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A Chairde go léir,

I ndeireadh na dála tá comórtas craoibhe iománaíochta na Mumhan 2020 faoi lán t-seoil. Cuirim céad míle fáilte chuig Páirc Uí Chaoimh roimh buaiteoirí corn Liam Mhic Chárthaigh 2019, Tiobraid Árann agus iománaithe Luimnigh a bhuaigh comórtas na Sraithe Allianz 2020, Roinn a h-Aon. Fáilte freisin cois Laoi roimh an reiteoir Liam Gordon agus a fhoireann, na foirne Bainistíochta, na h-oifigí ón dá chontae agus iad siúd go léir atá ag obair anseo inniu.

Tá fhios agam go bhfuil na mílte ag féachaint ar chluiche leath-cheannais na Mumhan ar fud na tíre agus ar fud an domhain. Is deacair a rá cé bheidh ag imirt sa chluiche ceannais, ach táimid ag súil le sár chluiche inniu. Tugann na cluichí seo sólás do dhaoine agus ábhar díospóireachta agus nach iontach an rud í sin do shláinte mheabhrach na ndaoine.

On behalf of Comhairle na Mumhan I welcome the Players and their Management Teams of Limerick and Tipperary to Páirc Uí Chaoimh for today's Munster Semi-Final. Best wishes also to referee Liam Gordon and his officials.

Today is an eagerly awaited repeat of the 2019

Munster Final. While that game was far from a classic with Limerick winning Munster honours, since then Tipperary have gone on to capture the 2019 All-Ireland title while Limerick have won the Co-Op Superstores and Allianz Hurling League Finals for 2020 to set up a mouth-watering game here today with a place in the Munster Final at stake.

I would like to record an expression of gratitude to the small group of stewards and officials who are tasked with running these games in a safe and efficient manner. While it's regrettable (but understandable) that supporters cannot attend our games at the present time, there is still an onus on Munster GAA to ensure that everyone involved here today follows the Health and Safety guidelines and stays safe.

I look forward to a high-quality game today and may the better team be successful.

Bainigí taitneamh as ár gcluichí.

Beir bua is beannacht

Liam Ó Loineacháin

CATHAOIRLEACH COMHAIRLE NA MUMHAN



2020 MUNSTER SHC SEMI-FINAL **TIPPERARY v LIMERICK**

TODAY'S REFEREE



Liam Gordon (GALWAY)

From the Killimor club, Liam returned to action a couple of weeks ago for the Allianz League Division 2A Final between Antrim and Kerry at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

Neither Tipperary nor Limerick have come under his jurisdiction at Senior Championship level, although the Corribside whistler was in charge of last year's Tipperary-Cork Bord Gáis Energy Under 20 Final (at Limerick) and the Kilkenny-Limerick Electric Ireland Minor Semi-Final.



Match Officials

- Standby Referee** - Paud O'Dwyer (Carlow).
- Linesman** - David Hughes (Carlow).
- Sideline Official** - Nathan Wall (Cork).
- Umpires** - Timmy Forde, Cian Ryan, Damien Gibbons and Alan MacCleary (Galway).



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EXTRA TIME AND FINISHING GAMES ON THE DAY

All games in the 2020 Munster GAA Senior Hurling Championship that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as per the GAA Ard Chomhairle Regulations approved on the 19th January 2019 and in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4. & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2019, that relevant games that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as follows -

PHASE 1

- Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)

PHASE 2 (Penalty Kicks/Pucks)

If still level, a "penalty competition" to decide the outcome:

