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ÉIRE ÓG SENIORS CLAIM THE JOHNNY RYAN CUP

- SUNDAY JULY 20TH, 2014



Panel: Back Row L/R, Mark Tuite, Paddy Murphy, Tommy Heffernan, Daire Quinn, Gary Howard, James Mackey, Seanie Geaney, Adam Gratton, Niall Madden, Michael Hallinan, David Hackett, Shane Maher, Donnacha Quinn, John Slattery, Conor Ryan, Alan Kelly, John Cahalan. Front Row L/R, Hugh Maloney, Andrew Coffey, Kevin Tucker, Noel Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Paul Ryan, Philip Hickey, David Hickey, Killian Gleeson, Mikey Heffernan, Mark Flannery, Michael McNamara, Pearse Morris, John Brennan



Noel Maloney (captain) being presented with the Johnny Ryan Cup by Michael Burke (County Vice Chairman) and a representative of the Ryan family.

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THE JOHNNY RYAN CUP ON
SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 20TH
THANKS TO A TWO-POINT WIN
OVER TOOMEVARA AT DOLLA.**

**CLEAN IRELAND RECYCLING
COUNTY SENIOR CHALLENGE
CUP**

**JOHNNY RYAN CUP FINAL
NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG 0-22
TOOMEVARA 3-11**



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Nenagh Éire Óg collected the Johnny Ryan Cup on Sunday evening, July 20th thanks to a two-point win over Toomevara at Dolla.

Clean Ireland Recycling County Senior Challenge Cup Johnny Ryan Cup Final Nenagh Éire Óg 0-22 Toomevara 3-11



Billy Heffernan at the ready for a Toome sideline cut

Michael Heffernan goal chance not been saved in the 32nd minute.

Immediately after the break a David Nolan point closed the gap to one before Éire Óg exploded into life with efforts from Paddy Murphy and Donnacha Quinn (two) helping the Blues into a 0-13 to 1-6 lead.

Two Ken Dunne points (one free)

Points from Donnacha Quinn (free) and Andrew Coffey helped Éire Óg into a 0-2 to no-score lead before Colm Canning responded for Toome.

Colm Canning then book-ended a Tommy Heffernan effort to leave a point between the sides in the 18th minute (0-4 to 0-3).

stemmed the tide, but further efforts from Paddy Murphy and Michael Heffernan ensured a four-point buffer between the sides with twenty minutes to play (0-15 to 1-8).

Darren Cuddihy made a great save to deny Michael Heffernan a goal in the seventh minute before Andrew Coffey and David Nolan traded points; points from David Nolan and

Donnacha Quinn and Mark McCarthy exchanged frees while Andrew Ryan did especially well to block Michael Heffernan's shot at goal in the 24th minute. A Paddy Murphy point forced Éire Óg two points clear, but Toome hit back to take the lead with an Eoin Brislane goal in the 27th minute following Mark McCarthy's sensible cross - 1-4 to 0-6.

David Nolan helped himself to his third point from play before Darren Cuddihy saved brilliantly from the (cont'd) raiding Pearse Morris. Within seconds John O'Brien set up Eoin Brislane for a second Toome



Pearse Morris, Andrew Coffey and Hugh Maloney.



Kevin Tucker

Paddy Murphy and Colm Canning traded points thereafter before three Tommy Heffernan efforts helped Éire Óg into a 0-10 to 1-5 interval lead. The Éire Óg response to Brislane's goal was impressive and could have been even more emphatic had a third



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(cont'd) goal and the sides were level in the 44th minute (2-9 to 0-15). Two minutes later David Nolan's fourth point from play handed the Greyhounds the lead and asked a big question of the Éire Óg lads.



Killian Gleeson and Andrew Coffey

To their credit Éire Óg responded in positive fashion to the challenge posed – the Blues then proceeded to out-score the Greyhounds 0-7 to 0-1.

Kevin Tucker set up Michael Heffernan for a terrific left-handed



Mickey Mac leading the back line.

point while a Donnacha Quinn effort from play helped the Blues into a 0-17 to 2-10 lead.

John O'Brien cracked over a superb long-range effort, but Éire Óg responded through Donnacha Quinn (free), Pearse

Morris and Killian Gleeson to race into a 0-20 to 2-11 lead. In the 53rd minute Pearse Morris was dragged down for a penalty which Donnacha Quinn tapped over the bar. Killian Gleeson then fired over a terrific point in the 56th minute to force Éire Óg into a five-point lead.

That cushion was probably a reasonable reflection on the game, but Toomevara were far from finished and the unmarked John O'Brien fired home a rasping shot in

the 59th minute to give the Greyhounds some hope. Whatever chance Toomevara enjoyed of upsetting the odds late in the game evaporated with the departure of Eoin Brislane who was shown a straight red card following an altercation with Éire Óg captain Noel Maloney in the 61st minute.

The attention of both sides will now turn to the third round of the county senior hurling championship which is



Donnacha Quinn takes his free in front of the many Nenagh fans in the stand.

scheduled to resume on the week-ending Sunday, August 3rd.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Michael McNamara, Billy Heffernan, Noel Maloney, John Brennan, Daire Quinn, Hugh Maloney, Barry Heffernan, Kevin Tucker, Andrew Coffey (0-2), Pearse Morris (0-1), Michael Heffernan (0-2), Tommy Heffernan (0-4), Donnacha Quinn (0-7, 0-4 frees), Paddy Murphy (0-4), Killian Gleeson (0-2). Subs: (54th) Paul Ryan for Pearse Morris.

Toomevara: Darren Cuddihy, Andrew Ryan, David Young, Cathal Kennedy, Francis Devaney, Joey McLoughney, Darren Delaney, Benny Dunne, Luke Ryan, John Delaney, Colm Canning (0-3), Ken Dunne (0-2, 0-1 frees), Mark McCarthy (0-1, 0-1 free), Eoin Brislane (2-0), David Nolan (0-4). Subs: (HT) John O'Brien (1-1) for Luke Ryan, (45th) Paul Ryan for John Delaney, (57th) Jason Ryan for Cathal Kennedy, (59th) Kieran Flaherty for Francis Devaney.

Referee: Pat Gibson (Burgess).



MINOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Blues recorded a 2-20 to 3-11 win over Roscrea at Moneygall on Thursday evening, July 17th

Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 2-20 Roscrea 3-11

Roscrea started well and led 0-4 to 0-2 after nine minutes with Anthony Walsh (frees) responsible for both of Éire Óg's early points.

Adam Healy made a great save to deny Roscrea a goal in the ninth minute before the Blues struck for four consecutive points – Philip Hickey, Anthony Walsh (two) and Jack Sheedy helped Éire Óg into a 0-6 to 0-4 lead by the 17th minute.

Éire Óg 'keeper Adam Healy made another fine save in the 18th minute and although Roscrea struck for a point in the 20th points from Anthony Walsh, Craig Himli and John Cahalan helped the Blues into a 0-9 to 0-5 lead.

