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The Throw In

Another school year is almost at an end. The Green and White team has barely stopped to draw breath as competitions in football, hurling and camogie come thick and fast.

In the short time since Easter, the Mackey Cup has been won by Limerick City, the Neville Cup has been retained by West Limerick, while 'INTO Sevens' titles have been decided in all four codes.

In Cumann na mBunscol circles, the big story of 2007 is the evolution of the Primary Game into Primary Go Games. Already, the new format has granted a very special wish to forty-four of Limerick's most talented boys and girls. The 'lucky 44' have worn the green and white of Limerick (or linespersons jerseys!) and shared a Munster Championship stage with their GAA heroes.

As ever, our latest issue (Issue number...wait for it...33!) brings you a flavour of everything that's happening in Limerick GAA. And, of course, we've still got all our regular features, crosswords, cartoons, results, profiles, news and interviews with top players.

Luimneach Abú!
Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons
Editors

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Mackey Cup Champions 2007.

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Primary Go Games... are GO!

2007 has seen the advent of Primary Go Games. The Primary Game, an established feature of inter-county fare since 1996, has evolved into Primary Go Games. This year, a girls' and a boys' match has taken place at half-time on Big Match day in the Munster football and hurling championships. In line with this, the Limerick City Under 10 hurling and football competitions have been replaced by Go Games-- non-competitive mini-games with the emphasis on skill, enjoyment and player participation.

as linesmen (and lineswomen) for each Go Games match. In future years, it is envisaged that primary school pupils will referee the games also, thanks to the Young Whistlers scheme. So, get out your flag and whistle...and start practising. Next year it could be you!



Paul Joyce and Nicole Hedderman

County Colours TV Quiz

Nicole Hedderman and Paul Joyce, 6th class pupils in Ballybrown NS, reached the final of the inter-county TV quiz "County Colours" on "The Den" on Network 2. The quiz format saw Paul tackle questions on Limerick GAA matters while Nicole's area was



I walk the Line!

Primary Go Games are all about equal opportunities for boys and girls who play hurling, camogie and/or football. And that's not all... Boys and girls from each county also act



General Knowledge relating to Limerick. All 32 counties were represented at the outset of the quiz. The Limerick duo defeated Offaly in the first round and Roscommon and Westmeath in later rounds. They overcame Wexford in the semi-final. In the final played, not at Croke Park...but at the phoenix park, Limerick lost out narrowly to Donegal. It was a brilliant showing by the Dynamic Duo from Limerick. Well done lads!

"Croker" It's a Cracker!

Frank Dineen sold his family business (a pub) and bought Croke Park in 1908. The GAA could not afford the asking price at the time but Frank, from Ballylanders, Co. Limerick, kindly sold the site to the GAA five years later when the association had saved enough money to buy it. Frank's role in enabling the GAA to acquire Croke Park was motivated by his desire to serve the association and not by any desire for personal gain. Frank Dineen is the only man to have served as both President and General Secretary of the GAA. Last year, the famous "Hill



16" was renamed The "Dineen/Hill 16 Terrace" in his honour. The original "Hill 16" was built on rubble from Dublin's G.P.O., which was shelled during the 1916 Rising. Croke Park is the fifth largest stadium in Europe. Only the Nou Camp in Barcelona, the San Siro in Milan and the Olympic Stadium in Kiev are larger-- and the recently re-opened Wembley Stadium in London. The capacity of the stadium is approximately 82,300. There is room to increase the capacity but, as with the extension of Limerick's Thomond Park, a row of houses (behind the Dineen/Hill 16 Terrace) would have to be purchased and demolished to facilitate this. Croke Park has been the venue for thousands of never-to-be forgotten hurling, football

and camogie matches...and lots more besides. Muhammad Ali defeated Alvin Lewis there in 1972. Croke Park hosted the Special Olympics World Summer Games in 2003; Bono & U2 have played there -- as have the Chicago Bears (American football), Robbie Williams, the Irish rugby team, the Irish soccer team, The Corrs and many, many others.

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Cumann na mBunscol NEWS

Dictionary Time!

You are reading the "Cumann na mBunscol News" page of The G&W Magazine. Do you know what "Cumann na mBunscol" means? Check it out!



Indoor Glory for Shoustrade N.S.

Margaret O'Brien writes: History was created in Shoustrade N.S. this year when the boys U-10 Indoor Hurling team became County Champions. The journey to County glory began last March, in Athea, when the boys defeated Monegea, Gaelscoil O'Doghair, Newcastle West and Tournafulla in a difficult qualifying group. They returned to Athea the following day where they scored a famous victory over Courtenay Boys N.S., Newcastle West in a thrilling West Limerick final. As a result of this great victory,

the team qualified for the County final in Caherconlish. After a tense semi-final victory over Scoil Chríost Rí, Caherdavin, the boys proceeded to the final against a strong Doon CBS team. In the final the boys produced their best display of the year to emerge victorious. Great displays from Steven Casey and David Connolly played a huge part in this famous victory. Congratulations to: Andreas O'Brien, Michael Collins, Bobby Fleming, Soctt O'Riordan, David Noonan David O'Connor, Hugh Bourke, Stephen Casey, Robert Lewis and David Connolly who performed so well in bringing the county title to Shoustrade. **G&W**

Limerick City 2007 Neville Cup Team



Limerick Footballers Steven Lavin and Dympna O'Brien with young Limerick stars at the PG Launch



Primary Go Games 2007 is launched Inter County stars Steven Lavin & Colm Cooper and young fans lend their support



Shoustrade NS Under 10 Boys Indoor Hurling County Champions

DATES 4 UR DIARY...

The Leader Cup
Monday, June 18th
@ Páirc na nGael

The Green & White Shield
Wednesday, June 20th
Venue t.b.a.

