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Ballybrown NS win the Leader Cup

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Niamh Mulcahy**



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The Throw In

When you read this issue of The Green and White, you'll have a winning feeling because this magazine is full of Limerick success stories. Hats off to Limerick camogie: All-Ireland Intermediate champions, All Ireland Minor champions, All Ireland Junior champions– and Division Four winners to boot! Don't forget the Limerick minor hurlers who repeated their deeds of 2013 and once again defeated Waterford in a replay in Semple Stadium to win the Munster title. Hopes were high that the All-Ireland title might follow but Kilkenny put paid to that dream. TJ Ryan and his senior hurlers gave Kilkenny the fright of their lives before going down by two points in a semi final played in torrential rain. Brian Cody acknowledged afterwards how Limerick gave the Cats their toughest match on their way to another All Ireland title. Seámus Hickey was named Personality of the Year by the Gaelic Writers Association. Shane Dowling was nominated as Young hurler of the Year and was unlucky to lose out but Seámus and Shane were named in the Opel GPA All-Star hurling team. In November, some of their Limerick teammates brought further glory to the county when Kilmallock defeated Cratloe in a thrilling Munster Hurling Club Championship final.

Let's not forget the boys and girls who play in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol competitions. This issue is packed with details of Gaelic Games in schools in all corners of Limerick. Ballybrown NS won the Olo Cup and the Leader Cup, bridging a 13 year gap. The girls of Killoughteen National School just couldn't stop winning in both hurling and camogie while Limerick City captured the Mackey Cup and West Limerick retained the Eithne Neville Cup.

Everybody who puts on a school jersey and enjoys sport in the company of school-friends is a winner. We salute you all.

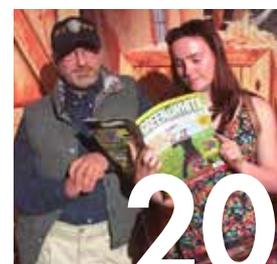
This is the first issue of the school year, our 19th year. Our biggest problem is not what material to include. It is what to leave out. It is mind-boggling how much is happening in Cumann na mBunscol throughout Limerick, in schools big and small, urban and rural. A special *go raibh maith agat* to Melissa and all at O'Leary PR for photos of the Opel GPA awards, to Jerome O'Connell of the Limerick Leader, to everybody who supplied photos, results or articles and to all the members of the Green and White team who contributed to this issue.

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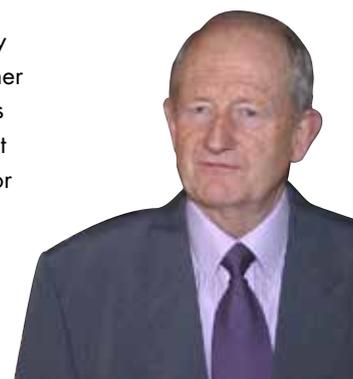
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Front cover photo: Action from the 2014 Leader Cup final at Limerick Gaelic Grounds. Photograph courtesy of the Limerick Leader

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Play and Stay with the GAA



The GAA, together with the University of Stirling (Scotland), are piloting a programme on Youth participation in Gaelic games. The project, endorsed by the GAA Management Committee, aims to explore new ways of ensuring that as many people as possible opt to "Play and Stay with the GAA".

A Limerick Play & Stay programme was organised at U.L. North Campus each Friday evening from September 26th to December 12th. It was open to boys aged between 12 and 16, no matter what their hurling ability. Hopefully, this initiative will increase the number of young people participating in Gaelic games. We look forward to hearing more...

2014 All Star Nominations



Seven Limerick players were nominated for the 2014 GAA/ GPA Hurling All Stars. (When the award-winners were announced, Hickey and Dowling were adjudged to be the best players in their positions in the country.)

Backs: Richie Mc Carthy, Seamus Hickey and Wayne McNamara

Midfield: Paul Browne and James Ryan

Forwards: Declan Hannon and Shane Dowling

High Scorer

Shane Dowling finished in the top six Championship scorers in hurling in 2014. His total of 4 -36 in four games gave him an average score of 0-12 per match which was the highest of any player in the 2014 All-Ireland series. Seamus Callinan of Tipperary amassed a total of 9.50 (77 points in total) over seven matches, with an average score per game of 11 points per game

Fondly Remembered

John Allen will always be fondly remembered in Limerick as the manager who led Limerick hurlers to victory in the 2013 Munster Championship. Having recharged his batteries over the last 12 months, John is now assisting the hurlers of Carlow. Carlow County Board approached him to act as an advisor to new senior hurling boss Pat English.



Hickey - Award Magnet!

Seamus Hickey just can't help picking up awards. The man from Murroe-Boher was named Man of the Match for his display in the Munster Championship v Tipperary. He was selected as Opel GPA player of the month for August for his deeds against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland hurling semi final. Seamus was awarded the inaugural Hurling Personality of the Year award at the Cadbury Gaelic Writers Association Awards in Dublin in October- not to mention an All-Star award.



“

We'll be looking forward to next year, maybe not now but there will come a time in the next few weeks when next season can't come quick enough.

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Seamus Hickey speaking about 2015 immediately after last August's Limerick v Kilkenny All Ireland semi final.



Cumann na mBunscol News

Allianz 
Cumann na mBunscol

Brother J.L. Dormer

The AGM of Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh was held recently. Brother Dormer from Doon CBS was re-elected as Rúnaí. Brother Dormer is also Uachtarán of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta. Brother Dormer was Runaí of Limerick City

Primary Schools Board during the 1970's while a teacher in CBS Sexton Street. Later, while Principal in Lismore CBS, Brother Dormer was Secretary of West Waterford Cumann na mBunscol. On returning to Limerick in 1993, he became an officer of East Limerick Cumann na mBunscol and has continued to serve in various roles since then.

Growing Numbers

Almost every school in Limerick city and county plays in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol leagues. Approximately 120 schools are now affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh. Cumann na mBunscol organises boys and girls football, hurling, camogie, handball and rounders as well as indoor hurling.

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol has a National Website

On the national stage, Cumann na mBunscol has a new website. Have a look for yourself at: www.cnmbnaisiunta.ie



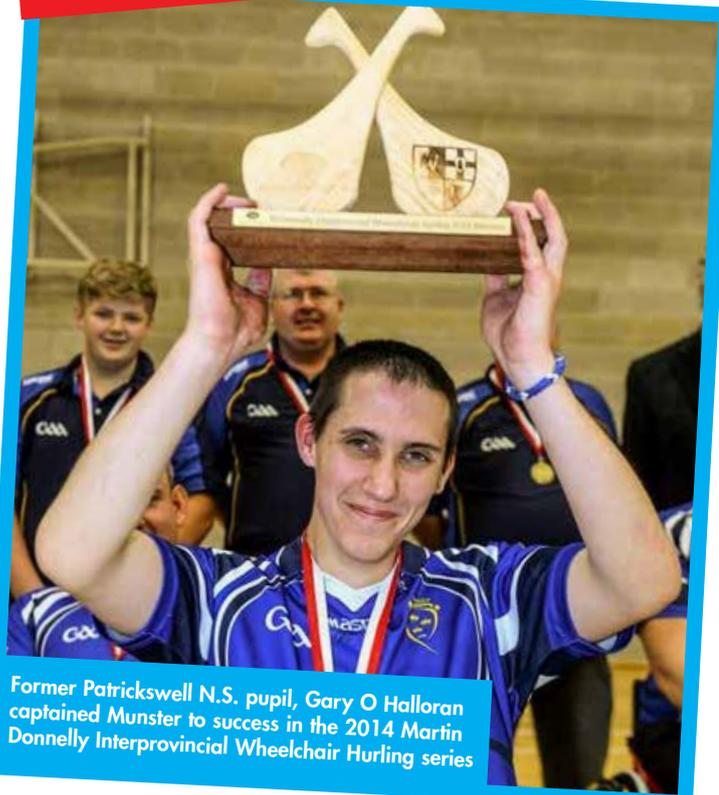
Former Cumann na mBunscol player, Shane Dowling played in the Primary Game in 2006. He won an All Star in 2014.

Keep Up!

Want to keep up with what's happening in primary schools' GAA in Limerick? Log onto www.thegreenandwhite.com and check out our Blog. The link is on the homepage.



Patrick Lenihan loves playing for Croagh NS, one of more than 120 schools taking part in the Limerick Cumann na mBunscol leagues



Former Patrickswell N.S. pupil, Gary O Halloran captained Munster to success in the 2014 Martin Donnelly Interprovincial Wheelchair Hurling series



Killoughteen NS, West Limerick Division 4 winners

Incredible Opportunities

An interesting fact to emerge from a recent meeting of Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan is that 440 boys and girls played in the 2014 Primary Game series, sponsored this year by Shannon Airport. No other sport offers such an opportunity to young players.

G&W **Spotlight**

Shane Dowling



Shane Dowling

Shane Dowling is one of the best young hurlers in the country. He won the Hurling Skills award at Féile in Kilkenny in 2003. Earlier this year, he received his first All Star award. Let's find out a little more about Shane...

Name: Shane Dowling

Nickname: The Dow

Club: Na Piarasaigh

Schools: Scoil Chríost Rí and Ard Scoil Rís

Favourite singer: James Blunt

Favourite movie: Big Daddy

Favourite TV show: The Simpsons

Favourite holiday resort: Lanzarote

Favourite meal: Steak & roasties!

Shoe size: 13

Height: 6 feet

Pet: Whiskers (a cat!)

Hobbies: Hurling, horse racing

First experience of hurling: Street leagues, aged 6

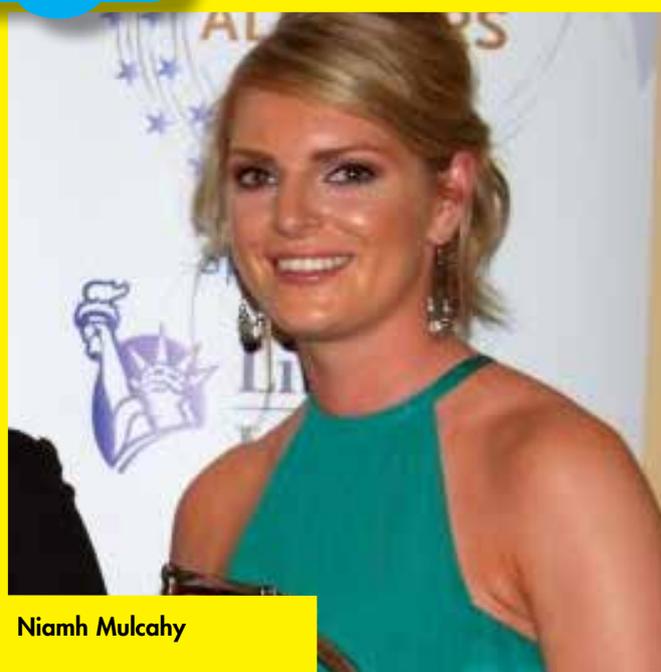
Favourite position on a hurling team: Wing forward

Hurling highlights to date: Winning my first club championship with Na Piarasaigh and the Munster Championship with Limerick.

Favourite player from another county: John Mullane (Waterford)

Hurley: I use a 34½ inch hurley

Hurling ambition(s): To win an All Ireland title with my club and with Limerick.



