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Ahead

Turning Point  
The 1984  
Munster Final

Weekend  
Round Up

Hurling  
in  
Dubai

*Hello Hurling Fans,*

*The Guinness Hurling Championship kicked off this weekend with 2 matches in Leinster where Wexford with 2 Steven Banville goals beat Offaly and Galway gave a flawless display against Laois.*

*The game of the weekend of course was in Munster where the hallowed ground of Semple Stadium hosted Cork and Tipperary. Tipperary had the advantage of a solid League Final display against Kilkenny under their belt, while Cork are in the process of putting the recent turmoil behind them.*

*Though Tipp had a 3 point win in the end - both teams will be pleased with their performances. The Premier County are improving with every game they play. The team is young fast and skillful. It is still a little bit green around the edges conceding too many silly frees that are always punished nowadays. They now face Clare in the Munster semi-final.*

*Cork were a little match rusty and might have gone on to win the game if they had taken all their chances. Against a younger and faster team, Cork had to change their style and cut out their old running game, settling instead to use Aisake O'hAlpin as a target man. As the game developed he became more influential despite getting rid of the ball too quickly at times. He will improve from this outing. Cork now go into the qualifiers. I don't think that we have seen the last of the Rebels this year.*

*This week also we watched the leaders in the Volvo Ocean Race, Ericson 4 meet the Galway Hurlers. Our Hurling Abroad section comes from Dubai, while our Club Focus in on O'Donnovan Rossa in West Belfast and we look back at one of the Classic Munster Finals in 1984. In the Camogie section we look at a new initiative in Kerry.*

*Until next week*

*Best wishes from the team at HURLING WORLD.*



Steven banville

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# ERICSON 4 - MAROON AHEAD

Ericson 4, leaders in the Volvo Ocean Race and the Galway senior hurlers take a break from their training and have a Puc Fada competition in Pearse Stadium, Galway.



Horacio Carabelli, the Brazilian Yacht designer and trimmer on Ericson 4 gets some tips from Galway's Damien Joyce.

Pearse Stadium on Friday night saw a very unusual pairing take part in a Puc Fada competition. The current Galway senior hurling team coached by Joe Connolly, All Ireland medalist and captain in 1980 faced the crew of Ericson 4, led by their skipper Brazilian Torben Grael, holder of 5 Olympic Medals and veteran of 3 America's Cup campaigns.

Both teams had taken very different roads in the lead in to the competition. For Galway it was months of training in Athenry with 7 League Games of which they won 4. For Ericson 4 it was months of training in Lanzarote and 7 legs of the Volvo Round the World yacht race of which they also won 4. Galway were just 2 days away from the start



Ericson 4 moored in Galway Harbour.

of their championship campaign while Ericson had just one leg left to St Petersburg.

Ericson 4 had arrived in Galway (the first of the 7 boats) in the early hours of Sunday morning to a rapturous reception from over 6 thousand people. They had completed the 3000 miles in just over 7 days and 10 hours. Thick fog, a myriad of lobster pots followed by a whale exclusion zone and an ice exclusion zone all added to the mix before the high-speed drag race to the finish, which proved to be a nail-biting thriller.

The approach to the 'Big Day' in both sports may be different. In yachting "It's always a matter of risk against return," said Grael. "If you think it's worth running the risk, you

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**Above: An Ericson back-up member practices the jab lift! Right: Joe Connolly Galway selector explains the rules to Galway back-up member Tex Callaghan, players Niall Healy, Damien Joyce and Erickson Nordic crew member and Olympic medalist Martin Stromberg.**



take it. That's the game. We were conservative at times on this leg but took some big risks as well. When we got this big front, we split from the fleet, which worked out well, but it was risky and it was a rough ride in. We had to push it to have a good position, so it was tough".