- The relevant rules in T.O. Cuid II shall apply in relation to Penalty Kicks/Pucks, unless otherwise stated.
- Penalties will be taken for goals only.
- The Referee shall choose the end at which the penalty kicks/pucks will be taken. The end may be changed by the referee if it becomes unplayable during the course of the penalties.
- If a penalty is scored, the goal umpire, will wave the green flag once the referee has signalled.
- If the penalty is saved or missed the point umpire will signal a wide once the referee has signalled.
- Each team shall register five penalty takers, a goal keeper & a substitute goal keeper with the referee and indicate in which order the penalty takers will take their penalties. (A penalty taker can also be a goalkeeper or a substitute goalkeeper.)
- Only players who are on the field of play at the end of Phase 1 (i.e. end of Extra Time), shall be allowed to be registered as a penalty taker or goalkeeper. Exception: The substitute goalkeeper can come from the team panel.
- Subject to the conditions below both teams will take five penalty kicks/pucks which are taken alternately by the teams. The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their five penalty kicks/pucks.
 - If, before both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could score, even if they were to complete their five penalty kicks/pucks, no more penalty kicks/pucks shall be taken.
 - If, after both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks and both teams have scored the same number of goals, the penalty competition will continue but in sudden death format using the same five registered players until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks/pucks.
 - In sudden death, the same sequence of penalty takers does not have to be followed as in the first round of penalty kicks/pucks.
 - Each penalty kick/puck is taken by a different player. All registered players must take a penalty kick/puck before any player can take an additional penalty kick/puck.



2020 Munster GAA Senior Hurling Championship Fixtures



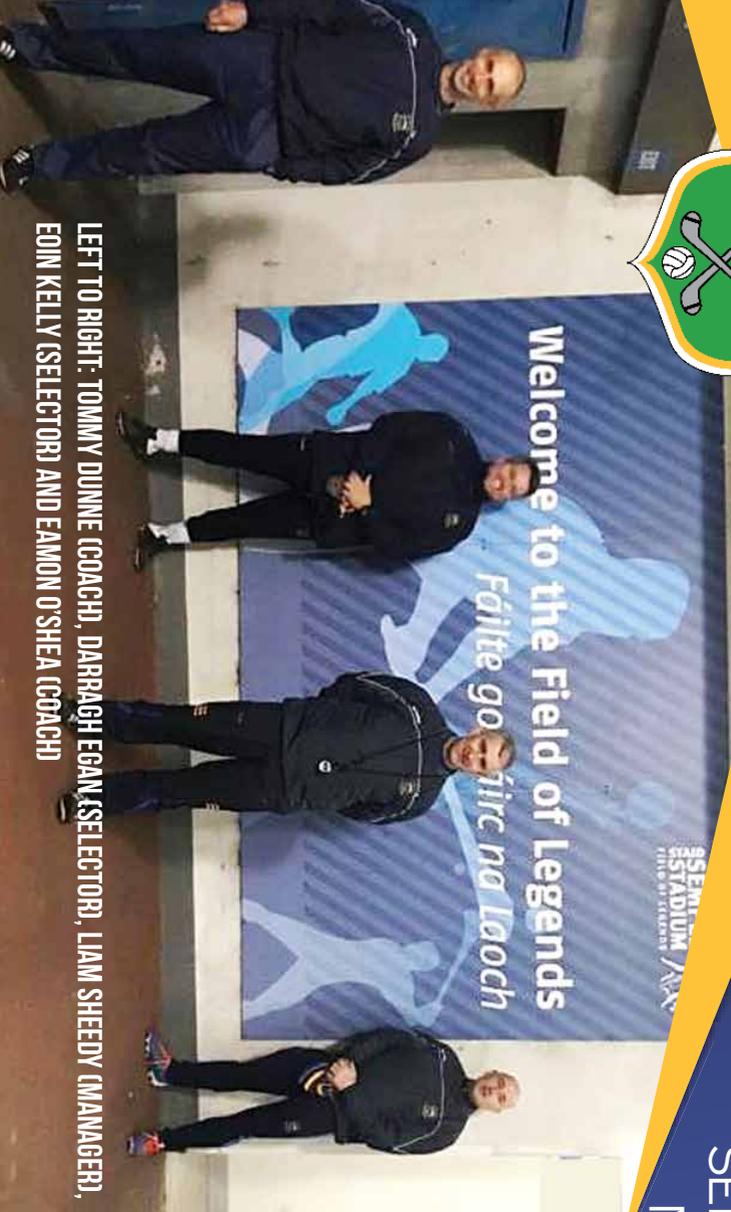
ROUND					DATE	VENUE	REFEREE	
QF	1	Limerick	0-36	Clare	1-23	25/10	Semple Stadium Thurles	Fergal Horgan (Tipperary)
SF	2	Cork		Waterford		31/10	Semple Stadium Thurles @ 3:30pm	Seán Stack (Áth Cliath)
SF	3	Tipperary		Limerick		1/11	Páirc Uí Chaoimh @ 4pm	Liam Gordon (Gaillimh)
FINAL						15/11	Neutral venue TBC @ 4pm	



