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Throw In

A new year has dawned and a new playing season beckons for lovers of Gaelic Games. 2010 promises to be full of opportunity and challenges.

Helmets

Every player, adult or juvenile, who steps onto a hurling field, must be wearing a helmet according to regulations that came into force in January 2010. In this issue, we trace the evolution of the helmet in hurling, speak to some followers with long memories and ask players of today about the challenges wearing a helmet will present for those unaccustomed to the headgear. We also find out what some Limerick hurling goalkeepers think about the new 'helmet rule'.

Sarsfield Cup & More

Limerick City stepped back into the winner's enclosure after a lapse of 20 years following victory in the Sarsfield Cup final. Read all about the team that broke the long-standing hoodoo. There's also a report on how the girls of West Limerick retained the Larkin Shield. And, in the County Football Shield, St Nessian's N.S. of Mungret were hoping to make it four in a row but Courtenay BNS had other ideas. Find out what happened in this issue of The G&W.

Also in this Issue

We salute Michael O'Donoghue, one of the great servants of Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh over the last 30 years, who has stepped down from active service. We also take a look at the rationale behind Go Games and ask the question, 'How is hurling promoted in Kilkenny primary schools?' All this, plus the usual mix of photo features, results updates, cartoons and puzzles for you to enjoy—all in issue 41 of The Green & White Magazine...recently crowned 'Best County Publication' at the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards ceremony in Croke Park.

And Finally...

Congratulations to Limerick's newest (& oldest!) All-Ireland champions—Blackrock. Confused? All is revealed on Page 11. And well done to Munster Intermediate Hurling champions, South Liberties—whose captain, Shane O'Neill is profiled on Page 5, alongside Declan Hannon one of the stars of the mighty Ard Scoil Rís 2010 Harty Cup-winning team. We are indebted to our contributors Ger Power, Henry Martin, Dave Bulfin and Paul Kennedy, and to Tom Ives who supplied us with many fine photographs for this issue.

Luimneach abú,

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Joint Editors

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Front cover photograph by Tom Ives: Action from the Football Shield County Final between Courtenay BNS and St. Nessian's Innis

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International Rules Fixture Confirmed for Limerick in the Autumn

The GAA and the Australian Football League have confirmed that the International Rules series will resume in October 2010.

Two Test matches will be played in Limerick and Croke Park on the 23rd and 30th of October respectively.

GAA Director General Páraic Duffy and AFL



Chief Executive Andrew Demetriou were in contact on a number of occasions since the New Year to arrange the details. "We are delighted that the Australians are back in Ireland to play this year and we are all looking forward to an enjoyable two games in October," said Duffy. "Each player deems it a great honour to put on an Irish jersey in an international setting and values the experience of playing with players from other counties".

Cúl4Kidz is Cool for Kids!

Cúl4Kidz is billed as "the official GAA Website for boys and girls." Log onto: www.cul4kidz.com and check it out for itself. It's both fantastic and FUNtastic! It's one of the most colourful and lively destinations in cyberspace. Without a doubt, it's a 'must see' site for all young G.A.A. players and fans! The site is divided into sections about GAA games, news from each county, on-line activities & quizzes, Cúl Camp news, Cúl Coaching tips, GAA History, Cool Statistics, Player profiles and interviews, notes for parents and much, much more. There's a Cúl4Kidz magazine too. A new issue is published each term. Copies of the magazine can be ordered by schools for just 50 cent per copy (and the magazines come wrapped in a free copy of The Irish Times). Details regarding dates of publication etc. are published on the website.



Limerick GAA's Teams of the Last 25 Years



Limerick GAA's teams of the last 25 years were announced at a gala function in the Strand Hotel recently. Ciarán Carey was unveiled as Limerick's hurler of the last 25 years while John Quane was honoured as the footballer of the last 25 years.



Hurling team: Tommy Quaid (Feohanagh/Effin); Steve McDonogh (Bruree), Leonard Enright (Patrickswell), Declan Nash (South Liberties), Dave Clarke (Kilmallock/Bruff), Ciaran Carey (Patrickswell), Mark Foley (Adare); Mike Houlihan (Kilmallock), Ger Hegarty (Old Christians); Paddy Kelly (Kilmallock), Gary Kirby (Patrickswell), Jimmy Carroll (Hospital-Herbertstown), TJ Ryan (Garryspillane), Joe McKenna (South

Liberties) and Shane Fitzgibbon (Adare).
Football team: Richard Bowles (Oola); Johnny McCarthy (St Kierans), Paddy Ives (Askeaton), Tommy Stack (Drom-B'dford); Stephen Lavin (Adare), Stephen Lucey (Croom), Conor Mullane (St Senans); John Galvin (Croom), John Quane (Galtee Gaels); Stephen Kelly (Newcastle West), Donal Fitzgibbon (Oola), Seanie Buckley (Drom-B'dford); Timmy Cummins (Galbally), Muiris Gavin (Monaleen), Micheal Reidy (Drom-B'dford).



Century Man

John Hayes of Cappamore became the first Irish rugby player to win 100 senior international caps when he lined out at Twickenham v England on February 27th. John fondly recalls that he first made his mark as a sportsman in the colours of Cappamore Boys National School when he lined out in the East Cumann na mBunscol leagues. John wore the East jersey in the Sarsfield and Mackey Cup competitions. He still has the Limerick Leader cutting which announced his victory in the INTO Long kick competition of 1986.

Cumann na mBunscol News



Limerick City Cumann na mBunscol Hurling Forum

The Limerick City Primary School Hurling Development Forum organised by Denis O'Connor (Milford N.S.), Chairman of the City Branch of Cumann na mBunscol was an outstanding success. Denis' backroom team included Pat Culhane, Noel Hartigan, Ger Downes and Adrian O'Sullivan, each of whom works tirelessly in City schools to promote Gaelic games and improve skills.

The discussion and workshop elements of the evening were facilitated by Pat Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Munster Council. Every member of Limerick Senior County Board was present to show support for teachers who promote Gaelic games in City schools and to listen to their views. The Guest Speaker was Ger Loughnane, Principal of St. Aidan's N.S., Shannon, Co. Clare. He told teachers, "You are central to the GAA, the value of the work you do is inestimable". He added that if hurling is to thrive in this or any other county, the link between local clubs and schools must be very strong.



"Everything I learned about coaching and the feel I got for it started for me at primary school level. In the beginning, I made every mistake a coach could possibly make..." In time, school and club teams coached by Loughnane tasted success— a lot of success. A key ingredient in this, he believes, was the 'lunch-time skills competition'. "Lunch time skills competitions were crucial... we'd see who could bat the ball the farthest. You'd get so many points for that. How far you could hit it on your weak side... free-taking, 'line ball' taking... standing in goals to save shots from the '21'... How good were you at scoring from the '21'? We had points for all these and young lads were stone mad for it. We just couldn't believe how they took to these skills competitions. Other schools wanted to copy what we were doing because they knew they'd be playing us at some stage". The main focus of every training session, he emphasised, should be skill development. "The minute they arrive they should be doing skills— high & low, left & right, catching, batting, every skill you can possibly think of...young lads love skills...you won't lose young players if you do this..." Loughnane is an inspirational speaker and his words of advice and encouragement were deeply appreciated by his audience. If you would like to hear Ger Loughnane's speech, click on www.limerickgaacoaching.ie and follow the links.

Words to the Wise

"Learn to ride over scepticism and negativity, don't be bogged down by them."

Ger Loughnane



Michael O'Donoghue Nominated for Service to Sport Award

The contribution to Limerick Primary Schools G.A.A. of Michael O'Donoghue (Newcastlewest) was recognised in a significant way when he was nominated for a Service to Sport Award last Christmas.

The nomination was based on the following criteria:

- Michael served as Secretary of the West Limerick Primary Schools Board and later as secretary of County Limerick Primary Schools Board until 2008 when, due to a traffic accident while on GAA duty, Michael had to retire from office.
- He also served as: Treasurer of West Limerick Primary Schools Board for a term, Secretary of Munster Primary Schools G.A.A. for a term and represented Limerick at Munster Primary Schools G.A.A. meetings.
- Michael continued to work as Secretary of the County Board and to devote large amounts of his free time to running its affairs with the utmost efficiency for many years after his retirement from teaching and, if not for his traffic accident, would probably still be doing so.



Declan Hannon

Young Hurler Making a Big Name for Himself

As a primary school pupil attending Scoil Iosaf in Adare, Declan Hannon captained West Limerick to win the Mackey Cup in 2005 scoring 3 goals in the Final v Limerick City.

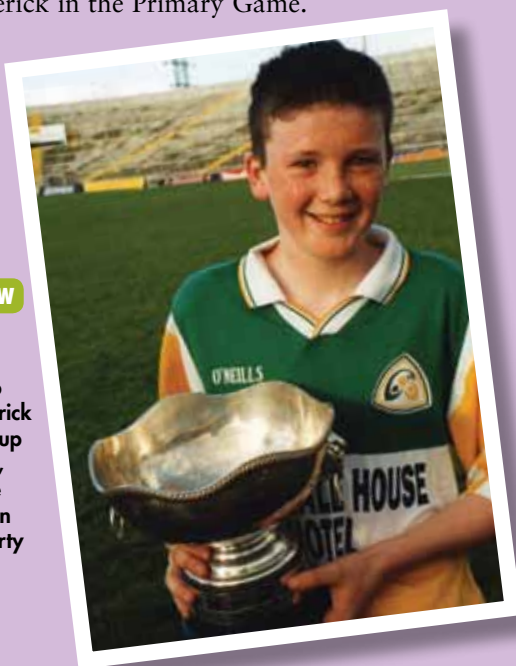
In 2009, 5th-year student Declan was a free-scoring forward and free-taker on the Adare team that won their third County Senior Hurling title in-a-row.