Further points from Conor Ryan and Anthony Walsh forced Éire Óg five clear (0-11 to 0-6), but Roscrea converted a penalty in the 32nd minute to leave

two between them at the break (0-11 to 1-6).

Éire Óg began the second half in positive fashion. In the 32nd minute, following great work from Dylan Walsh, Philip Hickey (pictured below) worked the ball to Andrew Coffey who fired home the Blues' opening goal. Seconds later Gerard Mitchell gathered a booming clearance from Aodhán Geaney and buried another three-pointer – 2-11 to 1-6.

Roscrea responded with a free, but points from Philip Hickey (pictured) and Andrew Coffey forced Éire Óg into a nine-point lead (2-13 to 1-7).

Roscrea plundered a goal of their own and when they added a point to their tally the gap was reduced significantly as this content entered the final quarter.

Points from Andrew Coffey, Anthony Walsh (free) and Philip Hickey left eight between the sides entering the 48th minute (2-16 to 2-8). A third Roscrea goal, however, ensured an interesting final ten minutes. Points from Conor Ryan and Brian Tuite were cancelled out by two Roscrea efforts, but Éire Óg closed out the game well with late Anthony Walsh efforts settling the issue.

The lads return to action on Thursday, July 24th when they face Newport Gaels in Templederry at 7pm. Your support, as always, is appreciated.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Adam Healy, Connie Reilly, Brian Flynn, Alex Jones, Gavin O'Connor, Aodhán Geaney, Oisín Ryan, Andrew Coffey (1-2), Conor Ryan (0-2), John Cahalan (0-1), Anthony Walsh (0-9, 0-4 frees, 0-1 '65), Jack Sheedy (0-1), Craig Himli (0-1), Philip Hickey (0-3), Gerard Mitchell (1-0). Subs: (24th) Dylan Walsh for Craig Himli, (38th) Adam Carey for Gerard Mitchell, (46th) Brian Tuite (0-1) for Jack Sheedy, (57th) Niall O'Gorman for Oisín Ryan, (61st) Cathal Whelan for Alex Jones.

Newport Gaels beat the Éire Óg minor A team with eleven points to spare at a wet Templederry on Thursday evening, July 24th.

Ger Gavin North Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 3-7 Newport Gaels 2-21

Newport Gaels started well and led 1-1 to no-score after six minutes. Éire Óg responded with a fine left-handed score from Craig Himli in the seventh minute. Newport added two points to their tally before the Newport 'keeper made a fine save to deny Dylan Walsh a goal in the 12th minute.

Three Anthony Walsh frees dragged Éire Óg back into the game to leave just three between the sides by the 19th minute – seconds later Éire Óg 'keeper Adam Healy made a superb save to deny Newport Gaels a goal.





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(cont'd) Éire Óg tied the game with an Oisín Ryan three-pointer in the 22nd minute following terrific work from Philip Hickey to turn the ball over – 1-4 apiece.

To their credit Newport closed out the half in positive fashion. Following five unanswered points from play the Gaels led 1-9 to 1-4 at the break.

Newport landed a point immediately after the interval to stretch their lead to six, but Éire Óg hit back in the 33rd minute when Anthony Walsh fired home a 21-yard free following a foul on Adam Carey (2-4 to 1-10).

The Gaels hit back with four consecutive points to lead 1-14 to 2-4 by the 43rd minute.

An Adam Carey shot demanded a fine save from the Newport 'keeper

in the 46th minute and Anthony Walsh converted the resultant '65 to leave six between them.

Newport struck for a game-clinching goal in the 49th minute. Anthony Walsh hit back with a converted free, but Newport then landed three consecutive points to take a 2-17 to 2-6 lead.

Anthony Walsh converted a second 21-yard free in the 59th minute while Adam Carey landed Éire Óg's second point from play on the hour mark (3-7 to 2-17).

Newport Gaels closed out the game in emphatic fashion with four unanswered points to seal an eleven-point win. Unfortunately Éire Óg also saw a player sent off in the 57th minute.

Great credit is due to Newport Gaels for a fine performance. This year's Ger Gavin North

Tipperary Minor A Hurling Championship is being played on a single group round robin format with the top four teams progressing to the semi-finals.

While the Blues lost this encounter with Newport Gaels the Éire Óg lads have already beaten Toomevara, Ballina and Roscrea. The Blues' remaining group games are against Borris-Ileigh and Kilruane MacDonagh's.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Adam Healy, Connie Reilly, Brian Flynn, Alex Jones, Aodhán Geaney, Conor Ryan, Gavin O'Connor, Andrew Coffey, Oisín Ryan (1-0), John Cahalan, Anthony Walsh (2-5, 2-4 frees, 0-1 '65), Jack Sheedy, Craig Himli (0-1), Philip Hickey, Dylan Walsh. Subs: (HT) Adam Carey (0-1) for Jack Sheedy, (37th) Niall O'Gorman for Gavin O'Connor, (48th) Brian Tuite for Dylan Walsh, (60th) Cathal Whelan for Craig Himli.
Referee: Kieran Timmons

GRADUATION IN NENAGH



Congratulations to all our young men and women camógie and hurling stars who graduated recently from the town's secondary schools. We wish you all the best for the future.



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OUT AND ABOUT WITH ÉIRE ÓG



The best photographed boys in Éire Óg! Many thanks to Tom Doherty and Nenagh Camera for sharing his great photos of our under-6 hurlers on the Nenagh Éire Óg facebook page. Be sure to like the page when you visit to keep up to date with all the news.

TEAMMATES THEN – FRIENDS FOREVER!



Here is a lovely photograph of a very young Darragh McMahon, Alan Kelly and Hugh Maloney decked out in their Tipperary gear holding hurleys belonging to Conor O' Donovan. Very best wishes for a happy future together to Alan and Coleen who tie the knot this month from everybody in the club, especially Alan's under-12 hurlers.



MINI-ME!

Some serious curly hair genes in the Ryan family! Dinny with his gorgeous little grandson enjoying the Johnny Ryan Cup win. He was trying to chase down his uncle Paul but was delighted to get his hands on the cup with captain, Noel Maloney. Star of the future.