Niamh Mulcahy

Meet Limerick Camogie Star Niamh Mulcahy

In conversation with Alex Connole

Name: Niamh Mulcahy

Club: Ahane

Schools: Lisnagry NS, Castletroy College

College: Mary Immaculate C.E.

Favourite TV programme: Home and Away

Last film you watched in cinema: The Inbetweeners

Favourite Band: Hermitage Green

Car: Ford Focus

All-time favourite DVD or film: Love Actually

Favourite sports star: Jonny Wilkinson (rugby player)

Sporting hero of childhood: Vera Sheehan

What is your favourite position? Centre forward

Highlight of your playing career: Winning the Intermediate All-Ireland with Limerick in 2014

When did you start playing camogie? At age 6 or 7

What size hurley do you use? 32'

What was your favourite subject at school? Maths

Pet(s): A dog called Tucker

Hobbies: Reading, listening to music

Famous relations: Mick Mackey, John Mackey (famous Limerick hurlers)

Advice for young players:

1. Practise striking off both sides
2. Eat the right foods

INTO Cumann na mBunscol Mni Sevens

Croke Park, Here We Come!

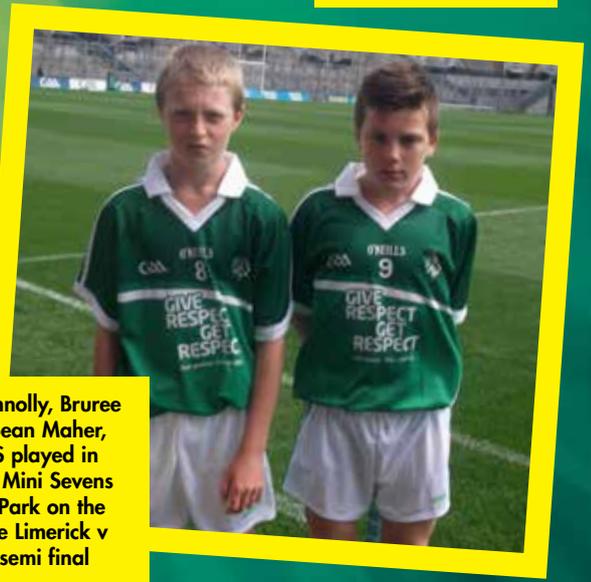
It's a dream come true for any boy or girl who plays Gaelic Games. The INTO Cumann na mBunscol Mini Sevens gives young players the opportunity to play in Croke Park on the day of the All-Ireland final or semi final. The Mini Sevens are played in the spring each year. Teams from all four Divisions in Limerick play in the competitions in boys' football, girls' football, hurling and camogie. The Green and White is fortunate that Brother Dormer of Doon CBS is involved in organizing the Mini Sevens and ensures that this magazine is supplied with photos of the Limerick players.



Cormac Ryan from Doon CBS, Uachtarán Liam O Neill & Noelle Curtin of Templeglantine NS



GAA President Liam O Neill with Sean Maher from Doon CBS at the INTO Mini Sevens in Croke Park



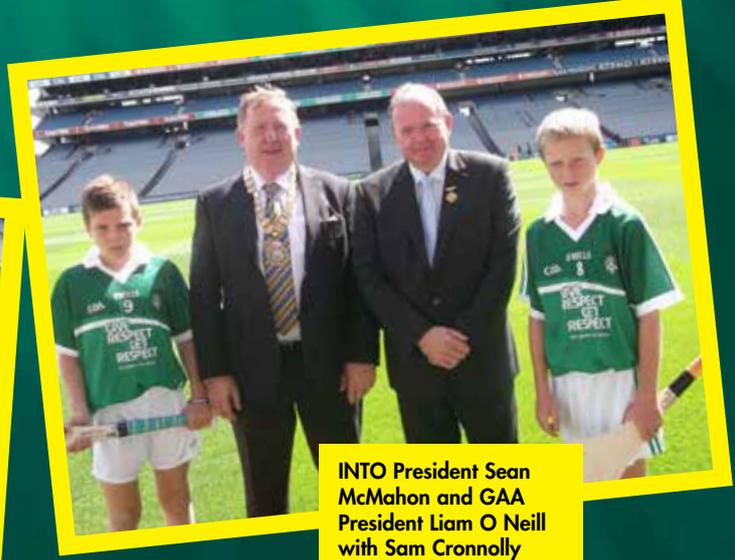
Sam Cronnelly, Bruree NS and Sean Maher, Doon CBS played in the INTO Mini Sevens in Croke Park on the day of the Limerick v Kilkenny semi final



Michelle Fahy, Galbally NS, Ella Whelan, Killougheen NS & Meabh McNamara, Knockea NS played in Croke Park



Tom Marsden from Lisnagry NS who played in the INTO Mini Sevens on All Ireland Football Final day



INTO President Sean McMahon and GAA President Liam O Neill with Sam Cronnelly Bruree NS and Sean Maher of Doon CBS at the INTO Mini Sevens



Killoughteen N.S are Green and White Shield Champions!

by Ella Whelan and Ciara Murphy

On Tuesday 17th of June, 13 girls from Killoughteen N.S. left for U.L to play the East champions, Crecora National School.

Killoughteen NS had a great start with Niamh Foley scoring the opening 2 goals of the game, followed by 2 points by Ella Whelan. At half time the score was Killoughteen NS 2-2 to Crecora NS 0-0. The girls went out in the second half determined to win. In the end we won by a good margin, 3-3 to 0-1.

In the other semi final, An Mhodh Scoil led at half time but Galbally NS, the 2013 finalists, were stronger and won a very exciting game.

The weather was so warm that some of our girls couldn't even stand but they knew that we had to win it for the team and school, so after just 10 minutes of a break we regained our energy and we were ready for the County Final against the South champions, Galbally NS. We knew from



Paul Kennedy presents the Green and White Shield to Killoughteen captain Ella Whelan

their first match they were good but once we stepped on the field that didn't matter. We knew we had to up our game. From the throw-in, everyone gave 100%. At half time the score was very much in our favour as Killoughteen led by 2-04 to 0-0

In the second half our captain Ella Whelan got the first point from play. As the game went on Galbally started to turn the game around as they crept closer to our scoreline and with 4 minutes to go there was only a goal between us. With two minutes to go we were awarded a 45' which was scored by Ella Whelan. Ciara Murphy added to that with a further 2 points from play. In the end we won the game by 2-7 to 2-1 and our captain Ella Whelan stepped up to receive the Green and White

Shield from Paul Kennedy.

Later, after the celebrations, Mr Curtin brought 26 of us to Fun World and Supermacs. It was a great day out!



The Killoughteen N.S. panel was: Sinéad Brosnan, Aoife Brosnan, Cori Dowling, Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Kate Foley, Niamh Foley, Ella Whelan(captain), Holly Meredith, Ciara Murphy, Cliona Blenkinsop, Sophie Liston, Amy Curtin and Edel O'Connor. Mentors: Noel O'Connor and Willie Curtin

What a Year Limerick Camogie

2014 will long be remembered by Limerick camogie followers. It appeared as if Limerick camogie teams just couldn't stop winning and collecting silverware. Here's a brief summary of a Golden Year in Limerick Camogie.



Limerick Intermediate Camogie team in top form



Limerick Minor Camogie Team



Limerick, Junior All Ireland Champions 2014.



Sile Moynihan celebrates All Ireland success with her Limerick Camogie teammates on the pitch in Croke Park

- The Limerick junior team crowned a great campaign when they took the scalp of Carlow to bring another All Ireland title to Limerick. Ger Curtin's team were determined that they would win All-Ireland glory in 2014 and their determination paid off in style.

- Limerick's Junior team also won the Irish Daily Star League Division 4 title as they overcame a strong Kerry side in a replay by 5-5 to 1-10. Ger Curtin's team needed a late point to gain a second chance but made no mistake in the replay.

- The Limerick minor camogie team won the All Ireland title when they defeated Cork in the final. Limerick produced a dominant second-half effort to win the All-Ireland Minor A Camogie title for the first time in the replay at Charleville. The title was also Limerick's first Camogie title of any sort at the Premier grade and Limerick's first top grade All Ireland title in any Gaelic code since the U21 hurlers in 2002.

- Limerick made up for the disappointment of falling at the final hurdle in 2013 to Galway when Joe Quaid's team won the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie final, defeating Kilkenny 1-12 to 0-10 in a thrilling final in Croke Park. Fans finally got to see a Limerick captain ascend the steps of the Hogan Stand as Granagh Ballingarry's Fiona Hickey received the Jack McGrath Cup from Camogie President Aileen Lawlor. Niamh Mulcahy, no stranger to these pages since she was a pupil in Lisnagry National School, was named Player of the Match.

How can you follow a year like that? Simple. Roll on 2015!

Note: With thanks to Limerick Camogie for sharing some of their wonderful photos with us



Caoimhe Costelloe and Niamh Mulcahy with their Rising Star awards

for Camogie!

When they were Younger

Many of the camogie players who enjoyed success with Limerick this year featured in this magazine during their primary school days. Here are a few examples...



The Mulcahy sisters, Claire, Niamh and Judith celebrate Limerick Camogie's All Ireland success in Croke Park



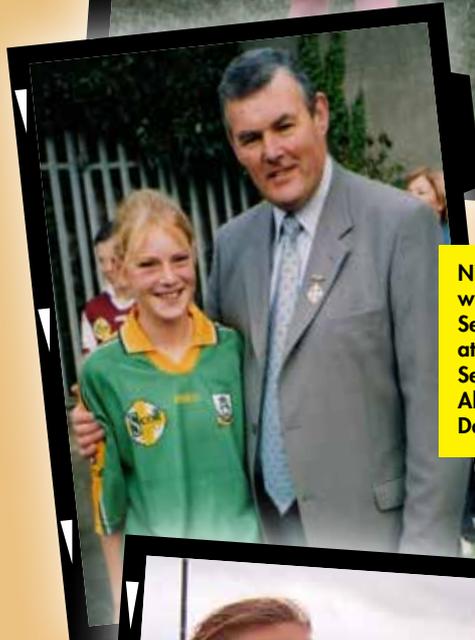
Mairead Clancy & Niamh Curtin show off the All Ireland Junior Camogie trophy



Manager of the Year, Joe Quaid



Dympna O'Brien of Ballyhahill NS pictured in 1996



Niamh Mulcahy with GAA President Seán Mc Cague at the INTO mini Sevens on All-Ireland Final Day in 2001



West captain Rebecca Delee holds the Larkin Shield in 2008

FÓGRA:

Make sure you get your hands on a copy of this year's Limerick Camogie Yearbook. It's an outstanding publication and super value at just €10!

The Primary G

Photos of the rising stars of Limerick GAA from Semple Stadium & Páirc Uí Chaoimh



Primary Game action—Limerick v Tipperary, Semple Stadium, 2014. Sponsor: Shannon Airport.

The 2014 Primary Game series was very kindly sponsored by Shannon Airport. This year, over 440 primary school pupils from schools all over Munster played in the Primary Game. For all the boys and girls, the experience of playing in their county colours in front tens of thousands of supporters is something they will remember for the rest of their lives.