Divisional Results

Mackey Cup 2007 Winners: Limerick City
Runners-Up: South Limerick

Neville Cup 2007
Winners: West Limerick
Runners-Up: South Limerick

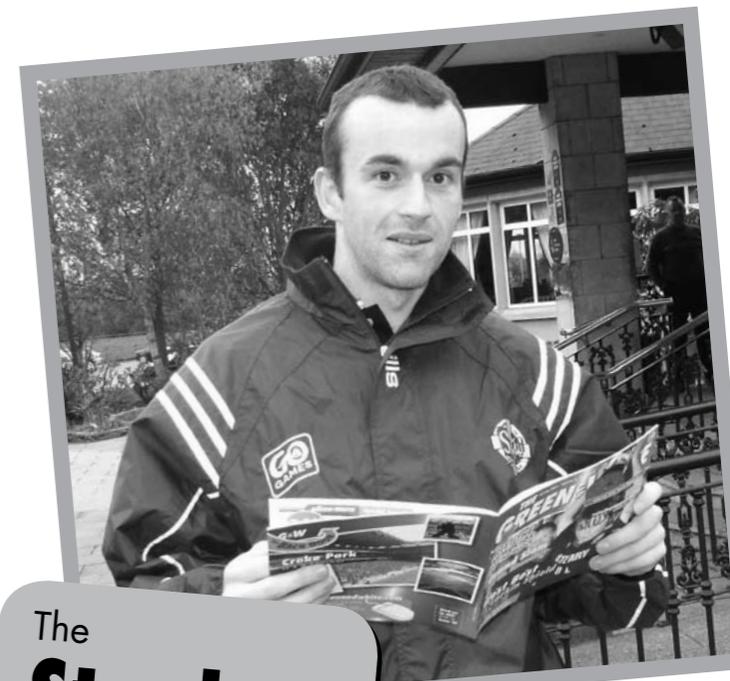


Mister Versatility

Stephen Lavin has been a top class player for Adare and Limerick for most of this decade. Apart from his skill and dedication, Steve's value to the Limerick Gaelic football cause is enhanced by his ability to play in a range of different positions. In the Munster final of 2004, Stephen scored a vital goal for Limerick against Kerry; in that game he lined out as a half back. Recently he has been used by manager Mickey Ned O'Sullivan as a wing forward with a licence to roam wherever the action is. He has also lined out at centre back for his county. In the red and black of his beloved Adare, Stephen has won two county senior hurling titles in the company of his brothers, Peter and David. Stephen is a member of the teaching staff of Scoil Iósaf in Adare. He has helped coach school teams to many divisional and county titles, including the famous Leader Cup in 2006.

And there's more!

Stephen is one of the best-known GAA stars in the county. When not playing hurling or football, he enjoys playing soccer, squash and...poker. He drives a Ford Focus and revealed that "Arcade Fire" has featured a lot on his in-car sound system lately. The last DVD he watched was "Dead Poets Society," starring Mrs. Doubtfire "himself" Robin Williams! Stephen's famous relations include his favourite player, Ciarán Carey (a fact that certainly adds interest to clashes between Adare and Patrickswell, or should that be Lavins v Careys!) **G&W**



Limerick Football Star Stephen Lavin snapped as he checks out the G&W magazine

The Stephen Lavin File

- Favourite GAA star? Ciarán Carey
- Favourite GAA venue? Páirc Uí Chaoimh
- Favourite GAA memories to date? Winning my first senior hurling county title with my club, Adare.
- Biggest influence on your career? My parents, Nora and Pat Lavin
- Favourite player from other sports? David Wallace
- Favourite TV programme? Grey's Anatomy
- Favourite food? Bacon & cabbage (& pasta)

INTO Mini Sevens County Finals

The tournament that offers primary school pupils the chance to play in front of a full house in Croke Park

Ahalin NS Mini 7's Camogie County Champions

Ahalin National School, situated in the parish of Knockaderry, defeated city champions Ballybrown NS and East standard bearers Scoil Chairríona of Cappamore to claim this famous victory. Ahalin is a small rural school with a wonderful tradition of excellence in Gaelic games. Indeed when Limerick reached the All-Ireland minor hurling final in 2005, there were no fewer than three former pupils of the school in the Limerick panel.



▲ Ahalin NS Mini 7s Co Champions



▲ Patrickswell NS Mini 7s Runners Up

Mike O'Donoghue and the victorious Doon Mini 7s captain



Doon CBS win Mini 7's Hurling Title

Doon CBS were fastest out of the blocks in their clash with city representatives, Patrickswell N.S. and two goals scored early in the game proved to be the difference between the sides at the finish. Patrickswell recovered well to defeat West champions, Scoil Iósaf of Adare. Doon defeated Adare in the final match of the "round robin" series and were duly crowned County champions. The runners-up medals went to Patrickswell.



▲ Doon CBS Mini 7s Co Champions

Meet the Limerick Full Back Line



Séamus Hickey Fact-file

Club: Murroe/Boher
Primary School: Killinure NS
Secondary School: St. Flannan's, Ennis.
Occupation: Studying BioMedical Engineering
Favourite GAA star: Eoin Kelly (Tipperary)
Favourite Sports Star: Roy Keane
Favourite venue: Croke Park
Most memorable game: All-Ireland minor hurling final 2005
Biggest influence: My Dad, Seán
Car: Mitsubishi Trooper
Favourite TV programme: The Simpsons
Favourite food: Bacon and cabbage
What CD are you listening to at the moment? Fallout Boy
Last DVD you watched: Sin City
Favourite Playstation Game: Medal of Honour
Hobbies: Music and reading
Famous relations: Inter-county referee, Denis Richardson (Murroe/Boher) is Seamus's uncle



Stephen Lucey... Night Rider?

Setting the Scene
 A sleek black '07 Opel Astra hatchback accelerates out of the car park. At the wheel is Limerick hurler, Stephen Lucey on his way home after a lively training session with Bennis's Menaces. How do you sum up Stephen Lucey? Words that come to mind include: doctor, hurler, footballer and All-Ireland champion—he is the holder of three All-Ireland medals at Under 21 level.

Sporting Background
 Dad, Mick, is Medical Officer to Limerick senior football team and AIL champions Garryowen F.C. (Interestingly, Mick was chosen to play rugby for Ireland but was injured prior to the match and never got his "Cap"). Dermot Kelly, holder of the scoring record in a Munster Senior hurling final (with Limerick in 1955), is Stephen's uncle. His favourite player is Ciaran Carey.

Time Out
 When Stephen finds time to relax, he walks his dog "Babs". (But can you believe this from a guy who mischievously tells you his hobby is birdwatching!) He plays "Super Mario Kart" on Nintendo. And, of course, he drives a black Opel Astra hatchback.



