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Throw In

Another school year has come and gone. The end of a school year is a time to look forward with hope. It's also a time to reflect on the many happy memories of the past year. And that's exactly what we do in issue number 39 of The G&W.

GAA 125

It's a significant year in the GAA world. 125 years young and meeting new challenges every day. Clubs and schools have marked this milestone in all kinds of different and innovative ways. We read about some of them in this issue and, in doing so, we get an insight into life as a goalkeeper on the Limerick Senior Hurling panel from Mungret's David Bulfin. We also meet some famous Golden Oldies and not-so-oldies who reminisce about their lives in the GAA.

C'mon Camán

We also meet a young Limerick star. David Wixted of Crecora NS not alone won a Sarsfield Cup medal with East Limerick this year but he also achieved fame when he was the overall winner of RTE's hurling series, "C'mon Camán". David shares his never-to-be-forgotten memories with readers of "The Green and White" in this issue.

Roll of Honour

Also in this issue, we look back on a hectic term on the playing fields. East Limerick added the Mackey Cup to the Sarsfield Cup. West Limerick retained the Eithne Neville Cup without conceding a score.

Magnificent Sevens!

The INTO Mini Sevens were as exciting as ever with a large number of schools competing. Boys and girls from the winning schools will get the opportunity to play in Croke Park on All-Ireland semi-final or final day.

Star Sunday Primary Game

The Primary Game jersey is the most sought-after fashion item among young followers of Gaelic Games. This year is no exception. The chance to wear the Limerick jersey in Semple Stadium on Munster Championship day is given to very few but, in 2009, 44 boys and girls achieved this honour before the month of June was out.

No doubt many of them will wear the Limerick jersey on other auspicious occasions in the future.

Luimneach abú,

Ciarán Crowe & Joe Lyons/Joint Editors

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Asian GAA Logos

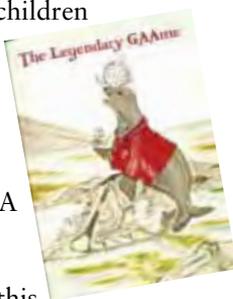
125 years after the GAA was founded in Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, hurling and football clubs are to be found in every corner of the world (with the possible exception of Antarctica.) Here's a look at three interesting club logos. They belong to clubs operating in the Asian GAA leagues, namely: Hong Kong GAA Club, Qatar GAA Club and Arabian Celts from Saudi Arabia.

Have you, or your family, connections with these or any other 'off-shore' GAA clubs? If so, we'd love to hear your stories.

New Children's Book

A new book, 'The Legendary GAAme' has just been published and is now widely available. It is a full colour, illustrated, rhyming children's book on GAA stars of the past and present. It is probably best suited to children between the ages of 4 and 8. There aren't many GAA books for this age group so this book certainly fills a gap in the market. Young readers learn about their GAA heroes who are thinly disguised as friendly members of the animal kingdom.

Characters include DJ Cat (DJ Carey, Kilkenny), Barney Broc (Barney Rock, Dublin), Whelehan Wolfhound (Brian Whelehan, Offaly), Jimmy Barry Seal (Jimmy Barry



Murphy, Cork), The Connelly Bears (Connelly Brothers, Galway), Ducksy Walsh (Ducksy Walsh, Kilkenny) Jamsie Sparrow (Jamsie O'Connor, Clare), Cora Deer (Cora Staunton, Mayo) Cormac Bull (Cormac McAnallen, Tyrone) Pat Fox (Tipperary), Jack King Puck (Jack O'Shea, Kerry).

The book costs €6.50 and a percentage of the profits go to the Cormac McAnallen Trust.



Arabian Celts GAA logo.



Hong Kong GAA logo



Qatar GAA

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Limerick to Host Munster U-16 Football Tournament

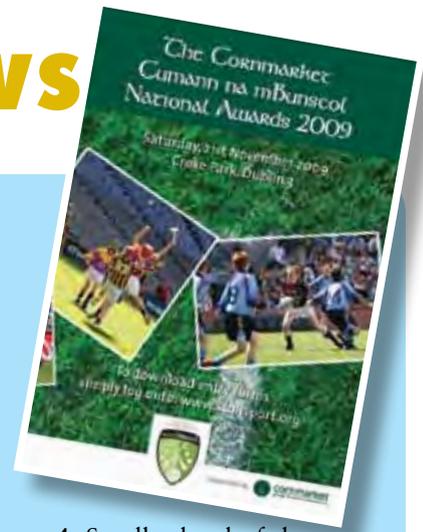
The Munster U-16 Football Tournament will be held in Limerick this summer. Sponsored by Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel

The Cornmarket Awards

The Cornmarket Awards Ceremony will take place in Croke Park next November. Margaret Cunningham, National Chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol informs us that, "Some changes have been made to the (award) categories to encourage greater participation in the National Awards and to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the GAA."

The 9 award categories for 2009 are:

1. Pat Trainor Hall of Fame award
2. Gaelic Games promotion of the Year award
3. Large school of the year



4. Small school of the year
 5. Publication of the Year
 6. Website of the Year
 7. Public Relations of the Year
 8. Céiliúradh 125 Bliain
 9. Assessors' Merit award
- Entries from schools in Munster should be sent to Br. James Dormer, Doon CBS, Co. Limerick. Further information is available from Ciarán Byrne (087-7997796) or www.scoilsport.org

and Golden Vale Milk, the venues for this year's matches are Hospital, Herbertstown and Knocklong, with the finals at the Gaelic Grounds (tbc). Eight teams will take part - Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, Waterford, North Kerry, South Kerry, Cork County and Cork City. To mark the 125th Anniversary of the GAA, Munster Council will present a special commemorative medal to each player taking part in this year's tournament.

The Limerick team will consist of many of the boys who starred in the Sarsfield Cup just 3 years ago and, judging by the strength of the Limerick Primary Game team in 2006, they should be a match for all comers.

Finals not Played at the Gaelic Grounds

Many young hurlers and camogie players were disappointed not to get a chance to play at Páirc na nGael this summer after coming through the league section of their schools competitions. Approximately 60 school teams were affected. The reason most of the primary schools hurling finals were not played at the Gaelic Grounds was that ground-work has begun for the installation of floodlights at Páirc na nGael. For this reason the grounds were deemed unsafe for players and supporters. The floodlights will be switched on in October at the Ireland v Australia Compromise Rules Test Match.

Cumann na mBunscol News



Paul Kennedy

This year sees the retirement from teaching of Paul Kennedy who has been involved in Cumann na mBunscol activities since he became Principal of Lisnagry N.S. in 1975.



Paul, who played hurling for Limerick at senior level and for his native Tipperary at minor and under 21 level, was a mentor with Limerick Primary Game teams for many years. He also trained East Limerick to Mackey Cup success on several occasions.

In Lisnagry National School, he nurtured such talents as the Moran brothers James, Ollie and Niall and Seán O' Connor.

On one occasion in the early 1980's, a hurling challenge between Lisnagry N.S. and Killaloe B.N.S. featured future stars Ollie and James Moran for Lisnagry while Keith Wood and Anthony Foley lined out for the opposition. *The Green and White* would like to wish Paul a long and happy retirement. We hope he will maintain his involvement in Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Star Sunday Primary Go Games

The profile of the Primary Go Games series received a boost with the news that the sponsor, the Star Sunday newspaper, will run a feature each Sunday on the Primary Go Games throughout the Munster Championship campaign. Full-colour action photos, team photos and match reports will feature each Sunday.

Eithne Neville Shield

Watch out Brian Cody! Your all-conquering Kilkenny team will have a job to do if they are to match the dominance of West Limerick primary schools camogie team. The girls from the West won the Neville Cup for the fourth year-in-a-row in 2009. No other division has managed to win the competition since it began in 2006. The West girls have not conceded a single score in the competition in the last two years. Now, that's dominance!

Historic 2009 Olo Cup final

Results and photos from this term's Cumann na mBunscol hurling and camogie finals will be published in our next issue. The result of the 2009 Olo Cup final will be appear among the City Division results. The Olo Cup is Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh's longest running competition. The first



La na Scoile GAA 125, Eamon Cregan shows Milford NS pupils medals won by himself and his father

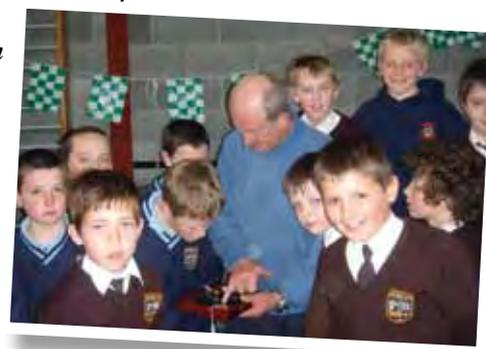
The parade before the historic 2009 Olo Cup Final

Twin Glory!

Paddy and Tom Morrissey of Lisnagry National School are twin brothers. In the 2008-2009 season, they did the double with East Limerick, winning both Sarsfield Cup and Mackey Cup medals.

To cap a memorable season, Tom was chosen to play for Limerick in the Primary Game football team v Tipperary while Paddy was chosen on the football team to play Clare on June 7th. Their brother Dan played on the Primary Game hurling team in 2006.

final was contested in 1933. With the exception of 1934, there has been an Olo Cup final every year since. In 2009, Monaleen NS and An Mhodscoil (The Model School) reached the final. Monaleen's only other appearance in the final was in 1971, while An Mhodscoil had contested two finals, one in 1952 and the other in 1959. Neither side had won the competition before so, whatever happened in the final, there would be a new winner of the trophy and a new name engraved on the base of the trophy in 2009. Following victory over An Mhodscoil on June 2nd, 2009, that name is *Monaleen NS*. Our photograph, taken at Old Christians GAA Ground, Rathbane, shows the finalists parading behind a pipe band before the throw-in at this year's final.