Game

John Moloney from An Mhodh Scoil enjoyed the Primary Game at the Munster hurling final



Larissa Mc Carthy, Glengurt NS played in the Primary Game on the day of the Munster hurling final

Limerick Primary Game camogie team v Cork 2014



Orlaith Kelliher from Kilfinny NS played in the Primary Game at the Munster hurling final



Limerick Primary Game hurling team v Cork 2014



Primary Game action



Limerick Primary Game players enjoying the Munster hurling final

Talking Heads

The Brian Ryan File

Former army officer Brian Ryan made history when he guided the Limerick minor hurlers to back-to-back Munster Championship successes in 2013 and 2014. We met Brian recently and found out a few things we hadn't known before...

Name: Brian Ryan

Nickname: "Wallace" - I'm originally a Martinstown man!

Club: South Liberties

Schools: Martinstown NS & Scoil Pól, Kilfinnane

College: NUIG

Favourite (non GAA) activities: Golf and hill-walking

Favourite food: Bacon and cabbage

Favourite car: VW Sharanne

Favourite TV show(s): Any current affairs programmes, The Sunday Game

Favourite actor: Liam Neeson

Favourite group: Hermitage Green

Favourite holiday destination: Liscannor, Co. Clare

Favourite (non GAA) sports star(s): Brian O Driscoll, Pádraig Harrington

Pet(s): A pony named Pebbles; Molly, a donkey; and a dog called Major!

Favourite Limerick hurler: Eamon Cregan (Cregan, who is standing nearby, chuckles!)

Favourite hurler from another county: Henry Shefflin

First GAA memory: 1971 Munster final

Favourite GAA memory: The Munster Minor Hurling final in 1976. That was in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, to open the pitch. I was on the Limerick minor team and Eamon Cregan was on the senior team. And, of course, last year's Munster MH final!

Size of hurley: 34 inches

Advice to young players: Keep practising skills. Never give up! Even if you're not getting on the team at 9 or 10, keep practising. You will reach your goal.



Paul Beary: In his own Words

Limerick & Na Piarasigh selector/hurling coach, Paul Beary talks about Limerick training and tactics

'A lot of planning goes into every training session and within every training session we try to ensure that no skills are neglected. There will be emphasis on first touch, short ball, long ball, rising the ball on the run and then there will be a tactical element to every training session.'

'At every training session, there will be target practice...frees, sideline pucks etc.'

'Hurling is a highly-skilled game. That is the beauty of hurling. You can never lose sight of that in your training sessions.'

(G&W: Is there such a thing as a Limerick style of hurling?)

'Traditionally, Limerick's style is fast, direct hurling. At the beginning of the year, we, as a management team, sit down to decide on our philosophy on how the game should be played.'

Our own style is a mixture of styles. We try to be direct but we can play it short if the game requires it.'

'Ultimately, we try to move the ball as fast as we can in whatever scenario we are in.'

'In Munster Championship hurling, there can be a gap of 6-7 weeks between matches. That gives you time to think about the opposition, to tailor your game, to tweak things.'

(G&W: What are the skills that you would advise our young players and readers of the Green and White to work on?)

'One of our mottoes with the senior hurlers, and it applies just as much to young players, is that "We want to be the best at the basics." It is important to never lose sight of that.'

'Always practise the basic skills of the game..... striking, jab lift, roll lift, striking off your left, striking off your right. Never lose sight of the importance of the basic skills. If you look at any top sports people, golfers, tennis players, any sport, they are always practising. So, never lose sight of that.'

(G&W: It is often said that there is no ground hurling anymore in the modern game because there is so much emphasis on possession. Do Limerick hurlers practise ground hurling in your training sessions?)

'Yes, we do. As I said, no skill is neglected. Ground hurling is important for forwards running onto breaking ball. Look at the goal Graeme Mulcahy got against Tipperary that was disallowed. He ran onto a loose ball and whipped on the ground. It is important to practise every skill.'



Eamon Cregan on Freetaking

Limerick hurling legend, Eamon Cregan was fascinated with the article about freetaking in last term's issue of *The Green & White*. An All-Ireland winner both as a player and a manager, Eamon was equally comfortable marshalling the Limerick defence or terrorising opposition defences. Here he gives us some of his top tips on striking placed balls over the bar.

G&W: People have been commenting about the unorthodox freetaking style Riche & Gary had...

Eamon Cregan: (Looking at photos of Richie Bennis and Gary Kirby in *GW* #54) Well, they were two great freetakers. They both concentrated on rising the ball well. And look at where the sliotar

is compared to where they're standing. It's at a nice distance for them to rise it and strike it at hip height, to get a clean strike on the ball.

You can tell by the sound alone if the sliotar has been struck properly. If anything gets in the way of a clean strike, even a person's own hip - if they're standing too close to the ball, for example - they stand a chance of slicing the ball. If anything's wrong with the striking, the free won't be accurate or the shot will come up short. I had a problem with my own freetaking once and I asked a golfer friend for advice. He showed me how a golfer slices a golf ball if his club meets the ball at any angle other than straight on. I applied his advice to my hurling and to striking the sliotar cleanly - straight on - and it improved me.

It is hard to change what you do naturally but if it's the right thing to do, you have to do it. This is very important for young players to understand. Sometimes young lads complain, 'It's very awkward, Eamon!' when I advise them how to strike the sliotar properly. Changing something you do naturally probably is awkward, but it's the right thing to do if it makes you better. The only way to make it less awkward is to practise. Practise, practise, practise!

When coaching freetakers, I tell lads to aim at a spot 30 or 40 yards beyond the posts—not at the posts themselves. I remember in 2001, for example - when Limerick played Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, telling Paul O Grady at a crucial stage near the end of the game to aim his free directly at the 'S' in the Supermac's sign which was nearly 40 yards beyond the posts; he did it perfectly to put us ahead and set up the win which was secured by Barry Foley's pointed sideline cut, the last score in the game.

"Aim it right, well past the posts; hit the sliotar at hip height and follow through properly. It's the follow-through that puts over the bar." That's what I always tell players.

GAA News and Social Media

We asked Limerick County Board Public Relations Officer, Eamon Phelan for a few words...

G&W: Well done on reaching 10,000 followers on Twitter last June... (Note: as of December, 2014 @LimerickCLG has more than 12,500 followers).

EP: Thanks. It was a great milestone. Especially considering we were only at 210 followers in 2013! Our next target is 20,000 followers!

EP: The results service via social media is proving very popular. People really appreciate it. I remember one time there was a mistake and some results weren't uploaded... I heard all about it the next day! Every second person I met seemed to mention it! I was at a family gathering one Sunday evening, not so long after that, and I realised that some football results were missing from our results upload. I went home straight away; I knew I had to sort it out immediately or there'd be people all over the county disappointed.

(G&W: Details of all Limerick GAA newsfeeds, results services etc. are on the Limerick GAA website: www.limerickgaa.ie)



All Stars & Rising Stars

As a memorable year for Limerick GAA drew to a close, and the time for handing out awards came around, there was to be more good news for Limerick. Two hurling All Star awards were waiting to make their way to Limerick, along with two camogie Rising Star awards and a Manager of the Year award!



Seamus Hickey & Shane Dowling with their 2014 All Star awards



Intermediate Soaring Stars, Caoimhe Costelloe & Niamh Mulcahy with Manager of the Year, Joe Quaid

2014 Roll of Honour

Hurling All Star award winners:

Séamus Hickey, Shane Dowling

Camogie Rising Star award winners:

Caoimhe Costelloe, Niamh Mulcahy

Manager of the Year award winner:

Joe Quaid

Lisnagry N.S. teacher, Shane McGrath was also an All Star award winner in 2014, following a string of highly impressive performances for his native Tipperary



Séamus Hickey

What a pleasure it was to catch up with Murroe-Boher clubman, Séamus Hickey at a recent Limerick GAA media event. As a boy, Séamus starred in countless football and hurling matches for his primary school, Killinure N.S. and often featured in the pages of this magazine. After graduating from St. Flannan's College, Ennis, Séamus' status as one of the rising stars of Limerick hurling meant regular appearances in *The Green and White* once again.

Nowadays, Séamus is one of the most experienced and important members of a Limerick senior hurling team that's ranked in the top four in the country. His recent All Star award is a fitting reward for his excellence in this year's championship. If everything goes to plan it should be the first of many.

Séamus is a graduate of the University of Limerick. He works for medical technology company Stryker, based in Raheen in the city, where he works as a Design Engineer. His background in biomedical engineering meant Séamus knew exactly what he was facing when he under-



Séamus Hickey poses for the Green & White

went serious knee surgery last year. His inside knowledge undoubtedly helped him recover properly and come back better than ever.

On the subject of the Limerick senior hurling set-up, Séamus cites the great spirit in the squad as one of Limerick's greatest strengths. "It's great to be involved with them!" he says with a big grin (obviously remembering some Dressing Room banter he isn't willing to share with us!) He adds something that isn't often acknowledged, "We've been lucky with our managers. John Allen was an absolute gentleman. Donal (O'Grady) was great. And T.J. is great!"

Let's find out a few of Seamus' favourite things:

Favourite pastimes: Golf, going out for meals with my wife

Favourite food: Bacon and cabbage

Favourite holiday destination: Cancun (Mexico)

Favourite car: A5 Audi

Favourite TV programme/movie: Forrest Gump

Favourite actor/actress: Tom Hanks

Favourite band/group: Foo Fighters

Favourite video game: Assassin's Creed

Favourite soccer team: Manchester United

Favourite non-GAA sportsman: Rory McIlroy

Favourite Limerick hurler: Dodge (Donal O Grady)

Favourite non-Limerick hurler: Paul Murphy (Kilkenny)

Favourite GAA memory: 2013 Munster SH final

First GAA memory: 1994 Munster SH final

Sporting ambition: To win an All Ireland

Size of hurley: 34 and a half inches

Pet: Roxy, a terrier

Shane Dowling surfs the crowd



The Mayor's Cup

2014 Mayor's Cup final: Ballybrown NS (Olo Cup champions) v Limerick City
 Venue: Limerick Gaelic grounds
 Winners: Limerick City
 City selectors: Paul O Connor, Shane O Neill, Ger Downes
 City captain: Adam McNamara (St. Patrick's BNS)
 Special guests: Kevin Sheahan, Chairman of Limerick Council, Oliver Mann, Chairman of Limerick G.A.A. County Board.
 Match report: <http://cumannambunscol.wordpress.com/city/>

Note: A few days later, former Monaleen N.S. teacher, Michael Sheehan was declared Mayor of Limerick City. On the day the Mayor's Cup final was played, however, nobody held the title, 'Mayor of Limerick City.' In these circumstances, Chairman Kevin Sheahan, the First Citizen of Limerick, was the obvious choice to present the cup. It was one of his first duties as the first ever Chairman of the new combined Limerick Council. Presenting the cup to City captain, Adam McNamara, Chairman Sheahan said he was "absolutely delighted" to be invited to the game and that, "The standard of the hurling on display was fantastic!"