Damien Reale Fact-file

Name: Damien Reale
Club: Hospital-Herbertstown
Primary School: Scoil Íosagáin
Secondary School: St. John the Baptist (Hospital)
Occupation: Health & Safety Officer
Favourite GAA star: Stephen McDonagh
Favourite star from other sports: Denis Leamy
Favourite Venue: Semple Stadium,
Career highlights: Intermediate Hurling Championship 2000 and training club Under 21's to win County B Championship last year
Biggest influence on career: Parents
Car: Toyota Avensis
Favourite TV programme: Eastenders
Favourite food: Pasta
Last CD bought: Coldplay
Last DVD watched: Saw 3
Hobby outside of GAA: Golf
Pet: 'Jack', a dog
Shoe size: 10
Famous relation: Liam Reale, international athlete

Neville Cup Stays in West Limerick

The 2007 Eithne Neville Perpetual Cup, the Cumann na mBunscol inter-divisional camogie competition, was won in emphatic style by the girls of West Limerick. Fittingly, Eithne Neville was on hand to present the trophy to West captain Katie Hurley amid scenes of jubilation. The West Limerick side, holders of the title, was drawn from over a dozen schools and played a brand of camogie that no team could match. Martina Mc Mahon, who played on the Limerick Primary Go Games team in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on May 20th, was the outstanding player of the tournament. For good measure, Martina is also a world champion at handball! Lisa Scanlon, Katy Forde and Sinéad Mulcahy were others to shine in a team of all the talents. In the semi-finals, West Limerick defeated East Limerick and the South defeated a gallant City combination by 5-5 to 1-2.

Michael O Doherty and Tom Enright were referees for the tournament. Speaking after the day's play, Eithne Neville said she was delighted to witness such a great display of camogie by all four teams and she praised the West for their wonderful victory. **G&W**



▲ West Limerick 2007 Neville Cup Champions



▲ South Limerick 2007 Neville Cup Team

Senior Hurlers in Profile

Not just a name on a cup

Sam Maguire, Liam McCarthy, Mick Mackey, Tommy Murphy, Christy Ring...all names from GAA's glorious past who are remembered every time a trophy bearing their name is contested. Now add the name of Eithne Neville to the list. In this issue of "The Green and White", you can read about the 2007 Eithne Neville Cup that was presented to West captain Katie Hurley by Eithne Neville herself.



As a young girl, Eithne didn't enjoy the opportunity to play on camogie teams because there was no camogie club in Kilfinny in those days nor was there a team in her local national school. She picked up the skills of the game playing hurling with a tennis ball at home in Neville's Cross with her brothers. Indeed she never played competitive camogie until she went to college in Dublin but quickly made up for lost time by winning an All-Ireland medal in the colours of Dublin in 1957.

On her return to Limerick, Eithne immersed herself in camogie and speaks of her pride in seeing her native Croagh/Kilfinny win All-Ireland honours in 1976. Eithne was also involved with Limerick's victory in the junior All-Ireland of 1977.

"Practise, practise, practise. Camogie is the greatest game in the world", said Eithne as she watched the cup that bears her name being raised aloft in Mick Neville Park, the playing field named in memory of her late father.

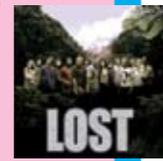
Donal O'Grady - Limerick's Artful Dodger



Donal O'Grady of Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club has the sort of job many's the sweet-toothed youngster dreams of. Donal, known to all as "Dodge", is a Sales Representative for Coca Cola! As a youngster in Ballingarry N.S., Donal prepared for his future career by sampling lots of the soft drinks produced by his future employers "...and I sampled just as many of their rivals' products," he adds with a wry smile. After completing his primary schooling in Ballingarry, Dodge transferred to St. Munchin's College in Limerick City to begin his second level education.



Growing up, his favourite GAA star was Ciarán Carey. Then, as now, his favourite sports venue was Limerick's Gaelic Grounds. In GAA terms, his proudest days have come in the colours of his local club on the days he won his treasured County Intermediate Championship hurling medals. Outside of the GAA, Dodge's favourite sports star is Steven Gerrard of Liverpool F.C. He also has a lot of time for "Mr. Rugby," Brent Pope, "a famous relative of mine," explains Donal. Hunting is a pastime he enjoys on the rare occasions he is not busy.



So, what else can we tell you about "Dodge?" His favourite food is steak. His has a pet dog--her name is Molly. The last DVD he watched was the multi-Oscar winner, "The Departed;" while his favourite TV programme is, "Lost." **G&W**

Seán O'Connor is a Villain! Read on...



Seán O'Connor works in the construction industry but it is as a goal-scoring full-forward with Limerick that he has built up a reputation as a lethal finisher. A product of Lisnagry N.S., Seán names school principal Paul Kennedy as an important influence in his early years. A winner of the East Cumann na mBunscol football and hurling double in season 1992-1993 (when Niall Moran was a team-mate),



Seán is the holder of three Under 21 All-Ireland hurling medals but rates winning his first county Championship with Ahane in 1998 as the highlight of his career so far. Seán burst onto the inter-county scene at senior level scoring 1-3 on his debut against Tipperary in the Munster Final of 2001. Move on three years and he scored 2 goals against Cork in 2004 when marked by "The Rock" Diarmuid O'Sullivan. Three years further on, Sean finished as top goal-scorer in the 2007 National League.

For such a lethal forward, it's hardly surprising that his favourite sporting figures are Kilkenny ace Henry Shefflin and Wayne Rooney. "So you're a Man U fan, Seán?" "Not at all, I've followed Aston Villa for as long as I can remember." And hobbies? "I like a game of darts".



Appropriate for a man who can't stop hitting the bullseye. **G&W**

The Magnificent Seven!

by Denis O'Connor, Milford N.S.

Every summer brings the hope that this might be Limerick's year. Sadly, a whole generation has now grown up without seeing Limerick win an All-Ireland senior hurling title. For that reason we have decided to remind our readers of the seven occasions when Limerick were All-Ireland senior hurling champions. But of course, that could all change this year!



1897 - Kilfinane Hurling Club. All Ireland Champions and Croke Cup winners. Back Row (L. to R.): P. Mulcahy, J. Hynes, J. Downes, J. Hanley, M. Finn, J. Flood, P. O'Brien, J. Cattrell. Front Row: P. Flynn, J. Reidy, T. Casey, P. Buskin, M. Flynn, T. Brazil, D. Grimes (Capt.), J. Finn, F. Dunworth.

Thirteen years after the foundation of the G.A.A., Limerick, represented by Kilfinane, became champions for the first time. Teams consisted of 17 players in those days! In the final, Tullaroan of Kilkenny were overcome by 3-4 to 2-4 and the 1897 title was on its way to Limerick.



