (Ballyhale Shamrocks)		<b>9</b> <b>DEREK LYNG</b> D. Ó Loinn (Emeralds)
<b>10</b> <b>EDDIE BRENNAN</b> E. Ó Braonáin (Graig Ballycallan)	<b>11</b> <b>MARTIN COMERFORD</b> M. Comartún (O'Loughlin Gaels)	<b>12</b> <b>EOIN LARKIN</b> E. Ó Lorcáin (James Stephens)
<b>13</b> <b>RICHARD POWER</b> R. de Paor (Carrickshock)	<b>14</b> <b>HENRY SHEFFLIN</b> A. Ó Sibhleáin (Ballyhale Shamrocks)	<b>15</b> <b>AIDAN FOGARTY</b> A. Ó Fogartaigh (Emeralds)

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CÚILÍNÍ		
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SAOR		
POCANNA		

## FIR IONAD

(16) <b>JAMES McGARRY</b> S. Mac Fhearaigh (Bennettsbridge)	(19) <b>CANICE HICKEY</b> C. Ó hÍcí (Dunnamaggin)	(22) <b>SEAN CUMMINS</b> S. Ó Comáin (Rower Inistioge)	(25) <b>MICHAEL RICE</b> M. Ris (Carrickshock)	(28) <b>EOIN REID</b> E. Ó Maoildeirg (Ballyhale Shamrocks)
(17) <b>JOHN DALTON</b> S. Ó Daltún (Carrickshock)	(20) <b>JOHN TENNYSON</b> S. Tennyson (Carrickshock)	(23) <b>DONNACHA CODY</b> D. Mac Óda (James Stephen's)	(26) <b>WILLIE O'DWYER</b> L. Ó Dubhuir (Mullinavat)	(29) <b>RICHIE HOGAN</b> R. Ó hÓgáin (Danesfort)
(18) <b>P. J. DELANEY</b> P. S. Ó Duláinne (Fenians)	(21) <b>JAMES RYALL</b> S. Ó Riail (Graig Ballycallan)	(24) <b>RICHIE MULLALLY</b> R. Ó Maolalaidh (Glenmore)	(27) <b>T. J. REID</b> T. S. Ó Maoildeirg (Ballyhale Shamrocks)	(30) <b>DAMIEN FOGARTY</b> D. Ó Fogartaigh (Erin's Own)

## ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Brian Cody (Manager), Martin Fogarty, Michael Dempsey.



# CORCAIGH

DATHANNA: DEARG IS BÁN

1	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN

<b>1</b> <b>DONAL ÓG CUSACK</b> D. Óg Ó Cíosog (Cloyne)		
<b>2</b> <b>SHANE O'NEILL</b> S. Ó Néill (Bishopstown)	<b>3</b> <b>DIARUID O'SULLIVAN</b> D. Ó Suilleabháin (Cloyne)	<b>4</b> <b>BRIAN MURPHY</b> B. Ó Murchú (Fanuithé na Bríde)
<b>5</b> <b>JOHN GARDINER</b> S. Ó Gairméir (Capt.) (Na Piarasaigh)	<b>6</b> <b>RONAN CURRAN</b> R. Ó Corráin (St. Finbarr's)	<b>7</b> <b>SEÁN ÓG Ó hAILPÍN</b> S. Óg Ó hAilpín (Na Piarasaigh)
<b>8</b> <b>TOM KENNY</b> T. Ó Cionnaith (Grenagh)		<b>9</b> <b>JERRY O'CONNOR</b> D. Ó Conchubhair (Newtownshandrum)
<b>10</b> <b>BEN O'CONNOR</b> B. Ó Conchubhair (Newtownshandrum)	<b>11</b> <b>NIALL McCARTHY</b> N. Mac Cárthaigh (Carrigtwohill)	<b>12</b> <b>PATRICK CRONIN</b> P. Ó Croinín (Bishopstown)
<b>13</b> <b>CATHAL NAUGHTON</b> C. Ó Neachtáin (Newtownshandrum)	<b>14</b> <b>JOE DEANE</b> S. Ó Déin (Killeagh)	<b>15</b> <b>PATRICK HORGAN</b> P. Ó hArgáin (Glen Rovers)

## FIR IONAD

<b>(16) MARTIN COLEMAN</b> M. Ó Colmáin (Ballinhassig)	<b>(19) CIAN O'CONNOR</b> C. Ó Conchubhair (Erin's Own)	<b>(22) KEVIN HARTNETT</b> C. Ó hAirtneada (Russell Rovers)	<b>(25) ANTHONY NASH</b> A. de Nais (Kanturk)	<b>(28) KEVIN MURPHY</b> C. Ó Murchú (Sarsfields)
<b>(17) SHANE MURPHY</b> S. Ó Murchú (Erin's Own)	<b>(20) EOIN CADOGAN</b> E. Ó Ceadagáin (Douglas)	<b>(23) TIMMY McCARTHY</b> T. Mac Cárthaigh (Castlelyons)	<b>(26) KEVIN CANTY</b> C. Ó Cainte (Valley Rovers)	<b>(29) NEIL RONAN</b> N. Ó Ronáin (Ballyhea)
<b>(18) JOHN O'CALLAGHAN</b> S. Ó Ceallacháin (Inniscarra)	<b>(21) CIARÁN McGANN</b> C. Mag Annaidh (Castlelyons)	<b>(24) KIERAN MURPHY</b> C. Ó Murchú (Erin's Own)	<b>(27) BRIAN CORRY</b> B. Ó Corra (Ballymartle)	<b>(30) PAUDIE O'SULLIVAN</b> P. Ó Suilleabháin (Cloyne)

## ROIGNÓIRÍ

Gearóid Mac Cárthaigh (Coach), Máirtín Ó Buacháin, Donal Ó Coileain, Gearóid Mac Gearailt, Seán Ó Moirtéil.



# SCOREBOARD 2008

## SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



### LEINSTER

25th May. Portlaoise:  
**Offaly 4-22; Laois 2-12.**  
 25th May. Portlaoise:  
**Dublin 3-21; Westmeath 0-11.**  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
 14th June. Nowlan Park:  
**Dublin 0-19; Wexford 2-13. DRAW**  
 15th June. Portlaoise:  
**Kilkenny 2-24; Offaly 0-12.**  
 22nd June. Croke Park:  
**Wexford 2-15; Dublin 1-15.**  
**FINAL**  
 6th July. Croke Park:  
**Kilkenny 5-21; Wexford 0-17.**

### MUNSTER

1st June. Limerick:  
**Clare 2-26; Waterford 0-23.**  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
 8th June. Pairc Ui Chaoimh:  
**Tipperary 1-19; Cork 1-13.**  
 22nd June. Thurles:  
**Clare 4-12; Limerick 1-16.**  
**FINAL**  
 13th July. Limerick:  
**Tipperary 2-21; Clare 0-19.**

### ULSTER

11th May. Lisnaskea:  
**Tyrone 1-11; Fermanagh 2-7.**  
 11th May. Kingspan Breffni Park:  
**Monaghan 2-15; Cavan 1-16.**  
 17th May. Clones:

**Monaghan 1-15; Donegal 1-14.**  
 18th May. Omagh:  
**London 2-13; Tyrone 1-6.**  
 24th May. Newry:  
**London 2-23; Armagh 4-16.**  
 25th May. Celtic Park:  
**Derry 7-23; Monaghan 3-13.**  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
 1st June. Casement Park:  
**Down 4-16; London 1-16.**  
**Antrim 2-17; Derry 1-12.**  
**FINAL**  
 15th June. Casement Park:  
**Antrim 3-18; Down 2-16.**

### ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

28th June. Casement Park:  
**Galway 6-21; Antrim 1-10.**  
 5th July. Pearse Stadium:  
**Galway 1-26; Laois 0-9.**  
 5th July. Waterford:  
**Waterford 6-18; Antrim 0-15.**  
 12th July. Pairc Ui Chaoimh:  
**Cork 1-17; Dublin 0-15.**  
 12th July. Limerick:  
**Offaly 3-19; Limerick 0-18.**  
 19th July. Thurles:  
**Cork 0-23; Galway 2-15.**  
 19th July. Thurles:  
**Waterford 2-18; Offaly 0-18.**  
 26th July. Thurles:  
**Waterford 2-19; Wexford 3-15.**  
 26th July. Thurles:  
**Cork 2-19; Clare 2-17.**

## ATTENDANCES AT CORK v. KILKENNY GAMES

### AN CAPTAEN



**John Gardiner**

Year	Attendance	Year	Attendance
1893	1,000	1946	64,415
1903	6,500	1947	61,510
1904	10,000	1966	68,249
1905	7,500	1969	66,844
	10,000	1972	66,135
1907	15,000	1978	64,000
1912	18,000	1982	59,500
1926	26,000	1983	58,381
1931	26,460	1992	64,534
replay	33,124	1999	62,989
2nd replay	31,935	2003	79,383
1939	39,302	2004	78,212
		2006	82,275

### AN CAPTAEN



**James Fitzpatrick**



# PATHS TO THE SEMI-FINAL

Kilkenny are bidding for their third successive All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final win since losing to Galway in 2005.

They line out as Leinster champions for the fourth successive year. This is how they retained the provincial title:

**15th June. Portlaoise:**

Kilkenny 2-24; Offaly 0-12.

**6th July. Croke Park:**

Kilkenny 5-21; Wexford 0-17.

**TOTAL SCORED:** 7-45 (66 points).

**TOTAL CONCEDED:** 0-29

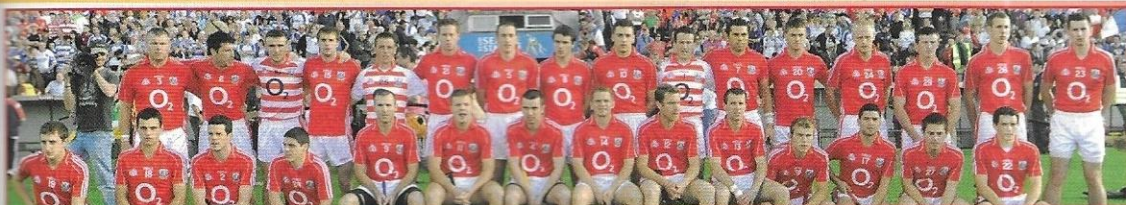
**AVERAGE:** 2.28

SCOREBOARD	1	2	Total
Henry Shefflin	0-11	1-7	1-18
Eddie Brennan	0-2	2-2	2-4
Eoin Larkin	0-4	0-3	0-7
Aidan Fogarty	1-0	1-1	2-1
Martin Comerford	1-1	0-1	1-2
James Fitzpatrick	0-1	0-4	0-5
Richie Power	—	1-2	1-2
Michael Rice	0-2	—	0-2
Michael Fennelly	0-1	—	0-1
Richard Hogan	0-1	—	0-1
T. J. Reid	0-1	—	0-1
Derek Lyng	—	0-1	0-1



Back (L-R): John Tennyson, Donnachda Cody, T.J.Reid, Martin Comerford, Jackie Tyrrell, Derek Lyng, P.J.Delaney, Brian Hogan, Richie Power, Michael Rice, Damian Fogarty, Eoin McGrath, Richie Mullally, Willie O'Dwyer, James McGarry, Eddie Brennan, Henry Shefflin.