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MESSAGE FROM TIPPERARY HURLING CAPTAIN BRENDAN MAHER

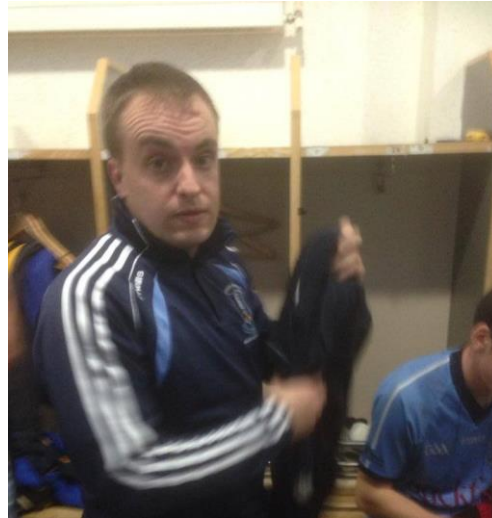
Supporting the Team - Brendan Maher

Dear Tipperary Supporter,
I want to thank the Tipperary Supporters Club for the opportunity to say hello on behalf of the team. After our win on Sunday the preparations for the semi-final against our great rivals Cork are well in train. I want to compliment all of the members of the panel, the management and the backroom team for the commitment and dedication involved to date. Since last December we have had over 100 group sessions, individual gym sessions every week and a number of specialist training weekends. There is a huge amount involved in the preparation for games. For example, it includes physical training, diet, nutrition, reviewing our performances and plenty more. We make the effort because we love playing for Tipperary and we always do our very best on your behalf as supporters and on our own behalf as individuals and team members. Do we always get it right on the field? Of course we don't but I can assure you that the attitude and determination to succeed were never stronger and we will be putting in another massive effort to beat a very good Cork team on the 17th August.

If you have been a member of the Supporters Club in the past, you will know that all funds are used for team preparation. Without the assistance of the Tipperary Supporters Club, we simply would not be able to prepare to the standards required to compete at the highest level. We say a sincere Thank You to everybody who has already joined, and ask everybody else to join the Supporters Club again this year and help us in our quest for success.

Thank you for your help and support.
Tiobraid Árann Abú
Best Regards,

Brendan Maher



MESSAGE FROM NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG JUNIOR B HURLER MARK LONG

What does the club mean to you? The club means a lot to me. Nearly all of my friends are involved in some aspect with the club. It's like a community within a community

Interests outside of hurling: I have a huge interest in the F1

Something you didn't know about me: Andrew Coffey made a €50 bet with me that Liverpool would win the league (foolish man) when they were 9pts clear. He still hasn't paid up!!!!

Biggest Influence on my career: Paul Lillis – if he can be classed as a hurler, anyone can!!

Who is the biggest joker on the panel? Kieran Duffy hands down!!

Tell us a joke: Kevin Tucker still plays senior hurling

What person would you most like to meet and why? James Cordon.. I'd say he's great craic

Marooned on a desert island what could you not be without? A way home

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

What is your first hurling memory? Getting stick below in Waterford as a child for wearing a Tipp jersey

If there was a transfer market what player would you buy? Nobody. Our panel is perfection Hah!

Name: Mark Long

Occupation: Eircom/Meteor Store Manager

Favourite Position: Corner Forward

Favourite Film: The Dark Knight

Favourite Music: Bit of everything

Favourite Food: McDonalds.... I mean fruit.

Can you remember your first match? I can. Let's not go there!!

Favourite hurler and why: Noel Maloney. A man still able to impersonate a senior hurler at his age is amazing

Favourite camogie player and why: Anna Geary – Cork (have you seen her!!)

Advice to young players: When Mattie says "stop hittin the balls away".. Stop hitting the balls away!!

Proudest moment playing hurling: Winning my first north championship with the club

Biggest Disappointment in hurling: Has to be the senior county final last year. Seeing the dedication and commitment the lads put in throughout the year and just to come short at the final whistle in a match that could have gone either way.



JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Blues got their junior B championship campaign off to an encouraging start in Templeberry on Sunday afternoon, July 20th with a 3-16 to 1-9 win over the 'Mines.

North Tipperary Junior B Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 3-16 Silvermines 1-9

Points from David Cleary and Thomas O'Brien helped Éire Óg into an early lead before Niall O'Gorman fired home a left-handed shot in the seventh minute and the Blues led 1-2 to 0-1.

Oisín Ryan then set up Anthony Walsh for a fine right-handed score before Oisín Ryan belted in a second Éire Óg goal in the 11th minute - 2-3 to 0-1.

The 'Mines responded with two points before an Anthony Walsh free and super strike from Conor Kirwan helped Éire Óg into a 2-5 to 0-3 lead by the 18th minute.

Anthony Walsh then traded a brace of points (one free) with Silvermines before the 'Mines belted in a rebound following a terrific save from Brian Darcy in the Éire Óg goal - 2-7 to 1-5.

Some terrific work by Thomas O'Brien created the room for Anthony Walsh to score a fine point and the sides retired at the interval with six between them - 2-8 to 1-5. Unfortunately, the 'Mines' keeper misjudged David Cleary's long-range free in the opening minute of the second half and handed Éire Óg a third goal.

Soon after David Cleary and Anthony Walsh added frees while an Oisín Ryan point in the 39th minute left 12 points in it - 3-11 to 1-5. A Silvermines free preceded a fantastic moment in the game when Oisín Ryan's overhead flick struck a crossbar in the 41st minute following a searching Conor Kirwan delivery. Two Anthony Walsh frees helped Éire Óg into a 3-13 to 1-8 advantage entering the final ten minutes.

Some good combination play and a fine pass from Conor Kirwan set up Dylan Walsh for a great point in the 51st minute while two points from David Cleary brought the scoring to a close from an Éire Óg point of view. Late in the game Brian Darcy made a stunning save to deny the 'Mines a consolation goal.

In the group phase of this year's championship Éire Óg will also face Newport and Portroe while Ballinahinch have withdrawn from the competition.

The group winners will progress to the north semi-finals while the second and third-placed teams progress to the quarter-finals.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Brian Darcy, Alex Jones, John Kelly, Paddy Flynn, Michael Hynes, Lenny Ryan, Jamie Gallagher, Thomas O'Brien (0-1), Gavin O'Connor, Anthony Walsh (0-8, 0-5 frees), Conor Kirwan (0-1), David Cleary (1-4, 1-2 frees), Oisín Ryan (1-1), Niall O'Gorman (1-0), Jack Sheedy. Subs: (37th) Dylan Walsh (0-1) for Niall O'Gorman, (37th) Kieran Duffy for Jack Sheedy, (48th) Brian Duffy for Paddy Flynn, (57th) Jimmy Reddan for Oisín Ryan, (58th) Paddy Harrington for Anthony Walsh.

JUNIOR B HURLER MARK LONG GETTING IN SOME VITAL STRETCHES IN TRAINING DURING THE WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR THE CLASH AGAINST SILVERMINES. STRETCHING IS VITAL FOR INJURY PREVENTION AND CAN PROLONG AN ATHLETES CAREER BY MANY YEARS. IF ANYONE WANTS FURTHER INFORMATION ON YOGA OR STRETCHING TECHNIQUES THEY SHOULD CONTACT MARK FOR FURTHER DETAILS.





JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nenagh Éire Óg junior A team made an encouraging start to their championship campaign with a seventeen-point win at Dolla. Sunday July 6th. Click below for match report

[North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 5-15 Silvermines 1-10](#)



Right: Junior A team manager Ger Tucker pictured talking to the lads during the half-time interval in Dolla.

The Blues fought back from five points down to earn a draw with league champions Kildangan at MacDonagh Park, Nenagh on Tuesday evening, July 15th. Click below for match report

[Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16 Kildangan 3-10](#)

Blues withstood a late Roscrea rally to earn all three points at St Michael's Park in Toomevara on Saturday, July 19th.