Declan followed this up with a headline-grabbing performance and personal scoring tally of 1-13 for Adare v Newtownshandrum in the recent Munster club Championship. As one reporter put it, "Every news bulletin rendered the result of the game as secondary to the remarkable scoring feat of the 16-year-old Ard Scoil Rís student, who racked up all but one point of his team's total".

Declan also spearheaded Ard Scoil Rís' glorious Harty Cup campaign in 2010 that ended in victory for the Ennis Road side after a twice replayed final (v Thurles CBS). No doubt about it, the future is bright for this young Adare sharpshooter. Declan's brothers Killian and Jody are also very promising young hurlers. Both have represented Limerick in the Primary Game.

One famous relation: Declan is grandson of Pat Stakelum who captained Tipperary to the 1949 All-Ireland title. **G&W**

Declan Hannon, who captained West Limerick to win the Mackey Cup in 2005 (see picture), starred on the Adare senior hurling team in 2009 and won a Harty Cup medal with Ard Scoil Rís in 2010.



Declan Hannon in action for Adare

Shane O'Neill, Sarsfield Cup selector with Limerick City & star hurler with South Liberties and Limerick



The Shane O'Neill File

Meet Limerick hurler, Shane O'Neill who captained his club to Munster glory earlier this year. Shane is also a primary school teacher involved in promoting Gaelic games. Last term he was a selector for the victorious Limerick City Sarsfield Cup team

Name: Shane O'Neill

Club: South Liberties

Primary School you attended: Knockea NS

Occupation: Primary Teacher, Scoil Chríost Rí, Caherdavin

What class do you teach? First & Second

Favourite TV programme: 24

Last film you watched in cinema: Avatar

Favourite Band/Singer: Bruce Springsteen

Favourite Playstation game: Final FantasyVII

Car: Suzuki SX4

All-time favourite DVD or film: Last of the Mohicans

Favourite sports star (any sport): Lionel Messi and Roger Federer.

Sporting hero of childhood: DJ Carey

Highlight of your playing career: Winning Munster title with South Liberties

Do you have memories of playing Gaelic Games in Primary school for your school or division ?

Yes. I was lucky enough to win both football and hurling medals in East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol competitions with my school Knockea NS. I won a Mackey Cup medal in 1996 with East Limerick.

Favourite venue: Semple Stadium and Bruff.

Pets: 2 dogs. 1 cat

Hobbies: Gym & reading

Shoe Size: 10.5

Famous relations: My brothers David and Rory! (They also hurl with South Liberties!)

Helmets...Headcases... Heads you win

Since January 1st 2010, all hurlers are required to wear a helmet once they take the field. Until this rule was introduced, helmets were compulsory for all players up to the Under 21 grade but adult players were free to choose whether or not to wear a helmet. The change in rule is part of an effort by the GAA to reduce facial, dental and head injuries. Statistics on injuries sustained on the hurling field make for gruesome reading. Dr. Stephen Beatty of Waterford Regional Hospital has conducted research in this area and his findings have informed the GAA's decision.

Photos of famous players of the past show Mick Mackey and others wearing cloth caps but these were worn to shield their eyes from the sun and had no protective effect.

When did wearing of helmets become commonplace for hurlers? Donal Clifford of Cork is widely believed to be the first intercounty player to wear a helmet. Ted Motherway, who taught in J.F.K. National School on the Ennis Road in Limerick, takes up the story. Ted grew up with Donal Clifford in the East Cork village of Cloyne, home to Christy Ring, Donal Óg Cusack and Diarmuid O'Sullivan.

"Mick Mortell was a lecturer in UCC in the 1960's. On a trip to America, he attended an ice hockey match and before he returned home he bought a set of helmets for the UCC hurling team. Simon Murphy of Blackrock was the first player to regularly wear a helmet but Dónal Clifford was the first to wear a helmet in inter-county matches."

Paul Kennedy, who recently retired as Principal of Lisnagry N.S., hurled for many years with Borrислоigh, St Flannan's College and Ahane. Paul never wore a helmet when he starred as a goalkeeper. However, in his last year with Ahane, Paul lined out in the full-forward line and he decided to wear a helmet. Paul said he didn't experience any discomfort adjusting to the unfamiliar headgear. Paul said that nobody wore a helmet in his younger days and recalls that the first player he saw wearing a helmet was John Kelly who lined out at full back when Tipperary won the 1971 All-Ireland Senior hurling final. John was a student in UCC and was a contemporary of the aforementioned Dónal Clifford. Following an acrimonious clash between UCC and Glen Rovers which ended in a draw, several UCC players opted to wear helmets for the replay. Players became associated with distinctive helmets. Conor Hayes of Galway wore a distinctive gold coloured helmet that seemed to sit precariously on his head while TJ Ryan of Limerick sported a distinctive red helmet. Players such as Ciaran Carey and Mark Foley never wore a helmet and seemed to shrug off the occasional head wound while some players followed the example of Ollie Moran who usually wore a helmet but was known to divest himself of headgear in the heat of a Championship encounter in Thurles or at the Gaelic Grounds.



D.J. Carey was never seen without a helmet yet, by his own estimation, he amassed over 120 stitches in head wounds over the course of his glittering hurling career.

For most senior hurlers, the new rule ought not to make a huge difference. A large majority of today's players habitually wear a helmet. Others, such as Waterford's John Mullane, were helmet wearers in their youth so the experience will not be new to them. It is goalkeepers who face the biggest challenge, however. Very few netminders wear a helmet and many have expressed concerns about the prospect. This is, they claim, because helmets with a visor, have a "blind spot" which could restrict their ability to react in a split-second situation.

Nicky Brennan, former President of the GAA has another concern. He fears that having to wear a helmet will mean that distinctive heroes like John Mullane, Dan Shanahan or Seán Óg Ó hAilpín will not be as instantly recognisable to young followers of the game. Brennan has suggested that players should be instructed to remove their helmets during the pre match parade and the playing of the National Anthem. He has also suggested that GAA teams give consideration to wearing their names on their jerseys, just like Premiership footballers.

Dónal Clifford who was a trendsetter in this area believes that helmets have other potential benefits. In this age of iPod and MP3 players, Dónal believes that helmets could be fitted with tiny earpieces to enable instant communication between coach and players. It's a long way from the cloth caps favoured by the stars of the past!

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Limerick Goalies talk about

Helmet

Brian Murray

Goalkeeper & forward (Patrickswell GAA Club) & former All-Star goalkeeper



First of all, I think the new rule is a great rule for safety reasons. I think it will make goalies braver. It will take a bit of getting used to for players who haven't been wearing helmets up to now. For me, it will be okay because I have a good bit of experience of playing while wearing a helmet.

Barry Hennessy

Goalkeeper with Kilmallock & Limerick



I think it is a great idea. I think goalies can be braver now and it will open up a whole new level of goalkeeping because nowadays forwards are shooting on you from ten yards and closer. I have always worn a helmet. I am one of the lucky ones that I grew up with it. I tried to take it off before but my dad killed me so I put it back on!

Some goalies say helmets block your vision—personally, I think that's all in your head. It also depends on the guard you wear and whether it has lots of bars as this may cause some vision problems but I don't think it's too restrictive myself.

I wear a "Cooper" but with the new rules on safety and helmets Pat Creed has changed us over to "Mycro" helmets.

David Bulfin

Goalkeeper (Mungret) & Primary School Teacher (Patrickswell N.S.)



The introduction of the compulsory use of helmets for hurling goalkeepers will be an interesting development in 2010. Personally, I have never worn a helmet in goals and I expect it to take time to get used to having a helmet on while having shots taken at me. The worry I would have is that a helmet would restrict my view of a sliothar approaching me. Believe me, it is difficult enough trying to stop a sliothar flying towards you without having your sight restricted! Also, for me it is a question of comfort. Will I feel comfortable diving across the goal with a plastic box on my head? In saying that, if a helmet saves one goalkeeper from a serious head or eye injury in the future then the introduction of the helmet rule for goalies will have been worth it. I have been split 3 times in the last 18 months and none of these injuries would have happened if I was wearing a helmet.

The main gripe I have is not with the rule itself but with the manner in which it was introduced. I believe that, as an adult who has never worn a helmet in goals, I should have a choice about whether I want to wear a helmet or not. For the last few years, all Minor and U-21 hurlers including goalkeepers have had to wear helmets. I believe it would have been better if the GAA had gradually enforced the rule as these Minors and U-21's came through to the senior ranks. These players would still have to wear the helmets. This would mean that in 10 years time all players would be wearing helmets and not feel as if the rule is being forced on them.

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What Do They Do in Kilkenny?



Paul Kinsella (left)



Paul Kinsella, Chairman of Kilkenny County Board, served as Secretary of Cumann na mBunscol in Kilkenny for 37 years. At a recent meeting, he explained to Henry Martin how Cumann na mBunscol affairs are managed in Kilkenny. Here at The G&W HQ, we'd be very interested to hear your views on how they do things in Kilkenny. For a fuller version of this article, contact info@thegreenandwhite.com.

Parish School Teams

School teams in Kilkenny are operated on a parish basis rather than on a schools basis. The local club has ownership of the school teams. In rural parishes where there is more than one school, the club organises one representative school team.