Meet Ger Downes



Here is a face that is familiar to many of our readers. His voice may be familiar to you too from his many GAA broadcasts on local radio

It's Ger Downes who was recently appointed as a Games Development Administrator for the south side of Limerick city.

Ger is charged with promoting and assisting the development of hurling, camogie, Gaelic football, ladies football and rounders in the areas served by three clubs- Ballinacurra Gaels, Old Christians and the recently-formed Treaty Gaels. He visits all the primary schools in the area as well as St. Enda's secondary school. After his day's work in the city, Ger returns to his native village of Clouncagh where he runs a grocery. Ger grew up in the area and attended the hurling nursery that is Ahalin National School, where he learned the skills of Gaelic Games from Mr Michael Ronayne. Ger is a proud member of Knockaderry G.A.A. club. Clubmate Tom Condon is a member of Justin Mc Carthy's Limerick panel.

Ger has lent his expertise to the Limerick City panels preparing for the Mackey Cup and Neville Shield. His talents as a coach are enhanced by his warm and pleasant manner as he encourages the boys and girls to develop their skills.

Then it's back for a stint behind the counter in Clouncagh. **G&W**



Ger demonstrates the foot block to members of the city schools



Ger is a well known broadcaster on local radio. Here we see him at work in Semple Stadium

Things you may not know about Ger Downes:

- His favourite food is Bacon and Cabbage
- He took the name Ciarán for Confirmation (his all-time sporting hero is Ciarán Carey)
- Ger has the complete box set (episodes 1 to 40) of "Only Fools and Horses".
- Ger owns a dog called Princess and a cat called Ginger
- His favourite band is Bell X One.

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FAMOUS FIVE GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

Bennis, Kirby, Carmody, Carey and Bulfin— a Famous Five fit for any adventure! All five have tasted success at County, Provincial and All-Ireland level. On 'GAA 125 Lá na Scoile', Richie, Gary, Anthony, Ciarán and Dave were the special guests of Patrickswell N.S. and, as you'd expect, the quality quintet played a blinder!

Questions and Answers

The long run of 'Questions & Answers,' the famous RTE programme, may be coming to an end this summer but the practice of quizzing panels of special guests is here to stay. The following are extracts from the Q&A session that featured the Famous Five and their hurling-mad audience.

RICHIE BENNIS

All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship winner, All-Star, 10 County Senior Hurling Championship medals, All-Ireland VEC medal, Manager of Limerick team that contested 2007 All-Ireland S.H. Final and lots, lots more



Richie & Gary look at a rare 1965 County Championship plaque.

APART FROM LIMERICK, WHICH COUNTY WOULD YOU LIKE TO MANAGE?
Kilkenny...of course (big laugh)!

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST MAJOR TROPHY?
We won the 1965 Senior County Championship. We received our trophies in 1966. Instead of medals the County Board decided to give us special plaques. I brought along one to show you. It's bit of a rare thing because the following year they went back to awarding medals again and that's the way it's been since.

HOW DID PATRICKSWELL GET THEIR COLOURS?
One of the founders of our club, Willie Ryan— father of Ballybrown's Tom Ryan—had Tipperary connections. He picked the colours.

WHO WAS THE BEST PLAYER YOU PLAYED WITH?
There were so many good players...It's hard to say. Eamon Cregan was a great player. And Sean Foley was a great player. So was the late Tony O'Brien.

DO YOU PLAY OTHER SPORTS?
I'd like to say golf...but the lads are going to slag me and say, "You wouldn't call what you do 'playing golf'!" I wouldn't have minded playing a bit of rugby.

WHAT WAS YOUR WORST DEFEAT?
The All-Ireland final in 1974, against Kilkenny was a terrible defeat. They beat us 3-19 to 1-13.

DO YOU THINK LIMERICK COULD HAVE BEATEN KILKENNY IN THE 2007 ALL-IRELAND FINAL?
Yes. We could have. Kilkenny got off to a dream start. Without the dream start they got we definitely could have won that match. For the last 60 minutes we matched them and outscored them. We did better against them than any other team did in recent times.

ANTHONY CARMODY

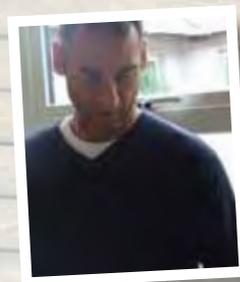
Honours include All-Ireland Minor Championship medal, All-Ireland U-21 Championship medal, 9 County Senior Hurling Championship medals. NHL medal. Manager of Patrickswell All-Ireland Féile semi-finalists

WHAT IS YOUR NUMBER ONE TIP TO YOUNG PLAYERS?
Practise, practise, practise! Have a hurley in your hand as often as you can. Play at the back of your house, against a wall, anywhere you can. Good side, bad side...keep tapping around and play hurling every chance you get. Practise makes perfect.

WHAT AGE WERE YOU WHEN YOU STARTED HURLING?
Four or five years old, I'd say.

WHAT POSITIONS DID YOU PLAY IN FOR PATRICKSWELL AND LIMERICK?
Mostly midfield and centre forward.

WHO WAS YOUR TOUGHEST OPPONENT?
There were many but Mike Houlihan was definitely one...



Anthony Carmody

CIARAN CAREY

Honours include 3 All-Star awards, 2 Munster Senior Hurling Championships medals, 2 NHL medals, 9 County Senior Hurling medals (and counting!), Manager of All-Ireland winning Limerick camogie team

HOW DID YOU FEEL BEFORE BIG MATCHES— AND HOW DID YOU PREPARE FOR THEM?
I prepared the way I prepared for all games. I went through the exact same routines, did the exact same things. Then I got into the game as quick as I could.

WHAT WAS YOUR BEST EVER SCORE?
It was one I got for the Limerick Under 16 team...

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMOUS POINT AGAINST CLARE IN 1996?
Yeah, that was a good score too. Maybe my third or fourth best score! (grins from ear to ear)

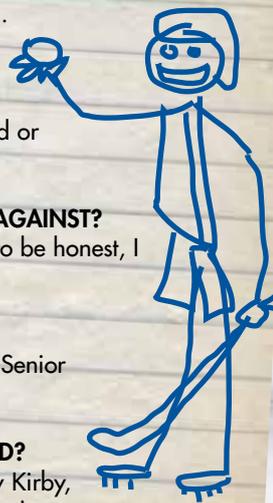
WHO WAS THE DIRTIEST PLAYER YOU PLAYED AGAINST?
A dirty player is really a cowardly player. And, to be honest, I played against very few players like that.

DID YOU ENJOY PLAYING IN GOALS?
No. Not really. (He won the first of his 9 County Senior Championship medals in 1987 as sub goalie)

WHAT'S THE HARDEST TRAINING YOU EVER DID?
The training I'm doing now! (Winks over at Gary Kirby, his club manager/coach with Patrickswell this year)



Ciaran Carey looks up to the generations that have gone before him in Patrickswell



Ciaran Carey cont'd

WHO WAS THE BEST PLAYER YOU EVER PLAYED WITH?

That's very hard to answer. There were lots of great players I played with at club and county level—my brother Pa, Anthony Carmody. Gary Kirby, he was lethal when you were under pressure, Mike Houlihan, Steve McDonagh, Davey Clarke. And I could go on, but they were all great players.

GARY KIRBY

Honours include 4 All-Star awards, All Ireland Minor Championship medal, All-Ireland U-21 Championship medal, 2 NHL medals, 9 County Senior Championship medals.



Gary Kirby

WHAT WAS THE FARTHEST YOU EVER SCORED A POINT FROM?

100 yards, I'd say, with a bit of wind assistance!

WERE YOU UNDER EXTRA PRESSURE IN MATCHES BECAUSE YOU WERE THE FREE-TAKER?

No. I took frees the way I practised them. If I missed one, I put it out of my mind and didn't let it get to me. I was confident I'd get the next one right.

WHAT AGE WERE YOU WHEN YOU STARTED HURLING?

Four.

WHO WAS YOUR BEST COACH OR TRAINER?

Phil Bennis. I learned an awful lot from Phil over many, many years. As a Limerick player I found Dave Mahedy excellent. He introduced us to a lot of new ideas and made our training sessions very interesting.

IF YOU COULD MANAGE ANY HURLING TEAM IN THE COUNTRY. WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

I'm very lucky—and proud—because I am managing the one team in the country that I'd love to manage...Patrickswell!

WHAT SIZE TOGS DID YOU WEAR?

(Lots of laughing) Then or now? (Long pause) Size 36.
(Lots of inaudible comments from Richie, Anthony and Ciarán!)

HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WON YOUR ALL-STAR AWARDS?

Very proud. I was proud for my family and my club and county and for all the people who played with me or helped me along the way.

WHAT TIPS HAVE YOU FOR YOUNG PLAYERS?

The same as Anthony. "Practise, practise practise!" There's plenty of good young players around, including young players here in this school today, who could play for Limerick in the future if they keep practising and listening to their coaches.

DAVE BULFIN

Honours include 2 All-Ireland under 21 medals and an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St Clement's College.



Dave Bulfin who plays for Mungret and Limerick is a teacher in Paztrickswell NS

Quote from 5th Class pupil, Ian Fitzhenry, "He's good with a hurley but when he's not on a hurling pitch he's good with a white-board marker too!"

DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A BETTER GOALIE THAN BRIAN MURRAY?

I think Brian is a great goalie. I'm part of a team and I want him to be at his best every time he plays for the team. He is playing really well and makes very few mistakes—and I don't want him to make mistakes. I'm ready to step in and do my best if he gets injured or sick, or if his form dips...or if he starts making mistakes. We really get on very well and help each other out a lot.