2014 Mayor's Cup winners, Limerick City



2014 Mayor's Cup runners up, Ballybrown NS



City captain, Adam McNamara receives the Mayor's Cup from Kevin Sheahan

Action from the Mayor's Cup final- photos by Wanda Dwane



The Generation Game

Ballybrown NS Leader Cup victory spans the generations

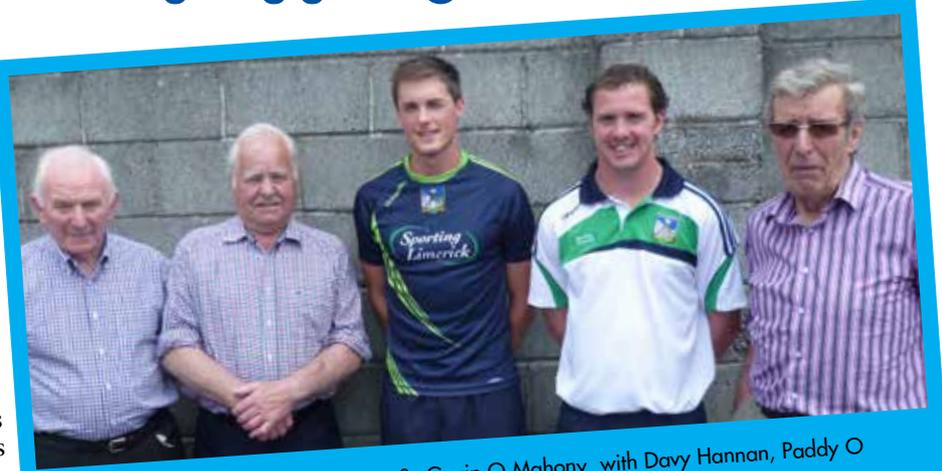
The boys of Ballybrown National School crowned the school year by winning the city Under 13 hurling title for the first time in 13 years before going on to capture the coveted Limerick Leader Cup on a never to be forgotten day in the Gaelic Grounds.

The school held a very pleasant function to mark this great achievement. Limerick hurler Gavin O Mahony presented the medals and other guests included Brother James Dormer who is Uachtarán of Cumann an mBunscol, Ruairi Walsh, Chairman of Limerick City Primary Schools GAA Board and Ger Downes who is Games Development Officer for Limerick City.

'We asked Gavin to present the medals because he captained Kilmallock Boys National School to victory in the Limerick Leader Cup in 2000 so Gavin appreciates the significance of this victory,' said school Principal Joe Lyons. Three special guests were Paddy O Connor, Davy Hannan and Willie Collins who played on the Tervoe National School team that won the Limerick Leader Cup in 1946. Paddy's grandson Aidan O Connor and Davy's grandson Harry Hannan were members of this year's winning team. The three guests, octogenarians all, enthralled the gathering with their vivid memories of the day 68 years ago when they travelled to the Gaelic Grounds, like Matt the Thresher, to do battle 'for the honour of the little village.'

Paddy, whose grandnephews Luke and Barry were also members of this year's team, recalled that the game was played on a Sunday. 'We walked three miles to Mass, went home for our dinner before running back to meet at the Church. That was our warm-up! We travelled by ass and cart but there was no room for all of us so some of us had to run to Clarina Cross to get a lift on another ass and cart.'

St John's CBS were their opponents and so confident of victory were they that they left the Cup at school and didn't bother to bring it to the match venue. But the lads from Tervoe had other ideas. Details of the match itself are sketchy but Davy Hannan recalls stopping at the shop in Mungret where he was treated to ice cream. Unfortunately, this unscheduled stop meant that he was absent when a photo of the triumphant team was taken at the monument in Tervoe. Tervoe Boys and Girls schools amalgamated with Lurriga National School in 1976 and Ballybrown National School came into existence.



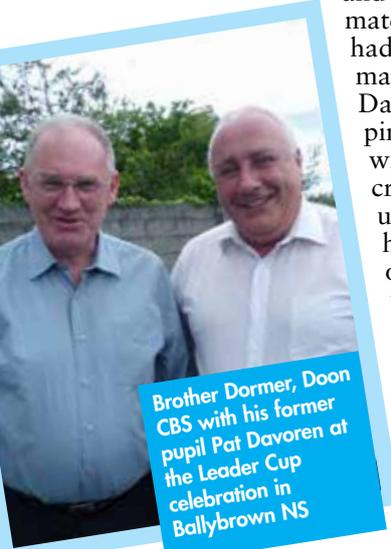
Ger Downes & Gavin O Mahony with Davy Hannan, Paddy O Connor & Willie Collins at Ballybrown NS



Aidan O Connor a member of the 2014 team from Ballybrown NS with his grandfather Paddy who won the Leader Cup in 1946



Davy Hannan and his grandson Harry won Leader Cup medals with Ballybrown NS 68 years apart



Brother Dormer, Doon CBS with his former pupil Pat Davoren at the Leader Cup celebration in Ballybrown NS



Winning captains Dylan Kelly, Ethan Keyes and Barry O Connor display some trophies won in 2014 by Ballybrown NS



Paddy O Connor of the 1946 team with Luke & Barry O Connor who won Leader Cup medals with Ballybrown NS in 2014

Limerick Leader Cup Ballybrown NS



Action from the Limerick Leader Cup final

Ballybrown National School captured the Limerick Leader Cup for the first time since 2001 when they defeated Bruree NS (who last won the Leader Cup in 1997) in the final in the Gaelic Grounds. Ballybrown NS captain Ethan Keyes collected the famous trophy on his 12th birthday.

Ballybrown NS captain Ethan Keyes after victory in the Leader Cup in June



Leader Cup champions Ballybrown NS celebrate



Results

Semi Finals

- 1: Ballybrown NS 5-2 : Doon CBS 3-4
- 2: Bruree NS 0-6 : Courtenay BNS, Newcastle West 0-4

Final

Ballybrown NS 1-7 : Bruree NS 1-2

Cup Victory for

Ballybrown NS, Leader Cup winners with team coaches Barry Lordan and Stephen Hodnett



Barry O Connor in action

Bruree NS captain, John Sheehan and Ballybrown NS captain, Ethan Keyes with referee Mike Flannery before the Leader Cup final



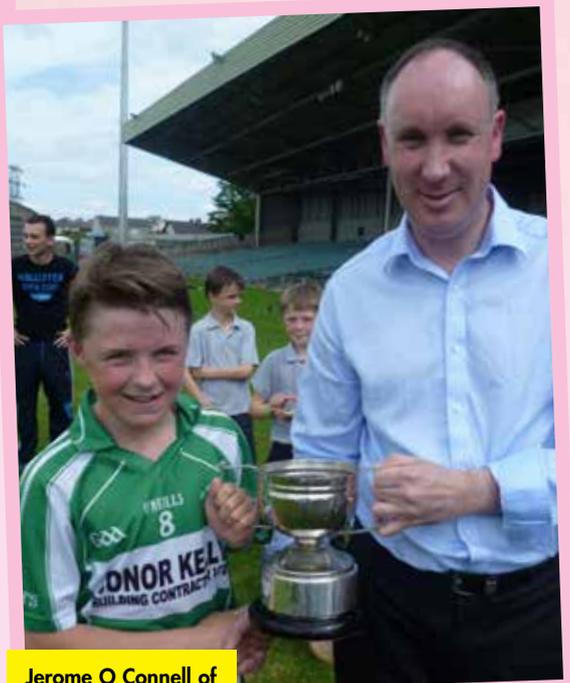
Bruree NS, finalists in the 2014 Leader Cup



Courtenay BNS represented West Limerick



Leader Cup action



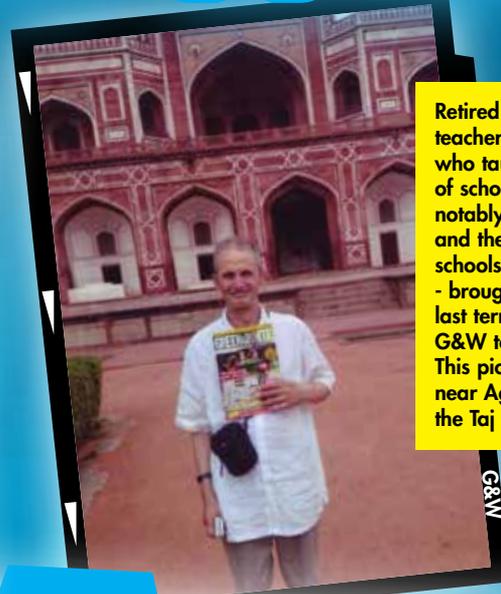
Jerome O Connell of the Limerick Leader presents the Leader Cup to Ethan Keyes

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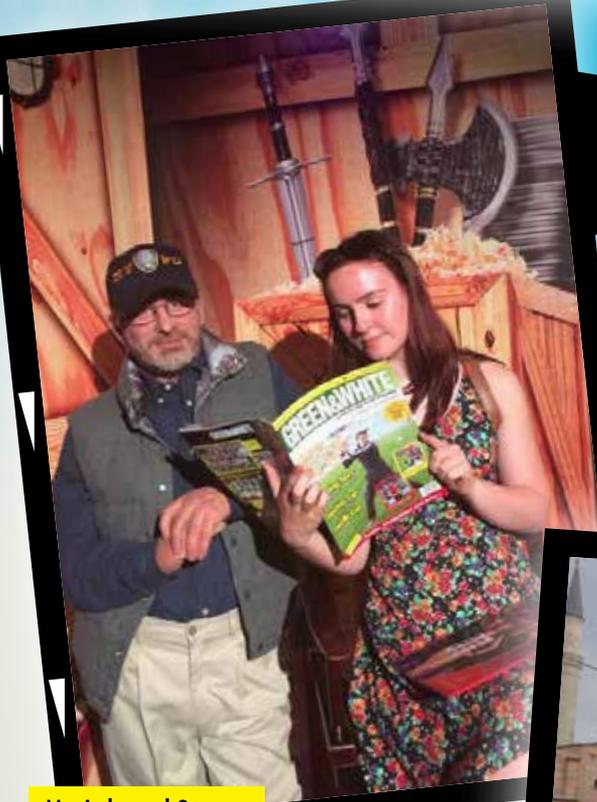
A gondolier in Venice enjoys a reading break! Photo by Ruairi Walsh, St. Paul's NS



Retired primary school teacher Paul Russell, who taught in a number of schools in Limerick - notably St. Senan's CBS and the boys and girls schools in Caherdavin - brought a copy of last term's issue of The G&W to India recently. This picture was taken near Agra, not far from the Taj Mahal.

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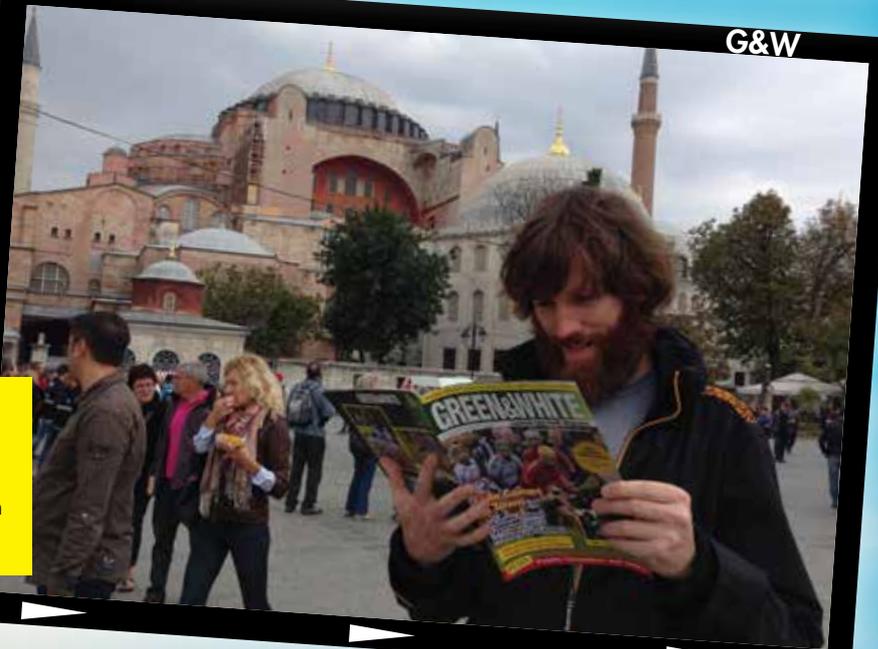


Movie legend Steven Spielberg sneaks a peek at Lucy Ward's copy of The Green & White Magazine in Madame Tussaud's in New York.