Front (L-R): David Herity, Michael Kavanagh, P.J.Ryan, Canice Hickey, James 'Cha' Fitzpatrick, (Capt), John Dalton, Eoin Larkin, Tommy Walsh, J.J.Delaney, Aidan Fogarty, Eoin Reid, Richie Hogan, Sean Cummins, Darragh McGarry



Back Row (L-R): D.O'Sullivan, R.Curran, M.Coleman, C.Naughton, A.Nash, C.McGann, J.Gardiner, T.Kenny, P.Cronin, D.Óg Cusack, S.Óg Ó Hailpín, E.Cadogan, K.Canty, P.Horgan, B.Corry, K.Murphy (E.Own).

Front Row(L-R): C.O'Connor, J.O'Callaghan, S.O'Neill, N.Ronan, J.O'Connor, N.McCarthy, B.Murphy, J.Deane, T.McCarthy, B.O'Connor, P.O'Sullivan, S.Murphy, K.Murphy (Sars), K.Hartnett.

Cork are appearing in an All-Ireland senior hurling championship semi-final for the first time since 2006 when they beat Waterford by 1-16 to 1-15.

This is their record so far in the senior hurling championship:

**8th June. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:**

Cork 1-13; Tipperary 1-19.

**12th July. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:**

Cork 1-17; Dublin 0-15.

**19th July. Semple Stadium:**

Cork 0-23; Galway 2-15.

**26th July. Semple Stadium:**

Cork 2-19; Clare 2-17.

**TOTAL SCORED:** 4-72 (84 points).

**TOTAL CONCEDED:** 5-66 (81 points).

**AVERAGE:** 1.04

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	Total
Ben O'Connor	1-3	0-2	0-12	0-7	1-24
Cathal Naughton	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-1	0-11
Joe Deane	—	1-1	0-4	0-1	1-6
Jerry O'Connor	0-2	0-2	—	0-1	0-5
Patrick Horgan	—	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-5
Neil Ronan	—	0-2	—	0-2	0-4
Tom Kenny	0-1	0-2	—	0-1	0-4
Niall McCarthy	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
Patrick Cronin	—	0-1	—	0-2	0-3
John Gardiner	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-3
Timmy McCarthy	—	—	—	1-0	1-0
Kieran Murphy	—	—	—	1-0	1-0
Paudie O'Sullivan	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Seán Óg Ó hAilpín	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Brian Corry	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Eoin Cadogan	—	0-1	—	—	0-1

## CORK BOUNCE BACK IN EXCITING STYLE

**C**ork hurlers have contributed greatly to a season that has produced some stirring come-backs in both codes.

Beaten at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in their Munster championship season's debut by Tipperary, they resumed winning ways at the expense of Dublin in the Qualifier, and then trailed Galway at Thurles by two points at half-time, just after having a player sidelined by the referee. But they bounced back for a two points win.

Last week-end they again demonstrated in exciting fashion their never-say-die spirit and skills with another powerful come-back when seeing off Clare at Semple Stadium to earn this semi-final outing.

Clare hurled with great confidence and flair when apparently presenting the Rebel County with a mountain to climb in the second half by building up an interval advantage of 1-11 to 0-6.

However, Cork lost little time after the change of ends in showing that they were in no mood to throw in the towel. The half had hardly started when Ben O'Connor, who was having an excellent game, boosted morale with a point from a free.

Three minutes later substitute Timmy McCarthy helped to give his colleagues further hope that victory was possible when he sent to the Clare net. The Banner County battled on bravely and after forty-seven minutes a goal gave

them a five points advantage.

One again Cork responded in positive fashion. Into the picture stepped another substitute, Kieran Murphy (Sarsfields). He found the net to reduce his side's deficit to a brace of points.

The Leesiders continued to hurl with flair and great commitment and, after taking the lead for the first time, went on for a memorable and dramatic 2-19 to 2-17 win.

Ben O'Connor played a pivotal role in earning the success with his polished all round play and seven points, four from frees. Goal scorers McCarthy and Murphy also made vital contributions, as did John Gardiner and Seán Óg Ó hAilpín at the back.

Cork, then, have certainly made a spectacular come-back from that loss to Tipperary in the Munster championship.

### LAST FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

**2008:** Cork 2-19; Clare 2-17.

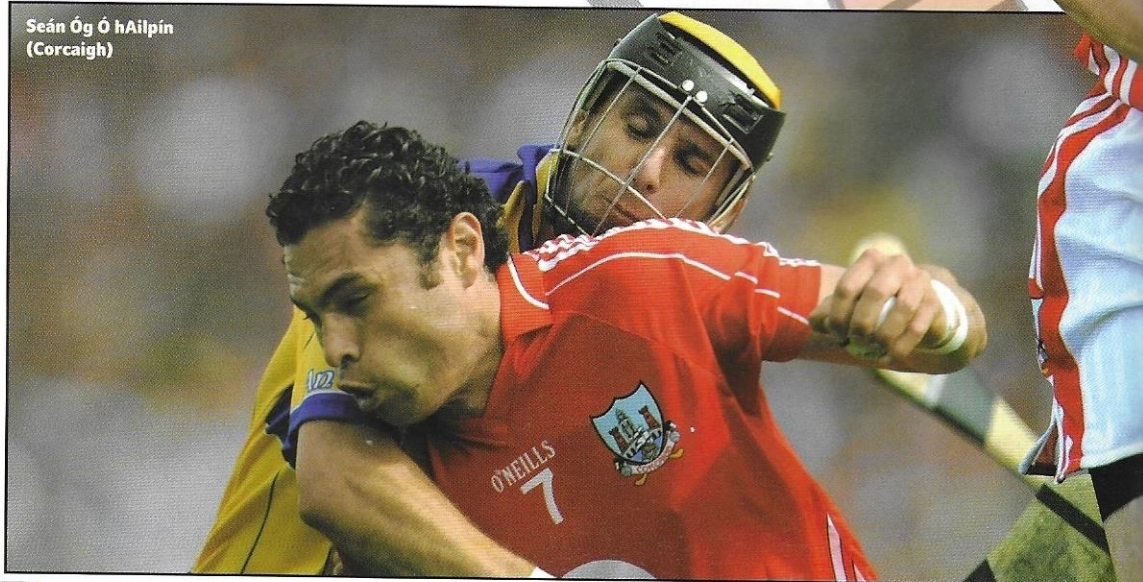
**2008:** Cork 0-23; Galway 2-15.

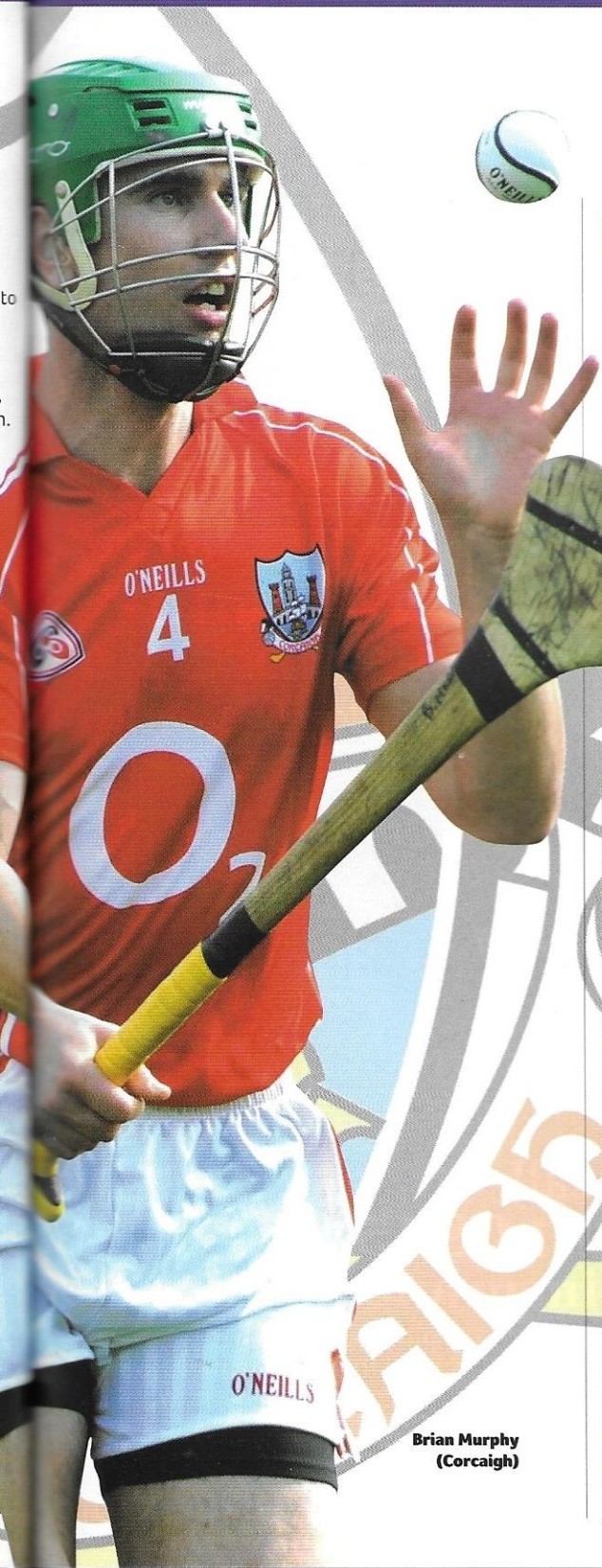
**2008:** Cork 1-17; Dublin 0-15.

**2008:** Cork 1-13; Tipperary 1-19.

**2007:** Cork 0-20; Waterford 2-17. REPLAY.

Seán Óg Ó hAilpín  
(Corcaigh)





Brian Murphy  
(Corcaigh)

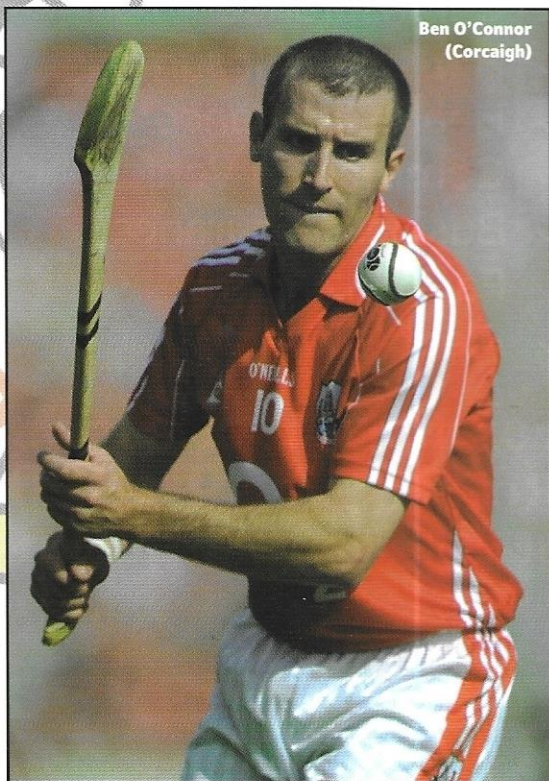
## A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE SEMI-FINALS

A late, late point by Jerry O'Connor earned Cork victory over Clare in a gripping All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final at Croke Park in 2005.