WHAT WAS YOUR BEST SAVE?

I was playing for the Limerick Under 16 team against Galway and coming up to full time we were leading by 2 points. A guy no more than 6 yards out got the ball and pounded it towards the net. I made a diving save to keep out a goal in the dying seconds. We won the match. It was a reaction save. I hadn't time to think. I just dived and went the right way.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A FORWARD BURSTS THROUGH ON GOAL WITH ONLY YOU TO BEAT?

You have to trust your own reactions but you use everything you've learned too. Stand up, look at the player's approach, his balance, his stance...and look in their eyes. The eyes often tell you the direction they intend to hit the sliothar.

HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED MUCH AS A HURLER?

No. Thank God. Three broken bones is as much as I've had.

WHO HAS SCORED AGAINST YOU MOST OFTEN?

When I'm training for Limerick or playing for my club, Andrew O' Shaughnessy has often scored against me. Pat Tobin is another player who is difficult to predict. His eyes can tell one story but his shot tells another!

WHAT IS THE MOST YOU HAVE CONCEDED IN A MATCH?

Playing for Mungret in the Feile na nGael All-Ireland series, Loughrea defeated us by 12-12 to...no score!

IS IT HARDER PLAYING FOR LIMERICK THAN YOUR CLUB?

It's probably harder playing for my club because so much is expected of you because you are training and playing with the county team. In a way, you can be under more pressure playing for your club.

WHO ARE LIMERICK'S BEST PLAYERS THIS YEAR?

Well, at the moment, Stephen Lucey, Seamus Hickey and Niall Moran are going very well for us.

INTER-CITY CHALLENGE MATCH – SPECIAL REPORT

Limerick wins Battle of the Two Cities!

Result

Limerick City Primary Schools 2-5
Cork City Primary Schools 1-2

Cork City Primary School team



Denis O'Connor presents Liam Weir with a commemorative plaque

The Na Piarasaigh boys who played for the City



The Ballybrown 5 who played in the inter-city schools challenge



The Limerick City Primary School team



The curtain-raiser to this year's Limerick v Cork NHL game at Páirc Ui Chaoimh was provided by under 13 hurlers representing the primary schools of Limerick City and Cork City. The fixture was organised by Cumann na mBunscol officers from Limerick and their Sciath na Scol counterparts in Cork. City Chairman, Denis O'Connor (Milford N.S.) presented a specially commissioned plaque to Liam Weir (Sciath na Scol) to mark this special occasion.

Unlike the Limerick senior hurlers in the main event, the city boys got off to a flying start when Edward Doyle collected a pass from midfield, shook off his marker and fired to the back of the net. Doyle had a second goal three minutes later following some fine work by Andrew La Touche-Cosgrave who was a tireless worker in midfield throughout the match. City's stylish centre forward, John Nicholas soon added to his side's advantage with a classy point scored on the run from an awkward angle. Corner forward, Eoghan Mulcahy's score on the stroke of half time brought Limerick's first half total to 2-2. Half time score: Limerick City 2-2 Cork City 0-1

Against the wind in the second half, Limerick were

bolstered by the arrival of the Na Piarasaigh boys who missed the first half due to a Féile na nGael fixture back in Limerick earlier that morning. Ronan Lynch (Na Piarasaigh Club/ An Mhodhscoil) was quick to make his mark. He scored the first two points of the second half, the second from a free. The next ten minutes belonged to the Cork boys, however, and they stormed back into the match with a goal and point of their own. Limerick had to work hard to regain the upper hand and following some good work by Thomas Grimes, Kieran Daly scored the game's final point to leave the score at 2-5 to 1-2.

Limerick City Team: Cian Hedderman, Luke Doran, Ross Griffin, Emmet Hannon, Killian Gavin (Ballybrown NS), Evan Considine (Kildimo NS), Jason Callinan, Thomas Grimes, Kieran Daly (Scoil Christ Ri), Edward Doyle, John Nicholas, Andrew La Touche-Cosgrave (Monaleen NS) Ronan Murphy (Milford NS), Eoin McDonnell (St. Brigid's NS), Killian Ryan, Ronan Beatty, Declan Browne (St. Nessian's NS), Darren O'Connell (Pallaskenry NS) Craig McNamara (St Patrick's BNS) Eoghan Mulcahy, Ronan Lynch, Michael Andrews (An Mhodhscoil) Selectors: Paul O'Connor, Ciarán Crowe (Patrickswell NS), Joe. Lyons (Ballybrown NS) **G&W**

C'mon Camán!

Wixted's A Winner!

During the Easter Holidays C'mon Camán, a 10-part hurling series broadcast on The Den on RTE 2, proved very popular with sports fans of all ages, all over the country. 24 lucky young people from around the four provinces were selected, split into 6 teams of 4 and given the fantastic opportunity of being mentored by 6 of Ireland's top hurling heroes for one week. In that week they attended skills based master-classes and got a chance to showcase their skills by playing against each other in the C'mon Camán! championship league.

THE DEN

David Dazzles Them All!

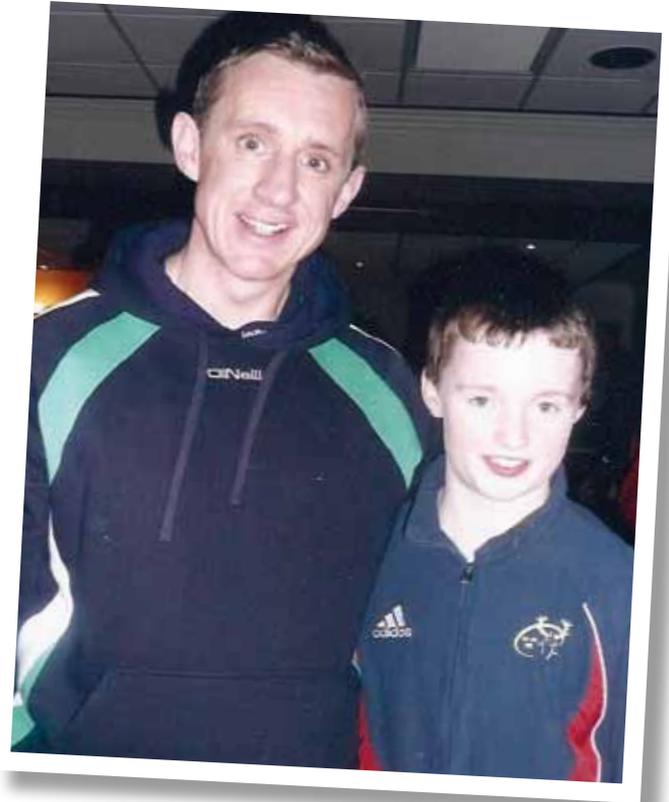
by our Special Reporter

Congratulations and well done to David Wixted who was selected to represent our county in the RTE 2 series C'mon Camán. David qualified after attending trials in Cork. His application for participation in the series was forwarded by his school, Crecora N.S. This programme showcased David and other young Irish hurlers who were mentored by six of the country's leading hurlers (namely: Eoin Kelly (Waterford), Eoin Larkin (Kilkenny), Shane McGrath & Brendan Cummins (Tipperary), Mary O'Connor (Cork) and our own Ollie Moran). Kilkenny manager, Brian Cody was also on hand to give advice. David was delighted that Ollie Moran was in charge of his team. Following an intense 'bootcamp' week of training in Dundalk, filming of the series began.

David captained the Green Team in their first match and had the highest points tally in the series. That meant that Limerick provided C'mon Camán's leading individual, its leading manager—and the winning team played in green and white! C'mon Limerick!



Ollie Moran and the winning Green Team



Master and pupil. Ollie Moran and David Wixted

David's Story

David Wixted, a pupil in Crecora N.S., was one of those lucky enough to be selected to take part in C'mon Camán. David made the following report to The Green & White Magazine:

"C'mon Camán was a great experience. It all started when my school, Crecora picked me. I went to St. Vincent's GAA Club in Cork for trials. I was interviewed and tested on my skills. I was delighted when I was picked. Next I went to Dundalk and we stayed there for a week. I learned loads of skills and made lots of friends. I was on the Green Team. We played the Red, Blue, Amber and Black teams. We beat them all and won the tournament. It was brilliant! It was really cool seeing myself on TV!"

Treaty

Gaels

Limerick's newest GAA club celebrates its first birthday in June 2009. Focusing exclusively on camogie, Treaty Gaels' list of registered members has grown to 115 players in recent months—and it's still growing. The girls come from 15 different primary schools and most live on the south side of Limerick City.

Diversity

"We are proud of our diversity," explained club chairperson, Cora O'Toole. "Part of what makes this club special," she added, "is the wide range of talents the girls' parents bring to the table. They have organised training sessions, blitzes and trips, undertaken training courses and, already, a comprehensive Club Development Plan has been drawn up."

Strategy

Winter training took place indoors at Old Christians Hall (Rathbane) and St. Enda's Sports Complex. In March, training moved outdoors, first to Old Christians' grounds and then to Ballinacurra Gaels' GAA Club.

When we visited Treaty Gaels, two Under 12 teams and two Under 10 teams were being put through their paces on the main pitch in Rathbane. "Our aim is to keep two teams going at each level," explained Cora O'Toole. "In this way we hope we'll have enough players to compete at Under 14 and Under 16 levels in future years. Some of the more established clubs have difficulties fielding teams at those ages. We hope our strategy will enable us to avoid this pitfall."