Corner back Damien Joyce had organised the Galway outfit for this PR evening, which helped to provide unique footage for the documentary on the Volvo Ocean Race. The Ericson squad arrived kitted out in the blue and gold strip of the Premier County. Not much of a surprise in itself as Ericson's man on the ground in the West on the evening was Clonoulty-Rossmore native Sean Hennessy.

Joe Connolly welcomed the sailors to the City of the Tribes and gave a brief introduction to the game of hurling. Following a coaching session the Puc Fada took place. The co-ordination, strength and natural balance of the visitors took most onlookers by surprise and apart from the long pucks of Galway goalkeeper Colm Callinan the seafarers were reasonably well able to hold their own. At the end of the session the Galway players answered some more questions and on Joe Connolly's advice the next hurling lesson for the Ericson crew will be the first round of the Munster Championship on Sunday afternoon on RTE 2.



**Norway's Arve Roaas from Ericson 4 taking part in the Puc Fada in Pearse Stadium, Galway.**

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# Tipp get off Rusty Hook of Cork!

The Munster championship kicked off yesterday with the quarter-final meeting of Cork and the holders Tipperary in Thurles. For Tipperary Padraic Maher and Noel McGrath made their debuts, while Paddy Stapleton got his first championship start and Conor O'Mahony was back after illness. Cork placed their faith on Aisake O hAilpin, he was placed at full forward having returned from his AFL efforts.

Tipperary opened with a number of switches in the forward division. Noel McGrath went to right half forward, John O'Brien went to left half forward and Lar Corbett went to full forward with Micheal Webster going to right corner forward.

Both sides were level at 5 points each after 20 minutes. For the next 13 minutes Tipperary ran the Cork halfback line ragged with Seamus Callinan and Noel McGrath in flying form. Tipp went into a six point lead 0-13 to 0-7 by the 33rd minute but had neglected to get the vital goal (Eoin Kelly would have provided it in the 26th minute if he hadn't been fouled). In addition, 2 rash fouls by Tipp's Conor O'Brien and Padraic Maher delivered 2 easy points to Cork and 2 yellow cards to Tipperary. Cork went in to the dressing room in the happy position of being just 4 points down 0-13 to 0-9.

Denis Walsh and his selectors were happy to let the first 15 (apart from Shane O'Neill who had gone off injured) steady the ship in the second half. As against Kilkenny in the All Ireland Final of 83 the selectors were hardly sitting down in their seats when Eoin Cadigan failed to clear and Seamus Callinan gave Cork



Sean Og O hAilpin, Cork, contests a dropping ball with John O'Brien, Tipperary, in the Munster Hurling Championship Quarter-Final, at Semple Stadium.

Photo Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE

a mountain to climb with a well taken goal. The same player cancelled out an Aisake O'hAilpin point with a great score 2 minutes later.

Cork struggled over the next 7 minutes. Pat Horgan missing a goal chance, followed by a bad wide and a poorly taken penalty. The resultant 65 by Ben O'Connor from almost in front of the posts also missed the target. The

rescue was left to the captain John Gardiner who was thriving following his switch with Tom Kenny and he scored a magnificent point in 45th minute.

Apart from Aisake and Ben O'Connor none of the other Cork forwards were having a good day at the office and Denis Walsh brought on Pat Cronin for Niall McCarthy even though none of the other 3 Cork

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## Munster Quarter Final in the Frame



Above: Eoin Kelly's ball trapping skills are visible early in the first half.  
Top right: Aisake O'Halpin had both hands on the hurl for the jab lift when penalised.