Clare led by 0-9 to 0-7 at the break and were six points clear after about ten minutes of the second half.

Cork then made a number of alterations to their team and got their game together in champion style. Niall McCarthy brought them level after sixty eight minutes, and then came Jerry O'Connor's splendid score to seal an 0-16 to 0-15 win for the Rebel County.

Apart from his late winning score—his second point of the game—Jerry O'Connor got through great work in midfield. John Gardiner and Seán Óg Ó hAilpín in defence were other commanding figures for Cork.



Ben O'Connor  
(Corcaigh)





## CORK'S LAST WIN...2004

# Rebels big win halts Cats three-in-a-row

**Cork 0-17 Kilkenny 0-9**

In search of a third successive title Kilkenny had been ambushed by Wexford in the provincial semi/final, but wins over Dublin, Galway, Clare on a replay and Waterford made them favourites for the title against a Cork side that had been untested by either Antrim or Wexford in their previous two outings. And despite hitting three wides in the opening two minutes matters appeared to be going according to script as the champions moved into a 0-5 to 0-2 lead at the end of the opening quarter. With Tommy Walsh, Peter Barry and J.J.Delaney dominating the '40' it looked as if Cork were in for a trying afternoon in pursuit of a winning total.

However, the Leesiders did improve on their first-quarter performance and despite a sluggishness to turn possession to account they closed within a point (0-6 to 0-7) by the change of ends. Shortly after the

restart Niall McCarthy brought Cork level, but two of the next three points fell to the hurl of Henry Shefflin to make it 0-9 to 0-8 to the champions with 23 minutes remaining. Everything suggested that a close run to the finish line was in the offing, but amazingly the champions failed to add to their total thereafter as the Rebel defence put up the 'closed' sign. Nine unanswered points gave Cork their biggest win in more than half a century.

**Cork scorers:** J.Deane 0-5, B.O'Connor 0-3, N.McCarthy 0-3, B.Corcoran 0-2, K.Murphy 0-2, J.O'Connor 0-1, T.Kenny 0-1.

**Kilkenny scorers:** H.Shefflin 0-5, M.Comerford 0-2, J.Fitzpatrick 0-1, D.Lyng 0-1.

**Corcaigh** – D.Óg Cusack, W.Sherlock, D.O'Sullivan, B.Murphy, J.Gardiner, R.Curran, S.Óg Ó hAilpín, T.Kenny, J.O'Connor, B.O'Connor, N.McCarthy, T.McCarthy, K.Murphy, B.Corcoran, J.Deane. Sub – J.Browne for B.Murphy.

**Cill Chainnigh** – J.McGarry, M.Kavanagh, N.Hickey, J.Ryall, T.Walsh, P.Barry, J.J.Delaney, D.Lyng, K.Coogan, H.Shefflin, J.Hoyne, D.J.Carey, J.Fitzpatrick, M.Comerford, E.Brennan Subs – C.Phelan for Fitzpatrick, S.Dowling for Coogan.



Jerry O'Connor, Cork, in action against Derek Lyng, Kilkenny in the 2004 All-Ireland Final

## KILKENNY'S LAST WIN...2006

# Cats get the cream — and return the compliment!

**Kilkenny 1-16 Cork 1-13**

Having been prevented by Cork from achieving the coveted three-in-a-row two years previously, Kilkenny were well motivated to halt the Leesiders attempt at a third successive crown. And boy did it show as the Noresiders gave a display of commitment and tenacity that left the champions further short of their goal than suggested by the final margin of three points. It was a tight contest with defences on both sides probably having the better of the argument, but Aidan Fogarty was the exception to that rule and the Emeralds' forward hit a magnificent 1-3 from play in what was undoubtedly his finest display for the black and amber.

The opening half saw scores level on five occasions so Fogarty's goal at the 29th minute was crucial in giving the challengers an interval lead – 1-8 to 0-8. Early in the second period on a couple of occasions Cork trimmed the deficit to two

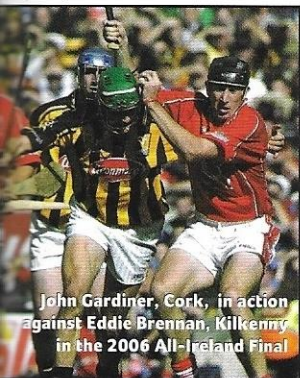
points, but that was as close as they were allowed to come. The Leinster side would quickly find a reply to remain out of arm's reach and indeed as the match progressed to a conclusion they increased the advantage to six points. Three minutes from time Ben O'Connor goaled to give the Rebels some hope, but such was Kilkenny's vigilance that a second was never a realistic option.

**Kilkenny scorers:** H.Shefflin 0-8, A.Fogarty 1-3, M.Comerford 0-1, D.Lyng 0-1, J.Fitzpatrick 0-1, R.Power 0-1, E.Brennan 0-1.

**Cork scorers:** B.O'Connor 1-4, J.Deane 0-6, N.McCarthy 0-1, J.O'Connor 0-1, J.Gardiner 0-1.

**Cill Chainnigh** – J.McGarry, M.Kavanagh, N.Hickey, J.Tyrell, T.Walsh, J.Tennyson, J.Ryall, D.Lyng, J.Fitzpatrick, E.Brennan, M.Comerford, E.Larkin, R.Power, H.Shefflin, A.Fogarty.

Subs – W.O'Dwyer for Larkin, R.Mullally for Lyng. **Corcaigh** – D.Óg Cusack, P.Mulcahy, D.O'Sullivan, B.Murphy, J.Gardiner, R.Curran, S.Óg Ó hAilpín, T.Kenny, J.O'Connor, T.McCarthy, N.McCarthy, N.Ronan, B.O'Connor, B.Corcoran, J.Deane. Subs – K.Murphy for Ronan, W.Sherlock for Mulcahy, C.Naughton for T.McCarthy, C.O'Connor for K.Murphy, C.Cusack for Kenny



John Gardiner, Cork, in action against Eddie Brennan, Kilkenny in the 2006 All-Ireland Final



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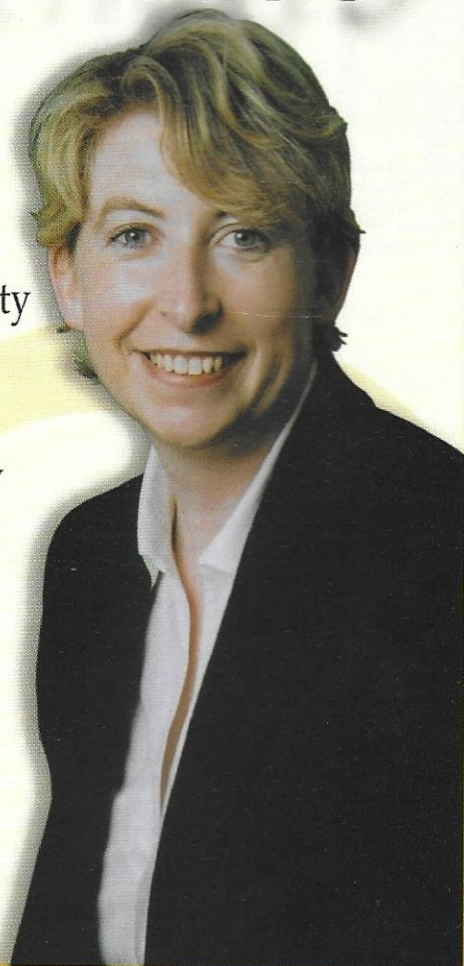
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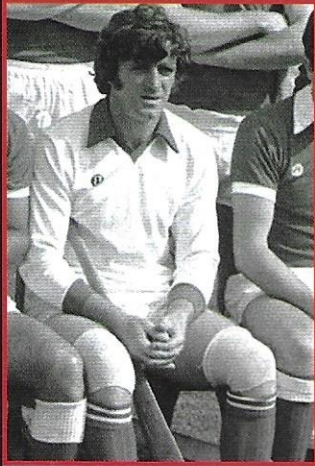
# MARTIN COLEMAN

**MARTIN COLEMAN** is in great form, chatty as ever, as he runs the rule over the current Cork team.

They're as good as any team ever to come out of this county," he says. "With what the have done over the past 10 years, they must be respected. The likes of the O'Connor twins have brought hurling to a new level with their skills and their preparation is intense. Hurling has changed a lot since I was involved. We use to sleep in late the morning of a game, get a taxi to the match, maybe have a sandwich. Myself and Cummins (Ray) would have a fag before, during (half-time) and after the game and we had no problem enjoying ourselves afterwards. It's different now. I see my own lad (Martin junior). He takes a day off work before games, comes home from matches and watches the video. These lads are so wound up they can't sleep that night. They have brought hurling to a new level."

Maybe he's a bit harsh on himself. Back in his day, Coleman was top of the heap. Although small in stature, at just 5' 7", his acrobatics as Cork goalkeeper thrilled supporters. He frequently made spectacular full-length saves and huge clearances that regularly set-up goals at the other end. He first came to prominence as a goalkeeper in 1968 with a Munster minor medal. In 1969, he added an All-Ireland medal to his collection following a victory over Kilkenny and in 1970 and 1971 Coleman won back-to-back Munster and All-Ireland medals at under-21 level. He also made his senior championship debut against London in the 1970 All-Ireland semi-final. "There wasn't much made of a semi-final back then," he smiles. "Now they are carnival occasions."

He was part of the three in a row team in 1976, '77 and '78 but, typical Cork, he looks to the disappointment of not winning a fourth in 1979.



instead of looking back and basking in the wonder years. Soon after, he was gone. At only 29. "I was dropped," he says. "We lost the four-in-a-row, the selectors felt it was time for a change, I was shipped out and that was that," he says. "I would liked to have stayed on for another year or two but it wasn't to be."

He stayed playing for Ballinhassig until he was 37, though, and returned to the Cork camp as senior selector in 1999. "Another great time to be involved," he says. "To do the double and to see Teddy McCarthy do it in the same year. Some lads go all their lives without an All-Ireland - Teddy won two in three weeks."

Martin has seen the present Cork team play all year and says they made mistakes against Tipperary and Dublin but both management and players have learned from them. "Bringing on Joe Deane with four minutes left in the Munster final was an insult to the man, but the selectors have learned from all that. They gave youth its fling but you don't give youth its fling against Tipperary. You never do that."