A New Club

But where did this new club come from? Registrar, Kevin Holmes explained, "The impetus came from hurling and camogie training provided to mixed and all-girls schools by people like Deirdre Murphy and Pat Culhane. Blitzes were organised for the girls to keep their interest going and large numbers participated. It was soon realised that there was nowhere for many of the girls to go if they wanted to continue to enjoy camogie after school. The demand was there and, with support from four south side clubs: Cloughaun, St Patrick's, Ballinacurra Gaels and Old Christians, the conditions for the birth of a new club existed."

A New Name and a New Crest

"The name and the crest were decided upon after many meetings and lots of ideas had been discussed," according to Cora O'Toole. "The name we picked suited perfectly because it was so identifiably Limerick." The club crest was designed by Kevin Holmes whose background in architecture is seen to great effect in the stunning design. "It reflects the name and ethos of the club," he explained. The club's first set of gear was sponsored by Limerick Sports Partnership. For the record, it consists of a yellow jersey with red trim, black culottes and black socks. **G&W**



Excerpts from Treaty Gaels Club Profile

The Treaty Gaels Camogie Club is a new club which caters for young girls from the catchment area of Limerick City GAA clubs: St. Patrick's, Cloughaun, Old Christians, Ballinacurra Gaels, and schools in the same areas. The aim of the club is to provide a fun recreational pastime to encourage young girls to engage in healthy sporting activity within their community.

We are pleased to be part of a good news story for Limerick helping to enhance our reputation as a sporting city. Our players have already seen the benefits of participation from increased fitness to enhanced social skills through enabling girls from different social backgrounds in Limerick city to mix in a sporting setting.

The club are always looking for volunteer coaches or anyone interested in helping out. Any past players or anyone with an interest in sport are welcome to join. Contact Cora O'Toole, Club Chairperson or visit us at <http://sites.google.com/site/treatygaels> for further information.

- A Club is Born!



All photos taken on a busy night of training at Old Christians GAA field, Rathbane



The Primary



Primary Game players take a keen interest in the Limerick v Tipperary Munster Championship match

Now a firm fixture on the GAA calendar, the Primary Go Games sponsored by The Star on Sunday are more popular than ever. The games give boys and girls who have excelled in school leagues and divisional competitions their first opportunity to wear their county colours. Added to this honour is the chance to play in front of packed houses in some of the country's top stadiums, including Semple Stadium (Thurles), Páirc Uí Chaoimh (Cork) and our own Gaelic Grounds. The aim of the Primary Game is to reward the greatest possible number of emerging stars. The players selected must be aged 13 or younger and they must be in Sixth Class. To ensure representation for as many schools as possible, no school has more than one player in a game.

Those who play in the Primary Game are presented

with Limerick Primary Game jerseys, shorts and socks as a souvenir of their day in the sun. Busses, snacks and meals are also laid on for the players who certainly are made to feel very special by everyone associated with the Primary Game. Friendships made through participation in the Primary Game can last a lifetime. Sometimes players who first met through the Primary Game go on to play for Limerick at higher grades, including senior grade. Indeed many of the current Limerick senior hurlers and footballers came through the Primary Game ranks.

The Munster Council, The Star on Sunday and all the teachers involved in the smooth running of the games deserve a very large dollop of credit for the great work they do to foster and encourage Limerick's talented starlets. They are stars on Sundays—and every other day of the week too!

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Limerick Primary Schools camogie team who played in the Star on Sunday Primary Game v Waterford at Semple Stadium



Launch of Primary Go Games 2009 at Semple Stadium

Game



The Limerick boys football team who played on the Star on Sunday Primary Game team v Clare in Ennis



The Limerick Primary Game girls football team who played Tipperary in Semple Stadium



The Limerick Primary Game football team pictured before their match v Tipperary in Semple Stadium



The Limerick girls football team who played Clare in Ennis

EXISTING SHIRT - NEW SPONSOR, SLEEVE DETAIL CHANGED COLOURS AS PREVIOUS LIMERICK SHIRT

Design sheet for new Limerick Primary Game Jersey



The Limerick Primary Game hurling team who took on Waterford at Semple Stadium

Gaelic Jersey

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Senior Hurling Bitz 'n' Bobz

The Championship

NIALL MORAN: When you have six months of training done coming up to the championship there's no place for fear, except the innate fear of failure. You don't play hurling just to say you played hurling. You play hurling to achieve something.

TJ RYAN: Win your first round match and things can spiral, just like they did for us in 1994. In my first three seasons with Limerick we played in 2 All-Ireland finals—and then I never got there again. You have to seize the moment.

Preparation for big matches

STEPHEN LUCEY: Sleep at 10 o'clock. Get plenty of water on board in the days beforehand. Drink your energy drinks. Remember that your recovery after hard matches and tough training is very important too. You have to look after it or performance drops.

NIALL MORAN: In the run up to big games, you keep the week as normal as possible--your sleeping, eating, everything.

Changes in Hurling

NIALL MORAN: The biggest difference between hurling now and years ago is the intensity, the speed of hurling. Also, the ratio of training to matches has gone mental! Very few players play in their 30's now.

Advice to Hurlers with Ambition

LIAM GARVEY (Limerick Hurling Selector): You need to be physically fit and to work on skills. You need to work hard and hope you get the breaks on the big days.

Goals

GARY KIRBY: In the 13 years I played for Limerick, we never got a penalty! Maybe that was done to us, myself included. Hurlers have to have belief...desire...to put the head down and go for goal and not just take the handy point all the time. When you get a chance for goal you have to take it.

LIAM GARVEY: Ned Rea (All-Ireland winner with Limerick in 1973) didn't do side-steps. He went 'Route 1' for goal!

Limerick Supporters

STEPHEN LUCEY & NIALL MORAN: Limerick supporters are absolutely brilliant. The best! We really want to give them something memorable to cheer about...

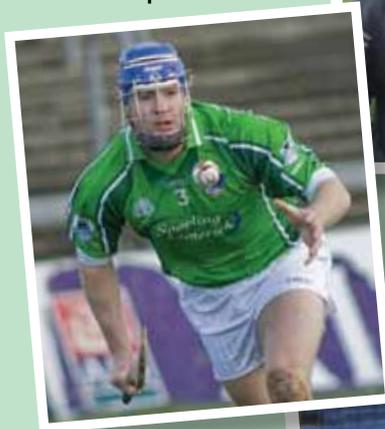
The Limerick team that defeated Tipperary in the Munster SF Championship



Angie and the Limerick support team are not impressed with anything less than perfection



Donie Ryan keeps his eye on the ball during the pre-match drills



Limerick dual star Stephen Lucey is having a great season in 2009



Limerick goalkeeper Dave Bulfin gets in some practice with fellow goalie Brian Murray



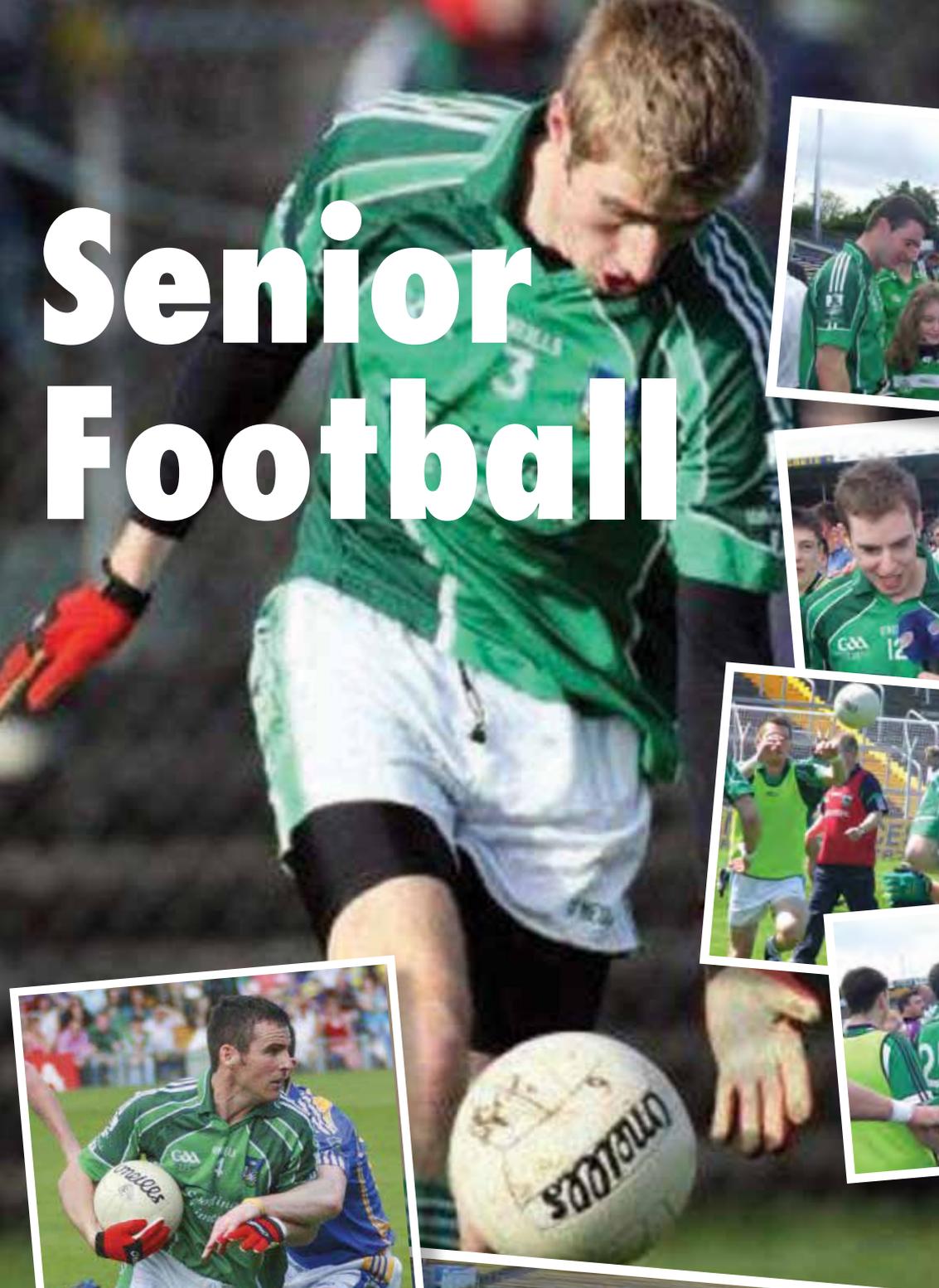
Pat Tobin in action



Seamus Hickey exercises his vocal chords as part of his warm up routine



Senior Football



Dual star, Stephen Lucey takes time to chat with young fans after the thrilling victory over Tipperary