forwards had scored. The Cork substitute immediate got a great Cork point and after Seamus Callinan lost the ball easily, Ben O'Connor swept up the field for his 9th point to leave the score at 1-14 to 0-14 with 20 minutes left. Cathal Naughton was then introduced for Niall McCarthy to a hot welcome from Declan Fanning. He never exerted the same super sub effect as in previous years. The duel between Michael Webster and Eoin Cadigan was turning into a wrestling match and as Webster was on yellow, Liam Sheedy wisely replaced him with Pat Kerwick. Pat Cronin struck again to leave just 2 points between the teams. but the O'Connor brothers then hit 2 wides bringing

the Rebels wide total to 9 against Tipp's 4. from here until the end both sides used up their quota of substitutes. Brendan Cummins unusually fumbled his second 65 before he went off injured and was replaced by Darren Gleeson from Portroe. While Eoin Cadigan seemed to grow in stature without the presence of Webster and Tipperary gifted Cork 2 more points from frees, it was the cool head of Benny Dunne with 2 points in the last 5 minutes that had 'The hay saved and Cork bet' on a scoreline of 1-19 to 0-19. Tipperary now go on to meet Clare in the Munster Semifinal and Cork go on to the Qualifiers.



Just before the point of impact between Michael Webster and Shane O'Neill that caused Shane to go off injured.

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Wexford 2-17 Offaly 0-16



Wexford had too much for Offaly in this Leinster SHC quarter final in Wexford Park on Saturday. Offaly starter brightly with points from Brian Carroll and Daniel Currans. Rory Jacob replied with a point from 60 yards. A goal from 'man of the matc'h Stephen Banville ensured the sides went in level at half time at 0-9 to 1-6 Wexford tore out of the blocks in the second half with 6 unanswered points and this set the foundation for victory. Offaly made a comeback with 5 consecutive points but another Banville goal at the death ensured a Wexford victory

Galway had a comfortable 27 point win over Laois in the other quarter final at Portlaoise before a crowd of 1800. Niall Healy, Joe Canning and Damien Hayes were rampant, scoring 5-18 between

Galway 5-29 Laois 0-17



them. Laois played well in the first 7 minutes but Galway led by 2-4 to 0-1 by the 15th minute and were ahead 2-11 to 0-7 at the interval.

Scorers for Galway: N Healy (1f, 1 65) 3-5; J Canning (6f) 1-10; D Hayes 1-3; K Hynes 0-4; A Callanan, C Donnellan 0-3 each; A Smyth 0-1. Scorers for Laois: W Hyland (3f) 0-6; B Campion (3f) 0-5; J Young (4f) 0-4; O Holohan 0-2. Galway: C Callanan; D Joyce, S Kavanagh, F Moore; E Lynch, J Lee, A Cullinane; K Hynes, A Smyth; A Callanan, K Hayes, C Donnellan; D Hayes, J Canning, N Healy. Subs: G Mahon for K Hayes (Blood 18-21); D McClearn for Kavanagh (HT); B Costelloe for Lee (45); D Tierney for D Hayes (55); M Ryan for Moore (58); J Gantley for J Canning (59) for Rowney (65). REFEREE: Brian Gavin (Offaly)

Laois: T Doran; J A Delaney, D Maher, B Stapleton; M Whelan, B Campion, M McEvoy; J Young, James Walsh; D Peacock, W Hyland, O Holohan; J Purcell, J Rowney, E Jackman. Subs: M Moloney for J Walsh (Blood 20-22); S Dwyer for Peacock (HT); K Fitzpatrick for Stapleton (45); R Young for Purcell (52); C Delaney for Rowney (65) REFEREE: Brian Gavin (Offaly)



**Down 5-21 Armagh 0-14**

Down recorded a facile win over Armagh on Saturday in Casement Park with Gareth 'Magic' Johnston helping himself to a hat-trick as the Ardsmen booked themselves a place in the Ulster SHC semi-final at Casement Park. Armagh's defence looked vulnerable well before Barry McCormack saw a straight red shortly after the break. Owen Clarke and Paul Banniff bagged a goal each while Simon Wilson's dead ball accuracy proved a real headache for Armagh.

Down led by 8 points at the break but pulled further away in the second half to set up a clash with Derry. Paul Breen led Armagh's resistance with 12 points on the day, 11 of them coming from placed balls, but as the margin of victory suggests the Orchard County had no response.

