# Cappamore tops in U21 football

THE playing season began in earnest last weekend with four games played.

Cappamore won the delayed U/21 A football final replay when they had two points to spare over a disappointing Oola side.

In the senior hurling cup, Murroe/Boher, Ahane and Ballybricken all advanced to the semi finals with wins over Doon, St. Liberties and Fedamore on Sunday.

Fine weather conditions and the early season expectations of players and mentors gave the fans some interesting games.

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| Cappamore | 1-4 |
| Oola | 1-2 |

Cappamore won the U/21 A football title for the fourth time when they defeated Oola by two points in a sub-standard game at Cappamore on Saturday evening. It was typical early season fare with several misdirected passes and some wild shooting. Scores were hard earned by both sides. Pakie Bourke opened the scoring with a point from a free after twenty minutes.

David Ryan fired over the equaliser a minute later. John O'Doherty was on hand to score Cappamore's goal after twenty five minutes when he availed of a mix up in the Oola defence while the hard working Tommy Moloney at corner forward sent over a second point. Kevin Nolan free for Oola left his side trailing 1-2 to 0-2 at half time.

The early stages of the second half saw Cappamore increase their lead with points from John Joe Mulcahy and Tommy Moloney.

These were to prove to be their only return in the half during which they dominated for long periods.

Oola struggled in many areas and had to wait until Patrick Bowles goaled after twenty five minutes for their only second half score. They missed some vital chances from close in frees while Cappamore held out for a deserved victory.

The winners had good displays from Donal Leahy, Brian Coffey, Liam O'Connin, David Ryan and Tommy Moloney. Oola,

The Cappamore team that beat Oola 1-4 to 1-2 in the East Limerick U/21 Football final.

when Ahane and St. Liberties clashed in the opening round of the East Cup.

Ahane with an experimental team in action led at half time 0-9 to 0-3, mainly through the accuracy of Turlough Herbert from frees.

Tadhg Clifford and Owen Hannon also scored.

A Brian Healy goal early in the second half set them up for a semi final spot.

Best for the winners were Brian Mexall, Mike Kelly, James Ryan, Turlough Herbert, Brian Healy and Alan O'Doherty. St. Liberties, with an under strength line out, had good displays from Mike Keane, Niall Shanahan, Eamonn Grimes, Damian Sherlock and Ml. Moynihan.

**Ahane** : Finbar McCarthy, Brian Mexall, Declan Fitzgerald, james Ryan, Tomas Mackey, Adrian Smith, Alan O'Doherty, Mick Kelly, Cathal O'Reilly, Donal O'Sullivan, Brian Healy, Owen Hannon, Tadhg Clifford, Tom Fitzgerald, Turlough Herbert. Subs:- Joe O'Grady, Pat Culhane.

**St. Liberties:** Paul Butler, Mark O'Connell, Damian Grimes, Sean Godfrey, Mike Keane, Niall Shanahan, Eamonn Grimes, Ger McKenna,

Butler Cup junior hurling will be down for decision.

At Oola, Murroe/Boher play Cappamore while at Cappamore, Ahane meet Ballybricken.

Diarmuid Sheehy of Cappamore and recently transferred to Lucan Sarsfields was the only player from the East Division on the Limerick football team that played Armagh for the first time ever in the National League at Kilmallock.

To the best of my knowledge, the only counties that Limerick have never played in the league are Cavan and Donegal.

Padraig Ryan, Oola, tries to get past John Joe Mulcahy, Cappamore.

Dan Riall, Oola, breaks away against Cappamore in the East U21 football final.

# Dromin/Athlacca celebrate their minor county victory

IT'S not often that Dromin/Athlacca celebrate the winning of a county championship, but at Bulgaden Castle last Saturday a large crowd turned up to see the presentation of medals to the County A minor hurling champions and the south U21 B champions.

Inter county hurler, Clement Smith, presented the medals. He congratulated the players on their successes, urged them to remain loyal to their club and lead it on the road to senior status.

Before taking this step the intermediate hurling is the goal at hand and Michael Fitzgerald the county board representative at the victory dinner, made this point, saying that they were good enough to make the step, but much dedication and work remained to be done.

Michael also paid tribute to Mike O'Leary, a great of the past, and Deirdre Neenan, a tireless worker for the under age in Dromin/Athlacca who passed on last year.

Harry Greensmyth, speaking on behalf of the south board, also offered congratulations. He made mention of John Sheehan, who recently presented the

Clem Smith pictured with the winning Captain of the Minor Athlacca hurling team. Also pictured are selectors Jack Costello, Darren Moynihan, Mike Geaney and Donal Scully.

deserved victory.

The winners had good displays from Donal Leahy, Brian Coffey, Liam Cronin, David Ryan and Tommy Moloney. Oola, who lost the County final to Croom, had good displays from Don Holmes in goal, Patrick Bowles, Tom Fitzgibbon and Pierce Breen.

The Liam Sheehy Cup was presented to his brother Brian by Board Vice chairman Louie Quirke.

**Cappamore :** Sean Sheehy, Paul Leahy, Donal Leahy, Donal Coffey, Brian Sheehy, Brian Coffey, Liam Cronin, John Joe Mulcahy, David Ryan, Seamus Maher, Robert James Hammersly, Tommy Moloney. Subs: John Doyle, Niall Leahy.