Watch Centre North Tipperary Junior A Hurling Championship Nenagh Éire Óg 4-12 Roscrea 1-17

Roscrea started well and led 0-2 to no-score following two quick points, but Éire Óg responded with a David Hackett goal following a fine pass from John Cahalan in the second minute.

A Roscrea free levelled matters while points from Darragh Walsh and Philip Hickey helped the Blues into a 1-2 to 0-3 lead.

Two John Cahalan points were off-set by three Roscrea efforts which had the margin down to one by the 14th minute (1-4 to 0-6).

Points from Gary Howard and David Hackett forced the Blues into a three-point lead before David Hackett traded a brace of frees with Roscrea. A Roscrea effort from play left two in it before two John Cahalan points helped Éire Óg into a 1-10 to 0-9 lead. To their credit Roscrea closed out the half with two fine points to leave just two in it at

the break – Éire Óg 1-10 Roscrea 0-11.

Roscrea reduced the deficit to a single point immediately after the break before a David Hickey goal in the 32nd minute left four in it. A David Hackett '65 added to the Blues' tally, but a Roscrea goal in the 34th minute left two in it once more – 2-11 to 1-12.

Éire Óg 'keeper Kevin Flynn was then asked to make a stunning save to deny Roscrea a goal in the 39th minute. A David Hackett free settled the Blues, but Roscrea responded almost immediately with a point.

In the 42nd minute Donnacha Heffernan found Philip Hickey who in turn passed to David Hickey and the full-forward notched the Blues' third goal – 3-12 to 1-13.

To their credit Roscrea rallied and held Éire Óg scoreless for the ensuing eighteen minutes. A Roscrea free in the 51st minute closed the gap to four points while 'keeper Kevin Flynn was also asked to make two more saves. Roscrea also saw a three-pointer ruled out for a square ball in the 54th minute before two frees and a converted '65 left a single point (3-12 to 1-17)

between them entering injury time. In the 61st minute second half substitute Christopher Ryan scored a fine individual goal to seal the win.

Group two was expected to feature a clash between Kildangan and Silvermines this evening, but that game was called off.

Therefore the current standings in group two are as follows: Kildangan five points (three games), Éire Óg five points (three games), Burgess one point (two games), Roscrea one point (three games), Silvermines zero points (one game). The top three teams in the group will progress to the knock-out stage of this year's championship.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Kevin Flynn, Michael Collins, John O'Donoghue, Adam Grattan, Niall Madden, Donnacha Heffernan, Eoin Fitzgibbon, Darragh Walsh (0-1), Alan Kelly, Gary Howard (0-1), Shane Maher, John Cahalan (0-4), Philip Hickey (0-1), David Hickey (2-0), David Hackett (1-5, 0-3 frees, 0-1 '65). Subs: (50th) Brian Flynn for Michael Collins, (52nd) Christopher Ryan (1-0) for Darragh Walsh, (61st) Johnny Slattery for Shane Maher.

Referee: Philip Kelly (Ballinahinch).



CAMÓGIE NEWS

NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG UNDER-15 COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!



County Under-15A Camogie League Final Nenagh Éire Óg 3-6 Drom & Inch 0-0

On Wednesday, July 30th Nenagh Éire Óg won the county under-15A Camogie league final at The Ragg. The 3-6 to 0-0 scoreline did not reflect the brave performance of the Drom & Inch girls. Éire Óg started the game very well and had 2-1 on the scoreboard in the first five minutes. Both goals were scored from distance by Maeve Coffey with Caroline Browne adding a very neat point from play.

Drom & Inch settled into the game after this point and took the game to Nenagh, but were unable to break down a very strong Éire Óg defence. Nenagh added further points through Maeve Coffey and Rebecca McGrath to leave the score reading 2-3 to 0-0 at half-time.

Éire Óg started quickly in the second half with points from

Caroline Browne and Maeve Coffey helping the Blues into a commanding lead before Maeve Coffey settled the game as a contest mid-way through the half with a third goal.

This was a very professional display from the Nenagh Éire Óg side with the defence on top throughout the game. Well done to Martin Ryan and his management team for inspiring the girls to bring another county title to the club.

Nenagh Éire Óg: Niamh Sheridan, Vanessa Tynan, Emer Ryan, Kate O'Connor, Ruth Hassett, Hazel McAuliffe, Fiona Hennessy, Rachel O'Connor, Sarah Kennedy, Becky McGrath (0-1), Laura Tierney, Ciara Phelan (captain, 0-1), Caroline Browne (0-2), Maeve Coffey (3-3), Leah Sheedy. Panel: Eva Duggan, Rachel Browne, Lilly Purcell, Rita Bourke, Ella Carey, Leah Kelly, Katie Mannicle, Kristen Howard, Saoirse Shanahan, Niamh Kennedy, Lucy Spain.



Top: Captain, Ciara Phelan is presented with her trophy by Pat Sheridan. Below: Management team. Catherine Kennedy, Ciara Phelan, Martin Ryan and Liam McGrath



CAMÓGIE NEWS

Rebecca White has been playing Camogie with Nenagh since she was a young girl. She took a break from the game recently and is now back playing better than ever. During her break however she did something remarkable and made a massive difference in people's lives. Here is her story.

My Volunteer Work in Uganda

My name is Rebecca White and I am just about to begin my third year of Ecology in University College Cork. I chose to do Environmental sciences which then stemmed to Ecology in second year, because I wanted to make a difference in the world. I wanted to help to achieve a sustainable world first beginning with the environment. I became involved with Nurture Africa after a volunteer fare came to University College Cork. Gavin, the volunteer coordinator, made me aware of the huge struggle that is seen in Uganda with regards to health, education and the environment. I decided to apply, because I knew it was a step in the right direction for me to help improving the world one small step at a time. I was working with children affected by HIV/AIDS in the town of Nansana, just 7 miles from the capital Kampala. I



went to the local primary schools to complete a library outreach programme as well as a first aid workshop and also helped to build an extension on to a youth centre in the Nurture Africa compound. I also visited poverty stricken homes where I witnessed first-hand the affect HIV/AIDS can have on a

home. Some homes that I visited the children did not have enough food to even take their retroviral medicine. Being exposed to such hardship has really opened my eyes and has made a difference on my life. Overall this trip was one of the most amazing experiences I was lucky to have been

offered. I have met some of the most inspirational, happy and optimistic people. The work [Nurture Africa](#) is doing is outstanding and as I've seen it is impacting the community in a very positive way. I urge people to volunteer as the help is truly needed.

This opportunity would not have been possible for me had it not been for the generosity of the people of Nenagh. I'd like to thank everyone who supported me either with their help or with their donations, they were greatly appreciated. I'd like to give a special thanks to Dermot and my fellow co-workers in the Kenyon, my good friend Mairéad, Melissa O'Brien, Deirdre Flannery, everyone who participated on the Shave or Dye night, Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club and of course my family for all their support.