Down: G Clarke A Dynes, S Murray, S Ennis, F Conway, R McGrattan, M Ennis, A Savage, C O'Prey, C Woods, P Branniff, S Wilson, J Coyle, G Johnston, O Clarke. Subs: A Higgins for O'Prey, G Clarke for Wilson, M Coulter for Dynes, E Trainor for O Clarke

Armagh: J Burke, B Mallon, F McMullen, P Gaffney, B McCormack, N Curry, J Corvan, E McDonnell, B McCann, K McKiernan, R Gaffney, D Coulter, P Breen, G Enright, C Carvill. Subs: R Digby for McDonnell, C Kane for Corvan, T Turley for Carville, Referee: R Mathews (Antrim).



**Left: Gareth 'Magic' Johnston, Down, in action against Ruairi Digby and Joseph Burke, Armagh, in the Ulster Hurling Senior Championship Quarter-Final, at Casement Park.**

**Right: John Joe Burke, London, assisted by Fergus McMahon, tries to prevent the first Derry goal in the Ulster Hurling Senior Championship Quarter-Final in Casement Park:**

**Photo: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE**

**Derry 4-10 London 3-12**

A solitary point separated these two sides on Saturday evening as Derry set up an interesting clash with Down in the Ulster SHC Semi-final. London, fresh from their League success, came to Casement Park and came agonisingly close to victory. London got off to a great start with a Kevin McMullan goal less than a minute after the start but Michael Kirkpatrick hit the net 7 minutes later to bring Derry back into the game. Donal Leahy punished the slack defending and fired home Derry's second goal after 15 minutes. Martin Finn's five points for London kept them in touch as they trailed by 4 points at half time. The second half started as the first when Eugene McGuckin goaled after a minute, but Kevin McMullan added

his second to close the gap to two points. Derry held a slender lead as the game entered the dying moments but substitute Sam Dodds sealed it with a stoppage time goal, as Martin Finn's late strike came too late to rescue the Exiles.

Derry: D McDermott, R McCloskey, P McGlade, S McNicholl, P O'Kane, S McCullagh, M Craig, K Hinphey, O McCloskey, C Murphy, D Leahy, E McGuckin, A Kelly, M Kirkpatrick, R Convery. Subs: S Henry for R McCloskey, S Dodds for Kelly, M Scullen for Kirkpatrick, P McCloskey for Murphy

London: P Gannon, C Burke, K Forde, E Phelan, F McMahon, N Healy, K Kennedy, S Fox, N O'Grady, M Mythen, C O'Dwyer, T Twomey, H Vaughan, M Finn, K McMullan.

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# KERRY CAMOGIE GETS BIG BOOST

Following on from the development and expansion of Camogie in recent years under Liz Howard, the baton is being taken onto the next stage by the new Camogie President Joan O'Flynn. Among the many new initiatives, the announcement this week that Kerry Camogie received substantial funding for the development of the game in RAPID areas (Revitalising Areas by Planning Investment and Development) is a major boost to Camogie in the county.

The RAPID programme is a Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs initiative which is managed locally through the Area Implementation Team (AIT).

The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for young girls and their mothers in RAPID areas to increase their participation in sport by learning the skills of camogie. This will take place in the local GAA club for girls who are over the age of seven. The programme will be six to eight weeks for two hours per week. Mothers and daughters attend at the same time.

Mothers are introduced to the basic skills of camogie and the recreational and social elements of the game. Young girls are introduced to the fun element of camogie as a team sport, through fun games. Introductory coaching courses and administration are provided for mothers on completion of the programme.

There are three RAPID areas in Tralee in which residents work closely with the local Town Council, local development and statutory agencies to plan for and provide services for their areas through the RAPID (AIT). Shanakill and Ragoonane, Spa Road and

Balloonagh Estate, and Mitchel's Crescent and St. Martin's Park were designated RAPID areas by the Government in order to ensure that priority attention and investment was given to these areas.