The Shannonsiders had to wait 21 years for their next success. 1918 saw Limerick, represented by Newcastlewest, beat Wexford by 9-5 to 1-3 in the All-Ireland final.



Limerick All Ireland Senior Hurling Champions 1921. Back row (L. to R.): W. Ryan, D. Murnane, D. Lanigan, W. Hough, V. Hurley, M. Murphy, W.P. Clifford. Middle Row: M. Mullane, T. Mangan, R. McConkey (captain), J. Humphries, J. Keane, G. Howard, T. McGrath. Front Row: P. McInerney, C. Ryan, W. Gleeson, J. O'Callaghan.

Three years later, Limerick, captained by Bob McConkey, became the first team to lift the Liam McCarthy Cup, when Dublin were defeated by 8-5 to 3-2.

Limerick's 7 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Titles



The Limerick team winners of the 1934 All Ireland Senior Hurling title. Front Row (L. to R.): Mick Hickey, Mickey Condon, Dan Flanagan, Peter Browne (trainer). Centre Row: Mick Neville, Denny Lanigan, Mickey Cross, John Mackey, Bob McConkey, Mick Kennedy, Jimmy Close, Dave Clohesy, Liam Scanlon. Back Row: Dave Conway, Jack Keane, Paddy Mackey, Pat O'Reilly, Mick Ryan, Jim Roche, Jackie O'Connell, Paddy Scanlon, Anthony Mackey, Garrett Howard, Timmy Ryan, Pat Ryan, Tommy McCarthy, Willie Hannon, Ned Cregan, Christy O'Brien, Mick Mackey, Paddy Clohesy and W.P. Clifford.

Thirteen years elapsed before the Shannonsiders won their next title. Dublin were once again defeated to herald the beginning of Limerick's Golden Age as three titles were captured in 7 years. In 1936, the legendary Mick Mackey of Ahane led Limerick to victory over Kilkenny and four years later, Mackey was again the captain as Limerick were crowned All-Ireland champions of 1940. Limerick were top of the hurling world!



Limerick team All-Ireland Champions 1936. Front row, left to right: Dave Clohesy, Timmy Ryan, Paddy Scanlon, Tom McCarthy, Jim Roche, Garret Howard, John Mackey, Mickey Cross, Jackie Power, Paddy Clohesy, Jim McCarthy. Back row, left to right: W.P. Clifford, Martin Butler, P. O'Reilly, Paddy Mackey, Mick Kennedy, Mick Ryan, Mick Condon, Paddy O'Carroll, Mick Mackey, Paddy McMahon, Paddy McSweeney, Charlie Holland, Sgt. Major Browne (trainer).



Limerick All-Ireland Champions 1940. Front Row (L. to R.): Paddy Clohesy, Mick Mackey, Mick Kennedy, Ned Chawka, Dick Stokes, Peter Cregan. Back Row (L. to R.): Mick Hickey, Jim McCarthy, Tommy Cooke, Paddy Scanlon, Tony Herbert, Jim Roche, Paddy McMahon, John Mackey, Paddy Mackey, Timmy Ryan, Dave Hurley, Jackie Power, Martin "Robbie" Lawlor.

Who would have thought that 33 years would pass before Limerick were champions again? In 1973, Eamon Grimes of South Liberties led Limerick to victory over Kilkenny. This team included Richie Bennis, the current Limerick manager-while Kilkenny manager Brian Cody lined out for the Cats.



Above: LIMERICK-ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONS 1973. Back Row: R. Bennis, L. Foley, J. O'Brien, P. Hangan, J. McKenna, E. Cregan, W. Moore, E. Rice. Front Row: S. Foley, M. Donohue, B. Hartigan, E. Gannon, J. O'Connell, E. Keenan, E. Keenan, E. Keenan.

It is now 34 years since Limerick tasted victory in an All-Ireland hurling final...the longest gap between victories in the county's history. It's time to *rewrite* history in 2007!



Limerick City are Mackey Cup Champions

The game of hurling in Limerick city is regularly stated to be in a state of terminal decline. Not on the evidence of the 2007 City team which swept to victory in the Allianz Mackey Cup tournament that took place in May sunshine at Páirc na nGael. When James Carrig accepted the coveted trophy to the delight of a large City following, the meaning of this victory to all involved became crystal clear. A six-year gap had been bridged and the City team left no one in any doubt...hurling is going from strength to strength in the primary schools of the city Division.

Semi-Final 1

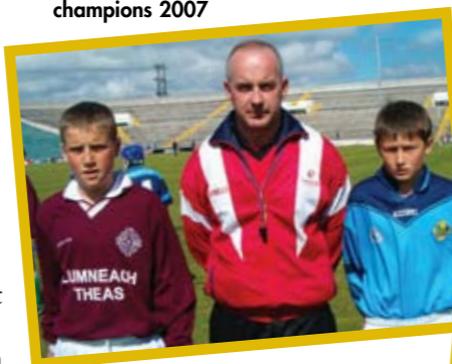
Limerick City overcame a strong West Limerick team on a score-line of Limerick City 3-11: West Limerick 1-4. Turning over with the West ahead by 1-2 to 0-4, the game was finely balanced but the City made great use of the wind advantage. A string of points by Dan Goggin, Ronan Kirby and Kenny Power punctuated by 2 goals from Goggin plus a third from Power sealed the issue. Michael White was lethal from placed balls for the West while Brian O' Riordan, Charlie Mc Carthy and Lucas O'Brien also impressed.

Semi-Final 2

In second semi-final, South Limerick defeated holders East Limerick 4-6: to 3-5. South Limerick led at the short whistle by 1-2 to 0-3. Even though they scored freely, the South boys could never quite shake off the doughty East lads. Two second-half goals from John Fox kept the East in contention and only a point separated the sides with a minute to go. Barry Sheedy had a personal tally of 1-2, while Conor Clancy, Kieran Cleary and Martin Reilly each raised green flags for the South lads. Joe Purcell and Pat Ryan scored a brace of points each for the East boys.