TIPPERARY

SENIOR HURLING
MANAGEMENT

2020



LEFT TO RIGHT: TOMMY DUNNE (COACH), DARRAGH EGAN (SELECTOR), LIAM SHEEDY (MANAGER),
EIN KELLY (SELECTOR) AND EAMON O'SHEA (COACH)



RIGHT: Tipperary Senior Hurling Captain - SEAMUS CALLANAN



Photo by
Kevin Hanly



Mullinahone commemorates Bloody Sunday

By SEAMUS McCARTHY

Beneath the backdrop of Slievenamon the Gaels of Mullinahone and Tipperary gathered recently to remember and reflect on the events of 21st November 1920 known ever after as Bloody Sunday. Any review of the revolutionary period would see the name of Mullinahone feature prominently – in the narrative of sporting and historical recall it holds a special place reserved for heroes.

It was a special day of remembrance for six of Mullinahone's favourite sons, Jim Egan, Jimmy Doran, Jack Kickham, Bill Barrett, Jackie Brett and Mick Nolan as we remembered with pride and admiration their immense contribution to Tipperary and the National struggle as both groupings are very much intertwined.

Bloody Sunday was described as the 'worst day, the worst day ever' and the tragic events that unfolded that day culminating in the death of fourteen, including near neighbour Michael Hogan, displayed a level of violence, previously unseen, which was to reverberate around the country and the world and ultimately undermine an empire.

DARK SHADOW CAST... It was a date with destiny and a seminal moment in the War of Independence – in more stark terms a day when patrons and players went to a football match and many never came home. We now reflect, at a remove of one hundred years, on the history of the occasion as it helps our understanding and places the GAA's contribution in context. The attacks on British agents that morning brought the inevitable retaliation and

reprisal and the acts of terror visited on the players and patrons in Croke Park was an atrocity that has cast a dark shadow on the hearts and minds of all Tipperary people since. It was a turning point in the War of Independence and the human loss suffered continues to resonate in our collective memory to this day.

NOT BOUND BY HISTORY... We are but two generations removed from Bloody Sunday yet the hopes and aspirations of the 1920's remain valid today as we face challenges of a different kind. While we cannot change the past, we can draw inspiration from it – be not bound by history but inspired by it – and as a result grow as communities and as a people. The players of Mullinahone, Jim Egan, Jackie Doran, Jack Kickham, Bill Barrett, Jackie Brett and Mick Nolan who brought glory to Tipperary at Munster and All-Ireland level should not be defined alone by Bloody Sunday but their very presence in Croke Park that fateful day links them forever to a decisive moment in the history of Ireland.

HEROES OF THEIR TIME... The Mullinahone players of 1920 experienced both heroism and sacrifice and now 'sleep the last long sleep' beneath the shadow of Slievenamon in sacred places in Mullinahone, Kilmannon and Croghane and their legacy, as men of Tipperary and Bloody Sunday is assured. They were heroes of their time and of all time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.
SÉAMAS MacCÁRTHAIGH,
Coiste Chumhneacháin, Domhnach na Fola.



CLASH OF THE TITANS

By ED DONNELLY

Today's meeting of the All-Ireland champions of the last two seasons is an eagerly anticipated clash which in normal times would sell out Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Semple Stadium or the LIT Gaelic Grounds. The counties met twice in the space of 14 days in the Munster Championship, once in the round robin series when both had already qualified and then in the Munster Final with a combined attendance of 83,167 supporters watching the games with many more unable to get tickets.