Specific Dormant Accounts funding is made available to the RAPID areas for local projects, with a particular emphasis on young people and increasing physical activity. The Tralee AIT welcomes the opportunity to work with Camogie in the RAPID areas they year by allocating funding for a Puc-Around- Tralee event.

From previous projects the AIT has learned that increased time, skills and more focused attention is required to engage young girls into main stream sport activity in order to provide them the same opportunities as boys to play sport. This is a great opportunity for young girls and women in RAPID areas to try out a new sport and have fun and join clubs which are growing in popularity in north Kerry.

The scheme is being monitored by Munster Camogie development officer Deirdre Murphy who expressed her delight with the initiative.

"This is a huge boost for Camogie in Kerry, especially as the game is relatively young in the county. But thanks to the hard work of the



Clare captain and Munster Camogie Development officer Deirdre Murphy celebrates with Sharon McMahan after the All Ireland win in 2008.

Kerry Camogie county board it is getting stronger with six clubs. Kerry is an area with great potential to develop the game".

She expressed her thanks on behalf of Kerry Camogie to the Tralee Area Implementation Team, Pobal and in particular Colleen Hennessy, RAPID co-ordinator of Community and Enterprise at Kerry County Council.

Fiona Casey PRO of the Kerry Camogie Board said that the scheme should be of great benefit to the town of Tralee which has a population of 24,000 in the urban area.

Great progress has been made in the 6 clubs in Kerry in recent years. Kerry won Division 4 of Féile last year and there are plans to roll out further developments in Kerry over the coming months.



At the launch of the new Dublin Camogie website developed and sponsored by Webtrade, Rathfarnham Dublin were Jane Nolan, David Henry (Dublin senior footballer), Eve Talbot, Gary Cosgrave (Webtrade) and Stephen Hiney (Dublin senior hurling captain). In front Laura Twomey, Paddy Bates (MD Webtrade) and Paula Bruen.

**Camogie**

HurlingWorld is delighted to announce the launch of the official website of the Dublin Camogie Board, [www.dublincamogie.ie](http://www.dublincamogie.ie) The website, sponsored by webtrade is an indispensable information tool for camogie players, mentors, clubs, fans and supporters in general. Visit and the website and see for yourself!

**Guinness**

Guinness continues it's celebration of all things Hurling with the announcement on Thursday of the 'Arthurs Goal' initiative. To celebrate both the Guinness 250 and GAA 125 celebrations, Guinness will donate €250 to a GAA Hurling Development Fund for every goal that is scored during the upcoming Championship. Guinness Brand Manager, Barry Fitzpatrick, said, "This summer Guinness wants to celebrate all that is great about Hurling. Given that we are currently celebrating 250 years of Guinness and 125 years of the GAA, it's only right that we give something back to the game. We want to ensure its prosperity and longevity for future generations. Arthur Guinness was renowned as a philanthropic man and if he were here today, I'm sure this is the sort of cause he'd want to be associated with."

How much will Henry Shevlin earn for the GAA Development Fund from Guinness this summer?

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# Rossa complete the Double



Rossa completed the Antrim Féile double recently when their hurlers (following their footballer's win over St Brigids in the county u-14 football final) had a comprehensive win over Loughgiel by 2-11 to 1-3.

It looks like being another momentum year for this historic Club. Formed in 1916, it has produced many great players for the saffron and white. Apart from their first All-Star in 88 and 1989 All Ireland final captain, Ciarán Barr, these include Stout McDonnell, Pat Mulanney, Malachy McMahan, Seamus Wright, Eddie Rogan Jim Fegan, Sean Collins, Brian Gormley, Paddy Quinn and many more.

The club has a great tradition in 'Hurling Brothers' with the Hamills -

Aidan, Liam and Eamon, the Armstrongs - Pat, Gerard and Donal, the Rogans - Gerard and Paddy and the Murrays - Damian, Adrian and Noel.