Eve of the Munster final, St. Nessian's NS Principal Colm Ward and his daughter Lucy take time out from their visit to the Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts to support the lads in green and white back home.



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Sightseeing can wait when you're catching up with the latest Limerick GAA news! Photo (from Turkey) courtesy of Owen Sheehy, Ballybrown N.S.

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A Limerick lady with a copy of Limerick's favourite magazine at the Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Massachusetts, home of the New England Patriots (American football team) and the New England Revolution (Major League soccer team).



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Jackie McInerney keeps up with all the latest Limerick GAA news on The Rock, near San Francisco, once the most famous prison in the world!

Words of Wisdom

Some interesting things were said before and after this summer's Limerick v Tipperary Munster Championship match...

"Winning takes talent... repeating it takes character."
Limerick manager, TJ Ryan after the victory over Tipperary.

"We'd no other goal at the start of the year other than Tipperary in the semi-final. When you put as much pressure as that on yourself going into a match, it's unbelievable when it comes off. Already we've to start looking forward now. To beat Tipp in a Munster semi-final and not win another match wouldn't be good enough at all."
Limerick wing back, Gavin O Mahony.

"We are the Munster champions. We're not giving up that crown without a massive fight. And we proved that out there."
Paul Browne



We've been looking back for 40 years and it's time to put a bit of belief in this group. Keep our feet on the ground, keep our focus and the sky's the limit.
Gavin O Mahony

"We always knew we were fitter and stronger and we'd drive on. We had everything in the tank we needed to drive on and we proved that."
Paul Browne

The Lundo*n* Eye

By James Lundo*n*



1997 National Hurling League Final

Our last National Hurling League final victory was on October 5th, 1997. It is one that is mostly forgotten by hurling supporters everywhere, even in Limerick. This victory was the final act of a strange year, nay era, for Limerick hurling and the management career of Tom Ryan. Looking back, we were still in deep shock over the heart-breaking near misses of 1994 and 1996. A very meek exit in the championship to Tipperary in June '97 (after a stumbling earlier win against Waterford) was followed by a league semi-final in August, but only after Kilkenny were knocked out of the championship by Clare a few weeks before. It was the only year in the modern era that Championship and League mingled.

The league semi-final was played in Kilkenny. I'm not altogether sure why I didn't go but it was probably because I thought the result - a Limerick loss - was a foregone conclusion. Others must have felt the same because a very small Limerick crowd travelled. A massive surprise ensued when Limerick came out on top by a comprehensive sounding 1-17 to 0-10. Mike Galligan had an absolute stormer that Saturday evening. The League Final (v Galway, in Ennis) was not played for another 6 weeks.

I recall Galway being very warm favourites for the game. Limerick were only there to make up the numbers, or so conventional wisdom went. I had a few quid on the Green & Whites that morning. The late lamented Cashman's of Cork were one of the only native bookmakers who took phone bets on a Sunday. How things have changed with the advent of the web, the ubiquity of betting options in all sports and the availability of all sorts of mobile devices!

The 48-page, standard-sized programme cost £1.50. A picture of Declan Nash executing his trademark handpass graced the front cover. The contents were the standard programme fare of the time. And, in all truth, things haven't changed very much since.

The Vocational Schools Hurling Final was the first game of the day. Cork nicked the title from out under the Galway lads' noses. A portent of things to come?

I watched the game from the riverside terrace.

It was packed so I didn't have the greatest view of proceedings. The weather that day was a bit depressing and the hurling turned out to be not too dissimilar in quality. The game only lit up on rare occasions. Limerick got a fortuitous goal via Mike Galligan in the 22nd minute and stayed ahead for the rest of the game - without the benefit of a Limerick point scored just before half time that was disallowed the referee, for reasons unknown to almost everyone else in the Cusack Park. The second half is hardly worth talking about as it never rose above the mediocre. The final score was 1-12 to 1-9.

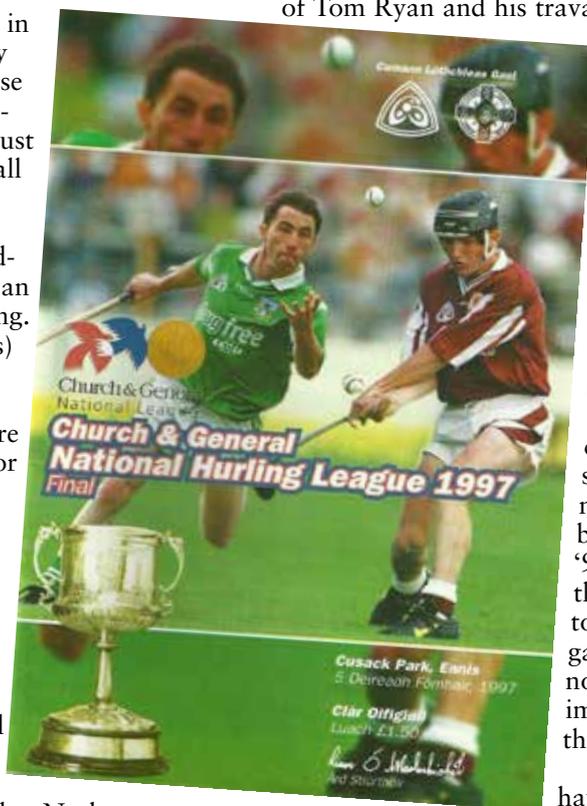
'Tom's Hour of Triumph' was the headline in the next day's Limerick Leader, while the Irish Independent had, "Final Fling for Ryan...". There was as much coverage of Tom Ryan and his travails with the Limerick County

Board as there was of the game itself in the aftermath. It did turn out to be the final fling for Tom - and this team. He remains the last Limerick manager to win a National Hurling League title, our 11th. Limerick captain, Gary Kirby raised the large NHL cup in victory, much to the delight of the green and white army, on a day Limerick strangely offered no substitute a chance to shine.

The 'rebooted' NHL campaign of 1997 was a huge success. Supporters took to the new schedule in massive numbers. Sadly the innovations of '97 have mostly petered out and the League has been 'relegated' to a set of glorified challenge games, with the championship now having even more importance and significance than ever before.

Seventeen years on, Limerick have not added to their tally of NHL wins. In fact, the County's

senior hurlers have spent the last four years in the second tier of the Hurling League, not that it matters much when it comes to championship performances. There is only one game in town these days and that's the championship, no matter how many so-called "experts" argue otherwise. Still, I wouldn't mind Limerick stepping up and winning another league title some time soon. A bird in the (league) hand is still worth two in the (championship) bush!





Fir Ionaid

(14) Richard Burke
R. de Búrca
(Downshire Manor)

(17) Fionnán Gashley
F. Ó Sé
(St. Mary's)

(18) William Burke
L. de Búrca
(Charterhouse)

(19) Michael Healy
M. de Búrca
(Carrigrohane)

(20) Eugene Clonan
E. Ó Cluainín
(Droghda)

(21) Joe Cooney
J. Ó Coillín
(Droghda)

(22) Rory Gashley
R. de Búrca
(St. Mary's)

(23) Alan Kerwin
A. de Búrca
(Droghda)

(24) Fergal Healy
F. Ó Sé
(Droghda)

Gaillimh

Reference: Martin & Gill

1
PAT COSTELLOE
P. Ó Costelloe
(Kesh)

2
GREGORY KENNEDY
G. Ó Kennedey
(Loughrea)

3
LIAM HODGINS
L. Mac Moleiseach
(Moy Dunry)

4
VENNIE MAHER
V. Ó Maheara
(Loughrea)

5
BRENDAN KEOGH
B. Mac Eoin
(Moy)

6
CATHAL MOORE
C. Ó Meara
(Tullaghan)

7
MICHAEL DONOHUE
M. Ó Donnúchú
(Kesh)

8
LIAM BURKE
L. de Búrca
(Moy)

9
NIGEL SHAUGHNESSY
N. Ó Sheathnaigh
(Loughrea)

10
JUSTIN CAMPBELL
J. Mac Colmáin
(Moy)

11
MICHAEL COLEMAN
M. Ó Colmáin
(Moy)

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JOE McGRATH
J. Mac Gráth
(Kesh)

13
DARAGH COEN
D. Ó Conaolaic
(Droghda)

14
JOE RABBITTE
J. Ó Rabhartaigh
(Moy)

15
OLLIE FAHY
O. Ó Fathaigh
(Kesh)



Luimneach

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1
JOE QUINN
J. Mac Quinn
(Farranagh)

2
STEPHEN McDONAGH
S. Mac Donnúchú
(Moy)

3
MIKE NASH
M. de Nasa
(South Liberties)

4
DECLAN NASH
D. de Nasa
(South Liberties)

5
DAVE CLARKE
D. Ó Clárach
(Kesh)

6
T. J. RYAN
T. J. Ó Riain
(Garryglacree)

7
JOHN FOLEY
J. Ó Follaigh
(Kesh)

8
CIARÁN CAREY
C. Ó Cearúin
(Farranagh)

9
SHANE O'RIELL
S. Ó Riellaigh
(Farranagh)

10
MIKE GALLAGHAN
M. Ó Gallagáin
(Loughrea)

11
MARK FOLEY
M. Ó Follaigh
(Kesh)

12
BARRY FOLEY
B. Ó Follaigh
(Farranagh)

13
JAMES MORAN
J. Ó Mórán
(Moy)

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OLLIE MORAN
O. Ó Mórán
(Moy)

15
GARY KIRBY
G. Ó Cearúin
(Farranagh)

Fir Ionaid

(14) Albert Sheehy
A. Ó Sheehy
(South Liberties)

(17) Frankie Carroll
F. Ó Carroll
(Farranagh)

(18) Tony O'Brien
T. Ó Briain
(Farranagh)

(19) David Sheehy
D. Ó Sheehy
(Farranagh)

(20) Alan Byrne
A. de Brínn
(Loughrea)

(21) John Burke
J. Ó Buiré
(Farranagh)

(22) Brian Tobin
B. Ó Tobáin
(Loughrea)

(23) Paddy Coleman
P. Ó Colmáin
(Droghda)

(24) Matt Burke
M. Ó Buiré
(Farranagh)

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LOIMNACH					

1973 National Hurling League Final

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FINAL
i bPáirc an Chrócaigh 13-5-1973



LUIMNEACH v LOCH GARMAN

Vocational Schools All-Ireland Hurling Final

CILL CHAINNIGH v TIOBRAID ÁRANN
(Thuaidh)

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Limerick played Wexford in the NH League final of 1973, in Croke Park. Wexford ran Limerick off the pitch in the second half to record a big victory: 4-13 to 3-7. It was their last of only four successes in the National Hurling League to date. I recently came across the entire game on video in vivid colour, a real treat! Hard to believe that Limerick returned to Croke Park later the same year to record a famous All-Ireland Final victory. The front of the programme shows a clash from an even earlier league final between the same two sides, the 1958 decider, which Wexford also won (by two points), in a game of the ages according to people who were present.