The advantages of this are:

- It allows the team to compete at a higher level and with greater numbers resulting in a higher standard of competition
- It works well where there is only one teacher interested in hurling across the the schools in question.
- A 'B' team can enter a lower grade competition to cater for surplus players
- In the event of there not being a teacher interested in hurling, the club and schools can appoint a club person to look after the team. This person must be approved by Cumann Na mBunscol.
- Clubs are more readily available to fund a parish schools team than a number of individual schools teams.

No Players Standing on the Sideline

....At all levels of school games, "crossfield" games behind the goals are organised for the subs. If a sub is going into the main game, he does a swop and the player coming off immediately joins the second game behind the goals. There are no subs standing up on the sideline, every player is hurling at all times.

"Goal to Goal"

...Individual schools also run lunchtime competitions of 'goal to goal'. A 'goal to goal' league takes place in every school. This game requires two players to stand opposite one another in goals placed 30 yards apart. They aim to score goals on one another. Games last for 20 minutes. In the first half players use their right side, in the second half they use their left side. The total goals scored are added together for each game played by an individual player and the overall winner at the end has scored the most goals across the competition. The students referee the games and if there are any disputes in a game over a score, both players lose their goal count for that game.

Other Ideas

...Indoor sliotars are tied to branches of trees with ropes and competitions take place where players try to connect overhead with the sliotar the greatest number of times, without missing or without allowing the ball to stop.



The Go Games Blueprint

By now, many of you have first-hand experience of Go Games. Below, we have reprinted some notes from a recently published document entitled, 'Go Games Blueprint'. Whether you're a pupil or a teacher, a player or a coach, we'd love to hear your views on the Go Games experience. You can contact The Green & White Magazine by e-mail at info@thegreenandwhite.com.

GAA Policy on Go Games:

Strategic Vision

"Go Games will be adopted as best practice up to and including 12 years of age. All children will get meaningful playing time to develop the skills of our games in a challenging and fun environment."



The GAA Strategic Vision and Action Plan 2009-2015

What are Go Games?

Go Games are small-sided, modified rules games in both Hurling (Go Hurling) and Gaelic Football (Go Gaelic)



Go Games & Cumann na mBunscol

- All exhibition games for primary school pupils should be Go Games format
- First Touch for Under 8 (Main pitch to be divided into four sections)
- Quick Touch for Under 10 (Main pitch to be divided into two sections)
- Smart Touch for Under 12 (Main pitch to be divided into two sections from 21 Yard Line to 21 Yard Line)
- Scores are not recorded
- No Subs allowed i.e. all participants get to play for the entire game
- Children should line up behind their coaches and shake hands after the games (as per GAA Respect Initiative)

To constitute a Go Game all of the following must be present:

- There is full participation for all players
- Games are organised in a non-competitive way (i.e. results are not recorded)
- Games are small-sided
- Playing rules are modified to suit the developmental stages of the children
- Playing area is modified
- Playing equipment is modified

For further information, check out www.scoilsport.org and click on "downloads."

Those Were the days

Millennium Memories

The year 2000 had a certain ring to it. MILLENNIUM. Parties were planned. Newspapers and TV programmes posed the question: What will the New Millennium bring?

Oasis had a hit called Millennium. Pubs and restaurants opened during that year were easily named. There was great speculation about Y2K, the Millennium Bug. It was feared that planes would drop out of the sky and water supplies would run dry as technology coped with the change from the 1990's to the 2000's. Every prize seemed to take on extra lustre. Who will win the Millennium All-Ireland/ Grand Slam/ Champions League/ Eurovision/ Nobel Prize? Sonia O'Sullivan won an Olympic medal in Sydney. When the Limerick GAA supporter contemplated prospects for the year ahead, he or she had no great reason for optimism. Limerick hadn't won an All-Ireland or Munster hurling title at minor level since 1984. There seemed to be little grounds for thinking, 'This could be our year' but...

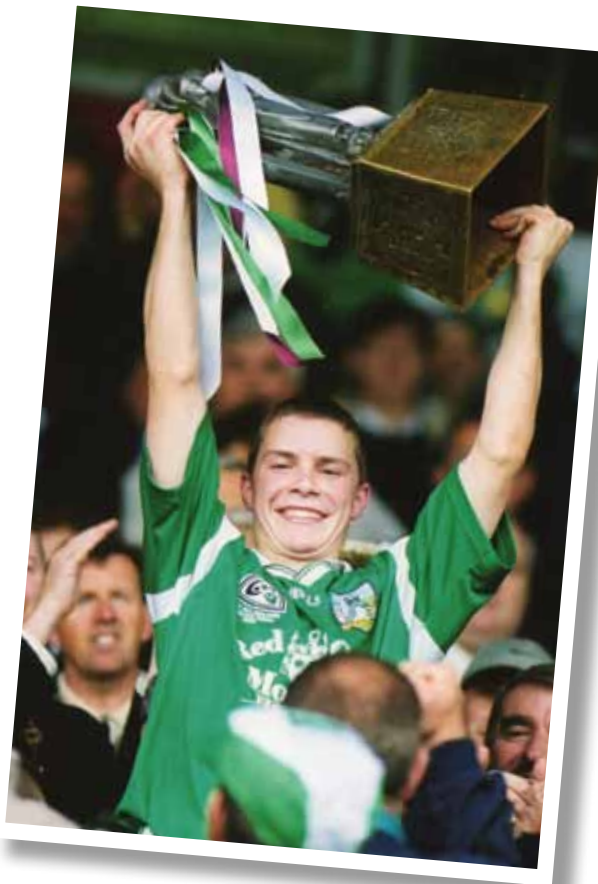
Limerick defeated Clare in Ennis on their way to the Munster Under 21 hurling final that year. Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Cork on the crest of a wave. The McCarthy Cup was back on Leaside. But Limerick were not bothered. In injury time, John Meskell of Ahane stepped up to take a 65'. His team was a point behind. Coolly he struck the ball straight and true between the uprights.

The underdogs had earned a second day out. Nobody could have foreseen the manner in which the replay transpired. 'Cork always win replays' or 'Cork were caught on the hop. They'll be ready next time' were the opinions most frequently heard.

A balmy July evening in the Gaelic Grounds sent a seismic shock through the GAA world. Limerick 4- 18: Cork 1-6. A 21-point win for Limerick.

Limerick went on to win what was only their second ever All-Ireland Under 21 title that year, defeating Galway in the final. And the success story didn't stop there for Dave Keane sent out Limerick to win the next two All-Ireland Under 21 titles as well.

Meanwhile, the Limerick Under 21 footballers were intent on making their own piece of history also. Liam Kearns took his team to Páirc Uí Chaoimh and they defeated Cork. It was a year of shocks for Waterford met Kerry in the other semi-final and pulled off a sensational victory. All roads led to Dungarvan. Could Limerick deny



Donncha Sheehan holds the All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling trophy aloft in 2000

Limerick captain, John Galvin pictured with Tyrone captain, Cormac Mc Anallen RIP



Waterford in their own back garden? Yes they could. It was Croom's John Galvin who lifted the trophy as Limerick won their first (and so far, only) Under 21 Munster title in football. A memorable victory followed over Westmeath in the semi-final but Tyrone put paid to hopes of a Limerick double when the sides contested the All-Ireland final in Mullingar. That Tyrone team supplied the bulk of the names that went on to win 3 senior All-Ireland titles in the next decade, Gormley, Mc Menamin, O'Neill.

Who knows? Could the class of 2010 surprise us all and bring Limerick back into the winners' enclosure? We shouldn't have to wait for another millennium! **G&W**

Limerick captain Eamon Grimes raises the Liam McCarthy Cup (Croke Park, 1973)

Blackrock captain Brendan Hennessy raises the All-Ireland Junior club championship cup (Croke Park, 2010)



Limerick's All Ireland Club Champions, Blackrock

History Makers!

Blackrock Crowned All-Ireland Champions

by Henry J. Martin

In 1897, a Kilfinane selection defeated Tullaroan of Kilkenny by 3-4 to 2-4 to bring Limerick its very first All Ireland title. These days, Blackrock represent Kilfinane and Ardpatrick, and 113 years later, they have sailed into Croke Park, and conquered the famous sod. The glory days have returned, and hurling has come back to its roots. In the process, Brendan Hennessy became the first Limerick captain to climb the steps of Croke Park and lift an All Ireland trophy since Eamonn Grimes led the Limerick seniors to the McCarthy Cup 1973. Since then the Limerick seniors have lost All Ireland finals in 1974, 1980, 1994, 1996 and 2007. Ballybrown (1990), Patrickswell (1991) and Kilmallock (1993) also left the Jones's Road venue empty-handed on All Ireland Club final day.

In 2005, present day Blackrock star David Moloney was part of the Limerick minor team that also tasted defeat in the famous stadium. Blackrock clubmate Richard McCarthy was also part of that minor panel. Having experienced

the pain of Croke Park defeat once, Moloney was determined to make amends this time, "In 2005 it was great to get to the final, but we came up short against a Galway team with Joe Canning on board. Even though we did our best on the day the result wasn't favourable. I learned a lesson that you always regret losing an All Ireland final when you go up there, and it spurred me on making me more determined to win this one".

