

gaa round-up

Whitgate relegated

Whitgate have been relegated to the intermediate grade following a single-point play-off loss to Corofin. This represents a fall from grace for a once mighty force in Clare hurling. They last played intermediate hurling in the mid '90s.

Senior B Hurling Relegation

Corofin 2-9 Whitgate 0-14

Corofin John Williams, Donnacha Kelleher, Kieran Carkhill, Shan Neylon, Diarmuid Daly, Darragh Clancy, Martin Tierney, Michael Shannon, Gerry Quinn, Neil Killeen, John Keane, Gary Tierney, David Quinn, Killian Neylon, David Daly **Subs** Shane Egan, Paudie Barry, Kevin Heagney, Diarmuid Killeen
Whitgate Enda Durack, Jody Bleach, Terence Fahy, John O'Brien, John Bugler, Thomas Holland, John Minogue, Brendan Bugler (0-5), George Waterstone (0-2), Trevor Kelly (0-2), Enda Flannery, Stephen Moloney, Thomas Madden (0-3), Ray Cahill, Michael O'Brien (0-1) **Subs** Sean Bryley (0-1) for O'Brien

Intermediate Hurling Championship Play-offs

Killanena 3-8 Feakle 1-13

Killanena David Noone, Patrick Noone, Joe Clancy, Barry Noone, John O'Donnell, John O'Meara, Gerry McNamara, Michael Noone (0-1), Enda Collieran, Brian McNamara, Noel Sheedy, John O'Brien, Ronan Flaherty (0-2), Fintan McNamara, Mark Flaherty (2-5) **Subs** Mark Sheedy for O'Brien, John McNamara for F McNamara
Feakle Brendan O'Halloran, Padraig Hogan, Peter Collins, Francis O'Grady, Sean O'Grady, Colm Markam, Patrick Daly, Eoin Hayse, Henry Hayse, Thomas Rooney, Kenneth Collins, Donal O'Grady, Stevie Moloney, Michael O'Grady, Cathal Collins. **Subs** Alan Ward for O'Grady, Oadge Conway for Collins, Ronan Harrington for Collins.

Intermediate Hurling Relegation Play-offs

Parteen 1-9 Sixmilebridge 0-8

Sixmilebridge Ciaran Dunne, Kevin McNerney, Keith Walker, Kevin Phelan, David O'Meara, David Hayes, Alan Mulready, Adrian Chaplan, Declan Murphy, Anthony Liddane, Rory Liddane, Sean Stack, Sean Chaplin, Joseph O'Halloran, Brian Kennedy (0-4) **Subs** Eoin Quinn, Padraig Flannery
Parteen Alan Mullane, Andrew Beatie, James Molloy, Mark Cunningham, Colm Quinn, Paul O'Dwyer, Pat Campion, Joe Cherry, Ronan Conlan, Niall Conway, Pat Madden, Joe O'Connor, Dermot Sheridan, Ivan Conway, Colm O'Connell **Subs** Mick Marnell for Sheridan

Junior A Hurling Semi-Final

Wolfe Tones 0-14 Crusheen 0-10

Wolfe Tones Trevor O'Donnell, Mike McPhillips, Darren O'Connell, Brendan Lyne, Barry Keane, Gerry McIntyre (0-1), Declan McCarthy, Paul Meaney, David Considine, Mick O'Connell (0-3), Alan Hehir, Andy

Carr (0-1), Paul Walshe (0-1), Garry McGettrick, Ian Watson **Subs** Pat Hughes for Paul Meaney, Naill Murphy for McPhillips, Paul Fennelly (0-1) for Hehir.