Neither of those games was what you would call a classic but there was certainly a feeling that you were looking at two of the main contenders for the Liam MacCarthy Cup. Since then, nothing has really changed.

Tipperary come in to today's game as the defending All-Ireland champions. Such a statement would have been deemed unlikely as Limerick romped to a 2-26 to 2-14 Munster Final victory 19 months ago. The Premier County dusted themselves down after that set-back, made a few small tweaks to their team and caught a break when Laois beat Dublin and ended up as the All-Ireland Quarter-Final opponents. In a game where Laois had many positive moments, it was a fixture which Tipperary never looked like losing and thanks to 1-12 from Jason Forde, they won by 10 points.

This set up a semi-final meeting with Wexford and one of the games of 2019. The Slaneysiders were the better team in the opening half and led by 1-14 to 1-12 at the interval. If anything, Wexford left at least two goals behind them during that opening period. The second half seemed to be going Wexford's way when they went five points up and saw Tipperary reduced to 14 men.

It was a moment for character, sometimes missing for Tipperary when the need was greatest in previous campaigns. However, on this occasion, every player raised their game as they outscored their opponents by 0-12 to 1-2 in the last 20 minutes to secure a famous victory. Four of those second half points came from second half substitutes Willie Connors, Ger Browne, Mark Kehoe and Jake Morris.

The All-Ireland Final three weeks later wasn't half as exciting as a Tipperary team full of confidence from their semi-final victory recovered from a slow start to record a 14 point victory over old rivals Kilkenny. On this occasion, the four subs referenced above would account for five second half points.

As Tipperary seek back to back All-Ireland titles for the first time since 1965, they do so in the knowledge that they have captured

SEAMUS CALLANAN TAKES ON SEAN FINN EN ROUTE TO SCORING TIPPERARY'S OPENING GOAL IN THE 2019 MUNSTER FINAL

PREVIEW



**KYLE HAYES SCORES
LIMERICK'S SECOND GOAL IN
THE 2019 MUNSTER FINAL**

the last All-Ireland Under 21 title in 2018 and the first All-Ireland Under 20 title in 2019. For the most part, these were two separate teams giving Liam Sheedy and his management team a crop of young talent to mix in with the older, more experienced campaigners who captured three Senior All-Ireland's in the last decade. Trying to blend in the young players at their disposal while keeping faith in the side that won last year's All-Ireland is the dilemma, albeit a positive one to have.

Limerick as their opponents have many advantages coming in to today's game. Since losing to Clare in the final round of the 2018 Munster Round Robin series in Cusack Park Ennis (never an easy venue to get a result), their consistency has been remarkable. A facile win over Carlow set up a meeting with Kilkenny where they secured a hard earned two-point victory before an epic extra time victory over Cork in the semi-final. Limerick were the better team for long periods in the 2018 All-Ireland Final against Galway but were left hanging on at the finish before securing a one-point victory to bridge a gap of 35 years and bring home Liam MacCarthy.

One would expect a lull the following season given all the celebrations which inevitably ensued but the opposite was true. Limerick finished top of their group in the 2019 Allianz League before qualifying for the League Final with wins over Laois and Dublin. Waterford proved no match in the League Final as Limerick won by 1-24 to 0-19.

Limerick would lose to Cork in the opening round of the Munster Championship in 2019 but this only seemed to set a spark under the team as they secured big wins over Waterford and Clare and would qualify for the Munster Final, handing out a 12 point defeat to today's opponents.

Kilkenny provided the opposition in the 2019 All-Ireland Semi-Final following their impressive Quarter-Final victory over Cork. Limerick were heavy favourites to win

but a Brian Cody led Kilkenny team can never be underestimated. In an amazing opening quarter, Kilkenny raced in to an 8 point lead. Limerick came back to trail by just three points at half-time and were expected to march to victory in the second half. However, while the deficit was reduced to a point, Kilkenny kept in front and managed to hold out for a one-point victory. It was a devastating setback for this Limerick team intent on winning back to back All-Ireland titles.