A win today, he reckons, and the Cork bandwagon will be next to impossible to stop. "They've fought back brilliantly and it's great to see," he says. "But Brian Cody is there 10 years, he has a serious panel. I think their long lay off will do them good. We have a great chance, though."

The chances of his son, Martin junior, getting a run-out today are slim. But if anything happens Dónal Óg Cusack he's the first man in and after his excellent display against Galway, the team will have no reason to worry. "That young lad had a full swing of a hurley at one and a half," he smiles. "I saw him swing one day and I said he was destined for Croke Park."

**Just like his father. If junior has half the career he'll have done very well for himself.**

Terrace

HERO

# KILKENNY CHASE TITLES TREBLE AGAIN

**C**an Kilkenny, who have been such a dominant power in hurling of late, advance their prospects for a rare All-Ireland senior titles treble this season?

The Noresiders, who last completed a treble of All-Ireland senior championships in 1913, left little doubt with the power of their performances when retaining the Leinster title that they are determined mood and will not easily make way for new champions.

Henry Shefflin marked his return after a nine months absence because of cruciate trouble by filling a familiar position as a mach-winner against Offaly in Kilkenny's opening defence of the provincial crown at Portlaoise.

His class and well-earned 'Bachelor of the Scoring Science' yielded eleven points and set the scene for a decisive eighteen points win.

However, it has also been demonstrated time and again that Kilkenny have other match-winners of the highest standard. Take for example their high scoring win over Wexford in the Leinster final early last month.

Shefflin certainly left his stamp on that game as well. He scored his side's opening goal in the first half from

a penalty, which helped the champions to a narrow 1-9 to 0-10 interval advantage and went on to finish yet again in a familiar position as his team's top scorer with 1-7.

However, Eddie Brennan also again underlined his match-winning qualities with two quick goals early in the second half. And for good measure he also chipped in with a brace of points.

Eoin Larkin was another forward whose class and skill shone against Wexford, while midfielders James "Cha" Fitzpatrick and Jackie Tyrrell, and defender P. J. Delaney were other key personnel in forging out the convincing 5-21 to 0-17 win.

Plenty of positives, then, for the Noresiders as they face this challenge from their great championship rivals from the Leaside.

## LAST FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

2008: Kilkenny 5-21; Wexford 0-17.

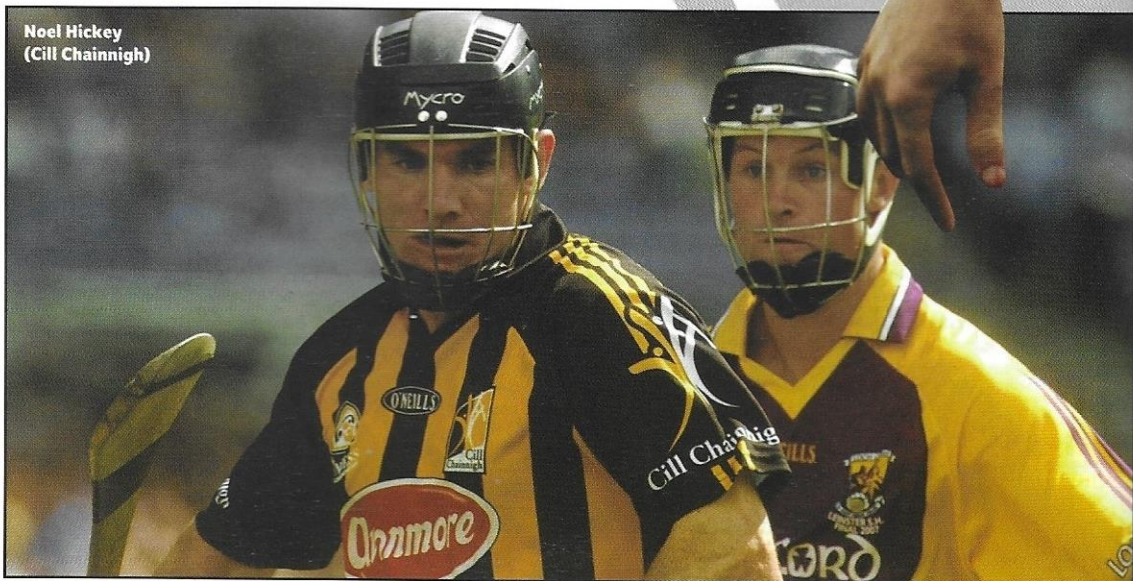
2008: Kilkenny 2-24; Offaly 0-12.

2007: Kilkenny 2-19; Limerick 1-15.

2007: Kilkenny 0-23; Wexford 1-10

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Wexford 1-12.

Noel Hickey  
(Cill Chainnigh)





**JJ Delaney**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

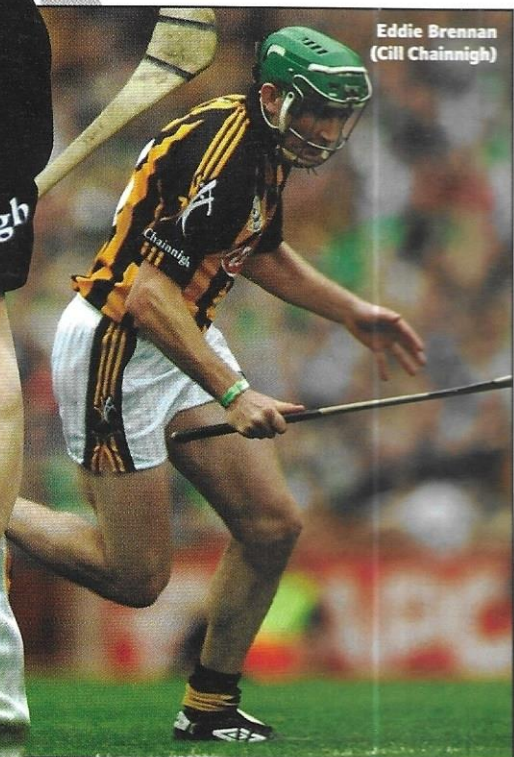
## A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE SEMI-FINALS

A harvest of three first half goals provided the foundation for a Kilkenny win over Waterford in a keenly contested and entertaining All-Ireland senior hurling semi-final at Croke Park in 2004.

Henry Shefflin hit the first after only four minutes. Eddie Brennan collected the second and after thirty-three minutes Shefflin was back for his second to put the then All-Ireland champions ahead by 3-6 to 0-11 at the interval.

The goals proved invaluable as the Noresiders has to put up a strong rearguard action to thwart a late Waterford rally that yielded six points. However, Kilkenny proved equal to the occasion and ran out winners by 3-12 to 0-18.

Shefflin finished with 2-4. J. J. Delaney at left half back and Brennan were other match-winners for Kilkenny.



**Eddie Brennan**  
(Cill Chainnigh)

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## Kilkenny 13 Cork 9

1893	Cork	6-8	Kilkenny	0-2	1947	Kilkenny	0-14	Cork	2-7
1903	Cork	8-9	Kilkenny	0-8	1966	Cork	3-9	Kilkenny	1-10
1904	Kilkenny	1-9	Cork	1-8	1969	Kilkenny	2-15	Cork	2-9
1905	Cork	5-10	Kilkenny	3-13	1972	Kilkenny	3-24	Cork	5-11
objection	Kilkenny	7-7	Cork	2-9	1978	Cork	1-15	Kilkenny	2-8
1907	Kilkenny	3-12	Cork	4-8	1982	Kilkenny	3-18	Cork	1-13
1912	Kilkenny	2-1	Cork	1-3	1983	Kilkenny	2-14	Cork	2-12
1926	Cork	4-6	Kilkenny	2-0	1992	Kilkenny	3-10	Cork	1-12
1931	Cork	1-6	Kilkenny	1-6	1999	Cork	0-13	Kilkenny	0-12
	Cork	2-5	Kilkenny	2-5 ®	2003	Kilkenny	1-14	Cork	1-11
	Cork	5-8	Kilkenny	3-4 2nd ®	2004	Cork	0-17	Kilkenny	0-9
1939	Kilkenny	2-7	Cork	3-3	2006	Kilkenny	1-16	Cork	1-13
1946	Cork	7-5	Kilkenny	3-8					

### TOP SCORERS

# EOIN KELLY (WATERFORD) WELL PLACED FOR TOP TAKE OVER

Eoin Kelly (Waterford) is well placed to finish the leading scorer nationally for this year's provincial and national campaigns for the All-Ireland senior hurling championship. He currently shares the leading position with Joe Canning, but the Galway man cannot, of course, add to his return of 4-27 (39 points) in only three games at the excellent match average of thirteen points.

That is certainly an impressive return for the Potumna club hurler in his debut season in senior hurling.

Kelly is the only hurler in the top eight still with a direct interest in the race for the title. He has the best goals tally in the top ten with his total of 5-24 (39 points) in three games to share the same match average with Canning at thirteen points.

The top scorers in so far in the senior hurling championship are:

Eoin Kelly  
(Port Láirge)

Points	Score	Frees*	Games	Average	
39	Joe Canning (Galway)	4-27	2-12	3	13
39	Eoin Kelly (Waterford)	5-24	1-17	3	13
38	Brian Carroll (Offaly)	0-38	0-25	4	9.5
37	David O'Callaghan (Dublin)	2-31	0-19	4	9.25
32	Martin Finn (London)	1-29	1-13	3	10.66
27	Ben O'Connor (Cork)	1-24	0-18	4	6.75
24	Steven Lambert (Monaghan)	1-21	0-18	3	8.
24	Niall Gilligan (Clare)	1-21	0-12	4	6.
22	Diarmuid Lyng (Wexford)	0-22	0-19	4	5.5
21	Henry Shefflin (Kilkenny)	1-18	1-16	2	10.5
21	John Mullane (Waterford)	2-15	-	4	5.25

\*Frees include scores from "65's"





## THE FIRST MEETING — 115 YEARS AGO!

**I**t is 115 years since the paths of Cork and Kilkenny passed for the first time in the hurling championship and to say that the arrangements for the first encounter were somewhat haphazard would be something of an understatement. In 1893 the Association was, to put it mildly, poorly organised with differing political views threatening its very existence. This was the background when Lee and Nore faced off against one another for the first time.

The Rebels appeared to have matters in hand within the county and the domestic final between Blackrock and Redmonds had been played by June 25th of that year. However, in Kilkenny matters were not moving as smoothly with a ball yet to be struck in the local championship by the same date. Eventually matters did get underway with a final taking place on November 25th in which Confederation beat Callan thus securing the right to represent the county.

The champions decided to enlist the help of Tullaroan to make up a county squad, but with no opposition in Leinster they had a bye all the way to the All-Ireland final. Cork did have one outing against Limerick at Rathluirc in early November, which they won easily by 5-3 to nil.

With the football final also on the same bill, it should have been a gala occasion, but instead it descended into a bit of a farce as the Ashtown Trotting & Athletic Grounds near the Phoenix Park had a coating of grass the was conservatively estimated at heights between 12 and 18 inches. This was the same ground that Michael Cusack had described as excellent the previous week!