Limerick City, Mackey Cup champions 2007



Referee John Sexton meets the captains before the South v East semi-final



Br Dormer presents Allianz Mackey Cup to City captain James Carrig

The Final:

Limerick City 3-9: South Limerick 1-2 "Tús maith leath na hoi-bre" and the good start was at least half the work for the City team. Playing into the breeze, the City hit the ground running and grabbed the initiative from the word go. Dan Goggin settled City nerves with two early points. And when Diarmuid Dee's 65' went



straight to the South net, the outcome was rarely in doubt. South Limerick tried their hearts out and Conor Clancy struck for a fine goal just on the stroke of half time. The spine of this City outfit was strong, from John Tuohy in goal, through full back James Carrig, centre back Bryan Griffin, Diarmuid Dee and William O'Donoghue at midfield, and with Kenny Power and Dan Goggin interchanging in the central attacking positions, City dominance throughout the field

was complete. South Limerick faced an uphill task in the second half. Playing into a strong breeze, with the sun shining straight into their eyes, Dean Coughlan, Conor Clancy and Martin O'Reilly were tireless workers but the City were not to be denied. Their penchant for long-range points, taken from all angles, was a most pleasing feature of the performance of City forwards such as Kenny Power, Cian Lynch and Ronan Kirby, who flighted home points with radar-like precision. When David Small cut inside to fire home goal number three, the City celebrations were unleashed. Ollie Coffey's charges were unlucky to meet a City combination in irresistible form but never once did the South boys allow their heads to drop. On the day, they had no answer to the superior physique and skill of the City lads. **G&W**



East Limerick 2007 Mackey Cup Team

South Limerick, runners-up



Après Match

After the final, Brother James Dormer of Cumann na mBunscol presented the Allianz Mackey Cup to City captain James Carrig of Patrickswell NS. Brother Dormer paid tribute to referee John Sexton who was excellent throughout. He also thanked all four teams for making the tournament such a success. He praised the teachers throughout the city and county who promote Gaelic Games and thanked the parents for their support. Brother Dormer thanked Limerick County Board for making Páirc na nGael available and reminded all present how much it means to play in such a magnificent stadium.

Behind the Scenes

The City team were organised, mentored and coached by a team of selectors that included Paul O'Connor and Ciarán Crowe (Patrickswell N.S.), John Tuohy (St. Paul's N.S.), Joe Lyons (Ballybrown N.S.) and Limerick City Hurling Development Officer, Pat Culhane. Cumann na bBunscol Cathair Luimní acknowledge the generosity of Partrickswell GAA Club who made their facilities available for all the City team's training sessions.

Look Who's Reading The G&W

Anna Geary... (All) Star Quality!

Enda Kenny, leader of Fine Gael with Limerick's leading magazine



Charlie Bird proudly displays his personal copy of The Green and White Magazine at Patrickswell NS

The Gooch reading The Green and White Mag at the PG Launch



GAA President Nicky Brennan catches up on his reading



Cork camogie star Anna Geary

Anna Geary listens to the music of The Killers, never misses an episode of "Desperate Housewives" and relaxes by walking her dogs Buddy and Bobby.

Her favourite food is pizza and her all-time favourite movie is "The Shawshank Redemption". Oh, did I mention that she is an All-Star camogie player who won Player of the Match in the 2006 All-Ireland final when helping Cork to victory? She studies Business in University of Limerick and is top of her class when it comes to the business of winning camogie honours.

But Anna takes success in her stride. The Green & White Magazine can exclusively reveal that she hasn't got a swelled head. Well, she couldn't have because Anna has worn the same helmet since she was six!

Surprise, surprise...Croke Park is her favourite venue--while Brian Corcoran and Linda Mellerick are her hurling and camogie heroes.

Other sports? Roy Keane is a favourite, of course. (Is there a Cork theme running through this!) But, she is human, after all. She doesn't drive. Well, where would she find time to learn?

We asked Anna what words of advice she had for young GAA players and readers of the Green & White Magazine. She said, "If you want to succeed, you've got to be committed. No half-measures."

And that's sound advice indeed, no matter what your field of interest.

Dympna and Anna enjoy The G&W



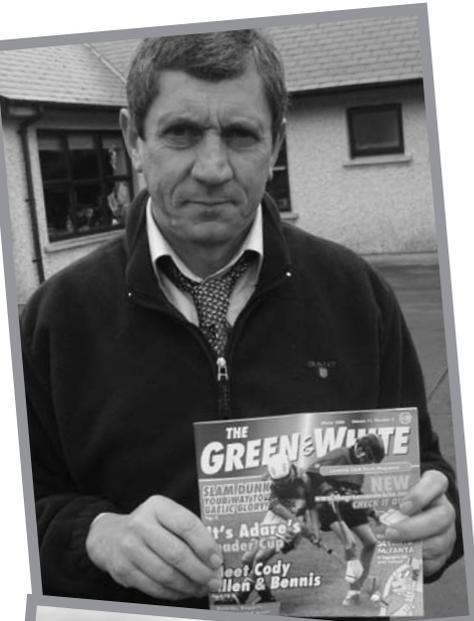
Ballybrown NS, city representatives in the INTO mini Sevens at Neville Park, Rathkeale

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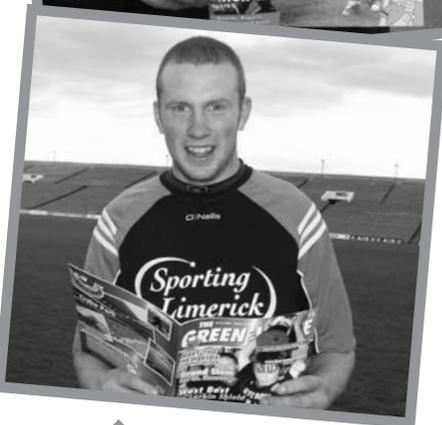
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Also lots of fun snippets!



Wayne McNamara reading The G&W



East Schools Review



Busy Man!

Brother Dormer of Doon CBS, Chairman of Limerick Cumann na mBunscol, was recently elected to represent primary schools on the Munster Council of the GAA. Brother Dormer is a native of Dublin but he has nurtured inter-county hurling talent in Waterford, Limerick City and Doon. Among his past pupils are Dan Shanahan and Dave Bennett of Waterford and Michael Fitzgerald of the current Limerick squad.

Doon CBS teachers, Emer Carroll and Joanne Breen, with Paul O Connor from Patrickswell, Limerick Primary Go Games trainers



Galway Native Wears the Green and White of Limerick

Jonathan Dervan who teaches in Killinure National School is a member of the 2007 Limerick Intermediate Hurling squad. Jonathan, a Galway native, plays his club hurling for city side, Claughaun. He is also selector for the Limerick Primary Go Games hurling and football teams. Jonathan has been very involved in East Limerick primary schools games since he arrived in Killinure and is currently an officer of East Cumann na mBunscol.