Their response in 2020 to date has been impressive. Early season winners of the Co-Op Superstores Munster Hurling League, Limerick would finish top of their group in the Allianz League before Covid-19 stopped all activity. Last Sunday doubled up as a Munster Quarter-Final and the Allianz League Final and after a close first half, Limerick ran out ten-point winners in the end to capture back to back League titles for the first time since 1984/85.

The advantage of having played a Championship match can only be of benefit today against a Tipperary side which has not played a competitive match since March. Limerick have a settled team with 11 of the 2018 All-Ireland starting line-up lining out against Clare last Sunday. One could argue that but for injuries to Mike Casey, Richie English and Darragh O'Donovan, there may have been far less changes from two years ago. As with Tipperary, John Kiely has young talent at his disposal and his challenge will be to mesh the new players in with the experienced and hope they provide a boost off the bench in the second half.

It's an intriguing battle, one which perhaps will be played out again in the All-Ireland series. However, for today, all those watching in from home will hopefully see a game which is worthy of the Munster Championship classics of the past. The Hurling world awaits this Clash of the Titans with bated breath – enjoy the game.





TIOBRAID ÁRANN



	 1 B. Ó hÓgáin Brian Hogan Lorrha-Dorrha	
 2 C. Ó Baróid Cathal Barrett Holicross-Ballycahill	 3 B. Ó hÍfearnáin Barry Heffernan Nenagh Éire Óg	 4 S. Ó Briáin Seán O'Brien Newport
 5 R. Ó Meachair Ronan Maher Thurles Sarsfields	 6 B. Ó Meachair Brendan Maher Borris-Ileigh	 7 P. Ó Meachair Padraic Maher Thurles Sarsfields
	 8 N. Mac Craith Noel McGrath Loughmore-Castleiney	 9 A. Ó Floinn Alan Flynn Kiladangan
 10 M. Mac Eochaidh Mark Kehoe Kilsheelan-Kilcash	 11 I. Mac Giollarnáth Jason Forde Silvermines	 12 N. Ó Meára Niall O'Meara Kilruane MacDonaghs
 13 S. Mac Craith John McGrath Loughmore-Castleiney	 14 S. Ó Ceallachain Séamus Callanan (C) Drom-Inch	 15 S. Ó Muiris Jake Morris Nenagh Éire Óg

FIR IONAIÐ

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| 16. B. Ó hÓgáin
Barry Hogan Kiladangan | 19. D. Ó Coirc
Dillon Quirke Clonoulty-Rossmore | 23. P. Cadal
Paddy Cadell JK Brackens |
| 17. B. Mac Craith
Brian McGrath Loughmore-Castleiney | 20. S. Ó Meachair
John Meagher Loughmore-Castleiney | 24. P. Ó Floinn
Paul Flynn Kiladangan |
| 18. D. McCormack
Dan McCormack Borris-Ileigh | 21. S. Ó Duibhir
John O'Dwyer Killenaule | 25. R. Ó Broin
Robert Byrne Portroe |
| | 22. M. Ó Briaoín
Michael Breen Ballina | 26. L. Ó Conchúir
Willie Connors Kiladangan |

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 Adh Leath					
2 Adh Leath					
lomlán					

BAINISTIÓCHT:

Bainisteoir: Liam Sheedy; **Maor Fóirne:**

Tommy Dunne, Eamon O'Shea;

Roghnoirí: Darragh Egan, Eoin Kelly.

LUIMNEACH



N. Mac Uaid
Nickie Quaid
Effin



S. Ó Finn
Sean Finn
Bruff



D. Ó Muireasa
Dan Morrissey
Ahane



B. De Nais
Barry Nash
South Liberties



D. Ó Broin
Diarmaid Byrnes
Patrickswell



D. Ó hAnnáin
Declan Hannon (C)
Adare



D. Ó Donnabháin
Darragh O'Donovan
Doon



C. Ó Loingsigh
Cian Lynch
Patrickswell



L. Ó Donnchú
William O'Donoghue
Na Piarasaigh



G. Ó hÉigeartaigh
Gearoid Hegarty
St. Patrick's



C. Ó hAodha
Kyle Hayes
Kildimo/Pallaskenry



T. Ó Muireasa
Tom Morrissey
Ahane



G. Ó Maolchathaigh
Graeme Mulcahy
Kilmallock



A. Ó Giolláin
Aaron Gillane
Patrickswell



P. Ó Casthasaigh
Peter Casey
Na Piarasaigh

FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. B. Ó hAonasa
Barry Hennessy Kilmallock
- 17. J. Ó Baiolláin
Jerome Boylan Na Piarasaigh
- 18. A. Ó Braoin
Adrian Breen Na Piarasaigh