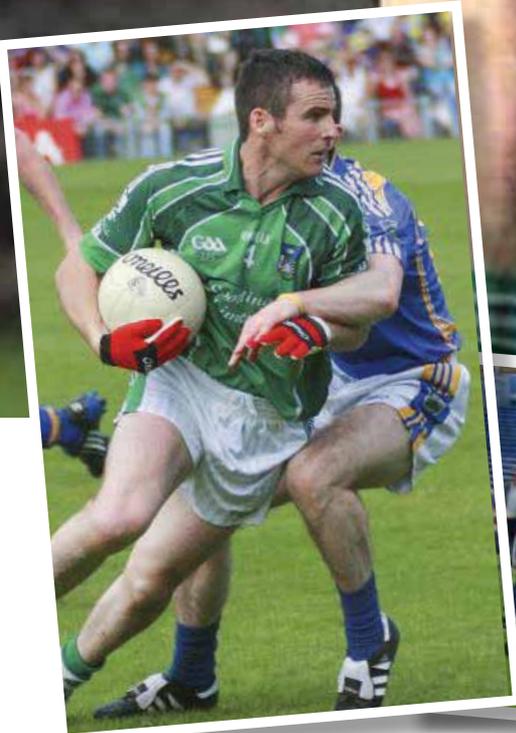
Limerick captain Seanie Buckley is interviewed by Ger Downes immediately after Limerick's victory over Tipperary



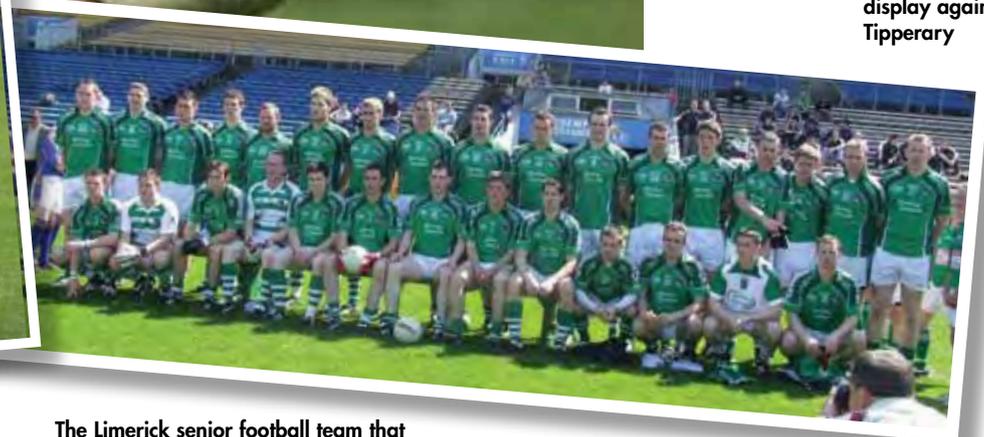
Mickey Ned oversees Limerick training



Stephen Lucey is congratulated after powerhouse display against Tipperary



Mark O'Riordan in action in the Munster Championship football quarter final v Tipperary



The Limerick senior football team that defeated Tipperary in the first round of the Munster Championship



Mackey Cup 2009 – Special Report

East Limerick Do the Double!



**East Limerick,
Mackey Cup
winners 2009**

Results

Semi Finals

1: Limerick City 2-12 West Limerick 1-3
2: East Limerick 3-8 South Limerick 0-4

Finals

East Limerick 3-5 Limerick City 0-5

East Limerick added the Allianz Mackey Cup to the Allianz Sarsfield Cup when they defeated Limerick City in a thrilling final played at Páirc na nGael.

East Limerick once again proved the City's bogey team by defeating them in the 2009 Mackey Cup thus completing the double over the City whom they also defeated in the Sarsfield Cup final earlier in the season. John Nicholas had the first point of the match to edge the City in front but David Garry replied with a goal to give the East a lead they would never surrender. Ronan Lynch put his name to two points from long range to raise City hopes but a goal by Dylan Sheehan on the stroke of half time gave the East boys a huge psychological boost.

Second Half

East Limerick seized the initiative in the second half with points from Colin Ryan and Shane O'Connell. The East rearguard held firm under fierce pressure and restricted the City to long range points from Andrew La Touche-Cosgrave and John Nicholas. East Limerick clinched the Mackey crown with a late goal from Dylan Sheehan.

After the match Br. Dormer, Chairman of the Primary School County Board presented the cup to East captain, Shane O'Connell of Doon CBS.

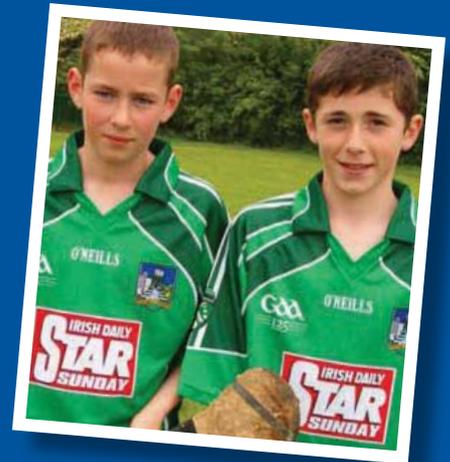
Advanced to the final

Limerick City advanced to the final thanks to a wonderful first half display which saw them lead by 2-6 to 0-2 at the interval. The City boys owed much to the strong "spine" of the team as Ronan Lynch, John Nicholas and Edward Doyle dominated the central positions. The West fought hard in the second period but could never make inroads into the City's lead.

East Limerick announced their credentials as possible winners when they overcame a fancied South Limerick side. Powered by a strong Doon CBS contingent, the East team led all the way. Scorers in chief for the East were Barry Murphy who finished with a tally of 1-4 and Tom Morrissey who notched 1-1. Barry Nash, son of former Limerick stalwart Mike, scored two points for the East while Colin Ryan, son of T.J., was outstanding for the South side.



East captain Shane O'Connell accepts the Mackey Cup from Br. Dormer



Colin Ryan and Barry Nash whose Mackey Cup performances earned them a place on the Limerick Primary Game team. Both boys' fathers played senior hurling for Limerick



Limerick City, Runners Up



The South Limerick team pictured before their semi final clash with East Limerick



The West Limerick team that took part in this year's Mackey Cup

NEVILLE CUP 2009 REPORT

West Limerick



West Limerick with the 2009 Neville Cup

Results

Semi Finals

- 1: West 8-6: City 0-0
- 2: South Limerick 3-2: East Limerick 1-0

Finals

- West Limerick 5-9: South Limerick 0-0

West Limerick's dominance in Cumann na mBunscol camogie competitions continued when the girls from the West won the Eithne Neville Cup for the fourth year in a row at Páirc na nGael. Played in glorious late May sunshine, the competition was a showcase for the best camogie talent in the county.

Pat Molyneaux refereed all matches.

Final

West Limerick ran out convincing winners of the Eithne Neville Shield in the end but they were pushed very hard for much of this encounter by a gallant South combination.

Rebecca Delee at midfield was a commanding presence while Donna Mulcahy from Ashford National School in the half-back line gave a virtuoso display. Both Rebecca and Donna were members of the panel in 2008 also as well as winning Larkin Shield medals for football last November.

Deborah Murphy from Ahalin National School played a captain's part in both matches with her lightning movement and lethal finishing. Ahalin National School, in the parish of Knockaderry, is one of the county's most famous hurling and camogie nurseries.

Marie Danagher from Feenagh NS was in excellent form also and was watched by her proud grandfather Pat Murrihy who led Feenagh to victory in the 1963 County Senior Hurling Final.

South Limerick's top performers were Leah Ryan, Noelle Carroll, Aoife Browne, Síle Lynch and Serena Walsh.

Semi Finals

In the semi-final, the West overcame the City by 8-6 to 0-0. Sinead Mc Namara, Chloe Murray and Kate Mulqueen were outstanding in a City team who never gave up. The City girls had plenty of possession but could not pierce the West rearguard.

South Limerick defeated East Limerick by 3-2 to 1-0 to secure their passage to the final. Leah Ryan scored 2 goals and a point while Noelle Carroll notched 1-1 for the winners. Michelle Barrett, Lela Hill and Abi Fox played well for the East.