East Limerick Neville Cup Team 2007

Scoil Chaitriona, Cappamore at the Camogie Mini 7's Finals



West Schools Review



Meet Dympna O'Brien

The All-Star who has starred for Limerick and Ireland

The Warm-up

Bank official, Dympna O'Brien has made a big name for herself in the world of sport—both nationally and, in recent times, internationally. Dympna first came to the attention of The Green and White when she was a primary school pupil at Ballyhahill NS. That was over ten years ago, but even back then we tipped Limerick's "Little Miss Dynamite" for the top!

On the Field

Among the highlights of her career, Dympna lists being named a ladies football "All-Star" and playing (and scoring) for her country in the most recent International Rules series v Australia. Dympna's favourite footballers are Cora Staunton and Kieran McDonald (both of Mayo), however, when asked who has had the biggest influence on her career, she gives the credit to her mother, to Mr Diarmuid Cahillane of Ballyhahill N.S. and to



Limerick and Ireland star Dympna O'Brien Shes Green and White... and Dynamite

all her coaches through the years. The revamped Gaelic Grounds is her favourite venue. Dympna also plays camogie and the occasional game of soccer.

Off the Field

The CD currently in favour in Dympna's Peugeot 206 is U2-18. When relaxing after training, she enjoys socialising, meeting new people and watching TV (Podge and Rodge are among her favourites). And, where does she get her energy? "Well, my favourite food is pasta," explained the all-action All-Star who has done her county proud.



Wayne McNamara of Adare and Limerick

Scoil Iosaf Adare at the Mini 7s Co Finals



"Wayne Mac"

Wayne McNamara of Adare who made his senior debut for Limerick (v Kilkenny) at Nowlan Park in the 2007 National Hurling League, is rated one of the most promising young hurlers in the county. In a Green and White feature in 2003, we asked Mark Foley to name his "tip for the top" and Mark had no hesitation in naming Wayne as his choice. Wayne comes from a family steeped in hurling. His sister Grace is a member of the Limerick camogie team (2007 League Champions!). Wayne attributes much of his success in hurling to the influence of Mrs. Kennedy who was principal of Shountrade NS during his primary school days. Wayne is now a member of the senior Limerick panel, as is Peter Lawlor, grandson of the aforementioned Mrs. Kennedy.

Ace Handballer!

West Limerick scored a double lately when adding the Eithne Neville Cup for camogie to the Larkin Shield for girls football. Martina McMahon of Croagh N.S. starred on both teams. Martina is also World Champion at handball! Cumann na mBunscol is very anxious to encourage handball in primary schools. West Limerick has a great tradition of handballing excellence. The Green and White would like to hear from any readers who play handball with either school or club. D.J. Carey and Joe Quaid, inter-county stars of the recent past, attributed much of their success to reflexes honed in the handball alley.

South Schools Review



Andrew "Shaugh's" O'Shaughnessy

Ace marksman, Andrew O'Shaughnessy has featured regularly in The Green & White since 1996, when he was a primary school pupil in Kilmallock BNS. He blazed a trail of glory then, playing for his school and his club and captaining South Limerick divisional sides. Andrew is one of the few players to have played for Limerick Primary Game teams for two years. With four appearances for the Limerick Primary Game team, he is the most "capped" player at that level. (Nowadays, Primary Game appearances are limited

to one per player). One of his most treasured possessions is the Limerick Leader Cup medal he won with Kilmallock BNS in 1996. Ever since his days in primary school, Andrew has been renowned for his lethal finishing. As Limerick's foremost "dead-ball" exponent, the choice of hurley is of crucial importance. Nothing is left to chance as Andrew practises sideline pucks, long-range and close-in frees. Pictured here is one of Andrew's favourite hurleys. Of course, as an officer in the Irish army, he is a marksman supreme off the field too!



▲ Andrew O'Shaughnessy's hurley



▲ City v South at the 2007 Neville Cup



▲ Go Games Boys & Girls Footballers from the South, West, East & City Divisions

Pipped at the Post!

South Limerick reached the final of the 2007 Eithne Neville Cup by defeating Limerick City 5-5 to no score in the semi-final. South captain, Kirsty O'Carroll was

one of the shining lights on the South team who lost to an in-form West Limerick side in a high-scoring final.

City Schools Review



▲ 2007 Mackey Cup--the St Paul's N.S. Connection

City Mackey Cup Squad

At an open-air Awards Night arranged to coincide with a Limerick Senior Hurling training session at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick S.H. goal-keepers, Brian Murray* and David Bulfin presented the Mackey Cup winners medals to the following players: Mark Buckley, Dan Goggin, William O'Donoghue (JFK Memorial NS), Cillian Enright (Monaleen NS), Donal O'Connell (Kildimo N.S.), James Carrig, capt., Keith Cawley, Andrew Carroll, Keith Dundon, Cian Lynch (Patrickswell NS), David Dempsey, Eoghan Keogh (Scoil Chríost Rí), Brian Griffin, Kenny Power, Paul Joyce

(Ballybrown NS), Diarmuid Dee, Ronan Kirby, Stephen Hartnett, (St. Nessian's NS, Mungret), David Small (An Mhodscoil), John Tuohy, Brendan Moran (St. Paul's NS), Martin Noonan, Kevin O'Connell (Pallaskerry NS).

The City team's Selectors/Coaches/Organisers were: Paul O'Connor, Ciarán Crowe (Patrickswell NS), John Tuohy (St. Paul's N.S.), Joe Lyons (Ballybrown N.S.), Pat Culhane (Limerick Hurling Development Officer) and Dave Bulfin (Mungret & Limerick goal-keeper, and teacher at Patrickswell NS).

*(formerly a star-player with the City Mackey Cup team)

Pat Brings New Schools on Board

Limerick City Hurling Development Officer, Pat Culhane, is doing great work in fostering hurling throughout the city. Evidence of this success can be seen in the presence of several new schools in the Cumann na mBunscol leagues, three of which are pictured here. Among the teachers on Pat's team are Denis O'Connor (Milford N.S.), Muirne Bennis (St. Paul's N.S.) and Eibhear O'Dea (An Mhodscoil). Pat also works with city clubs in his role as Development Officer. When not coaching hurling teams or attending meetings about hurling, how does Pat like to relax? He gets away from it all...by lining out with the Ahane senior hurlers!