- 19. R. Ó Conghaile
Ronan Connolly Adare
- 20. D. Ó Diomasaigh
David Dempsey Na Piarasaigh
- 21. S. Ó Flanagáin
Seamus Flanagan Feohanagh-C/mahon
- 22. R. Ó hÁinle
Robbie Hanley Kilmallock

- 23. P. Ó Lochlain
Paddy O'Loughlin Kilmallock
- 24. B. Ó Gráda
Brian O'Grady Kiltteely-Dromkeen
- 25. D. Ó Riada
David Reidy Dromin-Athlaccia
- 26. P. Ó Riain
Pat Ryan Doon

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: John Kiely; **Coach:** Paul Kinnerk;
Roghnóirí: Alan Cunningham,
Aonghus O'Brien, Donal O'Grady.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
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JAMES BARRY OF TIPPERARY
IN ACTION AGAINST DECLAN
HANNON OF LIMERICK



14-MAN TIPP OUTCLASS LIMERICK

TIPPERARY 3-12 LIMERICK 1-16

Report by Jackie Cahill for GAA.ie

TIPPERARY qualified for a repeat of the 2015 Munster SHC final after defeating Limerick by two points at Semple Stadium in the 2016 Munster Semi-Final.

The holders played with 14 players from the 14th minute after John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer was sent off but they still had enough about them to see off the visiting Shannonsiders in front of 25,531 spectators. Seamus Callanan finished with 1-6, and Michael Breen's two early goals proved crucial for Tipp on a damp afternoon in Thurles.

Noel McGrath was one of Tipp's leading men in the second half as he chipped in

TIPPERARY CAPTAIN BRENDAN MAHER AND LIMERICK CAPTAIN NICKIE QUOID SHAKE HANDS IN FRONT OF REFEREE JAMES MCGRATH



with three points but it was a terrific rear-guard action from the hosts that saw them home. Tipp nerves jangled in the third minute of stoppage time when Limerick sub Tom Morrissey netted but the clock ran out on the Treaty men.

In truth, Limerick rarely looked like winning this one and despite their numerical advantage, Gavin O'Mahony operated as a spare man defensively as TJ Ryan's charges seemed reluctant to commit bodies forward. Limerick were just a point down approaching half-time - 0-11 to 3-3 - but the closest they came in the second half was right at the death, when Morrissey found the net.

Tipp were six points clear - 3-11 to 0-14 - with six minutes left and more comfortable than they ought to have been



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a man light. At half-time, Tipp were 3-5 to 0-11 clear but as a consequence of the sending-off, the home side went without a score from the 11th to 24th minutes and in that time, Limerick worked their way back into contention.

At the midway point, Breen had 2-1 to his name and Callanan was a constant threat up front, contributing 1-4 in the first half. But Callanan was the only one of Tipp's six starting forwards to trouble the scoreboard operator before the interval as Limerick, in contrast, had four of their front sextet on target with scores from play.

Limerick hit the front with a Shane Dowling free but Breen pounced for his first goal in the sixth minute, picking up the pieces after his attempted hand-pass to Callanan was intercepted. Limerick struggled to clear their lines and as goalkeeper Nickie Quaid and full-back Dan Morrissey dithered, Breen stuck in a hurl and touched the ball home.

Three minutes later, Breen struck again as Callanan's shot was shovelled into the air by Quaid and the midfielder reacted quickest to flick the loose ball into the Killinan End net. It was a dream start for Tipp and they were 2-1 to 0-3 clear when O'Dwyer saw red for a senseless swipe on another of Limerick's debutants, Richie English.