The Presentation

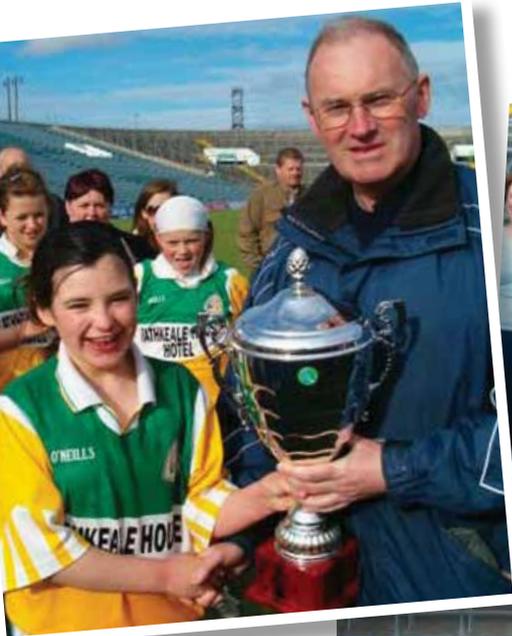
After the final, Brother James Dormer of Cumann na mBunscol presented the Allianz Neville Cup to Deborah Murphy, captain of the West team.

He complimented all four teams on their skill and sporting behaviour.

Win Again



East Limerick who played in the 2009 Neville Cup camogie competition



Brotherer Dormer of Cumann na mBunscol presents the Eithne Neville Cup to Deborah Murphy, captain of West Limeick



Limerick City camogie team who played in the 2009 Neville Cup

South Limerick who played in the 2009 Neville Cup in the Gaelic Grounds



Magnificent Sevens

Christ the King B.N.S. Caherdavin-City I.N.T.O. mini sevens football winners



Ballybrown NS- City INTO Sevens Hurling Champions

Ballybrown NS- INTO Sevens Camogie City Champions



Creora NS INTO Sevens camogie team-East Champions

The girls from St Nessans NS, City & County mini 7s football champions



St. Senan's N.S. Foynes- West mini sevens football champions





Doon C.B.S. mini sevens football team— East County champions



Galbally NS— mini sevens football champions of the South

Each of the teams pictured in all their glory on these pages won divisional and/or county INTO Mini Sevens titles in 2009. Some of the players pictured on these pages will be further honoured with selection for INTO Sevens action at Croke Park later in the year. They will play in INTO exhibition matches in front of up to 83,000 people during the build up to the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals. Now that is ... **magnificent!**



Seantraid NS— INTO Sevens West Champions



Raheenagh NS West & County Champions in INTO Sevens Camogie

St Nessans NS INTO Sevens County Champions



Doon C.B.S.— Mini Sevens Hurling East and County Champions



Limericks from Limerick!

Pupils from Herbertstown N.S. submitted most of the following limericks. Undoubtedly, they are a seriously talented and creative bunch. Well done to all concerned! There's a prize for every limerick published. So, keep you limerick's coming... You can e-mail them to us at info@thegreenandwhite.com or post them to Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick.

The Green and White

The Green and White just landed at my door
But it ain't green and white any more
It's PINK AND BRIGHT
And I was very uptight
But I read it till half past four.
by Niamh O'Dwyer, Herbertstown NS



Half-Time

The ref blew for half time
And the manager said with a whine,
"Lads you need to play better
And I know it's getting wetter
But is playing good a crime?"
by Thomas Moroney, Herbertstown NS

St Brigid's

St. Brigid's is the best club around
The players are all really sound
We train on Sundays
Have matches on Mondays
And Herbertstown is our home ground.
by Grainne Kennedy, Herbertstown NS (& St. Brigid's Ladies Football team!)

My Club

St Brigid's is our name
Football is our game
When we played Monaleen
We won by sixteen
To play and have fun is our aim.
by Leah Ryan, Herbertstown NS

The Green and White

The Green and White is now pink
And this is what I think
It looks so cool
I read it in school
And it changed in just one blink
by Nicola Kiely, Herbertstown NS

Reffin' in Effin

A deaf and dumb hurler from Effin
Retired to try out some reffin'
He got a slap of a thistle
For overblowin' his whistle...
And deaf'nin' the people of Effin
Anon.

Webcrawling!

Here's a few suggestions for those of you with itchy trigger fingers. Aim your browsers at some of the following sites and you won't be disappointed.

Limerick GAA

www.limerickgaa.ie
The official website of Limerick County Board has received a major makeover in recent months and it's a happier, friendlier site as a result. On it you'll find all the latest County Championship and inter-county results, news about county teams and links to relevant GAA websites. It's a must for Limerick players of all ages and for trainers, mentors and fans.

Limerick GAA Coaching and Development

www.limerickgaacoaching.ie
This new website is a welcome addition to the World

Wide Web. It contains news of upcoming blitzes and coaching events, reports from coaching conventions, tips for young players and their mentors...and it links to a lot of very interesting sites—including the Green and White site!

The Green and White Magazine

www.thegreenandwhite.com
Well worth checking out! Lots of interesting reading for young and not-so-young Limerick fans. A special feature worth mentioning is the "back issues" section on the website which gives browsers access to every page of every issue of the G&W going back to summer 2006. Check it out!

RTE series "Pride of the Parish"

www.RTE.ie/RTEPlayer or www.rte.ie/sport/gaa/championship/pride-oftheparish.html

Either of the above links should lead you to the RTE Player and every episode of the RTE series, Pride of the Parish, including the final episode hosted by Niall and Ollie Moran, *the pride of Ahane Parish!*

RTE 2 series from The Den "C'mon Camán"

www.rte.ie/tv/theden/cmoncaman

This link takes you through RTE 2's Den and onto the 10-part series featuring Ollie Moran and Crecora NS's David Wixted

VHI GAA Cúl Camps

www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie

Make sure you're taking part in a VHI GAA Summer Camp this year. The relevant details are to be found on this website.



The Green & White Gallery



Smile Boys! You are on Setanta Sports! Photo taken after Limerick v Cork inter city challenge.

Hurling in the sun



Limerick's Live 95 FM sponsor the Limerick senior hurling & senior football County Championships

Tadhg Kennelly of Kerry enjoys issue 38



Action from Neville Cup



Notice
Would you like to see your GAA photos in the Green and White magazine?
If so,
post your photos to: The G&W, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick
or e-mail them to info@thegreenandwhite.com



This Limerick hurler's photo was found in a Cloughaun GAA Club scrapbook

East Review

Feast for the East

What a great year it's been for the East Division. Winning the Sarsfield (football) and Mackey (hurling) 'double' was some achievement by the two superb teams that represented the division in this year's competitions. Another County 'double' was achieved by the Mini Sevens hurlers and footballers of Doon CBS; these, and many other successes enjoyed by school teams from East Limerick, placed the East Division head and shoulders above the others on the 2008/09

'Cumann na mBunscol Honours List.' Success on this scale requires a number of key ingredients to be readily available at the same time. The raw talent must be there to begin with and it must be nurtured carefully

and wisely. There is no shortage of talented young hurlers and footballers in East Limerick and, luckily, there is no shortage of shrewd mentors to guide them either. The teachers and coaches who provide this guidance are experts at moulding youngsters with potential into skilful players who understand the value of teamwork and the importance of hard work. You could say that the best chefs in Limerick, working with the finest ingredients, cooked up an unbeatable feast for the East in 2009.



East Limerick mentors with the Mackey Cup



Crecora Mini Sevens hurling team



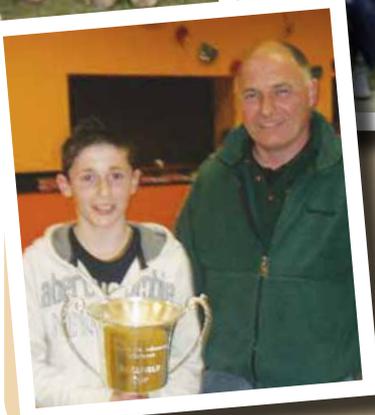
Knockea N.S. Mini Sevens hurling team



Killinure Mini Sevens hurling team



Presentation of Sarsfield Cup medals to East Limerick Football team by Tommy Stack at Ahane G.A.A. Club House



Michael Nash former Limerick Hurler and his son Barry (Knockea N.S.) at the Sarsfield Cup medal presentation



Presentation to trainer Goerge Lee by East captain Dylan Sheehan

City News Desk

Well done to the City's Mackey Cup and Sarsfield Cup teams who gave their all in the quest for ultimate glory only to be pipped at the post by East Limerick (in both finals!). The teams enjoyed their involvement in the divisional hurling and football competitions and, without a doubt, each player who took part improved as a result of his participation in the well organised high-tempo training sessions organised for them by their coaches, including guest coaches Pat Culhane and Ger Downes.

"The City boys were a pleasure to work with," said City Coach/Selector, Paul O'Connor, "they are great lads who have great futures ahead of them and we are all looking forward to following their progress in the years to come. Every one of them really enjoyed being involved and they all improved as a result of being involved at this level." A special word of thanks is due to Liam Weir and the

Cork City boys who played a City selection in a prestige exhibition hurling match immediately before the Cork v Limerick NHL game. Everybody involved had a great time. The hosts were more than generous and the match itself was superb. Thanks also to Patrickswell GAA club for making their grounds and dressing rooms available for all the training sessions and to the club's U-14 team who played the Mackey Cup team in a challenge match.

Finally, congratulations to Monaleen NS who defeated The Model School in this year's Olo Cup final. It's a long time since either school had been in an Olo Cup final, (1959 for The Model and 1971 in the case of Monaleen N.S.), neither school had won the cup before. Results and photos of this and all the other 2009 Cumann na mBunscol City hurling finals will appear in next term's issue of The Green and White.



Aoife Doran, St Paul's NS who will represent Limerick in the Star on Sunday Primary Game with John Tuohy, Principal



City Stars! Cillian Ryan, Edward Doyle and John Nicholas

City camogie panel with Ger Downes



Limerick City, looking resplendent in their specially commissioned team tops, before their challenge match v Cork City



City stars, Michael Andrews (An Mhodscoil) and Evan Considine (Kildimo NS) get the Setanta TV treatment



Scoil Chrios Ri u11 Indoor Hurlers



Muriel Murray of Limerick-Clare Chapter of Credit Unions presents a sponsorship cheque to City Cumann na mBunscol

West Review

Kilfinny NS West
Limerick 8 a side
Football champions



West Limerick in
action v Limerick
City in the
Mackey Cup

West News

Our hurling and camogie finals take place this month. Reports and photos from these matches will appear in the next issue of The G&W. Well done to our divisional camogie team who won the Eithne Neville Cup...again! To date, no other division has won this championship. And long, long, long may this continue to be the case!