### NOT ENTHUSED

The teams were less than enthused about playing on the surface and approached Mr. Cusack with their gripes,

but he insisted it was the same for both sides. However, this didn't satisfy either the players or the spectators and it was decided that the game should be moved to the nearest available site in the Phoenix Park. But then another problem arose. Spectators who had already paid the 6d admission demanded their money back with some who had yet to pay also demanding a "refund". Eventually, an official managed to placate the crowd and the main business of the day was proceeded with.

### NO MARKINGS

There were no line markings for the pitch, but the goalposts had been transferred successfully. However, the spectators lining the ground made for a natural, if somewhat inexact, playing area. Each side provided a linesman and two umpires, but the lack of a referee threatened to curtail matters until Mr J J Kenny consented to act as a referee. And his performance was exemplary as the common practice of the time where a partial linesman argued with the referee was completely absent.

The Cork team consisted of 11 players from county champions Blackrock, three from Evergreen Nationals, two from St.Finbarr's and one from Carrigtwohill. Champions Confederation had nine players in the Kilkenny line up with Tullaroan providing the other eight. The match itself was far more straightforward than the events which took place preceding it with champions Cork cruising to an interval lead of 3-4 to 0-1. It was more of the same for the 1,000 spectators in the second period with the Leesiders retaining their title on a 6-8 to 0-2 scoreline.

The teams on that historic occasion were: Corcaigh – J.Murphy, J.Norberg, D.Scannell, M.Murphy, D.Hayes, P.Coughlan, J.Young, S.Hegarty, M.Cronin, P.O'Keefe, J.Cullinane, J.O'Leary, J.Delea, J.O'Connor, J.Cashman, W.J.O'Connell, P.Flaherty. Cill Chainnigh – D.Whelan, J.Delaney, J.Grace, J.Lalor, P.Maher, E.Teehan, J.Walsh, M.Coogan, M.Berry, M.Morrissey, J.McCarthy, R.Grace, J.King, J.Doheny, P.Brennan, J.DeLoughrey, P.Malone.

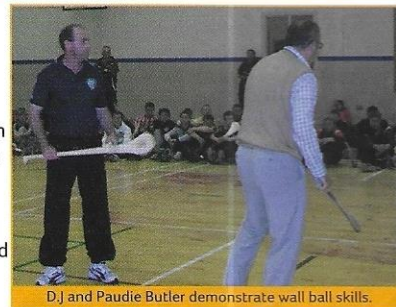
## School of Hurling success

The exploits of D.J.Carey on the hurling field are well known to all, but in recent times people may not be aware of his immense contribution to hurling off the field. At Leinster level the D.J.Carey school of hurling continues to be the highlight of the hurling calendar for the members of U-14 Development squads from the twelve Leinster Counties. DJ attends the School of Hurling on a daily basis sharing his expertise and immense knowledge on all aspects of hurling. There is no doubt that that the rapport he developed with the young players will be a very positive influence on their future hurling careers.

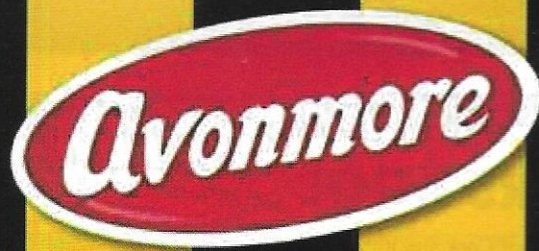
The D.J.Carey School of Hurling 2008 which was organised and run by Lester Ryan and Michael Neary, Hurling Development Administrators has proven to be the most successful D.J.Carey School of Hurling to date.

The success of the 2008 School can be attributed to the attendance of high profile players, managers and guest speakers who visited the School of Hurling each day including such

names as: D.J.Carey, Paudie Butler (National Hurling Coordinator), Brian Cody, Liam Moggan (Performance Manager), Brendan Cummins, Henry Shefflin, Martin Fogarty, Rory Mc Carthy, Jackie Tyrrell, Martin Comerford, James Mc Garry and Michael Scully, amongst others.



DJ and Paudie Butler demonstrate wall ball skills.



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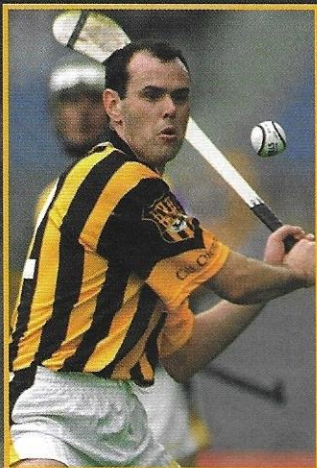


TERRACE HEROES

DAMIAN LAWLOR - GAA CORRESPONDENT SUNDAY INDEPENDENT

BRIAN McEVOY

FOR a guy who was supposed to have retired through injury last year Brian McEvoy is not doing a very good job keeping away from the hurling field.



"Came on the other night in a junior match," he laughs. "Came on corner forward, the opposing corner back went pale when he saw me coming over to him."

Could you blame the poor lad? It's not too often a junior hurler is left to man-mark a former All Star and All-Ireland medal winner. And in marking McEvoy, the poor lad had the added pressure of trying to keep tabs on a player whose accuracy in shooting was almost unrivalled during the late 1990's and early years of this decade.

McEvoy left the Kilkenny scene way too early, everyone knows that, but he wasn't the only Cat to leave the squad before his time as a surge of youthful talent instead found favour with Brian Cody. A few years and more All-Irelands later Cody stands vindicated, but all the same, it would have been great to see the roaming wing forward continue to split the posts for another couple of seasons. There's no doubt he was well up to it. The good thing, from his point of view, is that he kept his form up and helped inspire James Stephens to club glory after his Kilkenny years were over.

"If I'm honest it was the real highlight of my career," he says. "We won back to back county titles and a Leinster and All-Ireland Championship having not won anything for 24 years or so. It was a fantastic time to be with them and I got a great kick out of it."

His intercounty career began in 1997 and ended in 2003, spanning five Leinster medals, two All-Irelands and an All Star. On the right wing mostly, McEvoy was a direct hurler. "When you had

Henry, DJ and Charlie inside waiting for the ball it was best to get it into them as quickly as possible," he laughs. "No point in the likes of me holding it up."

Always good for three points a game, his powerful striking on the run and lovely touch separated him from other half forwards. He laments the lack of ground hurling in the modern game and wonders if players are too afraid to let fly first time anymore. "As I said with the full forwards we had, pulling first time was a reasonable option but it's gone out of the game now and everything seems to be more possession-orientated. I don't know why that is, teams are training harder than ever and they should have a greater array of skills as a result."

Working as Sales Manager with Azzurri, McEvoy keeps in touch with old teammates and opponents and they frequently meet for lunch in Kilkenny to talk about hurling. As we alluded to earlier, he's not supposed to be playing anymore due to a serious knee problem, but he couldn't resist coming on the other night. Once hurling is in your blood, the madness is hard to shake off. "I wouldn't be able to do the work required to get back playing at senior level," the 34 year-old says, "but I tip away in the gym and can play an odd bit of junior and a bit of soccer too. It could be worse."

He reckons Kilkenny will be up against it today, seeing as how Cork are so battle hardened and having seen his old teammates train in Nowlan Park last week, is a little concerned about the injury list. "The only thing is there's a lot of options and a lot of the players can play in a few different positions," he says. "But it would be better to have a fully-fit team. Still, there are plenty of experienced players there and they won't panic."

The man they call 'Tuts' still remembers the heartache of the 1999 defeat to Cork and today he hopes his county can avoid another gut-wrenching loss. "99 is always there in my memory," he says. "But I was blessed to play for Kilkenny and I can always look back on those years with great happiness."

Terrace  
HERO

# Unsung

HE'S won every honour on offer in the intercounty game but the flame of desire still burns strong inside Kilkenny star Martin Comerford. Four All-Ireland senior medals, three Allstar awards and six Leinster titles are a fitting reward for the talent of a player who struggled to make a meaningful impact at underage level before blossoming in the senior ranks.

29-year-old Comerford was one of a batch of new stars given their head by manager Brian Cody in the wake of the 2001 All-Ireland semi-final defeat against Galway.

Since then, Kilkenny have lost just three championship matches in seven seasons and Comerford has developed into one of the real leaders in the Cats' attack, a maker and taker of scores in equal

measure. Former Kilkenny star John Power, a ballwinner of similar stature to Comerford, is a keen admirer of the O'Loughlin Gaels clubman.

He said: "Martin came in for a couple of nights when we

were preparing for the 1999 All-Ireland final, to make up the numbers for training. I remember he was the type of lad we didn't know what to make of. You wouldn't know what he would do next when he was going for the ball and it's very hard to hurl a player like that. Some days he'll score maybe two points but the next, he'll get in for a brilliant goal. He's not the type of player that you can say we'll nail on the 30 metres from goal, hold him there and that will be the end of him because he can perform effectively on the wing or at full forward."

Power agrees that Comerford possesses all of the necessary attributes to survive as a forward in the modern game.

The John Lockes legend explained: "Martin's speed is deceptive for a big man. He has a big, long stride and has good pace over 10-12 yard bursts around the square. He has great ball-winning ability and is very courageous. He's a carefree type of hurler and if you know him personally that's the way you'd read him. He doesn't take it awful seriously until the 70 minutes he's on the pitch and that's a great outlook to have. That's why I'd say he's lasting so long and performing so consistently. He doesn't put pressure on himself."

Power also believes that Comerford can escape much of the limelight in the exalted company of stars such as Henry Shefflin and Tommy Walsh, which enables him to go quietly about his work.

"He's able to get away from the massive spotlight that Henry brings and all of those little things help on the big day. It's much the same as when I was playing, with lads like Eamonn Morrissey and DJ Carey," Power said. "That's what gives a lad like Martin a great opportunity. No disrespect to Martin but on Sunday, all of the talk won't be about him, it will be about how Henry is after the injury last year."

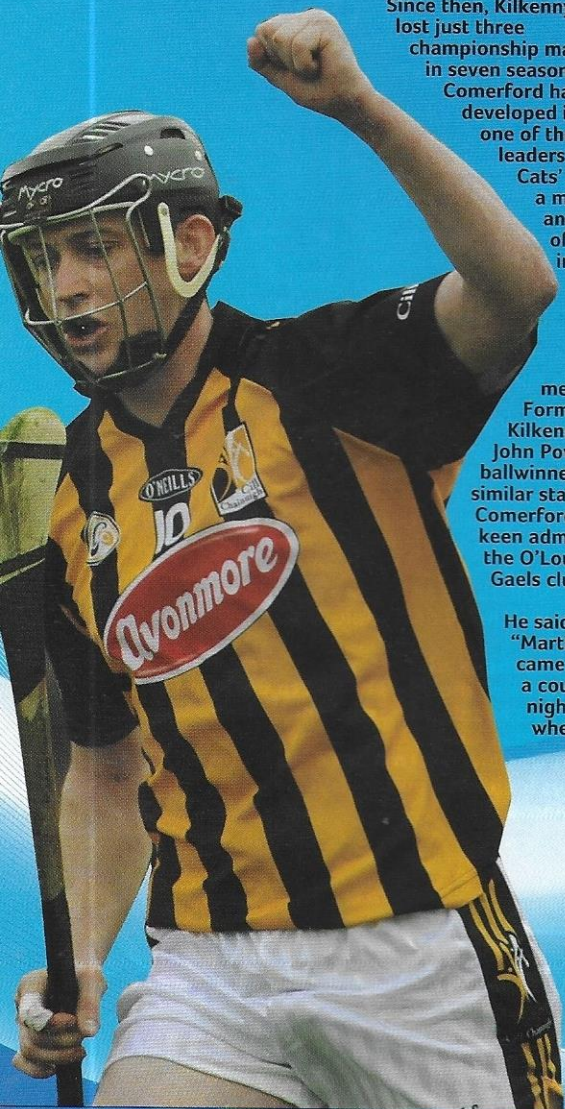
Power has closely monitored Comerford's development from a raw teenager to one of the leading lights on the Kilkenny team.