In recent times James Connolly and Jim Close gave years of county service while currently Mickey Kettle is on the county panel. The club is second in the Antrim role of honour with 16 senior titles - their last win was in 2004.

The first half of the Féile Final was low scoring with Rossa leading 4 points to 2 at half time. In the second half goals from Chris McComish and David Quinn put the game beyond Loughgiel's reach. Aiden Orchin gave a match winning performance in the half-forward line. He was well supported by Callum McVeigh, Nathan Early and captain, Domhnall Moran.

Top Left: Rossa captain Domhnall Moran with the Antrim Trophy.

Above: Action from the final against loughgiel.

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# Dubai Senior Hurling

Words/Photos: Danny Coterrell

The past year has been an incredible period for the hurlers of the Dubai Celts. Training began in the sweltering heat in July on Friday mornings in preparation for the Asian Gaelic Games in Penang, Malaysia. The Celts were the reigning champions. The tournament itself was played in mid October and the Celts, after winning their semi final never found their stride in the final against Singapore and eventually lost the tie and their title by 2 points.

Shortly after this tournament the club was honoured to host the Clare Senior Hurling team who holidayed in the city for one week. The clubs players were thrilled to compete against the Banner Boys in two separate challenge matches, (this was to be the great Frank Lohan's last time to wear the Clare jersey!) while the Clare coaches trained boys and girls from the local school hurling teams here in Dubai.

The highlight of the hurling calendar here in Dubai is, without doubt, the annual Dubai Duty Free Gulf Gaelic Games, held this year on the 23rd and 24th of January 2009. With strong participating teams from Ireland competing, it is always a great festival where the Irish Games are showcased to the local population. This year's competition was contested by two Dubai Celts hurling teams, two teams from the senior Cork hurling club from Carrigtwohill, the Civil Service from Dublin and the Celts closest neighbours and rivals, Abu Dhabi.

After a titanic battle between the Dubai Celts A team and Carrigtwohill B team, the Celts emerged victorious by two points thanks to some fantastic performances from Gearoid



Photos show some of the action from the Annual Dubai Duty Free Gulf Gaelic Games.

Considine, Andy Quirke, Niall Meaney and Conor O Riordan. A victory in their second game against the Civil Service ensured that the Celts would have representation in their own Hurling Final. The Carrigtwohill A team were very impressive against Abu Dhabi in their first game and narrowly beating the Dubai Celts B team in their semi-final and so booked their place in the final against the hosts.

The final was an extremely close encounter which hung in the balance for large periods of the game. The Celts never gave away anything soft thanks to some resolute defending from 'Man of the Tournament' Declan Cahill and Alan Hogan. Fine performances from Enda Grimes and Liam O'Connell ensured this was a battle to the end but unfortunately the Celts just could not overcome their stylish and well drilled competitors from Cork. The Celts narrowly



missed out by four points in the final and a huge thanks must go to Carrigtwohill and the Civil Service for travelling out and giving such a fine exhibition of hurling on the day.

The hurlers also had many other highlights of the year including playing Abu Dhabi in the Curtain Raiser to the prestigious Railway Cup tournament contested by Leinster and Connacht. It was an experience to see JJ Delaney, Tommy Walsh and Henry Shefflin playing in the United Arab Emirates. It can only do wonders for the game in the future.

The club was also honoured to host the president of Ireland Mary McAleese during her visit to the Middle East in March 2009. She was treated to an exhibition of GAA by the junior members of the club and then introduced to parents and members of the Irish community here in Dubai. It was a fantastic occasion for all concerned.

# Dubai Schools Hurling

Words/Photos: Danny Cotterell



The students of Jumeirah College and Wellington International School have once more had a fantastic year enjoying the training sessions given to them from a member of Dubai Celts, Danny Cotterell. Every week the students jumped onto the buses after school and sacrificed their free time to play hurling at Safa Park from 3:30 to 5:00.

The number of students engrossed in the game has been phenomenal. There have been training sessions that have ranged up to 43 students and it has been a struggle to cater for this amount but the students have shown

great patience, passion and determination in staying committed to the game.