All Go...with Go Games!

24 teams, 12 pitches, 12 referees, 240 players and almost 40 games of hurling all add up to one great feast of hurling! The Under 10 Primary Go Games Blitz at Old Christians' grounds in Rathbane is the success story of 2007. Every player played at least 3 full matches and every child was awarded a medal for taking part. Limerick City Cumann na mBunscol have asked us to thank Pat Culhane for the role he played in the organisation of the day's events.



▲ Limerick School Project



▲ Gaelscoil Seoirse Clancy



▲ Scoil Mháthair Dé ▶

THE GREEN & WHITE Prize Crossword

To enter Competition 33, 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 23.

No. 33

Trasna

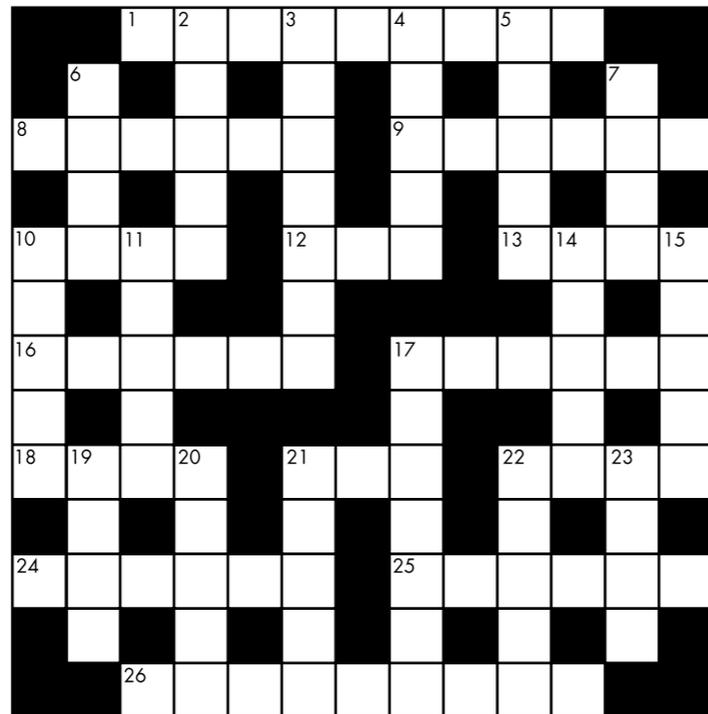
- 1 SAM NO CHIP hides what the Bruree hurlers are! (9)
- 8 Biblical "Land of Milk and Honey," A, AN, CAN? (6)
- 9 Limerick hurling captain in 2006 (1,1,4)
- 10 Fr. Casey's GAA club is in which Limerick (regional) division? (4)
- 12 Games Promotion Officer or General Post Office, initially? (3)
- 13 A word that usually follows "Hoola"? (4)
- 16 Newspaper title, "The Limerick -----"? (6)
- 17 A good egg sinks, a rotten one ----- (6)
- 18 Wrongdoings, confessed at confession (4)
- 21 Dismantle a GUN and turn it into an antelope? (3)
- 22 Where a bat hangs out... and Batman hides out! (4)
- 24 The world's second largest country (6)
- 25 Food: hunger = drink:(?) (6)
- 26 Web-slinger, a.k.a. Peter Parker! (9)



26 Trasna:
A Marvelous Hero

Sios

- 2 Blood pump! Symbol of love? (5)
- 3 Richie Bennis is one, so is Alex Ferguson...and Mick O'Dwyer(7)
- 4 A short introduction! (5)
- 5 The "Pole" Santa Claus and polar bears live near (5)
- 6 Something baked for a birthday or a celebration (4)
- 7 The disc or shiny circle artists paint above saints' heads (4)
- 10 Cardiff is its capital? (5)
- 11 Costa del Sol, Real Madrid, King Juan Carlos—name the country (5)
- 14 Ronan (1,4), Munster and Ireland rugby star (1,4)
- 15 Blend A STEP with care and it turns into sticky stuff! (5)
- 17 A word that describes the indirect movement of a butterfly in flight (7)
- 19 VAIN first name for a Russian—he was Terrible! (4)
- 20 A sticker attached to the top right-hand corner of an envelope (5)
- 21 A word that goes before Canal, Prix, Canyon and National (5)
- 22 The most populous country on Earth (5)
- 23 A container for flowers (4)



Scribble Box



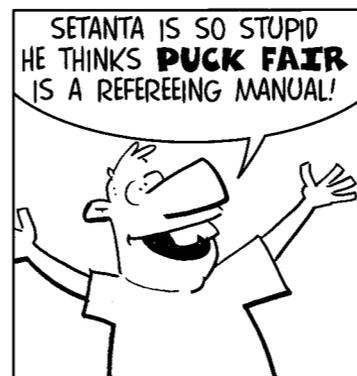
14 Sios:
Kick for touch?

CARTOON CORNER



Confused? Look up "bas" pronounced "boss" in the Irish/English dictionary. Ed.

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The Green and White Gallery



Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny gets a few tips on the art of hurling from Gary Kirby



Patrickswell NS take a break during Mini 7s Co Finals



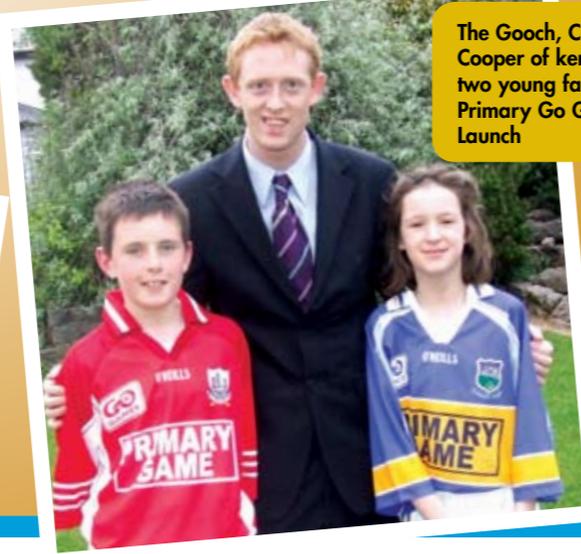
Limericks No. 1 VAN!