Moloney is keen to acknowledge the benefit of playing in the Primary Game ten years ago when he played on a team that included Blackrock goalscoring hero, Aidan Murphy and the Kilmallock duo, John Kelly and Gavin O'Mahoney. "The experience of playing before a capacity crowd at Thurles in 2000 against Cork was very beneficial to me as a young player. It helped settle the nerves for any future games in front of large crowds and has undoubtedly contributed to this success." **G&W**



Commemoration plaque at Blackrock GAA Grounds bearing the names of the players who won the first All Ireland championship



David Bulfin & Erica Balfry were among the large Limerick delegation who celebrated the 4 awards that came Limerick's way

All-Ireland Glory for Limerick Schools



The Green & White team, winners of Best National Publication, with Dublin legend, Ciaran Whelan & MEP Sean Kelly



Gary & Carmel Kirby were in Croke Park to cheer on the Limerick nominees

Since the 40th issue of The G&W was launched before Christmas, the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol GAA National Award winners were announced in the Cusack Suite in Croke Park.

At the awards ceremony, **The Green and White Magazine** got the nod for **Best National Publication** for the seventh time in ten years. The G&W is in existence since September 1996 and has progressed from a 16-page black and white publication to its current 32 page, full-colour format. Edited by Ciarán Crowe of Patrickswell NS and Joe Lyons of Ballybrown NS, the magazine has gained broad recognition for the high quality of its content and excellent production values. **G&W's Joe** also received recognition for his role as Primary Go Games coordinator. **The Primary Go Games** are played on the day of Munster Senior Football and Hurling Championship matches and afford children the opportunity to play in their county colours on the same stage as their senior counterparts. Each year about 400 boys and girls are given the opportunity to share in the big occasion in such arenas as Semple Stadium, Páirc Uí Chaiomh and the Gaelic Grounds. **Doon CBS** won the **Best Small School** category. 2009 was a very successful year for Doon CBS. This was crowned by victory in the Limerick Leader Cup. The school also won East Limerick football and hurling titles as well as County honours in the INTO Mini Sevens which resulted in four pupils from the school lining out in Croke Park on big match days during the summer. Doon CBS was also successful in the Best Hurling Promotion category, carrying off the runners-up prize. **Patrickswell NS** was runner-up in the **Best Large School** category. The school was well represented on the night with several teachers and GAA Coach, Limerick legend Gary Kirby in attendance. Patrickswell N.S. enjoyed success in hurling, football and camogie during the year, organised a never-to-be-forgotten GAA 125 Schools Day, fostered excellent School-Club links and developed innovative strategies to integrate GAA themes & activities into the Primary School Curriculum.

The awards were presented by GAA President Christy Cooney. Special guests on the night were Cornmarket MD Ivan Ahern, INTO General Secretary John Carr, Dublin footballer Ciarán Whelan, Today FM's Paul Collins and Seán Kelly MEP.



The hugely successful Doon CBS group with Sean Kelly MEP, Dublin star Ciaran Whelan & Ivan Ahern, Cornmarket



Teachers Paul O'Connor & Siobhan Noonan at the Awards Night in Croke Park



Denis Bradley & Shirley Balfry were among the large contingent of Limerick teachers at the National Awards



Joe & Ciaran, editors of The Green & White Magazine, with Paul Collins of Today FM. (Joe also collected an award for his role as organiser of the Primary Game)

Sisters, Erica & Shirley Balfry in Croke Park



Joanne Breen accepts Doon CBS's prize for Games Promotion from GAA President Christy Cooney in the company of Ivan Ahern, John Carr & Margaret Cunningham

County Football Shield Goes West

Photos by Tom Ives



St Nessian's NS Mungret, runners up in the County Football Shield



Courtenay BNS County Football champions





Action from the Football Shield County final Courtenay BNS v St. Nesson's



Courtenay Boys School brought the first Cumann na mBunscol title of 2010 to West Limerick when the boys from Newcastle West won the Allianz County Football Shield in Rathkeale. The tournament is contested by the 15-a-side "A" champions from each Division of the county and the inclement weather of late November and December meant that the 2009 final was carried over into the New Year. The boys of St. Nesson's National School in Mungret were hoping to make it four in a row, a feat never before achieved.

St. Nesson's qualified for the final when they just edged out the East Champions Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Roxborough on a scoreline of 2-8 to 3-3. This was a rip-roaring game and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

Awaiting St. Nesson's in the final was Courtenay BNS. The West standard bearers got off to a dream start with no fewer than 3 goals in the first five minutes. However, the Mungret boys rallied and, by the interval, reduced the deficit to manageable proportions.

The half-time score was: Courtenay BNS 3-1; St. Nesson's NS 1-1. A second goal for St. Nesson's early in the second half brought the City boys to within a goal of the Courtenay lads. It was nip and tuck to the finish. Paul Hanley led from defence for St. Nesson's while Jordan Hurley and Seán Ivess enjoyed a great second half for the Newcastle West outfit. Liam Mc Cartan of Courtenay was the game's outstanding player covering acres of ground and distributing the ball impeccably. There was great delight in West's ranks when the final whistle sounded. The final Score was: Courtenay BNS 3-4; St. Nesson's NS 2-4.

Accepting the Allianz County Football Shield, Courtenay captain Jack Fanning, praised coaches Diarmuid O'Connor and Shane Kelly for their huge contribution to his team's successful campaign. An interested spectator at the well-attended final was the sharpshooting Limerick senior footballer, Ian Ryan. **G&W**

Many thanks to Tom Ivess for his fine photographs



Courtenay captain Jack Fanning accepts the County Football Shield from Joe Lyons of Cumann na mBunscol

Limerick City Bridge 20-Year Gap to Claim Allianz Sarsfield Cup

Limerick City bridged a gap stretching back to 1989 when they won this year's Allianz Sarsfield Cup at Garyspillane GAA grounds. What's seldom is wonderful and a rare fine day was a good omen for the City boys who played magnificently and brought home the interdivisional football crown for the first time in twenty years

Sarsfield Cup Results

Semi Finals

1: Limerick City 3-7 East Limerick 1-4

2: South Limerick 4-5 West Limerick 0-10

Finals

Limerick City 2-4 South Limerick 0-2

Roll the Credits!

After the final, Brother James Dormer of Cumann na mBunscol presented the Allianz Sarsfield Cup to Jack Lyons, the captain of the Limerick City team. Brother Dormer thanked Garyspillane GAA club for hosting the competition. He paid special tribute to Ger Power, principal Knocklong N.S., who coordinated events superbly. He also thanked Shane Florish (Mungret) and Paddy O'Dwyer who refereed the matches.

Young Teachers

An interesting footnote to this year's Sarsfield Cup was the number of young teachers who were involved with the teams. Paul O'Connor of Patrickswell was in charge of the City team and he was assisted by Shane O'Neill (South Liberties) and Michael Cronin, both of Scoil Christ Ri, Caherdavin. Stephen Lavin coached the West team while Limerick dual star James Ryan, who works as a Games Development Officer, looked after the South. Jonathan Dervan of Murroe-Boher was part of the East backroom team along with Pat Ryan and Michael Feeney. New blood is vital for the survival of any organisation and Primary School pupils are fortunate to have so many young teachers working for the games. **G&W**



Limerick City, winners of the Sarsfield Cup



City selectors
Ciaran Crowe,
Paul O'Connor,
Shane O'Neill &
Michael Cronin



South Limerick
who were runners
up in the Allianz
Sarsfield Cup



East captain Damian Carney, referee Shane Florish and City captain Jack Lyons



Brother Dormer of Cumann na mBunscol presents the Allianz Sarsfield Cup to Jack Lyons captain of the Limerick City team



City players celebrate their Sarsfield Cup victory

Sarsfield Cup Panels 2009

East Limerick

Conor Mc Carthy (Caherelly NS)
 Jamie Heuston (Doon CBS)
 Michael Power (Castleconnell NS)
 Colm Carroll (Castleconnell NS)
 Richard Bateman (Crecora NS)
 Jay McKilligan (Crecora NS)
 Brian Fitzgerald (Crecora NS)
 Ross Kennedy (Killinure NS)
 Kevin McMahon (Nicker NS)
 David Mc Mahon (Nicker NS)
 Vincent Ryan (Tineteriffe NS)
 Ross Fitzgerald (Donoughmore NS)
 Matthew Hanly (Killinure NS)
 Josh Ryan (Oola NS)
 Brian Ryan (Roxborough NS)
 Evan Cusack (Roxborough NS)
 Mark Walsh (Roxborough NS)
 Rory Hannon (Roxborough NS)
 Sean Keane (Knockea NS)
 Declan Cusack (Roxborough NS)
 Daniel Hurley (Knockea NS)
 Billy O'Hara (Roxborough NS)
 Brian Nash (Knockea NS)
 Scott Devitt (Donoughmore NS)

Roghnoiri:

Jonathan Dervan (Killinure NS)
 Pat Ryan (Knockea NS)
 Br. James Dormer (Doon CBS)
 George Lee (Castleconnell)
 Henry Martin (Murroe NS)
 Michael Feeney (Lisnagry NS)