These three weeks have helped me to make a small difference in some people's lives which has impacted on my life greatly. Hopefully someday I'll be back again to help the cause even more!





PROFILE OF CAMÓGIE PLAYER - REBECCA WHITE

Name: Rebecca White

Age: 20

Occupation: Student in UCC

Favourite Position: Midfield

Favourite Drink: Tea

Favourite Book: Angels and Demons by Dan Brown

Can you remember your first match? I can remember one of my first matches was against Burgess and we got hammered.

Favourite hurler and why: Brendan Cummins, he was always a brilliant player.

Favourite camogie player and why: My mammy Bridget (photographed above with Rebecca). She taught me everything I know and always made sure that the mean girls on the other teams didn't pick on me!

Advice to young players: Don't be afraid to get stuck in, be confident!

Proudest moment playing camogie: Scoring a goal from a sideline puck.



biggest joker on our panel, but she's an excellent captain and player.

What person would you most like to meet and why? I would most like to meet Wangari Maathai she was an environmental activist who won a Nobel peace prize for her green belt movement.

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

What does the club mean to you? The club means a great deal to me. I've played for the last ten years and it has always been such a fun experience and everyone is so friendly!

Interests outside of camogie: I'm involved in Nenagh Community Allotments. I'm also a leader/helper in Starcamp summer camps. Alongside that I love to play guitar, art and photography.

Who is the biggest joker on the panel? Ciara McGrath is definitely the



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CAMÓGIE NEWS

THE UNDER TEN CAMOGIE TEAM

are pictured in Ballinderry, where they played Shannon Rovers in an excellent match, proudly wearing their brand new jerseys kindly sponsored by Vale Oil. This team is progressing nicely under the expert guidance of Denise Morris and Tom McAuliffe and new players are always welcome. Contact eireognenagh@gmail.com for further information.



TIPPERARY UNDER-15 CAMÓGIE PANEL

Tipperary Under-15 camogie team at the Paul Beecher Annual Camogie Tournament on the 12th of July with Nenagh Éire Óg girls Laura Tierney, Kate O'Connor, Leah Sheedy and Kristin Howard missing from photo is Sarah Kennedy. Tipperary had wins against Limerick and Kilkenny but lost out to a very strong Dublin Team in the Final.



TIPPERARY UNDER-16 B CAMÓGIE PANEL



Well done to Hazel Coffey, Eimer Ryan and Niamh Ryan who are featuring for the Tipperary Under-16 B team this year. The girls have put in some fantastic displays for both club and county and we are very proud of them and we wish them continued success.

TIPPERARY UNDER-16 A CAMÓGIE PANEL



All in the club wish Maeve Coffey, Grace O'Brien, Sarah Quigley, Hazel McAuliffe and the Tipperary Under-16 Camogie team and management the very best of luck in the All Ireland Final against Galway on Sunday, August 24th.



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NENAGH- ALWAYS LEADING THE WAY

THE NENAGH HURLING TOURNAMENT OF 1906

According to *The Decades of Glory* section on www.premierview.ie "a man by the name of Wakefield travelled through Ireland in the early 19th century, and wrote an account of his travels, which were published in 1812. Travelling through Tipperary he noted that hurling was a prevalent amusement, 'that children as soon as they are able to follow each other, run about in bands of a dozen or more with balls and hurleys'. Is it any wonder then that Tipperary and indeed our own town of Nenagh is steeped to the core in hurling heritage? Hurling has been played in the town and locality for many hundreds of years and its history will be covered in great detail in our clubs upcoming history book written by Nancy Murphy, PJ Maxwell and Donal A Murphy.

Nenagh itself has always been a prosperous market town with its name translating roughly from the Irish as "The Fair of Ormond". Never slow to spot an opportunity to promote itself the town organised the Nenagh Hurling Tournament in 1906 that brought many visitors to the area which no doubt had many financial benefits to the traders and businesses of the parish.

The event was organised by James O Meara of Moanfin and Frank Maloney of Nenagh. Frank, a great grandfather of senior hurlers Hugh and Noel, is believed to have been at the inaugural meeting of the GAA in Hayes Hotel, Thurles. Some have argued that his name was not recorded due to his possible links with the IRB. What is definite is his attendance at a meeting, ten weeks

GAEIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
NENAGH MONSTER
Hurling Tournament.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1906.

PRIZES—
17 Irish-built Free-wheel Bicycles and Silver Medals.

ORDER OF PLAY :
1-30 p.m. sharp.
Shannon Rovers v. Redmonds II
[Dublin] - - [Cork]
Referee : P. McGrath, Esq., Secretary Munster Council G.A.A.

LADIES' MATCH.
2-30 p.m. sharp.
Keatings v. Ard Carob
[Dublin] [Dublin]
Referee : P. R. Maloney, Esq., Ex-V.P., G.A.A. Nenagh.

3-30 p.m. sharp.
Commercials v. Bruff
[Dublin] [Co. Limerick]
Referee T. Irwin, Esq., Hon. Sec. Cork Co Board G.A.A.

4-30 p.m. sharp.
Rapparees v. Kilfinane
[Dublin] [Co. Limerick].
Referee : L. J. O'Toole, Esq., Secretary, Central Council G.A.A.

No Pass-Out Tickets on Sunday next.
Persons Climbing the Fences will be Prosecuted for Trespass.
Cork and Nenagh Bands will Attend.
Admission—Field, 6d | Stand, 1s.

later in 1895 which, according to a tremendous article in the Tipperary

Historical Journal 1997 by Nancy Murphy entitled *Frank R. Maloney - Nenagh's GAA Pioneer*, "drew up the rules and appointed the first vice presidents". Maloney played an instrumental role in the early days of the GAA and without his enthusiasm and dedicated hard work the association may not have got off the ground. The GAA recognised his abilities and appointed him vice president of the association fifteen months after its birth. The very first hurling match

under the rules of the GAA played in the locality was between Nenagh and Silvermines which ended in a scoreless draw. Maloney himself had the honour of refereeing it. Nancy Murphy points out that Frank again was the man in the middle for the replay played in "Captain Carroll's field in Capparoo". There were 42 players and three thousand spectators in attendance and again the teams could not be separated.

This monster competition of 1906 saw 58 teams from all over Ireland compete in the Nenagh Hurling Tournament for the grand prize of 17 Irish manufactured free wheel bicycles for the winners while the runners up were to receive a set of solid silver medals. The teams from Tipperary that entered included Lahorna, De Wets, Youghalarra, Kilbarron, Ballingarry, Nenagh, Ballina, Ballinahinch, Templederry, Toom, Milestone, Holycross, Drombane, Ballagh, Bishopswood, Knockgraffon, Cashel and Two Mile Borris. 7000 people, including spectators arriving in trains from Dublin, Cork and Tuam attended the opening games in May. Further matches were played in July, August, September and October and the event was expected to run over the course of a year but sadly, the logistical difficulties of hosting the tournament proved too much for the organizers, interest faltered and the tournament was abandoned. Seamus J King in *A History of the GAA in the North Tipperary Division* mentions that there is no record of what happened to the bicycles!!!