**Oola:** Don Holmes, Paul Anderson, Dan Riall, Fintan Kennedy, Martin Bradshaw, Padraig Ryan, Paul Fenton, Patrick Bowles, David Stapleton, Pierce Breen, Kevin Nolan, Tom Fitzgibbon, T. J. Ryan, Pakie Bourke, Mark Bourke. Subs: Cian Fahy, Eamonn Riall. Referee: Seamus Enright, Dromin/Athlacca.

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| Murroe/Boher | 0-12 |
| Doon | 0-11 |

Murroe/Boher caused a mild surprise when they had a deserved one point win over Doon in the opening round of the senior hurling cup at Cappamore on Sunday afternoon.

Fielding at near full strength, they struggled during the first half which saw them behind 0-9 to 0-3.

Doon, minus the service of five regulars, dominated the opening half with points from Paddy Coleman and Don Anderson.

The second half saw Murroe/Boher with a slight breeze in their favour, fire over a succession of points from Kevin Tobin 0-8, Colm Brouder and James Butler to win by a point in a keenly fought game.

**Murroe/Boher :** Joe Quaid, Pat O'Connor, Tomas Lynch, Mike Kett, Brian Nolan, Pat Laffan, Willie Walsh, Sean O'Neill, Kevin Tobin, David Brouder, Colin Brouder, Pat Tobin, Pat Walsh, Owen O'Neill, James Butler. Sub: Pat O'Brien.

**Doon:** Billy McLoughlin, Paul Butler, Mark O'Connell, Damian Grimes, Sean Godfrey, Mike Keane, Niall Shanahan, Eamonn Grimes, Ger McKenna, Colm Godfrey, Mike Moynihan, Cathal O'Neill, Damian Sherlock, Joe Neenan, Cathal Godfrey, Derek Grimes. Referee: Jim McGrath, Doon.

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| Ballybricken | 2-12 |
| Fedamore | 1-3 |

Ballybricken made the short trek to Fedamore and came away with an easy win over an understrength home side.

The visitors led 1-5 to 1-2 at the break and with the McElligott's, Colin Teefey and Andrew Ryan in fine form reached the semi finals.

For Fedamore who had the father and son combination of Mike Hedderman and John Condon in goal, did well.

**Ballybricken:** John O'Neill, Kevin Ryan, Anthony Teefey, Pat McElligott, Kevin McCarthy, John McElligott, Bernard Daly, Patrick Frawley, Damian Brown, Paudie Ryan, Pat McNamara, Joseph Teefey, Andrew Ryan, Eddie Daly, Colm Teefey.

**Fedamore:** John Condon, Cathal Clohessy, Mike Clohessy, Owen Hurley, Owen O'Callaghan, Sean Enright, Isaac O'Callaghan, Niall O'Callaghan , Euan Barry, Mike Hedderman (Jnr), Mike Hedderman (Snr), Joe Bourke, Pat Kelliher, Mike Ryan, Colm O'Callaghan. Referee: Bob Heuston, Oola.

The semi final pairings are Murroe/Boher v Pallasgreen or Cappamore. Ahane v Ballybricken.

Next Saturday, at 4 in Oola, Cappamore play Pallasgreen in the remaining quarter final.

On the same day, 4.30pm, Kilteely/Dromkeen play neighbours Knockane in the Junior B Football league.

On Sunday (all games start at noon), the Brian

John O'Doherty, Cappamore, gets clear

Liam Cronin, Cappamore wins this tussle

Louis Quirke, Vice chairman, East County Board, presents the cup to Brian Sheehy, Capt. of Cappamore.

the south board, also offered congratulations. He made mention of John Sheehan, who recently presented the South Bord na nÓg with a cup for U14 competition.

John Sheehan and Paddy Tierney who at the end of the last season retired as officer of Dromin/Athlacca, were presented with momentoes to mark their retirement. Paddy was a founder member of the club and served as treasurer for 40 years. John Sheehan came to the club via Banogue and won an All Ireland junior hurling medal with Limerick.

The minor selectors were presented with plaques. Darren Moynihan, Mike Gainey, Donal Scully and John Costello were the quartet in charge. Darren was manager and he paid tribute to the spirit of the minors. Fr. Donworth and Fr. Paddy Howard were also among invited guests. Fr. Howard told of the miracle of walking on water when Ronnie Delaney won an Olympic gold in 1956 and Limerick won the All Ireland in 1973. It was his earnest wish that he would again walk on water in 2001 as Limerick would again be victorious in Croke Park.

Donie Kelleher, who has taken over the chairmanship, introduced the speakers and the players. Before closing he asked Pauline McAuliffe on stage to accept a bouquet of flowers. It was the club's way of saying "thank you" for her assistance all year.

The minor players are; Ger Kelleher (Capt.), Dave Barry, Eoin Benson, Kevin Chawke, Michael Costello, Mike Cunneen, Pat Carroll, Shane Kenny, Shane Kelleher, Brian Kelleher, Killian Liston, Oisin Liston, Peter Murphy, Barry Neenan, Mark Noonan, James O'Brien, Paddy O'Brien, Jonathan O'Gorman, Rory O'Gorman, Eoin O'Leary, Stephen Ryan, Donal Walsh.

John Sheehan and Paddy Tierney who stepped down this year from the committee of Dromin/Athlacca. Paddy Tierney has served over 40 years as treasurers of the club.

Clem Smith of Limerick presenting the South U21 cup to Captain Willie Walsh. Also pictured were selectors John Buckley, Paul Neenan and Donal Scully.