Crusheen Donal Touhy, Tony McMahon, Niall Griffin, Paul O'Donnell, John Brigdale (0-3), Justin Corbett, Thomas Vaughan, David McMahon (0-2), Gearoid O Doherty (0-2), Eoin Ryan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Darragh O Doherty, Niall Fitzgibbon, Fergus Kennedy (0-3), Patrick O Grady. **Subs** Keith Brigdale for Ryan

Kilmaley 1-15 O'Callaghan's Mills 2-4

Kilmaley Dermot Maher, Cunnill O Freil, Ciaran O'Loughlin, Brendan O'Donnell, Stephen McNamara, Fintan Killeen, Brain Conlan, Sean Hehir (0-1) Ronan Pyne (0-1), Ger Sullivan, Patrick O'Halloran (0-2), Raymond Kennedy (0-2), Martin Ronan (0-2), Brian McDonnell (1-1), Jody Murphy **Subs** David Talty for Sullivan, Jason Pyne for Murphy, John McMahon for Ronan, John Clohessy for Talty
O'Callaghan's Mills Enda Donnellan, John McGrath, Mike Baker, Ollie O'Driscoll, Diarmuid Hehir, Dermot Moroney, Brendan Hannon (0-1), John Pepper, Micky Madden, Padraig Duggan 0-1, Kevin McGrath, Rory Neville, Sean McNamara (1-1), Brendan Noonan (1-1), Martin McMahon **Subs** Ger Frost for Madden, Pat Baker for McGrath, Eoin Pewter for McMahon.

Junior B Hurling Semi-Final Relegation

Feakle 0-19 Tulla 2-10

Feakle Val Donnellan, Derek Daly, Jim Loughnane, Brain Noonan, Brain McMahon, John Tuohy, Alan Hogan, Harry McMahon, Bill Purcell, Raymond Bane, Tommy Guilfoyle, Ger Hanrahan, Colin Nelson, Ted Nugent, Michael Guilfoyle **Subs** Denis O'Grady, Paul Nugent, Anthony Tuohy

Minor B Hurling Play-Off

Corofin 4-15 Bodyke 2-5

Corofin Colm Linnane, Joe Kelly, Brendan Keane, Jason Tierney, Martin Tierney (0-2), Gary Tierney, Luke O'Loughlin, Damian Ryan (0-1), Eamonn Malone, Declan Lee (0-4), Jason O'Connor (1-1), Kevin Heagney (1-7), Killian Malone (2-0)
Bodyke Eoin Madden, Sean Hogan, Barry Boland, Ian Harte, Stephen McGuire, Sean McGrath, Oisín Molloy, Danny McGuire (1-1), Redmond Walshe, Colm Madden (0-3), Niall Malone, John Fitzgerald, Ian Molloy (1-1).

Under-16C Hurling Semi-Final

Whitgate 7-12 Tulla 4-10

Whitgate Killian McNamara, Chris McNamara, Thomas McNamara, Mark Treacy, Andrew Fahy (0-5), Colin Bleach, Alan Mulholland, Neil Broderick (1-2), Darren Starr (1-0), Ian Fahy (3-3), Fionn Guihin, Michael Dooley (0-3), Pat Burke

Intermediate Football Championship Relegation Play Off

Ballyvaughan 1-8 Kildysart 0-7

Kildysart Liam Griffin, Thomas Eustace, Shane McNelis, Brendan Frawley, Noel O'Grady (0-2), Michael Eustace, David Clancy, Neil O'Connor, Brian O'Sullivan, John Ginnane, Eoin Cleary, John Murtagh, Gerry Kelly (0-5), Christopher Clancy, Liam Moloney.

Ballyvaughan Kieran Linnane, Sean McNamara, Philip Monks, Diarmuid Greene, Seatanta Moran, Kieran Casey, Damien Martin, Raymond Casey, Jamie Hynes, Kevin Carrucane, Mark O'Loughlin, Cillian Mahon, Stephen Hynes, John Martin, Jason McDonagh.