Limerick City

Seán Fitzpatrick (Milford NS)
 Peadar Collins (JFK)
 Eoin Ryan (St Nessian's)
 Jack Lyons (St Nessian's)
 Josh Adams (Ballybrown NS)
 Peter Casey (Christ Ri)
 Jason O'Callaghan (Christ Ri)
 Jack Barry (Milford NS)
 Evan O'Connor (Monaleen NS)
 Eoin Whittle (Monaleen NS)
 Clyde O'Connell (St Paul's NS)
 Jordan Higgins (Patrickswell NS)
 Danny Harty (Patrickswell NS)
 Simon Garland (Modh Scoil)
 Aaron Rice (Scoil Ide)
 Padhraic O'Connor (Ballybrown NS)
 Darren O'Connell (Pallaskenry NS)
 Eoin Godfrey (Ballybrown NS)
 Michael Davoren (Ballybrown NS)
 Brian Bennett (St Patrick's BNS)
 Kyle Hayes (Kildimo NS)
 Brian Grace (Gaelscoil Sairséail)
 Craig Collopy (St Patrick's BNS)
 Luke Kelly (St Patrick's BNS)

Roghnoiri:

Paul O'Connor (Patrickswell NS)
 Ciaran Crowe (Patrickswell NS)
 Shane O'Neill (Christ Ri)
 Mike Cronin (Christ Ri)
 Joe Lyons (Ballybrown NS)

West Limerick

Seán Ivess (Courtenay BNS)
 Liam Mc Cartan (Courtenay BNS)
 Daragh Morrissey (Courtenay BNS)
 Peter Collins (Abbeyfeale BNS)
 Daniel Lyons (Abbeyfeale BNS)
 Adam Russell (Foynes NS)
 Seán McSweeney (Foynes NS)
 Gerard Stack (Ballyhahill NS)
 Martin Mc Sweeney (Ballyhahill NS)
 Cillian Ambrose (Ardagh NS)
 Colm Mc Sweeney (Ballyhahill NS)
 Cillian Enright (Ardagh NS)
 Mike Mackey (Adare BNS)
 Colum Hourigan (Adare BNS)
 Seán Hogan (Monagea NS)
 Cody Bustin (Monagea NS)
 William O'Meara (Kilcolman NS)
 Robert Bradley (Kilcolman NS)
 Daragh O'Connor (Kilcolman NS)
 Chris Mulcahy (St Joseph's BNS)
 Daragh O'Grady (St Joseph's BNS)
 Mark Connolly (Shountrade NS)
 Paul Maher (Shountrade NS)
 Padraig Ahern (Raheenagh NS)
 Gearoid Downey (Raheenagh NS)
 Owen Sheridan (Gaelscoil ó Doghair)
 John Wallace (St Fergus NS, Glin)
 Peter Harty (Askeaton NS)
 Bradley Daly (Ballingarry NS)
 Gavin Fitzgerald (Loughill NS)
 Michael O'Flynn (Ahalin NS)
 Daniel Curtin (Dromcollogher NS)

Roghnoiri:

Stephen Lavin (Adare BNS), Coach
 Tim Crowley (Ardagh NS)
 Michael Curtin (St Joseph's NS)
 Diarmuid O'Connor (Courtenay BNS)
 Michael Murphy (Dromcollogher NS)

South Limerick

Eamon Carew (Lough Gur NS)
 Jack O'Grady (Knockainey NS)
 Sean Cahill (Banogue NS)
 Michael Farrell (Glenroe NS)
 Edd Valधा (Kilfinane NS)
 Micheal Burke (Knocklong NS)
 Sean Burke (Emly NS)
 Ger Quinlan (Galbally NS)
 Jason Shannon (Galbally NS)
 Cian O'Grady (H/Town NS)
 Paul McMahon (Ballyagran NS)
 Andrew Vance (Emly NS)
 Paddy O'Loughlan (Kilmallock NS)
 Oisín O'Reilly (Kilmallock NS)
 Cieran Kelly (Knockadea NS)
 Robert Childs (Anglesboro NS)
 Jamie Morrissey (Galbally NS)
 Aaron Fitzgerald (Bruree NS)
 Darren McCarthy (Glenroe NS)
 Cathal Shannon (Glenbrohane NS)
 Niall Kearney (Galbally NS)
 Colm O'Sullivan (Emly NS)
 Eoin O'Mahony (Knockadea NS)

Roghnoiri:

John English (Kilmallock N.S.)



LARKIN SHIELD

2-IN-A-ROW FOR THE

The Captains

West: Rachel Lane
Mahoonagh NS
East: Hayley Dignam
(Roxborough)
City: Robyn Gleeson
(Monaleen NS)
South: Clodagh Mc
Grath Kilbeheny NS

Semi-finals: West 2-1: South 0-4

Holders West Limerick met South Limerick in the first semi final. This was a very close match with the South taking an early lead. The West fought with skill and determination and eventually emerged winners on a score-line of 2-1 to 0-4. Scores for the West came from Avril Dalton (1-0), Sarah Corbett (1-0) and Marie Danagher (0-1)

City 3-2: East 1-1

City came out on top in the second semi-final. They had great performances from their 4-strong St Nessian's NS contingent, the Monaleen NS quartet (Laura Phelan, Caoimhe Lyons, Megan O'Meara & Robyn Gleeson) and Dearbhla Ryan of Gaelscoil Sairseail. All East scores came from Aine Ryan whose goal came from the penalty spot.

Final: West 4-1 : City 1-2

And so it came to pass... that West Limerick faced Limerick City in the final (played at windswept Knocklong GAA Grounds). This was another keenly fought contest. The City girls started in whirlwind fashion and led 2-1 to 0-0 at half time.

With three minutes remaining, a shock looked on the cards as the City led 2-1 to 1-2. As in the semi-final, the girls from the West finished the stronger team. Great goals from Shauna Shire and Sarah Corbett ensured victory and the West ran out winners on a score-line of 4-1 to 1-4. Other scorers were Leanne Browne (1-0), Avril Dalton (1-0) and Aebhinn Bourke (0-1).

West captain Rachel Lane was presented with the Allianz Larkin Shield by Paul Kennedy, Leas Cathaoirleach of Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan. Rachel thanked her teammates and praised Timmy Woulfe (Coach) for all his hard work.



Captain Rachel Lane receiving the Larkin Shield from Paul Kennedy

West Panel For Larkin Shield with Trainer Timmy Woulfe



Limerick City-
Larkin Shield Runners Up

2009 WEST

East Limerick Larkin
Shield team



South Limerick Larkin
Shield team



Larkin Shield Panels 2009

East Limerick

Cathy Maher (Doon)
Haylee Deignam (Roxborough)
Aoife Loughlan (Crecora)
Ellen Curtin (Lisnagry)
Aoife Quinn (Lisnagry)
Aine Ryan (Roxborough)
Kate Ryan (Knockea)
Maura Fitzgerald (Knockea)
Rachel Green (Caherelly)
Jasmine Gleeson (Knockea)
Jenna Bromell (Knockea)
Siofra Keane (Ahane)
Roisin O'Malley (Tineterriffe)
Kate Franklin (Tineterriffe)
Kate Herbert (Lisnagry)
Kyra Hogan (Knockea)
Grainne Hogan (Killinure)
Abbey Hickey (Roxborough)
Sarah Murphy (Roxborough)
Ciara Murphy (Crecora)
Aoife Barry (Killinure)

Selectors:

Frances Barrett (Crecora)
Margaret Meskell (Tineterriffe)
Niall Shanahan (Knockea)
Eileen Stapleton (Roxborough)

Limerick City

Laura Phelan (Monaleen NS)
Caoimhe Lyons (Monaleen NS)
Megan O'Meara (Monaleen NS)
Robyn Gleeson (Monaleen NS)
Aimee Falahee (Our Lady Queen of Peace)
Teresa Murray (Our Lady Queen of Peace)
Ailish Byrnes (Patrickswell)
Chelsea McCarthy (Patrickswell)
Ciara Mullane (Kildimo)
Grace Goggin (St Nessans)
Sinead Madden (St Nessans)
Maeve O'Sullivan (St Nessans)
Alannah Lyons (St Nessans)
Nicole Sheehan (Milford)
Leah Madden (Milford)
Niamh O'Keeffe (St Paul)
Beckie Danaher (Gaelscoil Sairseal)
Dearbhla Ryan (Gaelscoil Sairseal)
Rachel Reidy (Ballybrown)
Roisin Begley (Scoil Ide)

Selectors

Eamonn O'Connell
Colm Ward
Angeline Brosnan

West Limerick

Kate McSweeney (Shountrade NS)
Aoibheann Bourke (Shountrade NS)
Aoibheann Hoare (Shountrade NS)
Aisling Stokes (Shountrade NS)
Laura Walsh (Gaelscoil O'Doghair)
Courtney Kelly (Gaelscoil O'Doghair)
Sarah Corbett (Gaelscoil O'Doghair)
Ciara Carroll (Gaelscoil O'Doghair)
Edel O'Connor (Monagea NS)
Norma Leahy (Monagea NS)
Leanne Browne (Monagea NS)
Aine Cunningham (Raheenagh NS)
Breanna O'Connor (Raheenagh NS)
Rachel Lane (Mahoonagh NS)
Claire Sweeney (Mahoonagh NS)
Mary Quilligan (Scoil Iosaf NCW)
Rebecca McCarthy (Scoil Iosaf)
Lee-Ann Nolan (Kilmeedy NS)
Tara Fitzgibbon (Kilmeedy NS)
Leah Fitzgerald (St.Fergus NS Glin)
Emily Upton (Killoughteen NS)
Brenda O'Keeffe (Ballingarry)
Anna Horan (Our Lady's Abbey, Adare)
Ciara McCarthy (Dromcollogher NS)
Avril Dalton (Foynes NS)
Alice Brislane (Templeglantine NS)
Marie Danagher (Feenagh NS)
Julie Cantillon (Ahalin NS)
Laura Stack (Broadford NS)
Shauna Shire (Kilfinny NS)