The 12-page programme cost the grand sum of 8 'new' pence. One of the pages is taken up with an advert for Players-Wills, whose best known product at the time was the Gold Flake brand of cigarettes. This was a time before a definitive link between cigarettes and cancer was fully established. It was also the era of the pirate programme; this one (pictured), of a much inferior quality to the official programme, was printed on a single sheet of poor quality paper. It cost five 'new' pence.



CROKE PARK

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FINAL

Wexford v Limerick

SUNDAY, 13th MAY 1973
Reference: F. MURPHY (Cork)

3.30 pm

All-Ireland Vocational Schools H. Final

North Tipperary v Kilkenny

Reference: C. FOLEY (Dublin)

2 pm



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Buataisí Dubha Shéamuis

le Seosamh Ó hUallacháin

Bhí Séamus díreach ar nós gach buachaill eile a bhí 10 mbliana d’aois. Theastaigh uaidh lá amháin imirt sna Gaelic Grounds, Páirc an Chrócaigh agus na páirceanna eile móra GAA timpeall na tíre. Ach an chéad dúbhshlán a bhí roimhe ná cúpla cluiche a imirt ar an bhfaiche ina eastát féin.

Ní raibh Séamus ró óg nó ró lag, chun an fhírinne a rá bhí sé go h-an mhaith ag an bpeil. An fhadhb a bhí ag Séamus ná gur chaith sé buataisí pléinealta dubha. Gach lá ina eastát féin, piocadh dhá fhoireann. Bhí na captaein mar a’ gcéanna i gconaí (an bheirt is sine, Marc agus Máire), agus i gconaí bhí 31 páiste ag lorg cluiche. Phioc na captaein na himreoirí toisc na buataisí a bhí á chaitheamh acu.

“Tógfaidh mise an buachaill sna buataisí dearga Adidas!”

“Teastaíonn uaim an cailín sna Pumas gorma.”

“Tógfaidh mise an cailín ag caitheamh bróga Messi.”

“Beidh an leaid le Rooney’s Nikes agamsa!”

Toisc nach raibh ach péire bróga pléinealta dubha ag Séamus, fágadh chun deiridh é i gconaí. Bhí sé olc a dhóithint bheith fágtha chun deiridh ach níos measa fós, toisc go raibh 31 páiste ag glacadh páirt, bhíodh ar Shéamus a bheith ina réiteoir, lá i ndiaidh lae. Agus é ina réiteoir bhíodh sé ag faire go géar ar na páistí eile, phioc sé suas pé scileanna agus cleasanna a bhí acu. Sna hoícheanta rachadh sé amach ina aonar chun na scileanna agus na cleasanna sin a chleachtadh. Agus, toisc an cleachtadh ar fad seo, bhí sé ag feabhsú an t-am ar fad!

Thosnaigh gach lá mar a’ gcéanna: dhúisigh Séamus go luath, d’ith sé a bhricfeasta go tapaidh agus amach leis - iallacha ceangailte, stocaí tarraingte suas go dtí a ghlúine aige agus é ag caitheamh an geansaí peile a b’fhearr leis... agus níor phioc éinne é don chluiche mór ar an bhfaiche.

Is mar sin a bhí an scéal le fada an lá go dtí gur tharla rud éigin a athródh saol Shéamuis go deo, cé nach raibh a fhios sin ag Séamus ag an am. Tráthnóna amháin agus Séamus ag cleachtadh a chuid scileanna, cé a shíuil tharais ach Shane Dowling! Chonaic sé Séamus ag cleachtadh leis féin agus stop sé chun staidéar níos fearr a dhéanamh air. Tar éis dó leathuair a chloig a chaitheamh á faire, shiúil Shane leis á rá leis féin go raibh an buachaill sin ar fheabhas ar fad.

Dhá sheachtain ina dhiaidh sin bhí Shane Dowling i scoil Shéamuis ag caint faoi iománaíocht agus an tabhacht a bhaineann le bheith ag imirt do do chlub áitiúil. Ansin thóg sé na páistí amach chuig an bpáirc chun cuid dá scileanna a thaispeáint dóibh. Chonaic Shane Séamus - an leaid iontach a chonaic sé ag cleachtadh ar an bhfaiche cúpla sachtain ó shin. D’iarr sé air cabhrú leis chun cuid dos na scileanna a thaispeáint... Ar ndóigh, bhí Séamus thar a bheith sásta é sin a dhéanamh. Rith sé thar na páistí eile go léir chun seasamh

in aice le Shane. Díreach ansin ghlaoigh duine dos na buachaillí ó eastát Shéamuis, “Shane, ná pioc an leaid uafásach sin, níl aige ach péire buataisí pléinealta dubha - pioc mise! Tá Rooney’s Nikes agamsa!” Bheic cailín suas, “Is deas iad Rooney’s Nikes, ach ní faic iad i gcomparáid le mo bhúataisí, cinn Messi. Ba cheart duit mise a phiocadh!” Ba ansin a thug Shane faoi deara go raibh ceann Shéamuis tar éis titim. Thuig sé go raibh Séamus buartha go bpiocfadh sé ceann dos na páistí leis na buataisí ildaite ina áit. Chuimhnigh Shane ar phlean.

“Ceart go leor a pháistí, beidh cómortas againn,” a dúirt Shane, idir Séamus sna buataisí dubha, Marc ins na Rooney’s Nikes agus Máire atá ag caitheamh na buataisí Adidas”. D’eagraigh Shane cómortas bunaithe ar 10 scil difriúla ó phasáil, scóráil pointe ón imirt, pocanna saora agus fiú poc pionóis. Suas ar dtús bhí Marc; ghnóthaigh sé scór réasúnta maith: 22 as a 30. Fuair sé bualadh bos



mór ón scoil ar fad. Ina dhiaidh sin fuair Máire a seans; dhein sí níos fearr fós: 24 as a 30. Bhí Shane an tógtha léi, “ana chailín” ar seisean léi. Ar deireadh tháinig seans Shéamuis. Thosaigh sé ar an gcéad scíl, gan brú ar bith air, fiú nuair a thosnaigh daoine ag béiceadh amach, “Buataisí leadránacha! Buataisí leadránacha!” Ach, bhí Séamus ar fheabhas ar fad agus scóráil sé 30 as 30. Bhí iontas an domhain ar an lucht féachana.

Níor cheap éinne go mbeadh aon mhaitheas i Séamus - Conas go mbeadh? Níor chaith sé riamh ach buataisí leadránacha dubha agus é ina réiteoir aon uair a bhí cluiche ar siúl san eastát! Thug Shane Geansaí Luimní mar dhuais do Shéamus agus, roimh dó an scoil a fhágáil, dúirt sé le gach éinne, “Ní hé na buataisí a dhéanann an t-imreoir, is é an t-imreoir a dhéanann na buataisí!”

Bhí deabhadh mílteach ar Shéamus dul abhaile an tráthnóna sin chun an scéal ar fad a insint dá thuismitheoirí. An mhaidin dár gcionn nuair a dhúisigh Séamus, chuir sé an cheist ar féin: Ar tharla sé sin ar fad nó arbh brionglóid a bhí ann? Don chéad uair riamh bhí sé mall ag éirí. D’ith sé a bhricfeasta go mall sular chuir sé a bhúataisí dubha agus a éadaí spóirt air féin. Má’s é gurbh brionglóid a bhí ann, b’fhearr le Séamus fanacht sa leaba ar feadh tamaillín eile. Shiúil sé amach go mall ag ceapadh go mbeadh sé ina réiteoir arís... Ag an bpáirc baineadh geit mhílteach as. Bhí na páistí eile (30 díobh) amuigh roimhe agus gach duine acu ag caitheamh buataisí pléinealta dubha -gach duine ag súil go mbeadh sé (nó sí) chomh maith le Séamus. Ón lá sin amach níor ghéad do Shéamus bheith ina réiteoir riamh arís.

Joe Houlihan’s short story, ‘Seamus’ Black Boots’ is available in English at: www.cumannambunscol.wordpress.com

Blasts from the Past

We love to publish Limerick GAA photos of historical interest: if you have some you would like to see featured in the G&W, why not get in touch with us at info@thegreenandwhite.com?



For a better look at this page of the Limerick Leader, check out the following link: www.limerickcity.ie/media/hurling

New York Bound

This photo of 1936 All Ireland hurling champions Limerick on board a ship bound for New York was sent in by James London. The following notes arrived with the photo. If you can supply the missing information, please let us know and we will pass on the details to James.

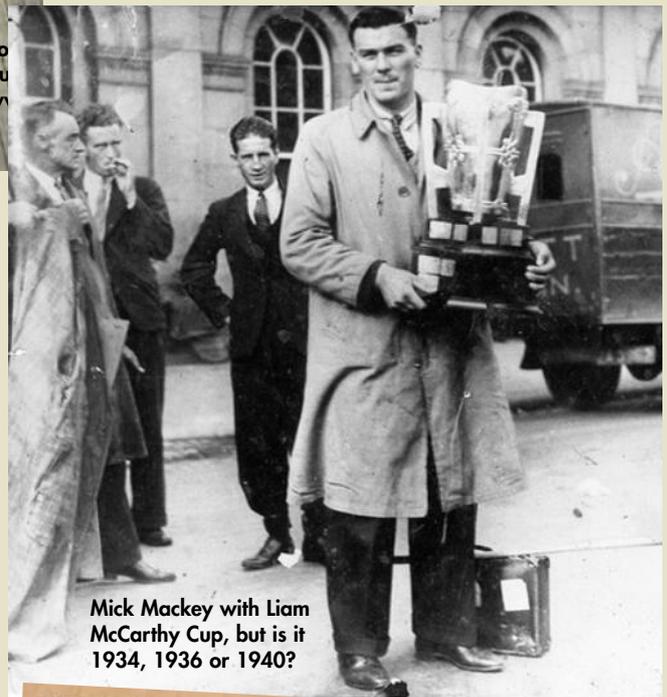
Back Row (L-R): 1. Denny Lanigan (Management) 2. Paddy McMahon 3. Tom McCarthy 4. Gareth Howard 5. ??? 6. Ned Cregan 7. ??? 8. Organiser 9. ??? 10. Mick Mackey 11. John Mackey 12. Mick Hickey 13. Mick Kennedy 14. Paddy Clohessy
 Front Row (L-R): 1. ??? 2. Jim Roche 3. Tom Shinney 4. Mickey Cross 5. Jimmy Close 6. Mick Condon 7. Jackie Power

The tall gentleman is in both the Cavan and Limerick photos; he may be the 'Stateside' organiser.

We have four blanks! Paddy Scanlon and Christy O'Brien are almost certainly in the picture. Therefore, one of the following missed the photo (or, maybe, the trip itself): Timmy Ryan, Dave Clohessy, Mick Ryan.

The team named to play a game in New York five days later was as follows:

- Scanlon
- Ned Cregan, MacCarthy, Kennedy
- Cross, Paddy Clohessy, Howard
- Tim Ryan, Nick Ryan (Mick!)
- John Mackey, Mick Mackey, Roche
- Chris O'Brien, McMahon, Close



Mick Mackey with Liam McCarthy Cup, but is it 1934, 1936 or 1940?