He explained: "Martin's not a DJ or an Eamonn Morrissey who were great strikers. He's much like myself, tearing and dragging but that's what's deceiving about him too because he has good wrists, great pace and is very accurate, particularly off the left hand side. The biggest thing that Martin has is the gut to take on a fella when he gets the ball."

"He's a very important player to the team with his ability to win ball, throw it around and we should also take into account the number of frees that he's fouled for."

Power concludes by beautifully summing up Comerford's contribution. "For me, he's like a piano player. He can throw it up on his back and carry it and then he's able to sit down and play it. And when he sits down to play it, he's well able to."

**MARTIN COMERFORD  
KILKENNY**



# Heroes

**In the heart of the Cork midfield, Tom Kenny performs a similar, selfless role for the Rebels. A former dual player, Kenny decided to concentrate exclusively on hurling with Cork after playing both codes in 2003.**

The Cork hurlers have certainly benefited as a result as Kenny has forged a potent midfield partnership with Jerry O'Connor, nicknamed the 'Tom and Jerry show.'

This formidable axis fuelled Cork's All-Ireland successes of 2004 and 2005, before Kilkenny ended dreams of an historic three-in-row in 2006.

Now, Cork stand between Kilkenny and their treble dreams and much will depend on the form of the 'formidable five' who form the Rebel half-back line and midfield.

Kenny's form in Cork's recent championship victories against Galway and Clare has been nothing short of superb and, at 26 years of age, the Grenagh man is now operating at the peak of his powers.

Kenny's former Cork team-mate Pat Mulcahy, who captained the Rebels in 2006, reflected: "Because Tom is such a great athlete, people dismiss his hurling a bit but he's fabulous off left and right and a lot of his scores have been struck when he's running at goals at full speed. In all the years I played with him, I have rarely seen him with an injury or unable to play because of that and he's been outstanding. He's been Cork's best player this year and although there were some good individual second half performances in the Clare game, Tom was one of the few that had a good first half when things were going against Cork."

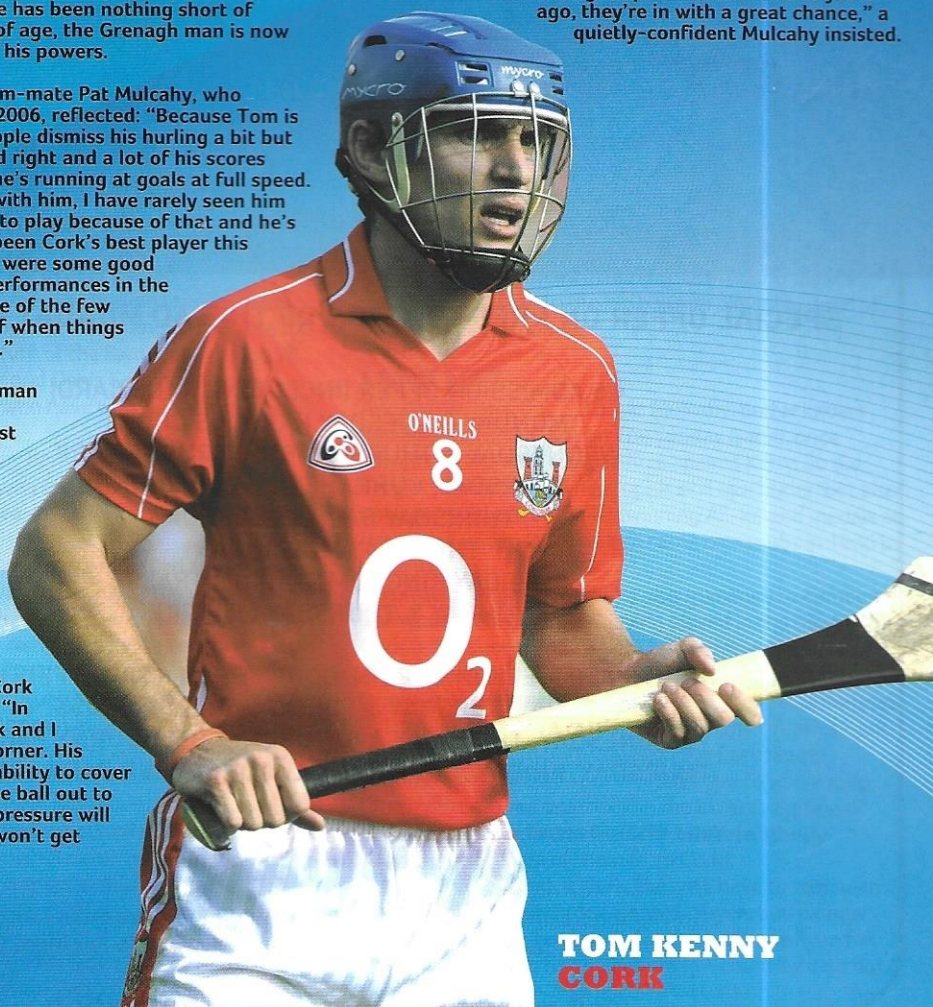
Newtownshandrum clubman Mulcahy added: "Tom is dedicated but his greatest strength is his physical make-up. He has great power and speed and is the perfect athlete. His running style is almost effortless and it doesn't seem to take a whole lot out of him."

Mulcahy enjoyed four seasons (2003-06) alongside Kenny in the Cork squad and he explained: "In 2003 Tom was wing back and I was full back or in the corner. His greatest strength is his ability to cover back and if you throw the ball out to him, you know that the pressure will be relieved and that he won't get caught in possession."

"He made the switch into midfield in 2004 out of necessity really because we needed someone at midfield to cover the ground and his partnership with Jerry blossomed. He went back to half back against Clare last Sunday week and was as good as ever there. He's equally good in that position. He's a defensively-minded midfielder or a half back."

Mulcahy believes that the success of the Kenny-O'Connor partnership is down to attitude and athleticism.

He added: "It's the work-rate and the ground they cover. They have a great attitude and that's the reason they have been so difficult to counteract. They work extremely hard and if you want to match them, you need to pit them against similar players. Cork's half-back line and midfield will be crucial against Kilkenny and if they can dominate there and get up to the level of two years ago, they're in with a great chance," a quietly-confident Mulcahy insisted.



**TOM KENNY**  
**CORK**



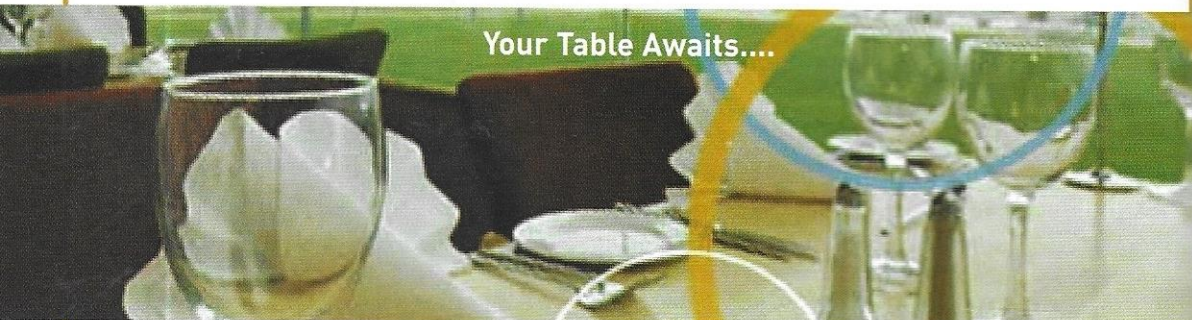
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# Dual intercounty stars a thing of the past

Jim O'Sullivan, GAA Correspondent 'Irish Examiner'

**N**OT so long ago, the idea of both Cork teams playing championship games on the same day would have been a no-no. It didn't happen last year – when they played on consecutive days on the August week-end – because of fixtures difficulties, and, of course, in the recent past because there would have been a difficulty with dual players.

But, while players in some counties continue try to 'mix' the two codes – Laois and Limerick, for example – in Cork they're close to being an extinct species. And while followers everywhere would regret the passing of the gifted player who is equally adept at football and hurling, the fact is that they are still around. Whatever about the problem of trying to serve two masters – which, incidentally a talented group of Cork camogie and ladies footballers have managed to do in recent years and achieve success at All-Ireland level – it's simply not possible because of both the physical demands on players and the way the championships are structured nowadays.

There's a proud tradition of dual players in Cork going back a long time, further back than the forties when Jack Lynch achieved the distinction of winning six All-Ireland medals in consecutive years. In between the hurling four-in-a-row and the sixth, he won a football medal and by the time the county celebrated the return of the Sam Maguire Cup 28 years later, Ray Cummins and Denis Coughlan joined the elite group of 15 players who have won All-Ireland medals in both codes.

Brian Murphy and Jimmy Barry-Murphy, both key members of that team, completed the 'double' when they shared in the hurlers' three-in-a-row sequence, starting in 1976.

Cummins and Barry-Murphy are regarded among the very best of the dual players, certainly of the modern era and, like Brian Murphy, they were also dual Allstars (Cummins achieving this distinction in the very first year of the Allstars, in 1971).

In 1980, Jimmy Barry-Murphy became the first to play on the winning side in National League finals in both codes and ten years later Teddy McCarthy surpassed that with his history-making triumph of winning championship medals in both All-Ireland finals in the same year. Interestingly, he had won a hurling medal in 1986, an event all the more noteworthy for the reason that it marked his senior championship debut.

## REGRET

In a recent interview in the Irish Times, Jimmy Barry-Murphy articulated the sentiments of followers who regret the passing of the dual player, noting that they had

more or less 'died out of the GAA.' "We managed to combine it, but with the amount of games that are being played now and the back door in the championship, it just became totally impractical. It's a shame because you are missing players from both teams who could have something to contribute.

"I'd like to see some of the hurlers who are good enough to play football with Cork playing with them still, for example. It's something we all enjoyed doing and it's just unfortunate it can't be done nowadays."