Referee James McGrath was left with no option and O'Dwyer's dismissal left Tipp with an uphill task. In the Limerick reshuffle, O'Mahony played that spare man role while up front, Cian Lynch was enjoying

some good moments operating as an auxiliary midfielder.

Limerick worked their way back to within a point, 0-6 to 2-1, before Breen ended Tipp's 13-minute barren streak. Lynch and Callanan (free) traded scores before Noel McGrath latched onto a loose ball and picked out Callanan, who buried a low drive beyond Quaid.

Tipp were now five points clear again, 3-3 to 0-7, but their numerical disadvantage was an obvious hindrance and Limerick never felt like they were too far away. Still, they didn't show the necessary belief or adventure in the second half to push for the win as Tipp march on, with Limerick sent to the qualifiers.

Scorers for Tipperary: S Callanan 1-6 (0-3f, 0-2 65s), M Breen 2-1, N McGrath 0-3, Pádraic Maher & J McGrath 0-1 each. **Scorers for Limerick:** S Dowling 0-9 (8f), T Morrissey 1-0, D Hannon 0-2, J Ryan, G Hegarty, B Nash, C Lynch & J Fitzgibbon 0-1 each.

TIPPERARY: D Gleeson; C Barrett, J Barry, M Cahill; S Kennedy, R Maher, Pádraic Maher; B Maher, M Breen; N McGrath, Patrick Maher, D McCormack; J O'Dwyer, S Callanan, J McGrath. **Subs:** N O'Meara for McCormack (60), D Maher for R Maher (64), J Forde for Patrick Maher (69), K Bergin for B Maher (70+1), D Quinn for Breen (70+2).

LIMERICK: N Quaid; S Hickey, D Morrissey, R English; D Byrnes, G O'Mahony, T Condon; J Ryan, P Browne; G Hegarty, S Dowling, C Lynch; B Nash, D Hannon, G Mulcahy.

Subs: T Morrissey for Ryan (48), K Downes for Nash (55), J Fitzgibbon for Hegarty (58).

REFEREE: J McGrath (Westmeath).



SHANE DOWLING OF LIMERICK IN ACTION AGAINST RONAN MAHER AND PADRAIC MAHER OF TIPPERARY



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LEFT TO RIGHT: ALAN CUNNINGHAM, AONGHUS O'BRIEN,
JOHN KIELY, DONAL O'GRADY AND PAUL KINNIERK



RIGHT: Limerick Senior Hurling Captain - DECLAN HANNON

The Limerick Senior Hurling Backroom team includes Timmy Houlihan (Goalkeeping Coach), Michael Kiely (Strength and Conditioning Coach), Team Doctor (Dr. James Ryan) and Team Physio (Mark Melbourne).

Bloody Sunday

REMEMBERING DANIEL CARROLL

"He was the most inoffensive man I ever knew"

BELOW: Daniel and his sister Mai



By ENDA O'SULLIVAN

This year marks the centenary of one of the darkest days in not just the history of the GAA, but of the country as a whole when fourteen people went to Croke Park to see Tipperary play Dublin in a football match and never came home.

Bloody Sunday is etched into the fabric of the GAA and is even closer to the hearts of Tipperary people as we lost three men that day, James Teehan, Michael Hogan and Daniel Carroll. Loughmore Castleiney are very proud of their connections to the team with Bill Ryan and Jim Ryan on the starting fifteen however there is another less well known link to that awful day.

Daniel Carroll, 31, from Ballincarra House, Templederry who was one of the fourteen victims is related to the McGraths on the Loughmore Castleiney side. Their great grandmother was Anne Ryan of Dawsonsbog, Templederry. She was a second cousin of Daniel and her brother John travelled with him to Croke Park that day.

Last year Templederry Kenyons GAA club remembered Carroll as they unveiled a beautiful plaque in his memory in their grounds.