Coach

Timmy Woulfe

Roghnoiri

Deirdre Dillane (Templeglantine NS)
Mary Moore (Ballyhahill NS)
Nora Ryan (Scoil Iosaf)
Ann-Marie Lomasney (Scoil Iosaf)

South Limerick

Shannon O'Callaghan (Herbertstown NS)
Grainne Kennedy (Herbertstown NS)
Clodagh McGrath (Anglesboro NS)
Caoimhe Clancy (Kilbehenny NS)
Aoife Breedy (Kilbehenny NS)
Eilish Condon (Glenbrohane NS)
Grainne Ryan (Galbally NS)
Grainne Blackburn (Galbally NS)
Emma Burke (Galbally NS)
Sarah Meade (Knocklong NS)
Emma Heffernan (Knocklong NS)
Caoimhe Donovan (Knocklong NS)
Clodagh Kirby (Lough Gur NS)
Jane Kirby (Lough Gur NS)
Zoe Ryan (Bruff NS)
Marian Quaid (Bruff NS)
Ciara O'Connell (Knockainey NS)
Aoife Hanley (Bulgaden NS)
Shauna Carroll (Bulgaden NS)
Jessie Nash (Croom NS)
Sarah Sheehan (Croom NS)
Mary Flynn (Ballylanders NS)
Laura Vaughan (Ballylanders NS)
Shauna O'Sullivan (Ballylanders NS)
Leanne Frewen (Ardpatrick NS)

Selector

Lisa Power

REVIEW

EAST

East Limerick Football Final Results Played last term at Doon GAA Grounds

13-a-side A Boys
Roxborough v Donoughmore
Winners: Roxborough

13-a-side B Boys
Crecora v Killinure
Winners: Killinure

12-a-side Girls
Knockea v Roxborough
Winners: Roxborough

10-a-side Girls
Tineteriffe V Caherline
Winners: Caherline

11-a-side Boys
Caherelly v Nicker
Winners: Nicker

7-a-side Girls
Nicker V Oola
Winners: Nicker

9-a-side Boys
Ahane v Oola
Winners: Ahane

7-a-side Boys
Kilteely V Bohermore
Winners: Bohermore



Bohermore NS celebrate victory in the East Schools football final



Caherelly NS football team



Killinure NS football team



Kilteely NS football team



Knockea NS Girls football team



Tineteriffe NS Girls football team



Oola NS football team



Pat Ryan with the victorious Nicker NS football team

Caherline NS Football team



Garrydoolis NS Hurling Team



Lisnagry N.S.



Nicker NS football team



Oola NS Girls football team



Pat Ryan chairperson East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol, presents Caherline Girls football team with the trophy



Roxborough NS Girls football team



REVIEW

West

West Limerick's Hurling & Camogie Results (2009)

Hurling

Div.1 13-a-side

Winners: Shountrade N.S.

R/up: Adare Boys N.S.

Div.2 11-a-side

Winners: Croagh N.S.

R/up: Raheenagh N.S.

Div.3 9-a-side

Winners: Templeglantine N.S.

R/up: Askeaton N.S.

Div.4 7-a-side

Winners: Gllengurt N.S., Tournafulla

R/up: Kilfinny N.S.

Camogie:

Div.1 10-a-side

Winners: Scoil Iosaf, Newcastle West.
Who went on to win the County Title.

R/up: Raheenagh N.S.

Div.2 7-a-side

Winners: Our Lady's Abbey, Adare

R/up: Kilmeeady N.S.

Neville Cup

West were crowned interdivisional champions for the fourth time in-a-row in 2009



Action from the West Limerick football final between Courtenay BNS & Adare BNS
(Photo by T. Ivess)



Courtenay BNS v Adare BNS
(Photo by T. Ivess)



Girls from Scoil Naomh Ide, Ashford who took part in the Gaelic Football Blitz in Mick Neville Park



Monagea captain Leanne Browne receives the West Limerick Girls Football Shield from West Secretary, Nora Ryan



Monagea N.S. winners of the West Limerick 7-a-side Girls Football League



West Limerick footballers Ian Ryan, Mike McMahon & Pa Ranahan



Champions of the West!
Sean Ivess & Jack Fanning raise the cup
(Photo by T. Ivess)



Mahoonagh NS captain
Claire Sheehy



The victorious Courtenay BNS panel with their coaches & guest mentor Limerick star. Ian Ryan
(Photo by T. Ivess)

Green and White Fact File

Dylan Young

Name: Dylan Young
Club: Cappagh
Primary School: St. James' School, Cappagh

Have you any pets? I have one dog
Favourite TV programme: Any sport programmes
Favourite Food: Spaghetti
Favourite Band: The Killers
Last film you saw at the cinema: Avatar
Favourite Playstation game: Call of Duty
Favourite Car: Ferrari
Last CD you bought: Killers
Highlight of your GAA career: Captaining for Cappagh
Favourite venue: Croke Park
Sporting ambition: To play football or hurling for Limerick
Favourite GAA star: Pa. Ranahan
Your sporting hero (any sport): Steven Gerrard
Which sports do you play: Football, hurling and soccer



Dylan Young

West Limerick Cumann na mBunscol Chairman, Diarmuid O'Connor presents the cup to Courtenay captain Jack Fanning



REVIEW



City Football Results

Under 13 A

Winners: St. Nesson's BNS Ennis

Under 13 B

Winners: St. Patrick's BNS Ennis

Girls Football Shield

Winners: Gaelscoil Sairseal

Some finals were not played due to bad weather.

A full list will appear in our next issue.



Gaelscoil Sairseal winners of the City Football Shield



Milford NS runners-up in the City Football Shield



Monaleen NS Olo Cup Champions 2009



Patrickswell NS U-13 B Football runners-up



Pre-match 'pep talk' (Messrs Ryan & Liddane of St Patrick's BNS speak to the players before the final)



Victory speech by Brian Bennett, captain of St Patrick's BNS

The throw-in (St. Patrick's BNS v Patrickswell NS)



Celebration time for the Gaelscoil Sairseal's captain and vice captain



REVIEW

SOUTH

South Football 2009

Boys Football

Roinn A: Scoil Mocheallóg

Roinn B: Galbally NS

Roinn C: Knockainey NS

Roinn D: Herbertstown NS

Roinn E: Lough Gur NS

Camogie

Roinn A: Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff

Roinn B: Knocklong NS

Roinn C, D & E (delayed finals)

Galbally N.S. Roinn B Football winners



Herbertstown N.S. Boys Football team

3-in-Row for Galbally N.S.

Galbally NS had a great win in the South Limerick final (Roinn B) v Ballygran NS. The score was 4-8 to 1-1.

This was the 3rd victory in-a-row for Galbally NS and already attention is turning to the 2010 championship.

Panel: William Ryan, Niall Keating, Patrick O'Donoghue, Darragh Bourke, Kieran Kearns, Niall Kearney, Emma Burke, Ger Quinlan Captain, Jason Shannon, Jamie Morrissey, Grainne Blackburn, Nathan O'Byrne, Daniel Henebry, Sean Sampson, Mark Quinlan, Alex Finnan, Liam Finnan, Eoghan Cummins, James Donovan, Hugh Ryan, Darren Richardson, Philip O'Sullivan, Fionn O'Leary, Colin Keating, Liam Hennessy, Conor O'Mahony, Michael McCabe, Niall Carew, Sean Finnan, Ewan Cunningham.

Well done to Ger Quinlan, Niall Kearney, Jamie Morrissey and Jason Shannon who were chosen to play for South Limerick in the Sarsfield Cup.



Knockainey N.S., Roinn C Football winners

A Short History of the South Limerick Board

The South Limerick Primary Schools GAA Board was founded in 1979. A total of 26 schools take part in competitions run by the Board. There are 5 divisions with the largest schools playing in Roinn A and Roinn B (15-a-side).

The officers elected at the very first meeting of the Board in 1979 were: Chairman: Sean Garvey, Bruff BNS; Vice Chairman: Seamus Quill, Ballyagran NS; Rúnai: Ger Power, Knocklong NS; Treasurer: Tom Bulfin, Bruff BNS; PRO: Harry Greensmyth. Thirty years later, Ger Power is still serving as Rúnai, while Harry Greensmyth is Joint PRO with Martin Kearney of Galbally N.S. Tom Bulfin is still actively involved in the affairs of the Board. Now retired, Teresa Moran gave dedicated service as Treasurer for almost 20 years while teachers who have served as Cathaoirleach include Michael Quinlan, Mary Coffey and the late Michael Russell.

Players who played in the South Limerick school leagues who have gone on to represent Limerick at senior level include T.J. Ryan, James Ryan, Mike O'Brien, Stephen Lucey, Peter Lawlor, Mark O'Riordan, Paul Brown, Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Gavin O' Mahoney and Damien Reale.

Mentors of South Limerick divisional teams over the past thirty years include Jimmy Woulfe, Mary Coffey, Lisa Power, Ollie Coffey, Mike Barron, Mike O'Connor, Mike McCarthy, Judy O'Connor, Tom Bulfin, John English and Ger Power.

To quote Rúnai, Ger Power, "The schools and the clubs are the nuclei on which the bedrock of the GAA is cemented and grounded. We salute the countless teachers who have left their indelible mark on the GAA psyche both at local and national level".