Some well known rugby personalities are pictured in this photograph of St. Mary's C.B.S. Quay Lane, taken after winning the Limerick Leader Hurling Cup in the late 1950's. Back row, left to right: Tom Rowan, Tommy Naughton, Tom Frawley, Paddy McInerney, Pat O'Brien, Joe Begg, Jack Byrnes, Tadgh Mullane, Paddy Hayes. Centre, left to right: Tony Sheedy, Barry Hayes, Pat Cowhey, Denis O'Sullivan, Liam Hall, Barry O'Sullivan, John Kiely. Front: Pat McNamara, Tom Canty.

WEST SCHOOLS

PHOTOS FROM WEST LIMERICK SCHOOLS

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Ahalin NS hurling team were Division 3 Winners



Croagh NS hurling team were Division One runners up



Foynes NS, football team 2014



Iománaíthe Ghaelscoil O Doghair a bhuaigh Roinn a Dó san iománaíocht in Iarthar Luimnigh



Kilfinny NS were runners up in Division 4 hurling



Runners up in Division Two were Ballingarry NS



Shanagolden NS enjoyed the West football leagues in 2014



The boys of Raheenagh NS and Ashford NS were Division 3 runners up

SOUTH SCHOOLS

PHOTOS FROM SOUTH LIMERICK SCHOOLS

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Bruree NS girls team celebrate



Bruree NS, winners Roinn A south Limerick football 2014



Herbertstown NS who won Roinn C girls football, defeating Athlacca NS in a replay



It was a great day for Knockainey NS when Patrick Reale played in the Primary Game on Munster hurling Final day



Knockainey NS celebrate victory in the South hurling competition



Lough Gur NS girls football team



Ready for action in Lough Gur NS



Ryan Tobin, Garryspillane, a former star of the South Limerick primary school leagues in action for Limerick

RESULTS

County Competitions

Limerick Leader Cup: Ballybrown NS
The Green and White Shield: Killoughteen NS
Neville Cup: West Limerick
Mackey Cup: Limerick City

INTO Mini Sevens

Hurling: Doon CBS
Boys football: Lisnagry NS & Scoil Chríost Rí, Caherdavin shared the title.
Camogie: Templeglantine NS
Girls football: Killoughteen NS

Limerick City Hurling

	Winners	Runners up
Under 13 Hurling A (Olo Cup):	Ballybrown NS	Milford NS
Under 13 B:	An Mhodhscoil	St Patricks BNS
U13 C:	St Brigids NS	CBS Sexton Street
U11:	Patrickwell NS	St Nessans NS, Mungret
Camogie U13 A:	An Mhodh Scoil	St Pauls NS

East Limerick Hurling and Camogie

The Allianz Cumann na mBunscol 2014 East Limerick Hurling/Camogie finals took place in UL on Monday the 9th of June. Over 160 children took part in the finals day and although some left soaked to the skin from torrential rain showers, everyone left with a smile on their face. Winners and losers were treated to a great day out and played their part in a very successful day. Special thanks to all the teachers involved in preparing teams and coaching the skills of the game throughout the year. Thanks to parents, supporters, the organisers of the schools competitions, to the referees on the day Mike Flannery and to the groundstaff at UL for the use of the fabulous facilities for the finals day. Thanks also to all the other schools in East Limerick who participated in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol competitions this year, not everyone can make the finals but there can be no finals without good competitive leagues. The games were all keenly contested and a great advertisement for the progress that is made in underage development in County Limerick. Well done to all involved.

12-a-side Camogie Final
 Crecora NS 6:0 Tineteriffe NS 2:0

13-a- side Hurling Final
 Doon CBS 4:7 Lisnagry NS 3:5

9-a-side Camogie Final
 Knockea NS 3:3 Killinure NS 2:1

11-a-side Hurling Final
 Killinure NS 4:7 Ahane NS 3:5

9-a-side Hurling Final
 Murroe NS 7:5 Bilboa NS 1:2

7-a-side Camogie Final
 Ahane NS 4:4 Murroe NS 3:3

7-a-side Hurling Final
 Caherelly NS 4:8 Barna NS 4:6

West Limerick

Indoor camogie/hurling
Camogie: West and County winners: Templeglantine N.S
Hurling: West winners: Croagh NS

Hurling/Camogie Results

Hurling:
 Div. 1 (13-a-side): Winners: Courtenay School N.C.W
 Runners up : Scoil Íósaf, Adare
 Div.2 (11 -a-side): Winners: Gaelscoil ó Dóghair
 Runners-up: Ballingarry N.S
 Div.3 (9-a-side): Winners: Ahalin N.S
 Runners -up: Raheenagh NS & Ashford NS combined
 Div.4 (7-a-side): Winners: Killoughteen N.S
 Runners -up: Kilfinny N.S

Camogie:
 Div.1 (10-a-side): Winners : Killoughteen NS
 Runners -Up: Croagh N.S
 Div.2 (7-a-side): Winners: Ardagh N.S
 Runners-Up: Kilfinny N.S

Mini-Sevens
 Boys Football: Ardagh NS
 Girls Football: Winners : Killoughteen NS
 Runners up: Athea NS
Hurling: Winners: Adare NS
 Runners up: Shoustrate NS
Camogie: Winners: Templeglantine NS
 Runners up: Kilfinny NS

South Limerick

Boys Football
 Roinn A: Scoil Dean Cussen Bruff 6-5: Kilmallock NS 2-1
 Roinn B: Bruree NS 4-8: Galbally NS 0-3
 Roinn C: Ballyagran NS 5-3 Ballylanders NS 1-7
 Roinn D: Ardpatrick NS 5-2: Glenbrohane NS 3-5
 Roinn E: Glenroe NS 8-5: Knockadea NS 6- 7

Hurling
 Roinn A: Bruree NS 1- 6: Scoil Dean Cussen. Bruff 0-5
 Roinn B: Croom NS 5-4 : Kilfinane NS 4-2
 Roinn C: Knockainey NS 2-3 : Herbertstown NS 1-4
 Roinn D: Bulgaden NS 9-5: Ardpatrick NS 3-5
 Roinn E: Glenroe NS 5 -0: Lough Gur 0-2

Girls football
 Roinn A: Galbally NS 6-8: Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff 0-3
 Roinn B: Knocklong NS 1-1: Bruree 0-3
 Roinn C: Herbertstown NS 2-5: Athlacca NS 3-2
 (Replay Herbertstown NS 2-2: Athlacca NS 0-7)
 Roinn D: Kilbehenny NS 10-3: Glenbrohane NS 1-4
 Roinn E: Knockadea NS 6-11: Lough Gur NS 1-4

Camogie
 Roinn A: St Ann's NS, Charleville 5- 5: Galbally 1-0
 Roinn B: Bruree NS 2-3: Knocklong NS 2-2
 Roinn C: Effin NS 5-6: Ballyagran NS 1-4

Fógra

As usual, the results of this term's Limerick Allianz Cumann na mBunscol divisional and inter-divisional finals will be published in next term's issue of The Green and White Magazine.

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Gallery



A message of support to Donal O Grady from the Sheahans



Cuimhnigh ar Luimneach! Maria Allen sent us this fine photo of two diehard Limerick fans thinking of Limerick during last summer's Mongol Rally



Limerick fans raise their green & white flag at the Gates of Hell in Turkmenistan



Davy Fitz was shot



Solid as a Rock! Limerick supporters in Gibraltar



Mr Tayto loves Limerick! Photo courtesy of Majella Scanlon via Twitter



Recently retired Waterford hurler, Lieutenant Stepen Molumphy in combat gear



Our Nation's Sons is a collection of large portraits on display in Limerick City. A clever photoshopper adjusted this one!

If you would like to submit photos for inclusion in the G&W Gallery, post or e-mail your photos to us (our contact details are printed on Page 2). Original photographs will be returned to their owners.

THE GREEN & WHITE PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 55

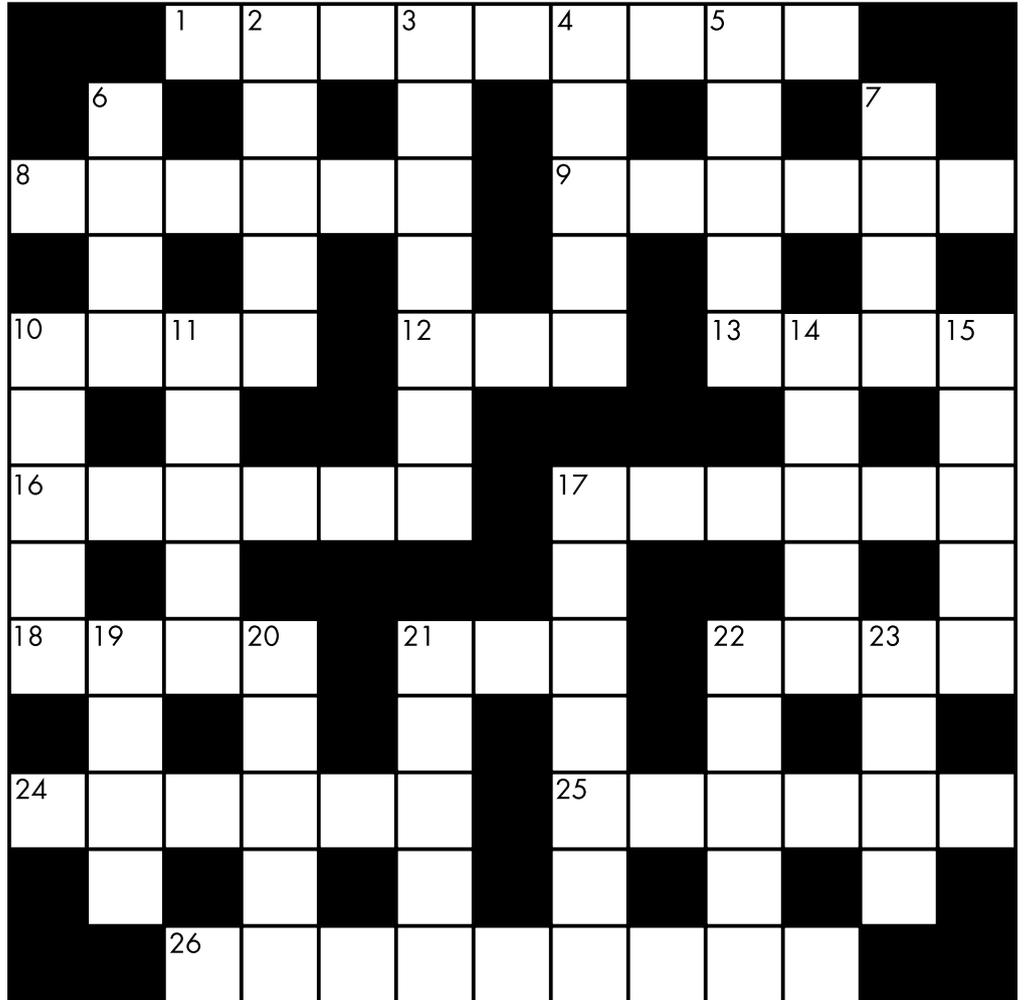
To enter Crossword Competition 55, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White**, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. See page 35 for last term's answers and winners.