Nevertheless, Barry-Murphy reached a stage in his career where he had to opt out of football and Seán Óg Ó hAilpín, likewise, decided to concentrate on hurling after a few years playing football (lining out in the All-Ireland football final of 1999 against Meath). So did Brian Corcoran, who played in three All-Ireland semi-finals, the last of which was against the Dublin team which last won the Sam Maguire Cup.

Tom Kenny is another who tried to combine both codes and his brief flirtation with football saw him play at centre-forward in the first-round Munster championship game against Limerick in 2003. That was before he made his mark in hurling. Diarmuid O'Sullivan, too, was attracted to the big ball and played a round of National League games.

## LONG LIST

And the list goes on..... Tomás Mulcahy, better known nowadays as an analyst on The Sunday Game, once played in a Munster football final against Kerry. So did Tony O'Sullivan, renowned for his skill as a hurler, but also an accomplished footballer (winning All-Ireland medals at minor and under-21). The two came on as subs in 1986 in Killarney.

Former manager John Allen also managed to combine both games successfully. Having played in the third of the Cork treble success of 1976-'77-'78), he won a Munster football medal in 1983 and was a key member of the team which drew with Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The dual player is alive and well in many counties – and those prominent in both codes on the Cork teams continue at club level – but we may have to wait a long time before we see another join the exclusive group of All-Ireland medal winners in both codes (currently standing at 16, nine of them from Cork).

For the time being, it looks like we'll have to stick with our memories of all those talented players and wonder how many more – like Dublin footballer Shane Ryan for instance, a sad loss to Dublin hurling – could light up our days if they had the time and the inclination to play the two games at the highest level.



Jimmy Barry-Murphy



# A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT

In the history of the hurling championship just one goalkeeper has kept his net intact in the provincial final, All-Ireland semi/final and final in the one campaign. Pondering as to which great 'keeper this might be would bring the usual answers such as Noel Skehan, Ollie Walsh or Tony Reddan, but in fact the only goalkeeper to accomplish such a feat was Donal Óg Cusack. Nine years ago the Leaside net-minder was at his best as Cork strode to the title with wins over Clare in the Munster final (1-15 to 0-14), Offaly in the semi/final (0-19 to 0-16) and Kilkenny in the final (0-13 to 0-12).

So special is Cusack's accomplishment that only two 'keepers have come close to his achievement. In 1906 "Hawk" O'Brien of Tipperary was unbeaten as the Premier county eased by Cork in the provincial final (3-4 to 0-9) and Galway in the semi/final (7-14 to 0-2), but within ten minutes of the start of the final he

had been beaten twice by Dublin's Willie Leonard. However, Tipperary still took the title by 3-16 to 3-8.

Forward to 1985 and John Troy of Offaly found himself in a similar position as the Midlanders qualified for the final having defeated Laois in the Leinster final (5-15 to 0-17) and Antrim at the penultimate hurdle (2-17 to 0-12). In the final against Galway the Midlanders turned over with their net intact, but midway through the second period P.J. Molloy goaled for the Corribiders but, as with "Hawk" almost 80 years earlier, it didn't prevent the 'keeper from picking up his All-Ireland medal with Offaly winning by 2-11 to 1-12.

Both Kilkenny and Tipperary have qualified for this year's semi/finals without conceding a goal in their provincial final victories so should either side win today or next week with their net intact, then the Cork number one could be in line for some company in this ultra exclusive club.

## Gaelic4Mothers

'Mums' the word in Ladies Gaelic Football at the moment. A bright new initiative is proving quite a hit around the Country.

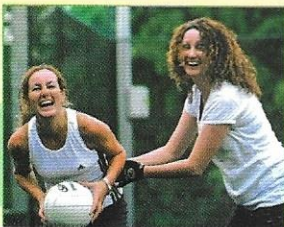
The idea of the new initiative is to introduce mothers to playing Ladies Gaelic Football. Mothers often drop their kids to training and call back to collect them, but the Ladies Gaelic Football Association wants to change that.

The initiative sees mothers playing Ladies Gaelic Football in a fun, non-competitive and social environment. Gaelic4Mothers provides an opportunity for women to get their recommended weekly exercise in a fun way while meeting other mothers in the area.

The initiative will bring a whole new social aspect to the club and also provide parents with an insight into the club scene. Gaelic4Mother is suitable for all those who wish to play, but at a non-competitive level, which may include past players who still have the boots under the stairs!

If your club is interested or you are a mother interested in setting this up in your club, please contact Paula Prunty, National Games Development Officer, (01) 8363156 or email: paula@ladiesgaelic.ie

Adrienne Atkins, left and Brendagh Hampson, both from Raheny, Dublin, at the Ladies Football Gaelic 4 Mums Launch in St Annes Park, Raheny.



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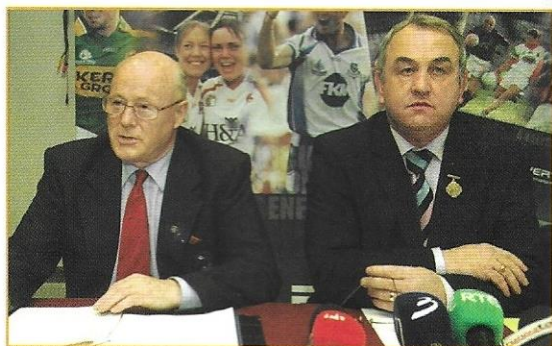
### ADVANCES IN REFEREE TRAINING

As we rejoice in Pádraig Harrington's defence of the British Open title, it was interesting to read of his backroom team to whom he paid tribute for his success. Among this team was a Sports Psychologist. This year Referee Seminars have included outside speakers to help referees to prepare for games and to help their performances. Canice Kennedy, Sports Psychologist, has spoken at a number of these seminars. A survey among referees by Canice got the following answers:

- 97% of the referees said that Knowledge of the Rules was very important. We would expect that high figure. But 90% said Mental Fitness was very important ranking it slightly higher than 88% who said that Physical Fitness was very important.
- 90% said that Sport Psychology presentations should be included in future seminars. Other outside speakers this year have been Dr. Niall Moyna of DCU on Physical Fitness, Diet, Food Intake on the day of games.
- Alain Rolland, Ireland's World Cup Final referee, spoke on his own training, his preparation for games, his approach to dealing with players before and during a game.
- Training and preparation of intercounty teams has now become so scientific that it's important that referee training must be the same.

### FITNESS PROGRAMME

Early in the year our top referees underwent a strict fitness test in DCU. They were then given individual



Uachtarán Nickey Brennan and CCCC Chairman Jimmy Dunne.

programmes to maintain and increase fitness levels. Staff at DCU, lead by Dr. Niall Moyna, took blood tests, measured body fat levels and with a series of sprints and treadmill exercises tested lung capacities. Again, this is to help our referees to attain a level of fitness required in our intercounty games.

### RESPECT FOR REFEREES

Verbal abuse of referees continues to be a problem at all levels and even more so at club and even juvenile level. Referees say that this is not so much from players but from mentors, parents, supporters. Managers of defeated teams at intercounty level sometimes have to face such abuse from partisan supporters also.

Paddy Collins, former outstanding referee of four All-Ireland Finals, said the following in an interview with Jim

## REF. WATCH

Some papers are now featuring a 'Ref.Watch' in their coverage of a game. We were wary of it in the beginning feeling it was putting too much of a spotlight on referees. But this year especially there is an effort to put a criticism in context e.g. 'Referee got main calls right while getting a particular incident wrong' or 'overall the referee had a good game while missing something in particular'. Referees accept this, as being human they have never claimed to make no mistakes but they pray that if they do make a mistake it has no influence on the outcome of the game. Another welcome development is the acknowledgement by some TV analysts that the referee's view of an incident may not be the same as that of the TV camera. So, in their analysis of the incident, it is important to judge the position of the referee and that his view may have been different to the picture being beamed out to viewers.

## FOCAL SCOIR

These notes in programmes are meant to give followers an insight into the world of refereeing. Referee training is now so important so as to keep pace with the very advanced preparation of intercounty teams. Also too, rules have to be explained as very many, including players, have never read the actual rules even though they have been playing the game since juvenile level. The whole expansion of media coverage is very welcome because of its vital role in the spread of our games but it too puts special pressure on referees for top class performances.



O'Sullivan in his book "Men in Black" :  
 " Maybe it's because we have tolerated it for so long. Abuse from players is not a major issue with referees at all, because sanctions are available to deal with them. But there are no sanctions available to the referee on the day to deal with what comes from mentors, pseudo officials and others. If attitudes could be changed towards the referee it would be a big bonus to our games."

Uactarán Nickey Brennan and CCCC Chairman Jimmy Dunne have repeatedly, at Referee Seminars, told referees to include such verbal abuse from officials in their match reports and they will be dealt with severely.

## MEDIA PUBLICITY

Lets' not exaggerate here about verbal abuse. We are not talking about the instinctive shout at a referee when we disagree with his decision against our team. Even referees themselves, as spectators, have been known to yield to this temptation The old Latin phrase 'Verbum Scriptum Manet' (i.e. the Written Word Persists), is very true. Whatever about a disgruntled spectator or a mentor shouting a comment at a referee, when the words of a defeated manager are carried in large headlines on the following day's paper, this is particularly hurtful. " Referee was a disgrace", says defeated manager/official, "All we want is fair play".

When one considers all the games, happily this has happened only a few times this summer. On one recent weekend, between hurling and football, 25 games were played and I noticed only one such comment.

## RADIO PHONE-IN

To quote Paddy Collins again who has no doubt that, compared to his time, referees today operate under much more difficult conditions. One of the main reasons is that they are constantly under the media microscope and especially now with the additional coverage from different channels of many more games. "The radio phone-ins are the bane of their lives because they are almost entirely made up of partisans. There are no impartial observations." Some local radio stations for some time have been giving air-time to people calling in with their comments on games. When their team has been defeated the criticism, often unfair, is directed at the manager or the referee. These phone-ins, emails are now happening on the national air waves. To give air time to an incensed and totally biased caller who only gives a Christian name is questionable. I know that some extreme calls are blocked but giving air time publicity to criticism of amateurs who are doing their best can often be unfair. To talk exclusively about a mistake the referee may have made with no effort to balance by mention of his overall handling of the game is selective.

## Some Stars of the Future!

Many intercounty stars first played in Croke Park when they were in National School. For the Dublin school children Cumann na mBunscol finals are a regular fixture in headquarters, but for children outside of the capital their first run-out onto the famous pitch is usually when they have been selected to play in the GAA INTO Mini Sevens on either All Ireland semi-final or final day. Today forty children from many counties will play in the colours of Cork and Kilkenny, a dream come true after many years playing the game they love. Fist of all the children have to play for their school and win the county competition. From here they progress to the regional festivals where the emphasis is on skill and teamwork. During the regional festivals at least one pupil from every county is selected to play in Croke Park.