The culmination of all the teams training is to participate in the Dubai Duty Free Gulf Gaelic Games which took place on January 23rd and 24th 2009. This proved to be a magnificent success as the students displayed their skills and no lack of endeavour to impress the large crowd.

Captain Alex Greenwood, Max Fitzgerald, Bill Thorniley impressed for the boys while Jennifer Gray and Sophie Bale were always giving more than 100% for the girls. There

**Max Fitzgerald closes in on the sliotar, while Matthew Eden, Bill Thorniley, and Ollie May await developments (Jumeirah College Training session).**

was an increased participation from last year with a total of 19 players representing the college on the day as others were taken on trips abroad.

This was truly a magnificent occasion and further proof of the attractiveness the game has on those interested in sport here in the gulf. Long may it continue!

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# Cork rebound on Tipperary

Now that a province, Leinster has annexed 2 counties outside its boundaries in Galway and Antrim (the second time that this has happened in the 125 year history of the association) it is an opportune time to look back at one of the classic provincial finals that has made the Munster Final one of our great sporting institutions.

1984 was Centenary Year and the All Ireland final was fixed by Congress for Thurles to commemorate the founding meeting on the first of November 1884 in Hayes's Hotel. In the Munster semi-finals Cork had a 5 point win over Limerick and Tipperary beat Clare by a point and it was the turn of Thurles to host the Munster Final. Pressure on both counties was great.

Cork had just lost 2 All Ireland Finals in a row they were hungry for success, if they could beat Tipperary it would take a very special performance to beat them in their second home, Thurles. If Tipperary won even Hitler's Panzers wouldn't take the McCarthy Cup through Liberty Square! The Premier County hadn't appeared in a Munster Final for 13 years but they had won three U-21 titles in a row 79, 80 and 81. The only Tipp player to take the field with Munster Final experience was Borrissleigh's Noel O'Dwyer.

Thurles was jammed on the 15th of July; in the middle of a recession nothing else mattered. The game was hard and tight. While Tipperary were hurling with power and passion Cork seemed to have a slight edge in cuteness and led by two points 2-12 to 3-7 with 17 minutes to go. Boherlahan's Seamus Power, having the game of his life pointed a free to leave one between the teams as Bobby Ryan



As the dust settles! Cork forward Seanie O'Leary.

went off injured. Paul Dooley came on for Tipp and Seamus Power went back to cornerback.

Kevin Hennessy was wide Tipperary scented blood and Dooley (just a minute in) pointed his first ball to level the sides. A minute later Liam Maher is blocked down; he wins back the ball and puts Tipp a point ahead. Though not now marking Seamus Power, John Blake replaces Donal O'Grady. Tipp again up the tempo and only the youngest Cork player on the field Pat Harnett can stay with the Premier County and he breaks through for a point.

John McIntyre and Seamus Power are now winning everything in their own half while Noel O'Dwyer is dragged down on the edge of the small square. Seamus Power comes all the way up for the penalty but takes a point and Tipp lead 3-11 to 2-13. Jimmy Barry Murphy is wide from 4 yards with 8 minutes



John Hodgins taps the ball away from Noel O'Dwyer as Michael Dwyer and Denis Mulcahy await the outcome in the 1984 Munster Final.

to go. Philip Kennedy drives a 65 between the posts for a 2-point lead with 7 minutes left. Tipp drive on and Noel O'Dwyer scores a great point from play 5 minutes to go. John Fenton puts a close in free over the bar but Cork's striking deteriorates under relentless Tipp pressure all over the field. A poorly hit free from Fenton is cleared one of the best strikes in the game is wide from in front of the posts within a minute we are into the last 4 minutes. The Blue and Gold lead by three.