Ballybrown NS Girls on a Slippery Slope



Stephen Lucey gets The G&W treatment from Joe Lyons



The Gooch, Colm Cooper of Kerry and two young fans at the Primary Go Games Launch

In off the Post!

Showcase



Drawn by: Kim Harrison, St. Pauls School

To showcase what you can do, send your drawings and jokes to **The Green & White**

A chairde,
At a recent meeting, a member of the Hurling Development Committee suggested a possible photograph for the cover of the next Green & White Magazine. Why not have all the teams competing in the various school hurling finals lined up just as the Senior County hurlers lined up for the photograph used on the cover of the summer issue of 2006, Vol. 10 No. 3? This could be organised the day of the Mackey Cup, or some similar occasion.
Pat Culhane,
Hurling Development Administrator,
Limerick City

Great idea! And one we will follow up in the near future. (Ed.)

Crossword No. 32 Winners

The lucky winners are:

Greg Lynch, Murroe N.S., Murroe, Co. Limerick
Eimear McCarthy, Cloverfield, Dromkeen, Co. Limerick
Fiona Hannon, Kiltiplan, Clarina, Co. Limerick

Crossword No. 32 Answers

Trasna: 1 Caribbean 8 Expand 9 Orange 10 lthe 12 And 13 Even 16 Pandas 17 Runner 18 Twat 21 Web 22 Isle 24 Editor 25 Colour 26 Gladiator
Sios: 2 Adare 3 Indians 4 Broad 5 Ahane 6 Exit 7 Ogre 10 Input 11 Honda 14 Venus 15 Nurse 17 Rebecca 19 Wide 20 Total 21 World 22 Igloo 23 Loud

Dear Editors,
How many players are on the new Primary Go Games teams?
Donal Kiely,
Grange, Co. Limerick

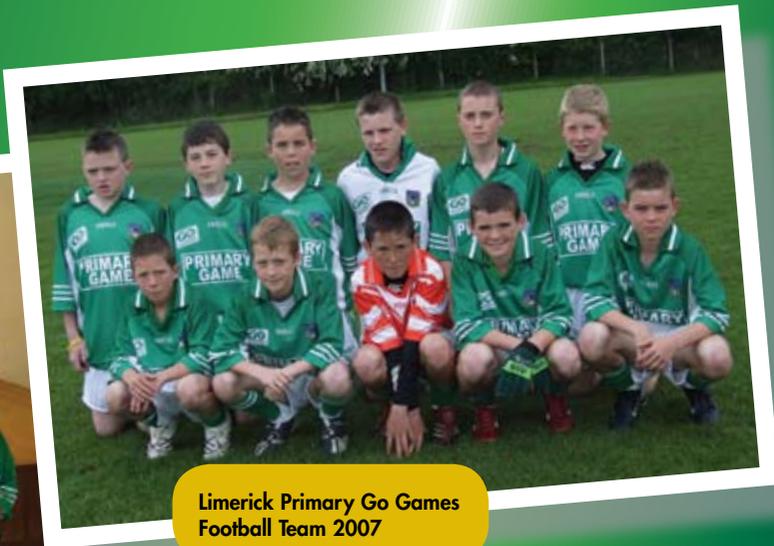
Ten. The players are selected as follows: 3 each from the teams that contest the divisional final—and 2 each from the losing semi-finalists. 6th Class players only are considered. And, only one player per school is allowed. One linesman is also selected from among the ranks of the losing semi-finalists. The spirit of Primary Go Games is to give the honour of representation to as many different schools as possible. (Ed.)

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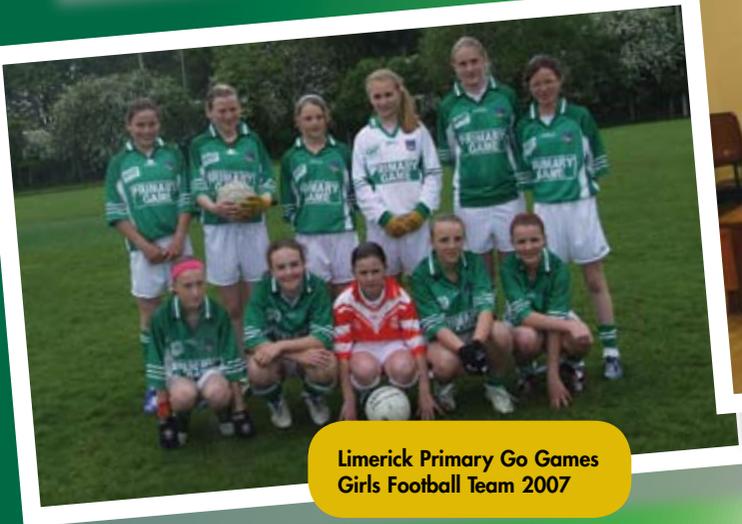
The **BACK DOOR**



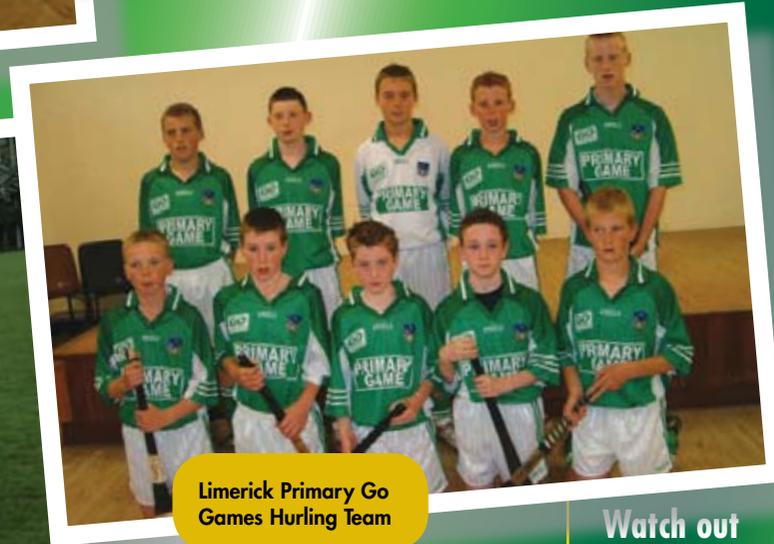
Limerick Primary Go Games Camogie Team



Limerick Primary Go Games Football Team 2007



Limerick Primary Go Games Girls Football Team 2007



Limerick Primary Go Games Hurling Team

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