Today there are two girls from Carrig National School in Offaly. Niamh Collins and Rachael Brennan are both going into sixth class this September. Niamh has been



playing camogie since she was four. She plays in goal for both her school and her club St. Cillian's. Niamh was also a star on the Offaly under twelve side that won the county title. Joining Niamh today is her class and clubmate Rachael who has been playing the ancient game since she was five.

Rachael is one the midfield stars for both her club and school. Joining the two Offaly girls today is Haidee Kelly who attends St. Brigid's NS Boardsmill, Trim, County Meath. Haidee plays both football and camogie and last year her school won the football and camogie championships. She plays for the Boardsmill club under ten team that won the county final this year. Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta hopes that all of the participants in today's GAA INTO Mini Sevens bring home wonderful memories of a fantastic day. Go -eirí libh!



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## The Road to Croke Master Marksmen

At the break in both today's senior matches the finals of the "Road to Croke Master Marksmen" competition takes place.

The finalists are:

**Hurling** — Jamesie O'Connor and Gary Kirby

**Football** — Kevin O'Brien and Wayne McCarthy

The full list of competitors who have taken part are:

### HURLING

Johnny Dooley  
Jamesie O'Connor  
Gary Kirby  
Tom Dempsey  
Pat Fox  
Ultan McFetridge  
Pat Moylan  
Eddie Keher

### FOOTBALL

Ross Carr  
Manus Boyle  
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Derek Duggan  
Michael Lawlor

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## Busy time on the Camogie scene

**W**hile the senior hurlers of Cork and Kilkenny and the minors from Kilkenny and Tipperary contest the All Ireland semi-finals to day, the Cork senior camogie team meets Tipperary in the Gala All Ireland semi-final next weekend. Galway and Wexford meet in the second semi-final. The semi finals will be played in Nowlan Park, a venue that has hosted the semi finals for the past number of years. Our good friend Ned Quinn and his efficient team in Nowlan Park gives camogie great support.

Kilkenny U16 camogie team captured their fourth successive All Ireland last weekend. They defeated Cork. The game was a great ad for camogie. The first half was fantastic, two super teams with a high level of skill and speed. Unfortunately Cork conceded a couple of soft goals, while they played their hearts out Kilkenny displayed almost perfect team work.



While Brendan Cummins retained his Poc Fada crown on the Cooley Mountains so too did Lyndsey Condell from Westmeath. She broke the course record. Second place went to teenager Patricia Jackman

from Waterford, who finished second last year also. Martin Donnelly sponsors this Poc Fada. Martin is a great sports enthusiast.

Munster GAA Council has come on board financially to support the Munster Camogie Development Plan. This is a welcome move and one that will benefit both organisations.

Deirdre Murphy, Munster Camogie Development Co-ordinator is the Clare camogie captain and leads them into the Gala Junior semi final against Laois next weekend. Waterford and Offaly meet in the second semi final to day. Of course Leinster GAA Council came on board financially a couple of years ago to support the Leinster Camogie Development Plan.

We are gearing up for the Gala All Ireland Finals on September 14th. Once again the U21 Hurling Final will join camogie on that date. Bord Gáis is the new U21 sponsor; they also sponsor Cork senior camogie team. This is the third year that the U21 final has been played with the Gala senior and junior finals. It has been a success; it gives the U21 hurlers the opportunity to play in Croke Park and also draws the Hurling Family to the one venue.

I would appeal to the counties to support camogie. Some counties are loyal and others scarcely aware that the games are on. We have worked to improve our publicity and while it is nothing like what we aim for it is now one of the "minority sports" that has a high profile. Female sport worldwide has the same problem with relatively poor publicity.

I look forward to the games to day, hurling and camogie are the best field games.

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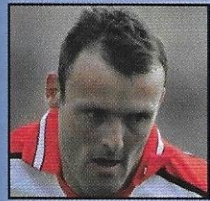


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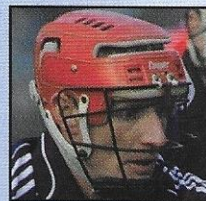
# CÚINNE NA nÓG

## Who Am I? 1



I won my first Vodafone All Star last year.  
I have yet to win an All-Ireland senior medal but I did win a national senior souvenir earlier this year when my county regained this particular title after eight years.  
I have recorded some noteworthy individual scores with my county side over the years.

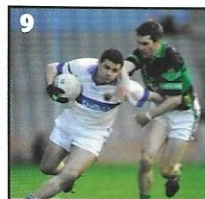
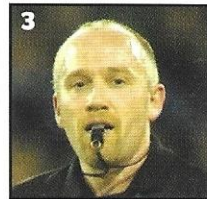
## Who Am I? 2



I led my club to a major national title earlier this year.  
A versatile hurler I have won National League medals at right full forward and left full back.  
However, I am better known nowadays as a defender and I have won three All Stars awards as a back.

## The Football and Hurling Scene

1. Where was this year's Allianz National Hurling League final played?
2. Who was in sharpshooting form for Leitrim in their opening game in this year's Connacht senior football championship?
3. Who refereed the Down-Wexford All-Ireland senior football Qualifier last week-end?
4. Name the winners of the Ulster Under-21 hurling title late last month.
5. What county lost to Kerry in the All-Ireland Under-21 final earlier this year?
6. Who scored the only goal in last month's Ulster senior football final replay?
7. Cork won last year's All-Ireland minor hurling title. True or false?
8. Who led Kilkenny to last year's Liam MacCarthy Cup title win?
9. Name the winners of the Andy Merrigan Cup earlier this year.
10. Steven Lambert was in action with Monaghan, Antrim or London in the Ulster senior hurling championship earlier this year?



## Ceart nó Mícheart

There is only one answer to each of the five statements below—ceart nó mícheart

1. Donegal have still to win the Sam Maguire Cup.
2. Cork won the All-Ireland senior titles in hurling and football in the same year—1990.
3. Winners of the All-Ireland minor hurling title receive the Tom Markham Cup.
4. The All-Ireland poc fada championship is decided over a course in the Mourne Mountains.
5. Limerick have still to win the National Hurling League title.

## The Referee and The Game

Listed below are five well-known intercounty referees and five games they took charge of in recent times.

Please match each referee with the correct game.

- David Coldrick (Meath)  
Dickie Murphy (Wexford)  
Jimmy White (Donegal)  
Rory Hickey (Clare)  
Gearóid Ó Conámha (Galway)

- Ulster senior football final draw  
Cork v Clare All-Ireland senior hurling Qualifier  
Connacht senior football final  
Monaghan v Donegal All-Ireland senior football Qualifier  
Leinster senior football final.

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Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

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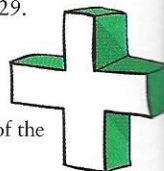
Canal Stand Upper: First Aid Centre rear of Section 724.

Hogan Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 329.

Hill 16: First Aid Centre rear of Section A

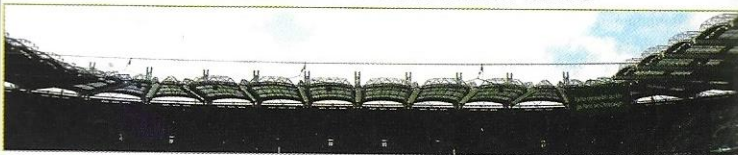
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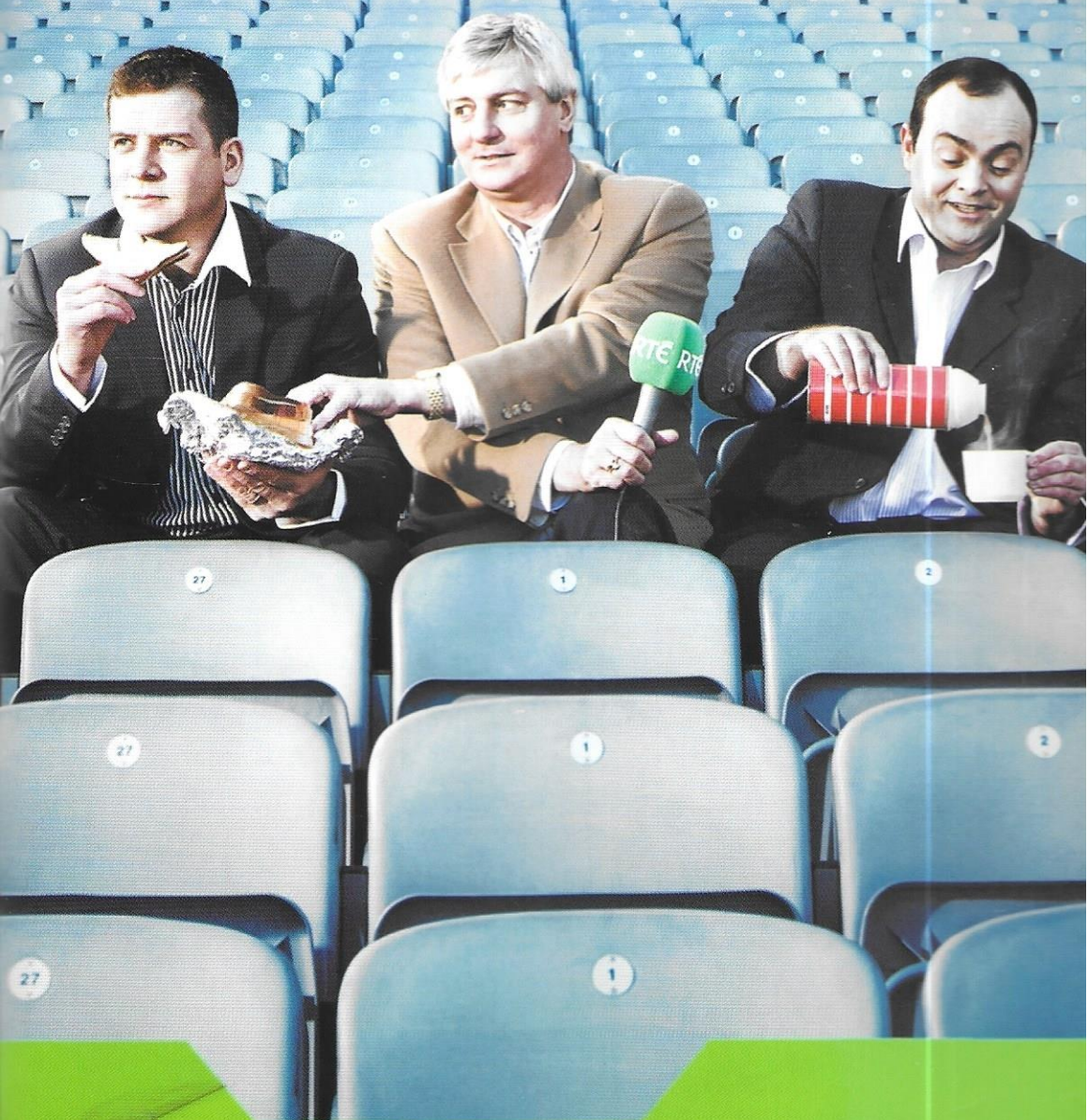


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