On Easter Sunday the first round of matches commenced. The Nenagh News and Tipperary Vindicator, a newspaper from 1894 to 1926 covered the events extensively. The



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opening day of festivities did not disappoint with the organisers receiving many plaudits as they displayed the "sporting qualities and active desire to do things effectively and well for which Tipperary men are always remarkable". "Early morning saw thousands of visitors in the town from all parts of the Ormonds" and beyond "giving Nenagh the appearance of the liveliest animation. Large contingents with bands and banners from the different districts paraded the town". "All the thoroughfares of the town were thronged, green bannerettes and bright favours were generally evident". Such was the success of the opening day of the tournament that a few days later "a ladies hurling club" was established in the town. "It was started under the auspices of the Nenagh Gaelic Class" and Frank Maloney hoped to have "a ladies competition in hurling during July and August in connection with the tournament".

However despite the fact that the competition was not concluded did not prevent the organisers and our town from been lavished with high praise from those who attended.

The Nenagh News reported in their edition of Saturday August 11, 1906 that "The Cork 'Evening Echo' of Saturday last says —It is well worth the while of Southern Gaels to travel to Nenagh on August 12th and see for themselves the people who are running that tournament. Their method of conducting it, the arrangement and the prizes. Nenagh can teach everything to the

best of us. The "Cork Weekly Examiner" says:—The Nenagh Tournament is still going on merrily, and continues to attract great numbers of people. Gaels in other parts of the country have no conception of the thorough manner in which things are done in that prosperous town. The committee is composed of the leading men of the town, principally men of the U.D.C. The secretary is a man used to work of a secretarial character, that position being occupied by Mr. Frank Maloney, the town clerk. How different everything is carried out to that of tournaments which may be characterised to *that* of the public house order. In the Nenagh Tournament everything is substantial and real —the field perfectly staked off, the crush at the gates avoided, players looked after, and the prizes worth having,

seventeen Irish-built bicycles, fitted with the best of accessories. There is no reason why other towns in the South cannot do things as well. Then the committee will understand and appreciate the "merits of booming—look where you will there are their advertisements. They have also tackled the

his high praise of Nenagh. "The remarkably credible results which have been achieved in connection with the monster hurling tournament by some of the leading men of the progressive town of Nenagh supply abundant evidence of what it is possible to accomplish, not only on behalf of the grand old national pass time of hurling, but also in other directions tending to the further advancements of Irish interests." "Such is unquestionably the admirable spirit in which the Nenagh tournament has been successfully initiated and in all probability concluded in the same highly satisfactory manner. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the way in which so extensive a project has been launched and the close attention devoted to even the minutest details associated with the undertaking. It is an event quite unique under the Gaelic code and it is a real pleasure to witness the smoothness and absence of anything even remotely bordering on indecision or lack of intelligent appreciation of the requirements inseparably from a tournament of such vast dimensions where scores of hurling teams have to be looked after."

The Nenagh Guardian of July 1906 had the following report: "The third of the series of hurling matches promoted by the committee of the North Tipperary Agricultural Show Society was brought off on Sunday last, commencing at two o'clock, on the committee's new grounds at Mill Road, Old Turnpike. The day was beautifully fine, and the attendance extremely large, though not near so large as the day of the opening matches when about £140 was taken at the stiles. On last Sunday the amount taken was about £80. Some very fine exhibitions of hurling were witnessed. There were three bands present—Nenagh brass,

Great Southern and Western Railway.
Gaelic Athletic Association.

NENAGH Hurling Tournament.

CRAUGHWELL v. TWO-MILE-PORRIS
(Galway) (Tipperary)

KILNAMONA v. RATHDOWNEY.
(Clare) (Queen's Co.)

O'CALLAGHAN'S MILLS v. LAHORNA
(Clare) (Tipperary)

On Sunday, 8th July.

On above date a SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN will leave THURLES for NENAGH, and Run as under:—

Thurles	dep.	11.0 a.m.	} 2s 6d.
Templemore	...	11.10	
Lisduff	...	11.25	} 2s Od.
Ballybrophy	...	11.35	
Roscrea	...	11.55	1s 6d.
Cloughjordan	...	12.20 p.m.	1s Od.
Nenagh	arr.	12.35	

Tickets available for return on date of issue only by Special Train leaving Nenagh at 7.0 p.m. No Luggage allowed.

C. H. DENT, General Manager.
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin, June, 1906.

railway company in a business like way, with the result that wherever they have a team coming from, there you will find a low-priced excursion in connection with that day's fixture. The bill of fare for Sunday next is a capital one—four good matches. Bravo Tip." The following week The Cork Examiner reporter continued with



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Nenagh fife and drum, and Borrisoleigh all-Ireland fife and drum band". The programme of music included O, the Sight Entrancing, Wild Rose, Dawn of Day, Four-leaf-Shamrock and A Nation Once Again. The Nenagh News, reported that "Some-unpleasantness arose towards the end of the match, between Two-Mile-Borris and (Craughwell) Galway but was smoothed over. It is expected that in future the referee will, when occasion requires it, warn off the disturbers for a time sufficient to "bring them to their senses"

Founder of the GAA Michael Cusack was moved to write "if anyone had told me, twenty five years ago, when I was dreaming queerly and acting madly, as most people thought and said that I would live to see the announcement of fifty eight hurling teams swarming round one Gaelic centre in Ireland, I would have volunteered to dance a jig with a wild cow and to sit down to supper with a hyena. And, now I have it before me in black and white and Nenagh is the place and next Easter Sunday will be the opening day..." At the time of the tournament the GAA itself was still in its infancy but

had grabbed the imagination of the country. Gaelic games were growing in popularity as Irish people began to find pride in their heritage as the nationalistic outlook of the population began to swell. Events such as the Nenagh Hurling Tournament gave Irish people an opportunity to show what they could do and achieve and it led to a greater self confidence among a population that had just over fifty years earlier been ravaged by the devastating effects of An Gorta Mor.