Junior A Football Quarter-Final

O'Callaghan's Mills 2-9 Killimer 0-6

O'Callaghan's Mills Enda McNamara, Declan Nugent, Pat Baker, John Lyons, John Cooney, Conor Cooney, Niall Donovan, John Peppered, James Murphy, Paddy Donnellan (0-4), Con Collins (1-0), Paul Murphy, Brian Donnellan (0-3), Steve Donnellan (0-1), Fergus Donovan **Subs** Declan Donovan for Peppered, Noel Nash (1-0) for Murphy, Paul Hickey (0-2) for Donovan, Brendan Hannon for Cooney, James hook for Donovan.

Killimer Richard Carmody, Thomas Moran, Sean Madigan, James Blake, John Frawley, Martin Frawley (0-1), Padraig O'Donnovan, Barry Crowley (0-1), Brian Cunningham, Brendan Cleary (0-1), Francis Cleary (0-3), David Kelly, Marcus Moran, Seamus Madigan, Enda Mulqueen **Subs** Stephen Troy for Moran, David Moran for Frawley, Martin Frawley for John Frawley.

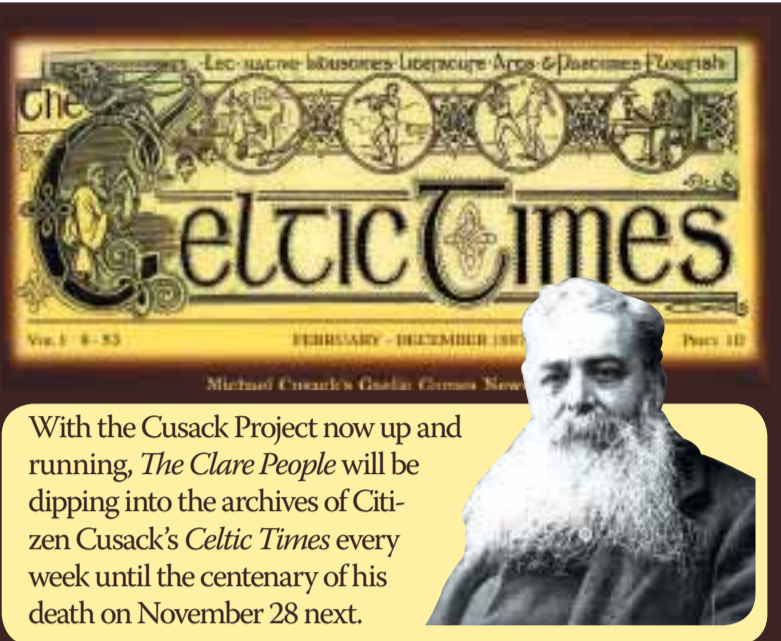
Kilfenora 2-7 Kilrush 1-5

Kilfenora Ciaran Connoole, Martin O'Looney, Diarmuid Nagle, Sean McMahon, Shane Long, Noel Nagle, Paul Reddan, Liam O'Brien, Jonathan O'Gorman (0-1), David Connoole (0-2), MJ Malone, Jason Connoole (0-3), James Keane (0-1), Austin Kelly **Subs** Noel Keane for Austin Kelly, Liam Keane (2-0) for MJ Malone
Kilrush: Eoin O'Kelly, Pat Cussen, Danny Lynch, Colm Browne, Shane Honan, James Hehir, Ruari McNamara, Ger Culligan, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Conor O'Brien (0-1), John Ryan (0-1), Johnny O'Connor (0-1), Stephen Sweeney, Tony Burke (0-1), Martin O'Donnell **Subs** Jamie Gilligan (1-0) for O'Donnell.

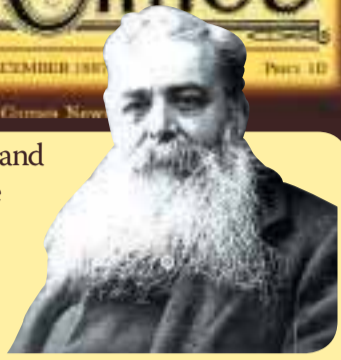
Cooraclare 1-10 Doonbeg 0-9

Doonbeg Shane Igoe, Brian Madigan, Fergus Conway, Michael McMahon, Gerry Roche, Patrick Neenan, David O'Brien, Daryl Tubridy, David Egan, Lorcan O'Neill, Diarmuid Smith (0-2), Sean McNamara (0-2), Derek Smith, Oliver Conway (0-3), Brian Shanahan (0-1)