Knocklong N.S., Girls Football winners 2009



Lough Gur Boys, Roinn E

The GAA MUSEUM
Museum Chomú Lúthchleimh

The Croke Park Experience



A Photo of Arthur Griffith, Eamonn deValera, Laurence O'Neill (Lord Mayor of Dublin), Michael Collins, and Harry Boland taken at Croke Park 1919

Croke Park steeped in history

Attention all Cumann na mBunscol schools— if you haven't sampled the 'Croke Park Experience' yet...what's keeping you? The Experience includes a visit to the amazing Croke Park Museum, a guided tour of the stadium, a run out on the hallowed turf and a chance to test your hurling & football skills in the interactive centre above the museum. As you'll see here, agents of the G&W Mag took the tour recently and enjoyed it immensely.

Booking & exhibition details are available at: www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum



A bugs-eye-view of the stadium



Next stop Croke Park!



One of the many fascinating exhibits in the museum

The Green & White Gallery



Aaron Fitzgerald from Bruree was profiled in the last issue of The G&W. However this photo of Aaron was omitted inadvertently



Bernie Hartigan & Gary Kirby, two Limerick greats who do wonderful work as primary school GAA coaches



Connie Brouder former Primary Game star is now a broadcaster on West Limerick Radio 102 FM

Ger Loughnane & Ger Downes at the Limerick City Cumann na mBunscol Hurling Forum



Dromcollogher NS captain Ciara McCarthy celebrates her school's latest success in the West Limerick Cumann na mBunscol leagues



Henry Martin & Ger Loughnane at the Hurling Forum at Cloughaun GAA Club



Limerick footballer Eoin Hogan at the Gaelic Grounds

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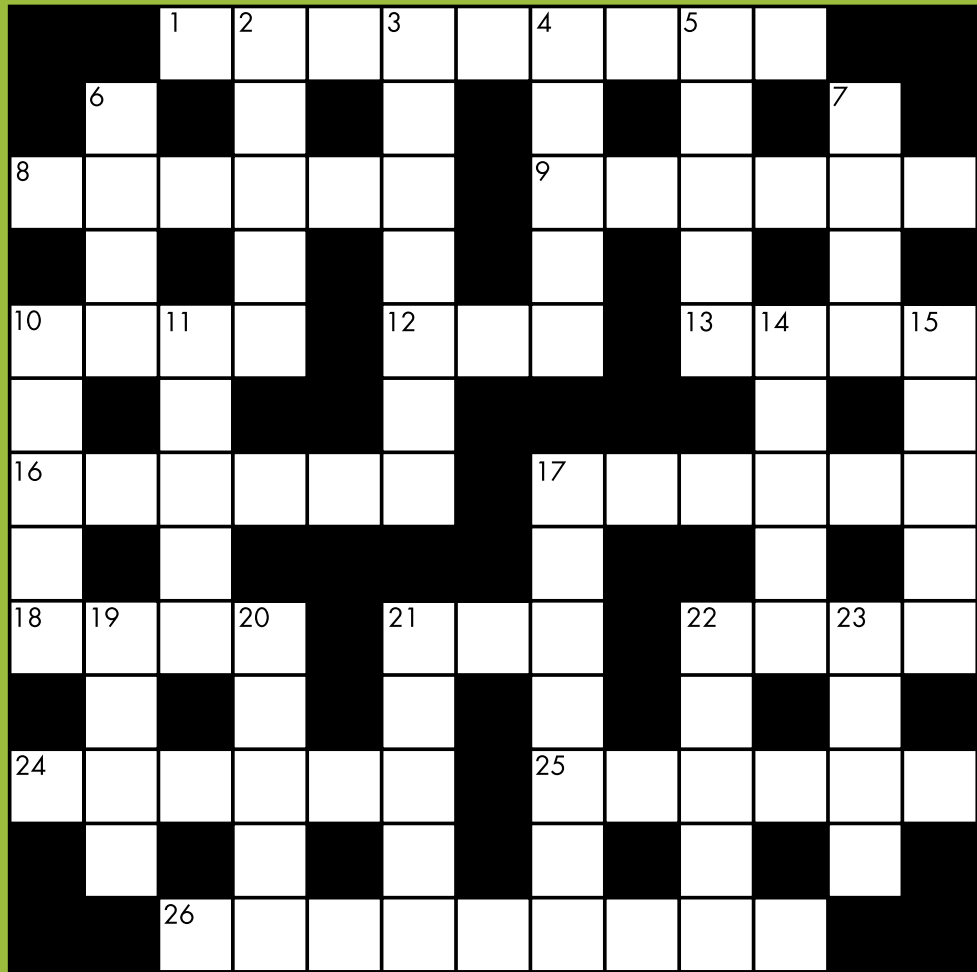
Prize Crossword

No. **41**

To enter Competition 41, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White**, Patrickswell N.S., Co. Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. Last term's winners and answers are printed on Page 31.

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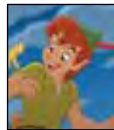
- 1 Movie title, "Cloudy with a Chance of ---" (9)
- 8 Protective headgear, as of January 1st, 2010, all hurlers must wear one (6)
- 9 Good, -----, Best (6)
- 10 Noah's Ark was a big one (4)
- 12 EITHER is to OR as NEITHER is to --- (3)
- 13 Turn LIAR around & you'll be right on track! (4)
- 16 I C A MAN—a madman! (6)
- 17 Limerick GAA Headquarters: The ----- Grounds (6)
- 18 The longest march begins with a single one of these (part of a stairs) (4)
- 21 What a ghost might say to you! (3)
- 22 Absent WithOut Leave (the US Army abbreviation for this) (4)
- 24 Type of dog used as Bus Eireann corporate logo, could be 'Irish' or 'Red' (6)
- 25 WES & ROB can be rearranged to make a word for 'surfing the net' (6)
- 26 Ireland's largest stadium, also GAA HQ (5,4)



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- 2 Robert -----, Irish rebel leader executed in 1803 (5)
- 3 Movie by James Cameron about a ship that struck an iceberg in 1912 (7)
- 4 Traffic lights and Kilkenny GAA jerseys have this colour in common (5)
- 5 Late, -----, Latest (5)
- 6 KING is to QUEEN as ---- is to HEROINE (4)
- 7 Abbreviated version of 'delicatessen' (4)
- 10 Weapons that can be 'atomic' or 'nuclear' (5)
- 11 Musical (& a movie) about a little red-haired orphan girl (5)
- 14 Give permission—WALLO! (5)

- 15 The Irish Times is a national newspaper; what sort is The Limerick Leader? (5)
- 17 Peter Pan is for ever young, in other words he's a boy who never ----- (5,2)
- 19 A place where Irish high kings held court is also the name of a famous brooch (4)
- 20 '----- Rangers,' a.k.a. 'Mighty Morphin ----- Rangers' (5)
- 21 A word, beginning with 'B', that follows 'Mid-Term' (5)
- 22 Colin Farrell is one, so is Adam Sandler and so is Robert Pattinson (5)
- 23 Opposite of 'under' (4)



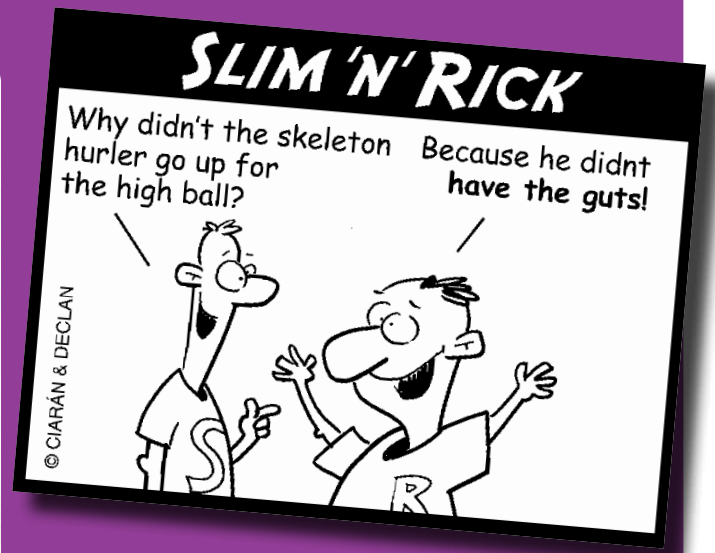
Scribble Box



20 Síos
It's Morphin Time

Cartoon Corner

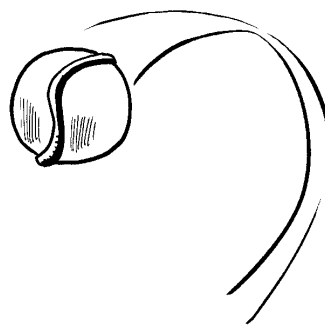
Readers' Drawings



Limerick crest drawn by **Allison Hurley**, Cragfield , Tervoe. Send your drawings to The Green & White, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick

