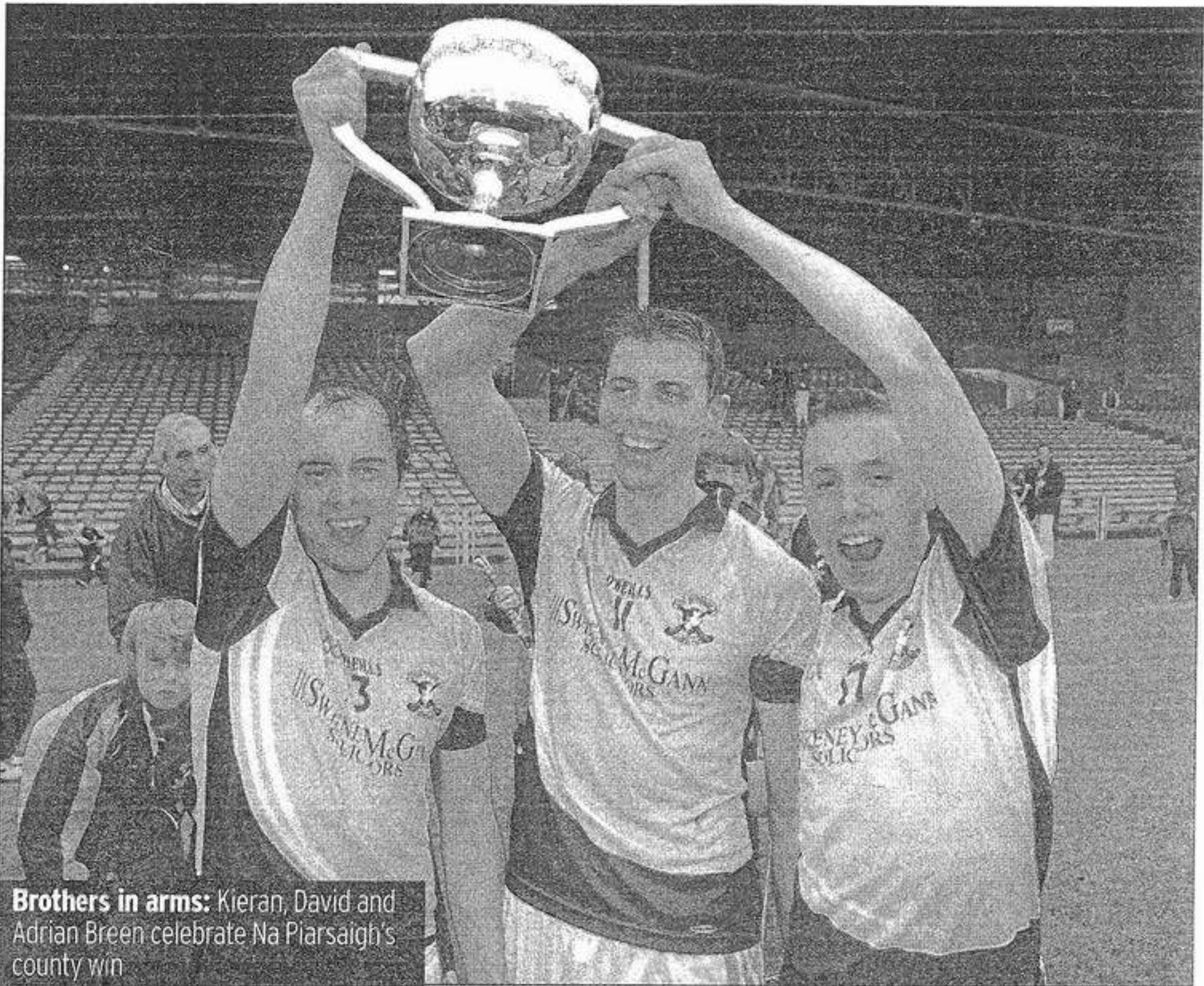


GAA MUNSTER CLUB SHC



Brothers in arms: Kieran, David and Adrian Breen celebrate Na Piarsaigh's county win

Two stars jet home for Na Piarsaigh tie

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NEWLY crowned county senior hurling champions Na Piarsaigh are awaiting the arrival home of their stars for Sunday's Munster club championship semi-final.

Six weeks after defeating Ahane to win a first ever Limerick SHC title, Na Piarsaigh travel to Walsh Park in Waterford on Sunday to play Ballygunner in the provincial semi-final.

Since the county final both goalkeeper Pdraig Kennedy and midfielder Cathal King has departed these shores for work but both players will be available for selection on Sunday.

Kennedy and club-mate Eoin Hogan departed for Boston last month

for a year but Kennedy is to fly home this week ahead of the Ballygunner game.

Likewise, work has taken Cathal King abroad in recent weeks with the full-time musician returning to Limerick from France.

King plays the flute with traditional outfit, The Niamh Ni Charra Band and they are currently touring Europe.

The return of the two stars will see Sean Stack's outfit with a full squad for the semi-final.

Ballygunner will be backboned by a host of Waterford stars - Pauric and Philip Mahony, Shane, David and Biran O'Sullivan and Wayne Hutchinson.

The Waterford champions beat Tipperary's Drom-Inch in the Munster quarter-final, two weeks ago.

While Sunday is Na Piarsaigh's first venture into the Munster club competition, their manager Sean Stack is vastly experienced at this level with both his native Sixmilebridge and Nenagh Eire Og.

The bookies make the home side the 8/15 favourites with Na Piarsaigh available at 7/4 to advance to the Munster final against either Carrigtwohill (Cork) or Crusheen (Clare).

Since the county final win, the Caherdavin men have had four players called into the 2012 Limerick senior hurling panel by new manager John Allen - Kevin Downes, David Breen, James O'Brien and Shane Dowling.

Just last Saturday Dowling captained Na Piarsaigh to the county premier minor hurling championship.

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