Cooraclare Brain Chambers, Michael Honan, Jody Kelly, Colm Carroll, Declan McMahon, Joe Killeen, Ciaran Hassett, Joe Kelly (0-1), Justin Ryan, Barry Hassett (0-1), Dermot Tubridy (0-2), Cathal Dillon, John Joe McMahon (0-1), Brain McMahon, Christy O'Donoghue (0-3) **Subs** Kevin Clohessy (0-1) for McMahon, Joe Garrihy (1-1) Joe McMahon, Senan O'Sullivan for Killeen, Michael McMahon for Ryan, Tommy O'Connor for Hassett



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THE GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BY MICHAEL CUSACK

In my last article I brought the history of the GAA idea down to the date of the establishment of the Association on the 1st of November, 1884. The paper executive was working so curiously, that I thought it possible that it would do something, even by accident to justify anybody to desire that it should prolong its existence. Hence my silence for some weeks.

The executive, having done nothing of which it can boast, if I may accept its successful effort to get the reports of national passtimes out of the columns of the national press, I think it desirable that the new generation which is springing up should be no longer left in ignorance of the circumstances under which the Irish race was so thoroughly roused two years ago, that in its uprising in favour of national passtimes, it swept every opposing force aside, and defied all resistance. This has appeared to me, to be all more necessary, because of the action of those who have effaced the national aspect of the movement by ignoring the patrons, and thereby lowering the tone of the association to such an extent that any strolling geocach may now, by speaking mysteriously, get himself recognised as "the gentleman from Dublin," who is authorised by the "vanishing quantity" to threaten and boycott to his hearts content the patrons of the GAA.

Why should The Most Reverend Dr Croke, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cashel, be requested to accept patronage of the association? Because it appeared desirable to bring the people out of the bye-ways and on to the fields on Sunday; and because, without the sanction of some eminent ecclesiastical authority, the effort might be resisted in many quarters.

I was accused go having imported religion in to what people call sport. I answered that we profess to be a religious people; that we openly profess our faith, and that an organisation which has for its object and social and physical elevation of a people, could, with immeasurable advantage, be placed under such patronage as I sought.

I failed to see that any people may take offence, if I think fit to make the sign of the emblem of redemption on myself before taking a

plunge into the sea.

Many of the Fenians of 20 years ago wore scalapurs and carried beads, yet nobody accused them of having imported religion into politics. No doubt they were asked by their jailers what such "trumperies" were good for, when they were "slinging toke" to their English neighbours; but the government paid a chaplain to minister to their spiritual wants, and thereby organised their right to openly profess their religion.

Why bring in Pr Parnell? Every movement in Ireland is necessarily tinged with politics. All honest citizens are, necessarily, politicians. All are in duty bound to take a warm interest in the State. The GAA, from the manner in which it would have to be worked, might appear to be slightly antagonistic to the National League. The patronage would the suspicion.

What business had I with Michael

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Davitt?

Mr Parnell was the aristocratic leader of the Irish people; Mr Davitt is the democratic leader. I desired to unite all parties. If I omitted representatives of the North-East corner of Ireland, it was mainly because the Dublin Athletic Club Committee, in June 1882, declined to accept mixed patronage.

How useful the patronage was, I need not say. A cheer for the "shamrock of patrons", suppressed many a rising storm on many a hard-fought field. That the association was non-political, although essentially national, in the broadest sense of the term, was made clear by the Thurles resolution of the 18th of July, 1885.

March 19, 1887

quote of the week

This is our first Michael Garry Cup. We are delighted, but hopefully it will be our last

Doonbeg captain Ciarán Burns clearly delighted at lifting the Division Two crown on Sunday.

hurling team of the week