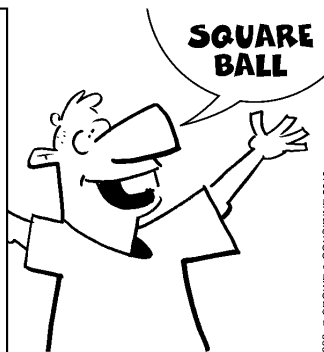
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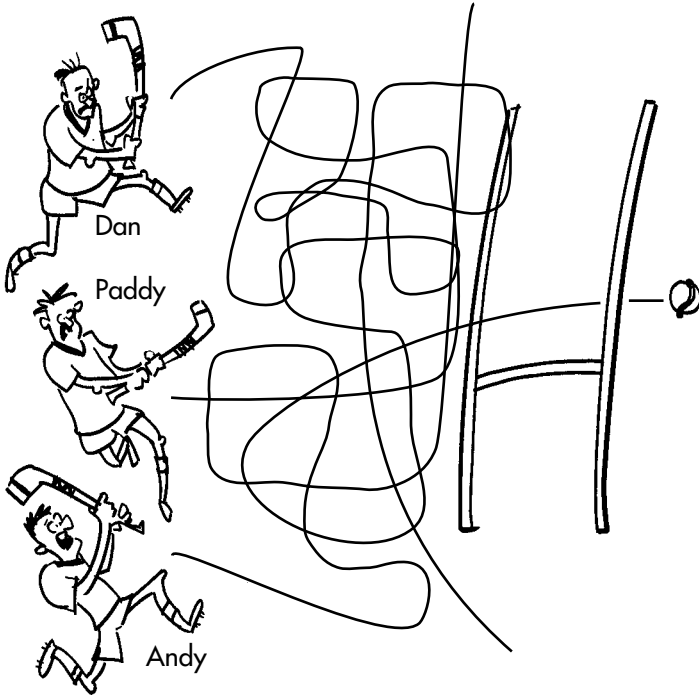
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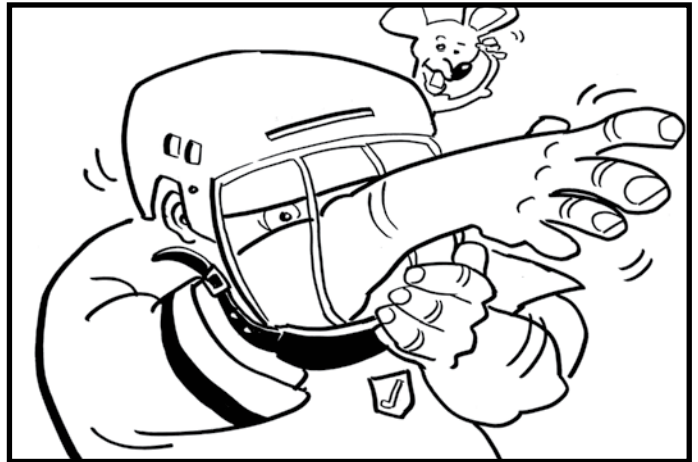
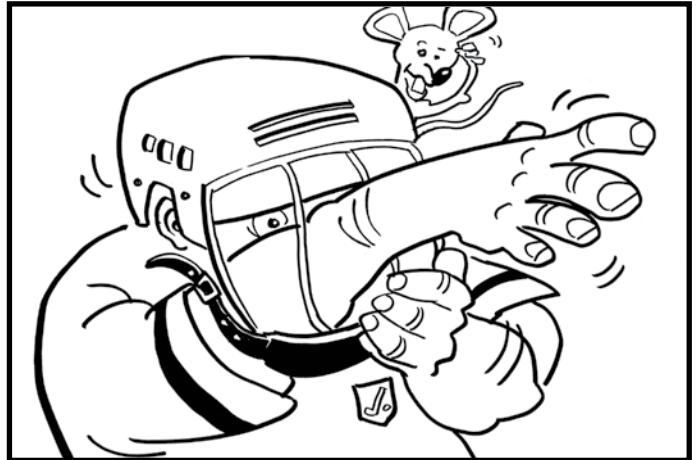
Puzzle Page

Who Scored?



Spot the Difference

How many differences can you find between our two pictures? There are 10 for you to discover"



3 mad hurlers have pucked one ball each
 One has gone over the bar
 the other two have gone miles wide
 By following the vapour trails made by the sliothars,
 readers can guess who scored
 Was it Dan, Paddy or Andy?

What's in a Name?

Each of these men is a Limerick legend—well, in name at least! Their names are:

- Pat Hartigan
- T.J. Ryan
- Gary Kirby
- Clem Smith
- Mark Foley
- Andrew O Shaughnessy
- Brian Murray
- Brian Geary

So, who's who? Can you guess a person's name just by looking at him? Who looks like he grew up with the name of the Limerick legend he shares a name with? (Answers are printed opposite)



Answers: A. Andrew O'Shaughnessy, fisherman from East USA. B. Brian Murray, South African-born actor who lives in New York. C. Clem Smith, a U.S. citizen who enjoys reenact- ing scenes from America's past. D. Fr. Brian Geary Chicago priest. E. Gary Kirby, Jaguar Salesman, Canada. F. Pat Hartigan American Laser Scientist & Professor. G. Mark Foley Canadian Life Coach. H. T.J. Ryan one-time Prime Minister of Queensland, Australia.

In off the **post**

Crossword 40 Winners:

Brian Timmon, Garranbawn, Murrroe
William O'Meara, Foxgrove, Askeaton (*William's name also came out of the hat in 2008!*)
Aoife Kenny, Tineteriffe N.S, Cappamore

Crossword 40 Answers:

Trasna: 1. J.P McManus 8. Junior 9. Archer
10. Time 12. One 13. Edit 16. Darken
17. Grimes 18. Yoyo 21. Son 22. Cole
24. Versus 25. Hooked 26. Assistant
Sios: 2. Under 3. Tennant 4. Alien 5. India 6.
Emma 7. Late 10. Foley 11. Inter 14 Manor 15.
Nutty 17. Brendan 19. Abba 20. Drake 21. Sides
22. Given 23. Ears

Well done to everybody who posted or e-mailed a set of correct 'Xword 40' answers to us! We had a bumper entry by e-mail and, for once, electronic entries outnumbered those sent by post.

To be in with a chance of winning a prize, send your answers or a photocopy of your completed crossword to: The G&W, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick or e-mail your answers to info@thegreenandwhite.com

That was St Patrick's... that's a truly holey hurley!



Dear Sir,

HELP! Support the GAA
Because you know there'll come a day
When computers
And 'telly's are gone
And everyone will want some fun
And no better way than the GAA
So, now you know
How to spend your day-
What do you say?
Let's play...GAA!

Chloe-Ellen Caulfield,
Kildimo

Dear Editor,

Due to family connections with Limerick, I have always kept a sharp eye-and-ear out for Limerick GAA results over the years. It is a constant source of disappointment to me that I was unable to attend the All-Ireland hurling final in 1973. How I hope that there will be an opportunity in my lifetime to see the captain of a Limerick senior hurling team climb the steps in Croke Park to put his hands on the Liam McCarthy Cup and raise it above his head. And how I'd love to be there at that glorious moment, clad from head to toe in green and white, cheering myself hoarse with 50,000 other loyal Limerickmen—and women...

Now some people may think I'm a bit of a dreamer but it is said that 'hope springs eternal' and I believe that. I'm also saying my prayers every night!

Finally, I love your magazine. It's a great read and I never miss an issue. Keep up the great work.

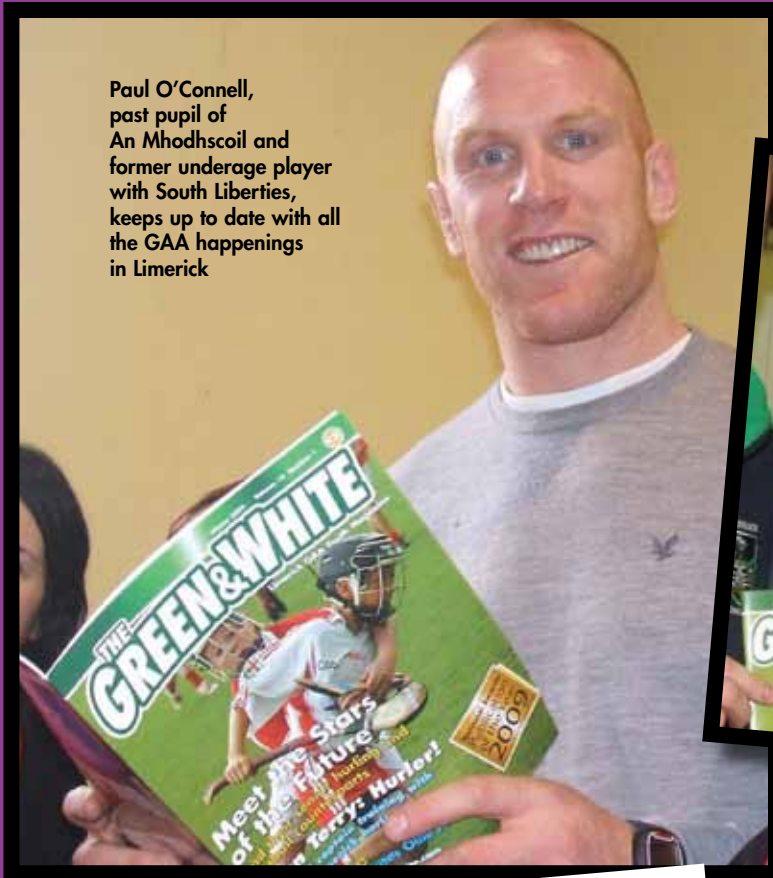
Come on Limerick!

Mark Griffin,
Drumcondra,
Dublin 9

The Back Door

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Paul O'Connell, past pupil of An Mhodscoil and former underage player with South Liberties, keeps up to date with all the GAA happenings in Limerick



Ger Loughnane, Primary School Principal and All-Ireland winning manager with Clare, enjoys a little Green & White delight!



INTO General Secretary, Sheila Nunan enjoys a good read!



Paul Collins of Today FM never goes anywhere without his copy of The G&W!



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