The Nenagh Hurling Tournament,

To the Editor

Dublin, April 5, 1906

if anybody had told me, twenty five years ago, when *I* was dreaming queerly and acting madly, as most people thought and said, that I would live, to see the announcement of fifty-eight hurling teams swarming round any one Gaelic centre in Ireland, I would have volunteered to dance a jig with a wild cow and to sit down to supper with a hyena. And now I have it before me in black and white, and Nenagh is the place, and next Easter Sunday will be the opening day. On that Easter Sunday, 1886—the usual "twenty golden years ago"—the Dublin Gaels, led by the far famed Faughs who were, as their successors are, mostly Tipperary boys, ran a mighty long tram to Thurles, carrying a thousand terrible fighting men to meet their friends of the South in Gaelic conflict, and to compel scoffers and sceptics to look closely at the horologe of history, whose dail is the world and whose minute marks are generations, before asking one another what o'clock it was. Was it mid-day or midnight? Find out. Was the hurling to succeed, or was it to fizzle out? I was never over exquisite in casting the fashions of uncertain evils. I think it time enough to bid the devil good morrow when I meet him I know many a young man whose proudest boast is that he was at Thurles on that memorable Easter Sunday, 1886. And I know two mighty hurlers of the Faughs of to-day who say that their grandfather was there, although he must have been older than I am now. I invite everybody and his father to Nenagh on next Resurrection Day. Four of the nine Irishmen who founded the Gaelic Athletic Association at Thurles on Saturday, the first of November, 1884, came from Nenagh. Citizen Frank R. Maloney was one of them. He was elected on our first batch of vice-presidents. His successful effort in organising the Nenagh Hurling Tournament of this year is one of the greatest and grandest achievements yet to be recorded in the brilliant history of the Gaelic Athletic Association. It gives me indescribable pleasure to see that every hurling county bordering on Tipperary has entered for the tournament. But, alas! Peter Gill, the general of forty years ago, won't be there, although his grave is not far from the field of play. Nor will his nephew, John Augustus O'Shea, the most glorious journalist of all time, be there either. Peter and John, who were both Nenagh men, were Irish friends of mine for years before we met. I'll tell you more about them some other time. Of John A. O'Shea I must always say that by far the best unsolicited and unexpected letter I ever received was the letter which he wrote to me after he had seen Archbishop Croke's letter accepting the patronage of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Said John—" 'Tis as Irish as an open smile and as stirring as brass music. It should be read as an order of the day at every meeting of the Gaels." And John said, too, in the same letter—" You boys have done that which I thought should have been done twenty years ago." What did he mean? Find out. quietly, calmly, reliably, unflinching and surely the Gaels are de-Anglicising Ireland. Before the approaching summer will be far advanced, the hurlers of North Tipperary, and the other hurlers who have so manfully rallied round them will have struck a blow, whose echo will resound again and again through the Universal. The tranquil activity of the Gaels is confounding the restless anxiety of the Philistines. The late Judge Morris once said—" be god , the boys are winnin', and if I was a young man again I'd join 'em" .

—yours faithfully,

MICHAEL CUSACK,

From the Parish of Carron, Founder of the G.A.A.



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CLOTHES RECYCLING DRIVE



THERE'S NOTHING NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG JUVENILE CLUB WON'T DO TO IMPROVE YOUR LIFE SO ON SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 30TH FROM 10AM UNTIL 2PM WE WILL TAKE ALL OF YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES, BEDDING, SHOES ETC LEAVING YOU WITH THAT PERFECT UNCLUTTERED HOME MOST PEOPLE CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT! JUST DROP THE BAGS INTO THE COMPLEX AT ANY STAGE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND HELP US OUT WITH THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR YOUNGEST HURLERS. CONTACT SHANE CONNOLLY ON 087 6373830 WITH ANY QUERIES.



TREVOR HOGAN WITH UNDER-16 CAPTAIN, ADAM CAREY AND VICE CAPTAIN, CONOR BONAR

During the month our under-16 panel had a talk with fellow Nenagh man and former Munster, Leinster and Ireland second row Trevor Hogan from Knockalton. Amongst other things Trevor spoke about the values and life lessons he learned from participation in sport and stressed the importance of community, the group dynamic, overcoming obstacles and the value of training.

He stressed the importance of a group reacting positively to obstacles and the power that can generate in a squad. Everybody took a lot from the discussion. The club and under-16 panel and management would like to sincerely thank Trevor for his time and effort in accommodating us.



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Congratulations to Jake Morris who was part of the **TIPPERARY UNDER-15 FOOTBALL TEAM** which won the Humphrey Kelleher Peil shield final when they defeated Clare on Saturday July 5th. Jake is pictured here with his teammates enjoying the celebrations.

GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT

UNDER-10 TRIP TO NAAS



Our under-10 boys had a great day out in Naas during the month. They set off in the bus with their hurleys and gum shields and were a credit to the club as usual. Many thanks to [Michael Cleary and JKC Toymaster](#) on Pearse

Street who decided to revive an old tradition and treated the boys to ice-cream and drinks on their arrival home. Thanks also to the parents who travelled to help supervise.

'GUESS THE SCORE' MUNSTER FINAL FUNDRAISER

There was no winner of the 'Guess the Score' competition so the prize money will be donated instead to [Aras Folláin](#), a peer support group based here in Nenagh, providing support for individuals who may have physical or emotional issues.

There was a seller's prize of a hurley for each age group. Congratulations to the winners.

- U6: Michael Ryan
- U8: Evan Comerford
- U10: Conor Tierney
- U12: Billy Moran
- U14: Brendan Long
- U16: Alan Manning



BLAST FROM THE PAST: UNDER-14 NORTH CHAMPIONS 1996

In this month's edition we have decided to travel back to 1996 and remember our Under 14 team which captured North honours before reaching the county final when they were defeated by an Eoin Kelly inspired Mullinahone.

In the North semi-final played in July in Puckane we defeated Burgess by 3-05 to 3-03 in an exciting and hard fought encounter. Burgess started brightly and in the second minute they found the Eire Og net through Paddy Tucker. Nenagh quickly responded with Ciaran Morris equalizing after fine work from Brian Darcy.

Darcy followed this up with a point of his own to put Nenagh into a lead they would not relinquish. Further points from John Brennan and Brian Darcy gave Nenagh a half time score of 1-03 to 1-02 with Cathal Hanrahan getting Burgess's two points.

Five minutes after the resumption Noel Gleeson scored a great goal for the Blues but Burgess quickly responded with one of their own through Tomas Hogan. John Donnellan pointed for Nenagh before Gleeson again goaled. Cathal Hanrahan blasted a free to the net but despite brave Burgess play, Nenagh held out worthy winners in front of a large and highly entertained crowd.

The final was a unique pairing as Nenagh and Moneygall faced up to each other for the very first time in a North Under-14 A decider. Coming into the game Moneygall were favourites having already defeated Eire Óg in the round robin section 2-05 to 2-02. The game was fixed for Cloughjordan with Kilruane MacDonagh's Michael Cahill the man



in the middle. Since this competition was first played in 1972 Eire Óg had won six titles and were in determined mood to add a seventh.

A huge attendance showed up to watch "two sides produce a wonderful game of hurling in which both defences dominated" according to the Guardian. "Nenagh Eire Óg with the aid of a nice breeze stepped into the lead after two minutes when midfielder John Paul King pointed from far out. Moneygall's Donal Doughan was wide before he equalized in the fourth minute.

One minute later Brian Nolan tapped home a goal for the red and black after a goal mouth melee. Nenagh came up the field but were wide on two occasions through Donnellan and Hackett.

The play was fast and furious with skill in abundance. It is worth noting that both sides included a lot of first time ground hurling in their repertoire.

The Ormond side began to take control at centre back. Trevor Connelly controlled the game from the forty. Scores were few. The next score did come from Brian Darcy

from a free near the sideline. Brian who started at centre forward now operated at full in a switch with John Donnellan.