Elite sporting pedigree clearly runs in the family as the McGraths are an established part of GAA folklore in the county. Daniel himself was a first cousin of the well-known athlete JC Hayes who won three senior national titles, the 1000 yards steeplechase (1897) and the four miles (1900) under the authority of the Irish Amateur Athletic Championships and in 1907 he captured the four miles title under the auspicious of the Gaelic Athletic Association Championships.

Growing up close to the village of Templederry, they lived on a 70 acre farm of quality land, raising livestock and growing vegetables while their home

was a two-storey Georgian style house with many outbuildings. Tragedy struck in 1897 when his father Michael died following an accident and he left four children, all under the age of twelve behind.

The third youngest of four, Daniel moved to Clonliffe Road in the capital in 1912 when his mother sold the family farm and she passed away the following year.

Since 1917, he managed the pub of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy, also originally from Tipperary, in Drumcondra. Such was the high esteem his



ABOVE: Plaque erected in memory of Daniel Carroll at Templederry Kenyons GAA Grounds

employers held Daniel in, that they allowed him board with them in their home on 1 James' Street East near Christ Church Cathedral.

Daniel was particularly close to his sister Mary (Mai) and regularly visited her at her lodgings near Clonliffe Road, especially when going to GAA matches in Croke Park. Mai had previously worked in the Food Control Department and the Ordnance Clothing Department during the First World War but unfortunately had been out of work since June 1919 and relied on her brother's kindness for survival. Daniel generously gave her £8 10s a month out of his annual £120 annual wage. It was her only income.

Two weeks prior to Bloody Sunday, their brother Denis started working in Gibney's Grocery in Lucan and need his £30 salary for himself. Their other brother Joseph was an accountant for the Munster and Leinster Bank in Carrick on Suir. He had previously fought in World War 1 as an infantry man before joining the Royal Flying Corps. He saw action in both the Battle of Messines and Battle of Flanders. He received the Crois de Guerre medal for bravery from the French government in 1918. He had to leave his job as a pilot in Jan 1920 due to illness and had not been in a position to help Mai either.

Bloody Sunday was supposed to be a day off for Daniel as at the time barmen were entitled to every fourth Sunday off however he went in and opened the bar as a favour. Close to throw-in time, at about 2:30pm, Daniel decided to go to the

game in Croke Park to see his native county play Dublin. It was a decision that proved fatal.

Shortly after ten minutes of action chaos reigned supreme in the stadium as the British authorities opened fire on innocent spectators and players. Daniel managed to escape the whizzing bullets and carnage and crossed the bridge onto Russell St. as he frantically searched for safety. A police lorry approached and for some reason we will never know, someone on board decided to shoot Daniel hitting him on the thigh, lacerating the muscle and severing the blood vessels.

Daniel was brought to Jervis Street Hospital where his leg was bandaged right up to his waist and he was operated upon that evening. The surgeons managed to remove the bullet that had lodged itself into his thigh bone.

He was visited in hospital by Martin Kennedy and his wife. They sat and chatted with Daniel remarking "wasn't it misfortunate I went?". The Kennedy's had known Daniel as a diligent, hard-working man and considered him a good friend. They left and promised to return to see Daniel again soon. On Monday night Daniel took a turn for the worst and suffered great pain before succumbing to his injuries around 10am. His boss Martin remarked that "he was the most inoffensive man I ever knew".

Daniel was buried with his mother on the Thursday in Glasnevin Cemetery and in 2016 GAA Uachtarán, Aogán Ó Fearghail unveiled a headstone in his memory.



LEFT: Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail and Tipperary officials in Glasnevin Cemetery at the unveiling of a headstone in 2016 to Bloody Sunday victim Daniel Carroll, one of 14 people shot and killed by British Forces at Croke Park.



€9.16

Average value parents willing to pay for one hour of children's activities

Hourly amount considered fair to pay by parents of Go Games players for one hour of sport activity

€7.90



Hourly amount considered fair to pay by parents of players U-14 to U-18 for one hour of sport activity

€8.60

€4.87

Amount teenagers willing to pay for hour of sport activity



€4.21

Amount teenagers willing to pay for hour of GAA activity



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