Then John Sheedy saves a pile driver from Pat Hartnett. The ball rebounds from his hurley in front of Tony O'Sullivan who goals. 15 minutes of hard work is nullified Cork are still rattled Fenton has 2 more wides from play as we enter the last two minutes. From the puck out McIntyre blocks down Fenton and he sets up Michael Doyle who heads for goal, out on the left 8 yards from the end line he hand passes the ball across the middle to

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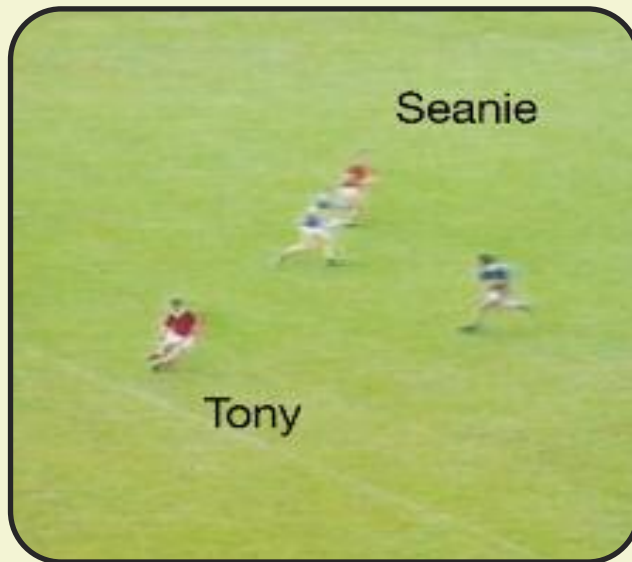
English. The handpass is high over English but Noel O'Dywer is in its path on his own. Unaware of his colleague English pulls down the sliotar with his hurley. The hop of the ball favours Denis Mulcahy who collects, breaks and clears up field.

There are just two cork forwards with their markers in the cork half, Seanie O'Leary is 42 yards from goal just inside Jack Bergin, Tony O'Sullivan collects the ball 48 yards from goal (Seanie is already on route) turns and shoots for a point. John Sheedy goes high and saves but falls. The ball goes forward; by now Seanie is inside the small square. He taps the ball into an empty net and Cork are a goal up with a minute left. Seanie had 4.5 seconds to travel the 40 yards from when the ball left Tony's stick and to finish well. Speed and finish were the tools of his trade! John Fenton's injury time point from a free was irrelevant.

Epilogue: Cork were a seasoned team that had been together for 4 solid years, winning the League in 80 and 81 and played in the All Ireland Finals of 82 and 83. Tipperary had been 13 years in the wilderness. When the game was to be won and lost in the last 20 minutes, spirit wise Tipp's raw recruits stepped up to the plate. Only Pat Hartnett, Denis Mulcahy and captain John Fenton won their respective physical duels around the field in that period. With 4 minutes to go they had Cork beaten and were three points up.

Then hurling cuteness took over. First Tony O'Sullivan slipped away from young Johnny Doyle at wing back and goaled from the rebound. 2 minutes later Seanie O'Leary slipped away from Jack Bergin and goaled from another rebound. Cork go on to win their 25th All Ireland title. Tipperary would serve their apprenticeship for 2 more years.

## Seanie O'Leary's winning goal in the 1984 Munster Final



Tony O'Sullivan picks up the ball on the 50 turns and strikes a high ball towards goal.



Seanie O'Leary strikes the rebound from John Sheedy in to the net for the winning goal.



The Final Score John Fenton gets the final point as Kevin Hennessy celebrates with Seanie O'Leary.



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Tipperary Legend Babs Keating with Kilkenny's Fan larkin in 1993.

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**What did**  
**Babs say to Fan!**

In this week's competition we have a classic photo of Fan Larkin and Babs Keating after a match in May 1993. In not more than 15 words, what do you think Babs said to Fan or you can speculate on what Fan said to Babs.

Send in your entries with your full address by 12 pm on the 5th of June to [admin@hurlingworld.com](mailto:admin@hurlingworld.com)

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