Our Mackey Cup team was unlucky to come up against a strong Limerick City team in the semi-final of the competition.

Nonetheless, we'll be back next year bigger and better than ever!

Nice to see so many 'old boys' from West Limerick Mackey Cup & Sarsfield Cup teams starring for Limerick's senior hurling and football teams this year. It's very encouraging for the teachers and helpers involved in running our school leagues—and indeed for the players themselves—to see lads we worked with a few short years ago achieve recognition and success on the inter-county stage just a few years later.

Talking Hurling with Justin

Talking about Hurleys

"For young lads, a good bas is important because, naturally enough, if it's too small they won't have control. "And, also, have the point of the hurley pared back a bit because you'll be able to slip under the ball a little bit more and that's important [if you want to get the ball in your hand quickly]. Another thing that's important is that you wouldn't be holding the hurley at too much of an angle. Get down over the ball and have the hurley more parallel to the ground. "The handle of the hurley is one area that's very, very important because you nearly always hold the hurley at the handle so make sure the grip is good and of course the grip tape will improve it and give it a bit

of balance. A band on a hurley finishes a hurley and also protects it where it's most vulnerable. The width of a young lad's hurley should probably be about 5-and-a-half or 6 inches. An adult's hurley might be slightly bigger but the main thing is that it shouldn't be too small so you don't lose control. It makes it easier to strike the ball too. "These things are important because they make it easier for youngsters to play the game and that's what makes it more enjoyable for them."

Striking the Ball

"Any good golfer has to be able to hit the ball well. A tennis player has to be able to serve the ball well. Striking the ball well in any sport is of the utmost importance". Discussing

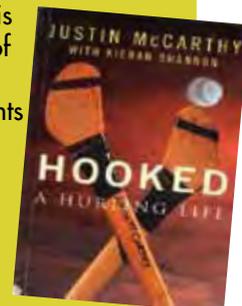
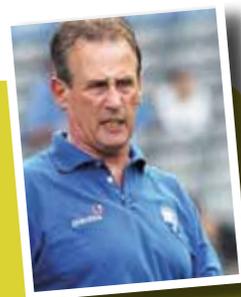
(Waterford) Eoin Kelly's ability to strike sweetly and accurately from the sideline and other awkward positions, Justin said that it's only possible to do that after, "a world of practice, ball after ball after ball. If you get bored of hurling..." he added in the same breath, "Give it up. It's a game of repetition, a game that requires constant practice.

"When striking the ball [from the hand] it's important to remember to keep the hurley up. That should be your starting position rather than having the hurley pointing down. [Justin demonstrates what he means—the hurley is parallel to his body and the bas is higher than his head]. Striking is mostly wrist-work. Young players must develop

their wrist-work. (He swings the raised hurley left and right, repeatedly). The speed of a shot comes from the wrists. Drills to strengthen the wrists and to speed them up are really very important.

More to follow

Limerick hurling manager, Justin McCarthy is very keen to impart as much as possible of his extensive knowledge of the game of hurling to readers of The Green and White. Watch this space for more of Justin's tips and fascinating insights into the game.



South News

Well done to Galbally N.S. on their excellent displays in the INTO Mini Sevens football competition. They were champions in our division and certainly proved themselves worthy representatives of the South Schools Division in the County Finals. Gary McCarthy from the same school went on to play for Limerick in the Primary Game v Tipperary and acquitted himself very well—as did Conor Mulcahy from Bulgaden NS and Ciarán Bourke from Knocklong NS. Two girls from the South

were also to the fore in The Irish Daily Star Sunday sponsored Primary Go Games challenge match against Tipperary. Our representatives were Aoife Browne (Scoil Dean Cussen, Bruff) and Leanne Hartnett (Knockainey NS). Our divisional hurling team was very unlucky to lose out against a very fine East Limerick team in the Mackey Cup. At least there is some consolation to be taken from the fact that the East went on to win out the tournament.



Ger Power a South Board officer since the establishment of the Board in 1979

Grand Slam!

The GAA Connection

Winning rugby's Triple Crown, 6 Nations Championship and Grand Slam in 2009 was a magnificent achievement by the Irish rugby team! But, would it have been possible without the GAA? And we're not just talking about the Croke Park factor, where stunning victories over France and England were recorded as 83,000 fanatical supporters roared them on.

Many of the players who represented their country in 2009 have strong GAA backgrounds. The skills they learned playing hurling and football undoubtedly stood to them when the stakes were high and, in all likelihood, gave them a major advantage over their opponents. South Liberties man, Paul O'Connell was chosen to captain the British and Irish Lions this summer. As an underage player, Paul played at mid-field in hurling and full for-

ward in football for his club (although, unlike his brother Justin, he didn't represent the East schools team in the Sarsfield Cup).

John 'the Bull' Hayes played hurling and football until he was 19. He played in most positions with his school team, Doon CBS. As we have often mentioned in this magazine, he played for East Limerick in the Sarsfield Cup and once won a long kick competition as a Gaelic footballer.

Ronan O'Gara played hurling in the Bishopstown Street Leagues until he was 12. He was better at football and kept that up for a few more years with his school and club.

Another player to star in the Bishopstown Street Leagues was Donncha O'Callaghan who played until he was 15. Ireland's all-conquering captain, Brian O'Driscoll played Gaelic football for his school and Clontarf GAA club until he was 15.

Tomás O'Leary, whose father Seánie O'Leary is a Cork hurling legend, played on the Cork minor hurling team for two year and actually captained them to All-Ireland victory in 2001. He also played for his county at U-21 level. Tommy Bowe played football for Monaghan at U-16 and U-17 levels. He also trained with the county minor team. Rob Kearney is another rugby international with minor experience at inter-county level. He played football with the Louth minor football team for three years.

Marcus Horan played hurling up to intermediate level with Clonlara and had trials with the Clare team.

Many other Irish rugby internationals have a background in Gaelic games. While the list printed above is not an exhaustive one, it does make the point that Irish rugby success owes much to the GAA.



Mishapen sliothar!

Tomas O'Leary captained Cork to victory in an All-Ireland hurling final



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Prize Crossword

No. **39**

To enter Competition 39, send a photocopy of your completed crossword or a list of answers to: **The Green and White**, Patrickswell N.S., Co. Limerick. Answers by e-mail to: info@thegreenandwhite.com. Last term's winners and answers are printed on Page 31.

TRASNA



- 1 Which country will Ireland face in a Compromise Rules match in Limerick next October?(9)
- 8 An Irish word for 'a fool' (6)
- 9 Cowboy name for a native American—the chap with a feather in his cap! (6)
- 10 RTE soap opera: '---- City' (4)
- 12 The Irish for 'one' (3)
- 13 As far as prayers go, it's the last word! (4)
- 16 Late, later, ----- (6)
- 17 A suitable hat for Easter-time (6)
- 18 A length that measures three feet, exactly (4)
- 21 HE is to BOY as --- is to GIRL (3)
- 22 The colour of most senior citizens' hair (4)
- 24 Before the train sets off, the conductor shouts, "All -----!" (6)
- 25 Members of a 'sub aqua' team, a SCUBA crew? (6)
- 26 There's a word for salt and pepper hiding IN SEA SONG! (9)

SÍOS

- 2 Nighttime matches are played ----- floodlights (5)
- 3 David -----? The Scottish actor who played 'Doctor Who' on TV (7)
- 4 A creature from outer space, an Extra Terrestrial? (5)
- 5 Calcutta and Bombay are huge cities in which Asian country? (5)
- 6 MAME? A girl's name that rhymes with Gemma (4)
- 7 Ryan Tubridy is taking over as presenter of 'The ---- (x2) Show' (4)
- 10 Surname of a Limerick hurling legend from Adare whose first name is Mark (5)
- 11 Jose Mourinho is the manager of -----Milan F.C. (5)
- 14 The main house on an estate, a mansion; Adare has a world famous one (5)
- 15 Eddie Murphy acted as 'The ----- Professor' (5)
- 17 This Irish saint sailed to America 1,000 years before Columbus (7)
- 19 The movie 'Mamma Mia' is based on the music of which Swedish group? (4)
- 20 Nickelodeon TV sitcom about step-brothers, '----- and Josh' (5)
- 21 Squares have four, pentagons have five and it takes two to contest a match (5)
- 22 Ireland's No.1 goalkeeper, born in Donegal; first name Shay? (5)
- 23 Hearing organs that contain hammers, anvils and stirrups (4)