It was the former who scored Nenagh's third point again from a free. The score now read Nenagh 0-03 Moneygall 1-01 after twenty minutes. The Moneygall defence stood firm with Paul Smyth, Derek O Meara and Damien Martin prominent.

However Nenagh's forward Eamonn Hodgins did manage to slip through with a goal at his mercy only to see Moneygall keeper Colm Larkin save at point blank. Two more scores did come for the blues through Darcy from a free and Hodgins from play. Half time Nenagh 0-05 Moneygall 1-01.

In the second half both sides pressed for scores before Moneygall regained the lead after eight minutes following a marvellous Paddy Fanning goal. But Nenagh came up the field only to see the ball go wide on three occasions. Moneygall pressed on only to be denied by Tom Kennedy in goal and great work by full back line of David Ryan, Tucker and Coady.



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(cont'd.) Eventually Nenagh Éire Óg did manage a goal through David Hackett following tremendous pressure. It was all Nenagh now. Brian Darcy pointed from play in the 15th minute.

With the score now reading Nenagh 1-06 Moneygall 2-01 before Aaron Morris had a goal disallowed for a square infringement. However young Hodgins did make amends with a goal in the 24th minute. The last score came from John Donnellan who pointed from far out. It was a point that he deserved for his hard work throughout the whole game."

"This was Nenagh Éire Óg's sixth north championship having previously won in '72, '73, '74, '78 and '88. This was a solid team performance with David Ryan and Trevor Connelly tremendous in defence while John Paul King, Brian Darcy, Eamonn Hodgins, David Hackett and John Donnellan leading

Éire Óg: Tom Kennedy, David Coady, David Ryan, Derek Tucker, Gary Bourke, Trevor Connelly, Hugh Maloney, Kevin Flannery, John Paul King (0-01), Eamonn Hodgins (1-01), Brian Darcy (0-04 3fr), John Brennan, Aaron Morris, John Donnellan (0-01), David Hackett (1-00). Subs James Whelan, Gerry Clifford, David Givens, Ciaran Morris, Paddy Ryan, Seánie Tanner, Robert Bonfield, John Treacy, Patrick Kenehan, Ronan Spillane, Daniel Hassett.

In the county semi-final Nenagh had a comfortable 5-06 to 1-03 win over West champions Cashel King Cormack's and faced South champions Mullinahone in the County decider.

The headline in the Guardian read "Kelly in a class of his own!" and Eoin Kelly, who would go onto greater things inspired his team

to a 4-13 to 3-05 win. Such was the brilliance of Kelly was that he scored a whopping 4-11 out of 4-13 of his sides total.

Kelly's individual score was the best scoring record in a county final since Bord na nÓg was established in 1974 and one would have to go further back to 1964 when Kilruane MacDonaghs Liam O Shea hit 8-02 in a county semi-final against Grange for a better scoring record.

Nenagh fought manly throughout this game and the eleven point difference at the end did not do our team justice. There are times when one simply has to accept that you were beaten by a better team and in this case a better player who would later go on to become one of the finest to ever don the blue and gold.

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY! OUR CURRENT U-14 HURLERS AS U-8S



Our under-14 hurlers put in a huge effort this month to reach the semi-final of the North against Kildangan to be held in Puckane on Saturday August 9th at 6pm. They played their final group game against the Silvermines in Nenagh. In front of a sizable crowd, the Blues played well from start to finish and won out on a scoreline of 4-12 to 0-3. The win guaranteed Éire Óg a place in the semi-finals and the pairings were decided after two play-off games. We played Roscrea in Borrisokane and in wet, heavy conditions showed great character to come from behind to take it by a point, 1-07 to 1-06. The best of luck to the boys this month. Please come out to support all of our juveniles.



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Our under-12 championship participation came to an end this month when our group A hurlers lost out to a very strong Kilruane side in the North semi-final in Cloughjordan. Indeed Kilruane went on to win the North the next week. Hurling isn't over for the boys though as training resumed after the summer camp and there will be plenty of matches organised for the coming weeks. Well done to the management team of Mickey McNamara, Joe Donovan, Tommy Heffernan, Enda Murphy and Alan Kelly and to all the boys for their hard work and commitment so far this year. The boys are off to the Tipp V Cork All-Ireland semi this month and playing a challenge in Dublin beforehand. We hope they have a great day out. Up Tipp!!

ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP JULY 21-25



100 children enjoyed the hurling and the sunshine at the annual summer camp this month. We were blessed with the weather but also with the great kids who were a joy for the entire week. Well done to David Minogue who did a great job co-ordinating the camp and to all the helpers who put in a huge effort to ensure the enjoyment and the safety of all. Thanks to Paddy Moore for his expert juvenile coaching. The children really took to him. Thanks also to Brendan Maher for visiting with all the kids. They really took to him also, especially, it has to be said, the older girls. We just can't figure why?! Finally, many thanks to Christy Manning and the Manning Family for their continued support and supply of those vital treats for kids.



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#iamhurling

[The GAA/GPA Freestyle Hurling competition](#) is back and better than ever as supporters are encouraged to pick up their hurleys and show the world what they can do by posting 'Freestyle Hurling' videos online. Freestyle Hurling is the art of expressing yourself with a hurley and sliotar while performing skills and tricks using any part of the body. The challenge is simple; pick up your hurley and sliotar, record your very own 'Freestyle Hurling' video and enter the competition

Prizes

Freestyle Hurling provides hurling lovers with a unique opportunity to **be part of the All-Ireland Hurling Final day experience** on September 7, with the winner claiming a **'2014 Freestyle Hurling Champion' trophy, an iPad** and get the opportunity to **take part in an inter-county training session.**

Club Prize

In a new feature to Freestyle Hurling this year, clubs can also reap the benefits from the competition as the club with the most entrants will be rewarded with a **unique GAA/GPA training session by an inter-county star.**

Inter-county players Gráinne McGoldrick (Derry), Colin Ryan (Clare), Liam Rushe (Dublin), and Paudie O'Sullivan (Cork) have signed up to be ambassadors of Freestyle Hurling in the coming weeks and months.

All four players feature in the competition's promotional video which is now live on GAA.ie as well as the [Official GAA YouTube Channel](#).

How to enter

- Record a video showing off your Freestyle Hurling skills

- or performing a unique trickshot
- The video should be no more than 30 seconds and end with you shouting **'I am Hurling'** into the camera
- Upload your video to YouTube, or any similar video platform. The title of the video should be 'Freestyle Hurling: Your name'
- Make sure to include 'GAA', 'Freestyle Hurling', 'I am Hurling' and 'Hurling' as tags/keywords when uploading
- Once published, email the link of this video to freestyle@gaa.ie, along with your name, age and county to send submit your video
- **Entries close 27 August.**

Note: By entering this video, you agree that the GAA can use this footage for promotional purposes. Full terms and conditions can be viewed by clicking [here](#).



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NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

All summer camp photos will be on club facebook page soon.