TRASNA

- 1 A native Australian person (9) 
- 8 Opposite of 'passed'? (6)
- 9 Nickname for Munster Champions, Kilmallock [The 'B CABLE! ' (6)
- 10 As well, too (4)
- 12 Lunch, as Gaeilge (3)
- 13 Without feeling (4)
- 16 A game played with rackets (6)
- 17 A mouse-like pet (6)
- 18 In Spongebob, Sheldon Plankton's main rival is a ----? (4) 
- 21 What's cartoon-dog Scooby's second name? (3)
- 22 Short for Anthony? (4)
- 24 A fruit beginning with 'O' (6)
- 25 Surname of Jedward & Limerick hurling captain in 1973 (6)
- 26 ...Also known as Rainbow Looms and Twistz Bandz? (5,4) 

SÍOS

- 2 The bear in The Jungle Book (5)
- 3 D SLIDER? Puzzles? (7)
- 4 The capital of this African country is Libreville. NO BAG? (5)
- 5 Synthetic material used for making long stockings (5)
- 6 Hurling has a sliothar: soccer has a ----? (4)
- 7 15 GAA players = ? (4)
- 10 Space under the roof, a loft for example (5) 
- 11 Daidí na Nollag, San Nioclás (5)
- 14 Sportswear company (5)
- 15 ?Neety, ?Brown, ?Landers (5)
- 17 A country defeated by Ireland in both rugby & soccer in 2014 (7)
- 19 Scarce - like hen's teeth! (4)
- 20 A game where No. 3's a Cup of Tea & No. 4's a Knock at the Door! (5)
- 21 An idea or story that occurs during sleep (5)
- 22 Between second and fourth (5)
- 23 Video game: ' ---- for Speed' (4)



Scribble Box



20 Síos
Two and Zero, Twenty

CARTOON CORNER



Reader Art

Drawn by RoCro

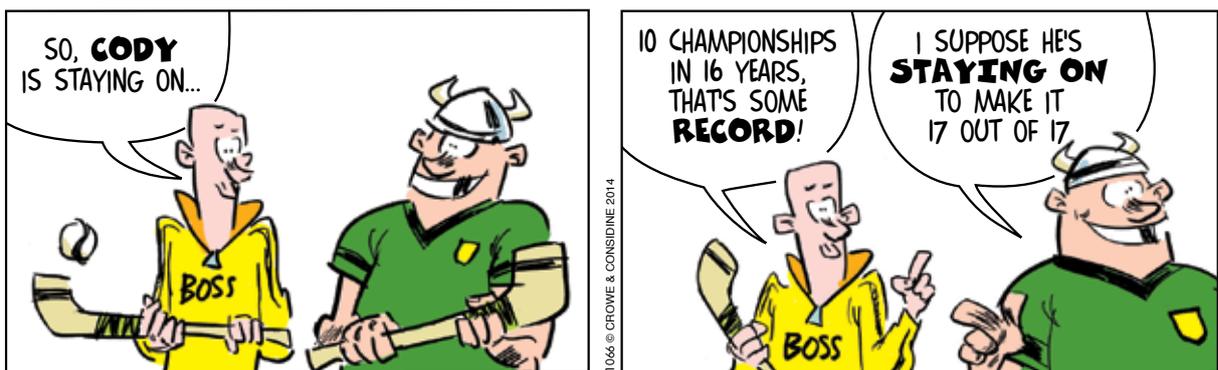
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A LEGEND IN HIS OWN HELMET



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FUN & GAMES



Anagram Fun with Limerick G.A.A. Stars!

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|----------------|----------------|
| Shy Car Area | (camogie star) |
| Mary Jeans | (hurler) |
| Jan H Loving | (footballer) |
| Human Clay Him | (camogie star) |
| Any Rain? | (footballer) |
| U.N. Power Lab | (hurler) |

Those Were the Days!

Spot the Limerick Minor Hurlers* as Primary School Stars



Answers: (but not in order!) Cian Lynch, Patrick O Loughlin, Ronan Lynch, Barry Nash

Caption Winner

Remember Ref, we're on the same side! We're wearing the same jerseys today! "

The winning caption was supplied by Iarla Mac an tSaoi, iarlamac@yahoo.com

What Club?

1. Mike Houlihan
2. Donal O Grady
3. Mark Foley
4. Dympna O Brien
5. Eamon Grimes
6. Michelle Casey
7. Séamus Hickey
8. Leonard Enright

A. Ballyhahill, B. Patrickswell, C. Adare, D. Kilmallock, E. Murroe-Boher, F. Kileedy, G. South Liberties, H. Ballingarry

Answers: 1D, 2H, 3C, 4A, 5G, 6F, 7E, 8B



The 'Yes or No' Quiz!

1. Are Ballylanders the reigning Limerick senior football champions?
2. Are Fr. Casey's the reigning Limerick senior football champions?
3. Are Na Piarsaigh the reigning Limerick senior hurling champions?
4. Are Kilmallock the reigning Limerick senior hurling champions?
5. Are Limerick the reigning senior All Ireland camogie champions?
6. Are Limerick the reigning intermediate All Ireland camogie champions?
7. Are Limerick the reigning junior All Ireland camogie champions?
8. Are Limerick the reigning minor All Ireland camogie champions?

Answers: 1. Yes 2. No 3. No 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes 8. Yes Lynch, Barry Nash



In off the POST

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Crossword 54 Winners:

Brian and Conor Foley,
 Knocknagurteeny, Murroe, Co. Limerick

Crossword 54 Answers:

Trasna: 1 Spectator 8 Brazil
 9 Racket 10 Gaga 12 Úll
 13 Rita 16 Apache 17 Native
 18 Days 21 Son 22 Chat
 24 Zambia 25 Thomas
 26 Croke Park

Sios: 2 Pizza 3 Culture 4 April
 5 Oscar 6 Breá 7 West
 10 Grand 11 Grady 14 Irish
 15 Agent 17 Non Stop* 19 Adam
 20 Sober 21 Shark 22 Choir
 23 Alan

*Thanks to everyone who got in touch to say that the box for the 's' in 'non-stop' was shaded black (in error) in our last issue.

Crossword No. 55

To be in with a chance of winning a prize this time out, send a photocopy of your completed crossword to The G&W, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick. Alternatively, you can fax your answers to: 061 355978, or e-mail them to: info@thegreenandwhite.com

Dear Sirs,
 I liked the article about the famous free-takers in the last Green & White. It was very good. I would like to take frees for my team one day.
 Seán O Dea, Newport, Co. Tipperary

A chara,
 I have enjoyed reading copies of your magazine on the internet. It's great to keep up with what's happening on the local GAA scene when you are away from home. Keep up the good work.
 John Paul O'Connell, Chartham, Canterbury, Kent CT2

Shauntrade NS who played in the Ard Scoil Ris Blitz



Ardagh NS won the West Limerick Division 1 camogie title



The girls of Killoughteen NS West Division 1 and county camogie winners

The Green and White @LimerickGAAzine · 11h
 @ponyyelof MANY thanks for your kind words this evening - & 4 your support in the early days! Gr8 2hear Ur a fan of Setanta & the cartoons!
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cliona foley @ponyyelof · 4h
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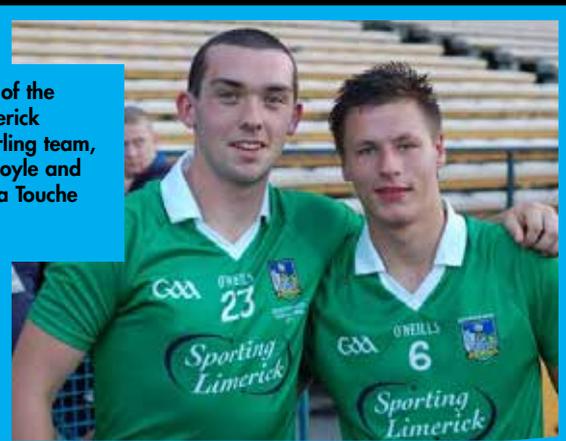
Limerick's Ciara O'Brien celebrates All Ireland Under 14 football success with her parents



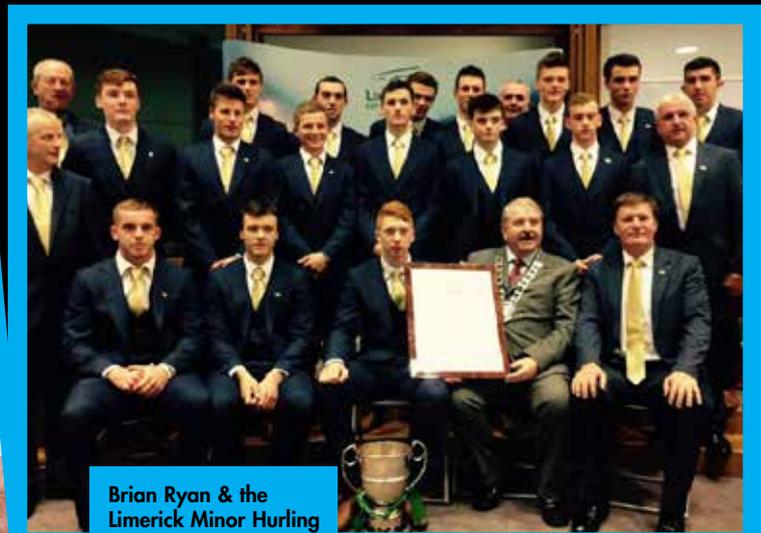
Limerick ladies- 2014 Under 14 All Ireland champions

All Ireland Glory for Limerick's Under 14 Girls Footballers

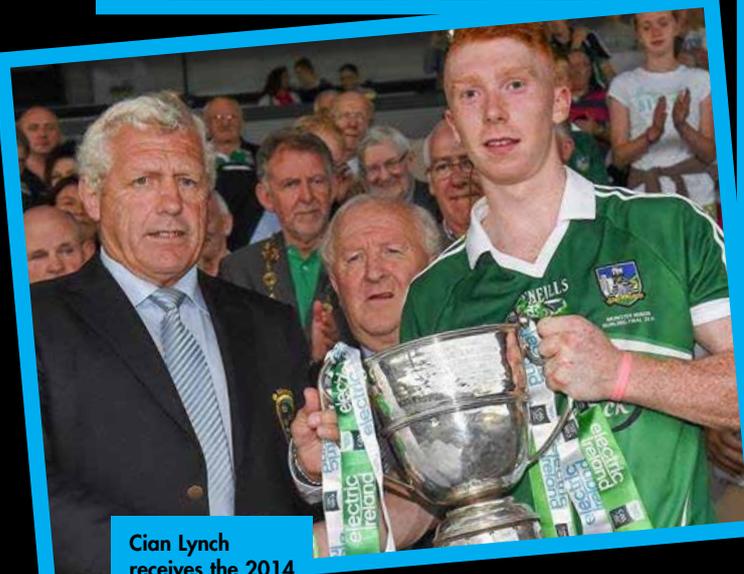
Two stars of the 2014 Limerick Minor Hurling team, Edward Doyle and Andrew La Touche Cosgrave



Munster Minor Hurling Champions on the Double!



Brian Ryan & the Limerick Minor Hurling team were honoured by Limerick Council in November. Council Chairman, Kevin Sheahan, was Master of Ceremonies.



Cian Lynch receives the 2014 Munster Minor Hurling Cup

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