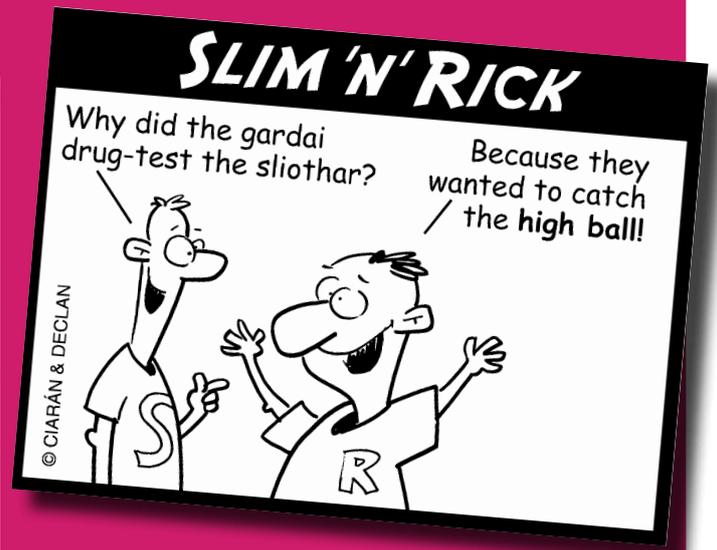
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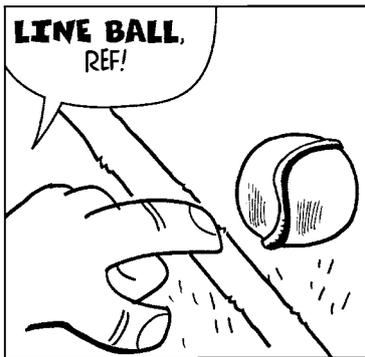
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Readers' Drawings



Drawing of Setanta by Kim Harrison St. Pauls School. Send your drawings to The Green & White, Patrickswell NS, Co. Limerick

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A LEGEND IN HIS OWN HELMET



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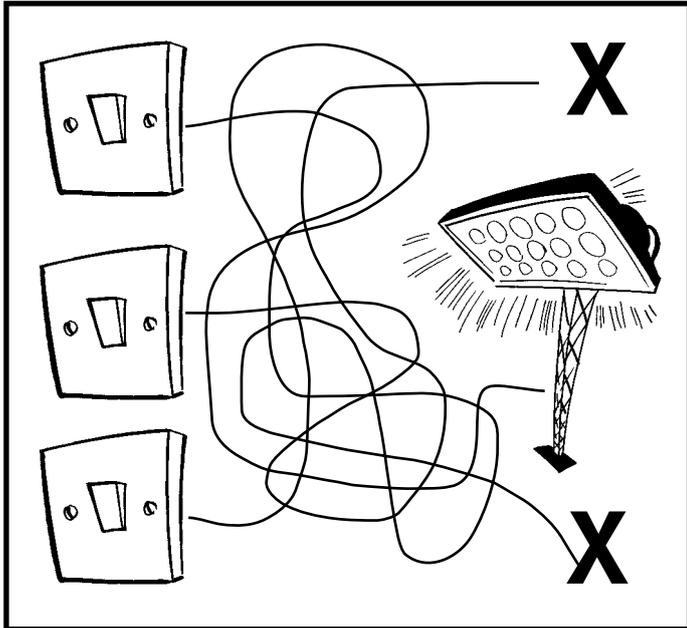


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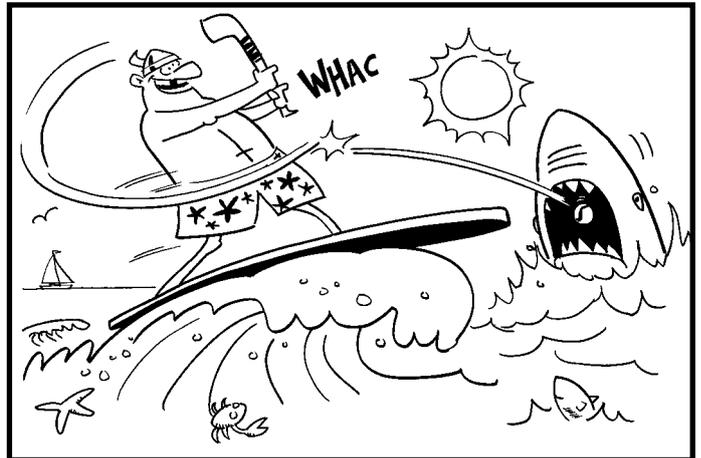
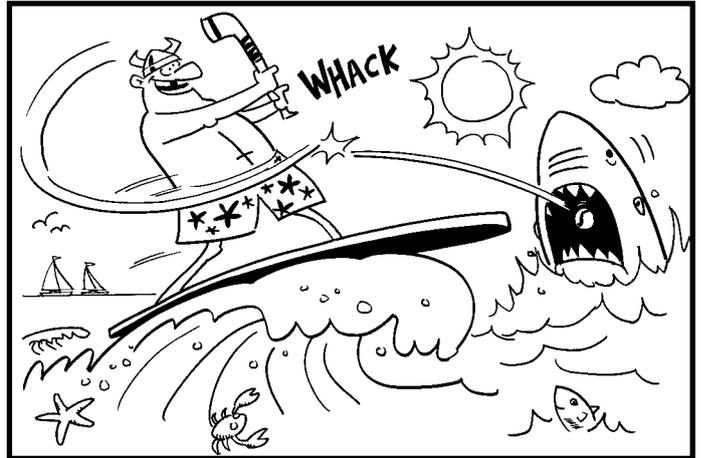
The Big Switch

Which switch will turn on the new floodlights at Limerick's Gaelic Grounds?



Spot the Difference

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



Can You Pass our Summer Test?

Your 'result' awaits you (see below)

First Round: GAA & General Knowledge

1. Which county won the first Senior Football All-Ireland title?
2. Who did Limerick play in the first round of the 2009 Munster Senior Hurling championship?
3. Who was the first man on the moon?
4. In alphabetical order, which Irish county comes first?
5. Who plays Captain Jack Sparrow in 'Pirates of the Caribbean'?
6. Who were Limerick's opponents in the first match of the 2009 Allianz National Hurling league? Was it Clare, Kilkenny or Tipperary?

Second Round: Colours

1. What are the county colours of Waterford?
2. What is the name of the prize-winning Limerick GAA primary schools magazine?
3. What is a Cabbage White? Is it a plant, a butterfly or a variety of lettuce?
4. Which county's colours are black and amber?
5. Mick Hucknell is lead singer with which band?
6. In a game of snooker, which ball is worth six points?

Third Round: Nicknames

1. What is the nickname of Kilkenny hurler James Fitzpatrick?
2. Which Limerick hurler is nicknamed "Banger"?
3. Which Munster rugby player is known as "Bull"?
4. What is the nickname of Kerry footballer Colm Cooper?
5. Which county is known as the Premier County?
6. Which Limerick GAA club is known as The Bouncers?

Summer Test Answers

Round One:

1. Limerick
2. Waterford
3. Neil Armstrong
4. Antrim
5. Johnny Depp
6. Clare.

Round Two:

1. White and blue
2. The Green and White
3. Butterfly
4. Kilkenny
5. Simply Red
6. Pink

Round Three:

1. Cha
2. Mike O'Brien
3. John Hayes
4. Gooch
5. Tipperary
6. Garyspillane

Results

Check your grade. If you got 12-15 correct answers, you are an 'A student.' 9-11 = B. 6-8 = C. 3-5 = D. Less than 3...it's grinds for you this summer!

In off the **post**

Crossword 38 Winners:

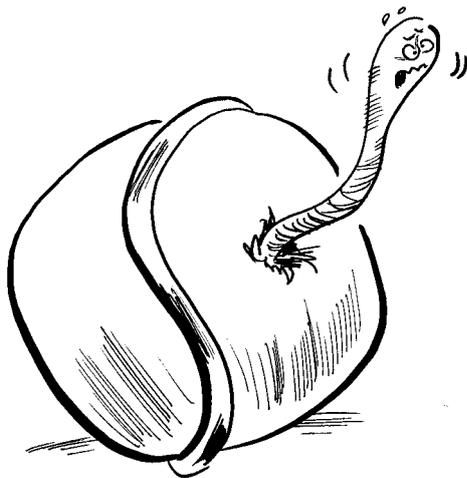
Shane McKenna, CBS Sexton Street
 Brian Barron, Doon CBS
 Fiona Hannon, Kiltiplan, Clarina

Crossword 38 Answers:

Trasna: 1. Chihuahua 8 Justin 9 Ardagh 10 Ball
 12 RTE 13 Rose 16 United 17 Button 18 Edge
 21 Boy 22 Urns 24 Floats 25 Albums 26 Geraldine

Síos: 2 Hotel 3 Hundred 4 Adare 5 Under 6 Gúna
 7 Eggs 10 Brute 11 Lying 14 Otter 15 Ennis
 17 Boy-Band 19 Dell 20 Erase 21 Box 22 Urban
 23 Nemo

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



That's the toughest apple I ever ate!

A Few Words before We Go T.J. Ryan (speaking about championship hurling):

The jersey needs to mean everything to players. To win championship matches you've got to play at 90 miles-an-hour—'in-your-face' hurling.

Dear Sirs,

I saw Niamh Mulcahy play in the Mackey Cup for East Limerick a number of years ago.

If the GAA believes in equal opportunities, why are girls allowed to play on boys teams but boys are not allowed to play in camogie or ladies football matches. I demand fair play for boys.

(Name and address with Editor)

A chairde,

Congratulations on the magazine makeover! It looks very well. I hope you keep the same format for the next issue.

Francis Harrold
 (by e-mail)



WANTED GAA JOURNALISTS

CREATE YOUR OWN GAA NEWSLETTER

- Has your class got a lot to say about the GAA?
- Have you got a winning hurling or camogie team, or a fantastic football team that you want to tell us about?
- Have players from your school played in the Primary Go-Games?
- Does your class follow your county through the Championship?
- Have you any pictures or artwork dedicated to your favourite GAA team?
- Does your school play rounders or handball?

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The Back Door

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The boys and girls selected to play for Limerick in the Primary Go Games matches v Tipperary at Semple Stadium

The Limerick boys and girls football teams who played in the Star on Sunday Primary Go Games v Clare in Ennis

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The Limerick hurling and camogie teams selected to play against Waterford in the Star on Sunday Primary Go Games played at Semple Stadium



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